



ROYAL ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICES

SOUTH WEST BRANCH

AGM MINUTES

29TH November 2013

Members Present:- As per register. Apologies. Mr T Slater JP, Magistrate Edwards, Magistrate Wilson and others as per register

Welcome by President, Mr Lee-Steere. Acknowledge the attendance of RAJWA Registrar AC asked that departed Members be acknowledged.

Minutes of 2012 AGM Received Moved...AC....Seconded.....RK...carried
Business Arising:- Nil

Correspondence :-
Nil Received, Moved.....Seconded..... carried

President's Report:- Received, Tabled Moved...TLS. Seconded..RK....carried. carried
Business Arising :- Nil

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RAJWA Report, President Peter Maughan:- Moved. [Click [here](#) and type].... Seconded... We had a council meeting in Bunbury which was a success, we have visited a number of regional branches as well. The dinner and AGM will now be held on a Saturday to enable regional Justices to attend. We have rejoined the national body with attendance recently at the Darwin conference at the members own cost. New rules have finally been implemented. The premises will have to be moved within the CLC complex. The journal will move to a bi monthly publication but will continue in hard copy. Members are urged to use an electronic version if they are able. Tax deductability question from AC, why can't this be implemented. Question taken on notice.

Councillor John Carstairs It is a pleasure to be here. The Australasian Council of Justices of the Peace is looking at affidavits and stat decs. The age of Justice's is being canvassed as to the jurisdiction of Justices. The grant application process is progressing but it seems that we will not receive a grant. We may have to cover our own costs. Signing duties may have to be charged for in future. carried
Business Arising :- Nil

Treasurers Report :- Received, Tabled Moved.DR.... Seconded..IR... carried

Business Arising :- Question Given that Motion to appoint Auditor for 2014. Moved that Brian Samsa be reappointed for 2014 PF DR

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Bunbury JP Rooms Report:- Received, Tabled Moved...AC.. Seconded....MC.. carried
The service relieves the need for Justices having to sign at home or work
Business Arising :-

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Busselton Report:- Received, tabled Moved.KC... Seconded..DR.. carried
Business Arising :- nil

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Collie Report:- Received, Moved..NS... Seconded....KC.. carried
Business Arising :- nil

Magistrate's Report:- Received, Moved...AC.. Seconded....AE.. carried

It is a shame that the AG is not here to hear of the service provided to the Police and the Community and the custodial services. The bearing of Justices in the community should be an example to all. I was interested to hear the comments from the RAJWA. Fee for service is a matter that needs to have a long hard look. The Judicial service is one that is very powerful and saves the government a substantial cost in the service that Justices provide. Travel and fuel costs have the ability of reimbursement in certain circumstances. The department has moved to an electronic process and this is causing substantial blockages in the processes. It is a new process that will have Justices entering their own decisions into the decision when sitting in court. The process will cause a distraction to judicial officer when dealing with court matters. The retirement age of Justices is a question that needs to be progressed further.. Justice provide a irreplaceable service to the Magistrates and the court system. Thank you
Business Arising :- Nil

Election of Office Bearers:-

President, Snr Vice President, Bunbury JP Rooms Coordinator, Two Committee Members.

Members standing down are T. Lee Steere, R Kjellgren, K Coote, S Carbone, D Rees.

General Business

Comments Heartfelt thanks to the Magistrates for the training we receive.. I recommend that Justices who are travelling make contact with local courts. GE do persons who do not receive the journal submit their signing stats. CM to follow up with training committee. JP's who are members are not always sending their stats in either.

Discussion on new appointments and non active justices.

Business Arising :- Nil

AGM Concluded.