

## President's Report 2013

The year which has now concluded has been busy in every area in which we have been involved as Justices of the Peace.

Court attendances have been regular and punctual, with matters heard being generally in the 80 - 100 range. It seems that driving without a license and driving unregistered vehicles are normal practice to many people these days.

There also appears to have been a considerable increase in anti-social behaviour.

Another area of interest involves Visiting Justice duties at the Bunbury Regional Prison. For example, between the three VJ's appointed, we have attended on about 80 occasions, dealt with some 170 offenders and heard in excess of 200 charges. The greatest number of charges involving drugs.

The signing rooms have also seen an increase in activity with a second room being attended during the lunch period. This has not only relieved the pressure on the main signing officer, but has also provided an additional service to the public.

I extend my thanks to everyone of you for your commitment and dedication to your role as a Justice of the Peace. To those who are no longer able to take part on rosters, my thanks are also expressed to you for your continued interest in our Branch.