

## Stay up-to-date and informed

Do you know the correct form of a Statutory Declaration?

Do you know your role in administering an Enduring Power of Attorney?

Do you know your obligations under the Guidelines on the Role of a Justice of the Peace?

The role of a Justice of the Peace is not static. It is influenced by changes to the laws that govern our society and changes in community expectations. Like many professional roles, it is evolving; and you – as a practicing Justice of the Peace – must keep up to date with the changes.

### The ACT JPA can help you!

In the ACT, all approved JP applicants must complete an approved JP training course before they can be sworn in as a JP. Although this is 'compulsory' training for new JPs, there is no similar requirement for existing JPs who have not undertaken the training and development, or for the ongoing professional development of JPs.

The ACT JPA seeks to fill the gap in on-going professional development.

We help our members stay on top of developments that affect their role by holding Members' Seminars several times a year – usually with special guest speakers. We publish our journal *Justice Matters*, with regular articles on developments in the law and best practice for JPs. We also maintain a website that features information of interest to the community and JPs, with a 'members only' section providing further information and guidance.

We also prepare and distribute to our members legal and other suitable literature affecting Justices of the Peace, their functions and interests.

**Join the ACT JPA now,  
and stay informed!**

## Fees

Joining fee	\$10.00
Annual subscription	\$25.00
Annual subscription (concession)	\$20.00
ACT JPA Lapel badge	\$10.00
ACT JPA Pen	\$15.00
JP Logbook	\$ 5.00

On joining, you will receive:

- subscription for the year;
- ACT JPA Constitution;
- JP Logbook;
- ACT JPA Lapel badge; and
- recent issues of the ACT JPA journal *Justice Matters*.

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**You are invited  
to join the  
ACT  
Justices of the  
Peace  
Association**

*Keeping you informed of current issues.*



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## What is the ACT JPA?

The ACT Justices of the Peace Association was formed in 1990 to represent Justices of the Peace in the ACT.

The objectives of the Association are to:

- to promote, support and protect the status and interests of Justices of the Peace generally; and
- to promote honourable practice, repress malpractice, settle disputes, and decide questions of usage or courtesy between Justices of the Peace within the Australian Capital Territory in a non-sectarian and non-political manner.

The Association exists for its members, and to meet its members' needs. Nevertheless, the Association seeks to represent all JPs in the ACT, regardless of whether they are members.

The Association promotes information on subjects of interest to Justices of the Peace, primarily through the publication of a regular newsletter and holding members' seminars. The Association also prepares and/or distributes legal and/or other suitable literature affecting Justices of the Peace, their functions and interests.

The Association considers issues and questions affecting the interests of Justices of the Peace (including issues of practice) and, if necessary, will liaise with the ACT Government in relation to such issues and legislation affecting Justices of the Peace, and to promote changes of law or practice for the promotion and/or improvement of the Association.

Importantly, and by no means least, the Association organises events to promote and encourage social fellowship amongst members.

The ACT Justices of the Peace Association (ACT JPA) is incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the Associated Incorporations Act 1991 and is governed by its Constitution.

## Achievements of the ACT JPA

The ACT JPA has achieved much on behalf of the ACT's JPs since its inception.

- The Association was instrumental in developing the professional development course that is now a compulsory precursor to becoming a JP in the ACT.
- The Association was influential in the decision to introduce a registration number for all JPs throughout Australia, and to have that number included when witnessing documents and certifying documents.
- The Association contributed significantly to the development and introduction of legislative guidelines for the appointment of JPs in the ACT, and for the role of JPs.
- The Association joined the ACT Government in providing services to the community following the devastating Canberra bushfires in 2003.
- Members of the Association regularly provide services to the community at the ACT Magistrates Court.
- As a member of the Australian Council of Justices' Associations, the ACT JPA has hosted annual meetings, most recently in 2007, bringing together JPs from across Australia and New Zealand.



## Membership Application

Please complete the form below and return it the Secretary ACTJPA, at the address shown below.

*Please complete the following in BLOCK letters.*

I am a Justice of the Peace for the ACT and wish to become a member of the ACT Justices of the Peace Association. My remittance for the joining fee, annual subscription fee (total \$35) and an additional ACT JPA Lapel Badge (\$10) and optional pen (\$15) is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Honours: \_\_\_\_\_ JP Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred mailing address:

Email  Home  Business

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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