



The South West Justices Journal

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BUNBURY DotAG COURT ACCREDITATION SEMINAR

9am **Monday September 21st 2015**

Lighthouse Beach Resort **Carey St** **Bunbury**

This training session is specifically targeted at those Justices who are currently accredited and on a Magistrate's Court roster or those who wish to become accredited so they can join a roster

This is the final DotAG court accreditation training session to be held in the SW this year.

It is a requirement that all Court Accredited Justices attend a registered training session at least once a year to maintain their accreditation.

See the attached for a list of the current court accredited Justices in the South West

If you are currently accredited and do not complete the required training, you will be removed from the list on December 31st and will be unable to sit again until you have completed training and have made a request to the Clerk of the Court to be reinstated on the approved list.

If you are not yet on a court roster and wish to be included on such a roster you must attend an approved training session and then make application to the Clerk of the Court to be added to the list of approved Justices and then make yourself available for one of the court rosters.

SW Branch JP Signing Centres Magistrate's Courts in the SW Region

As you are no doubt aware the SW Branch operates a number of signing centres across the region, particularly in Bunbury, Busselton, Collie, and Dunsborough.

While we have a willing list of Justices who are on these various rosters it is always good to add to the list so that holiday absences, ill health or people leaving the roster can be replaced so we can keep the service going for our communities. The work at the signing centres is not onerous and can amount to just one day (up to 3 hrs) a month.

Should you wish to join one of these rosters please email secretary@rajwaswb.org.au



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JP Online Training

If you are an existing JP who currently presides in court, or are an existing JP who is considering presiding in court, on-line training modules are available to assist you in keeping your skills and your accreditation up to date.

More modules will become available in the future.

In order to obtain an application to access this free training, please contact

JP Branch, GPO Box F317, PERTH, WA 6841

Email: jps@justice.wa.gov.au Fax: 9425 2771 Tel: 9425 2896

In the event that available places become limited, priority will be given to JPs who currently preside in court and who have been unable to attend locally based judicial training.

2015/2016 SW Branch RAJWA Annual Subscriptions are now due

Branch Subs are \$5 per year and run from July 1 to June 30.

Please pay your Branch subs by either

- 1 Sending a cheque to The Treasurer, RAJWASWB, PO Box 182, Brunswick WA 6224**
(Write your Surname and JP Number on the back of the cheque)
- 2 Making an EFT transfer to BSB 036 152 Account 530486**
(Include your surname and JP Number in the details section)

Under RAJWA rules you should be a financial member of the RAJWA before you can be a member of the SW Branch of the RAJWA.

You must be financial to nominate, be nominated or vote at the Branch AGM.

The November AGM will be held at 9am on the 22th November 2015 at the Lighthouse Beach Resort in Bunbury. It will be followed by a training seminar regarding services provided by Justices outside actual court duties, including Bail, Sureties, Warrants, Swearing, Certifying and Witnessing.

Court JPs - Training Status as at 28 July 2015

Courthouse	JP	ID			
Training Received					
Augusta	Matten, J	9585	Margaret River	Beales, P	212
	Watterson, Beverly	8922		Dyer, P	9085
	Wilson, J	10271		Mcgregor, Jennifer	29070
Boyup Brook	Turner, H	8075		Noakes, E	5438
Bridgetown	Elder, A	5772		Russell, C	29434
	Jones, Jacqueline Donna	10812	Nannup	Croft, R	5053
	Mackman, Doreen	10498	Training Required		
	Nicholas, J	29163	Bridgetown	Chambers, L	6591
Bunbury	Scott, W	9583	Bunbury	Anderson, C	11118
	Wright, J	4351		Bray, C	29448
	Ballard, Phillip Benjamin	8849		Chandler, Carol Lee	29389
	Comparti, A	7398		Fisher, E	4570
	Coote, K	9787		Fricke, G	1348
	Fox-Slater, S	10590		Golden, E	4601
	Jennings, Trevor Wayne	29311		Hooper, Paul John	29053
	Kjellgren, Peter Roy	29284		Jenkinson, C	28959
	Major, Wayne Allen	28263		Lynch, Bruce	29390
	Nowland, P	10912		Mathieson, Paula	29350
	Potter, M	28786		Mills, C	4798
	Ryan, Marilyn	29462		Morton, Lynette	29483
	Slater, T	5745		Prestage, R	7345
	Willis, Geoffrey	5773		Price, R	29283
Busselton	Arnold, Josephine	29651		Repacholi, Robert John	7733
	Barber, J	9342		Veen, R	5351
	Campbell, C	5847	Busselton	Bogaers, Arnold Petrus	8843
	Gannaway, R	1381	Collie	Ramshaw, J	4719
	Gillett, Tanya	29407	Donnybrook	Davis, G	6299
	Guy, Magaret	29623		Hearman, W	28229
	Hay, S	29540		Armstrong, I	29128
	Mcneil, R	8573	Manjimup	May, J	10720
	Moulton, B	29009		Hough, G	8589
	Smith, Hilary	29431	Margaret River	Murray, M	29511
	Smith, M	7864		Martyn, Lorraine	7511
	Tieleman, W	5923	Pemberton	O'connell, Peter	7594
	Willis, Barbara	29496			
	Wooders, D	5553			
Collie	Brockwell, Gavin	29455			
	Hoskins, W	8239			
	Miffling, I	2726			
	Saunders, D	28739			
	Wilks, G	28256			
Donnybrook	Stoney, C	6189			
Harvey	Fielden, M	5957			
	Marshall, D	28947			
	Marshall, S	28948			
	Raper, S	10399			
Manjimup	Jenkins, D	8905			
	Martin, Patricia	28560			



For those of you who live outside the City of Bunbury and the circulation of the SW Times I share this article by Kate Fielding, that appeared in the paper on July 23, 2015, Picture: Jon Gellweiler

Prominent Bunbury magistrate Kelvin Fisher says he has the strenuous task of packing up 33 years in his office before planning to do his retirement justice.

While waiting for magistrate Kelvin Fisher to take his seat opposite me at his desk, I am caught off-guard when he asks me to "shuffle over".

He places a chair beside me and I am instantly in awe of this man's humility.

A man who holds so much power after 33 years behind the bench - yet he does not want to appear superior to me.

In a courtroom, he demands order, enforces law, demonstrates compassion and then suddenly - with a twitch of his moustache, a telltale sign he is about to bare his humorous side - he leaves even the toughest of security officers stifling their giggles.

But after being one of Bunbury's most prominent magistrates for almost half his life, Mr Fisher has heard his final case.

The 64-year-old has retired and during our talk, he expressed his passion for law, saying it was a rewarding profession.

"You see the best and the worst of people," he said.

"As a magistrate, you can't make change but you can assist with change."

Mr Fisher was overcome with emotion last week at a special court session, where the well-respected magistrate was sentenced to life in retirement.

"I wasn't expecting this fanfare," he said.

"But I'm appreciative, more than anything, to think they thought so well of me, given that I'm just doing my best in what I'm obliged to do under oath."

Mr Fisher followed in the legal footsteps of his father Charles, also a prominent Bunbury magistrate.

"I always admired what he did and he was a great mentor of mine - he was a great father, frankly," Mr Fisher said.

"We never had a cross word and that was largely because of his tolerance, I suspect, of my behaviour."

Like his father, who was born and raised in Meekatharra, Mr Fisher spent his primary school years in the Mid West town.

He went to boarding school in Perth before following his father, who was posted to Bunbury, to finish school at Marist Brothers' boys school and Bunbury Senior High School.

Mr Fisher said he was not interested in university upon graduating, so he moved to Kumarina, south of Newman, where he "pulled beers, poured diesel and did general rouseabouting".

"I got a call from my father saying, 'It's about time you come home and get a real job'," Mr Fisher recalled.

His first "real job" was at a bank, where he worked his way up from teller to trading bank examiner.

On one shift, he even played security guard after his manager handed him a .45-calibre revolver and asked him to go to a corner to stand point.

Mr Fisher got "tired of counting other people's money" and made the inevitable move to law.

He did stints at the Crown Law Department, including the Land Agents Supervisory Committee and East Perth Police Court.

The next big influence on his life was Terry Syddall, who started the Aboriginal community courts in the Kimberley and instructed Mr Fisher to finally go to university.

Two other influential men would then guide Mr Fisher to his position as a magistrate - one was former Chief Justice Sir Francis Burt, who considered the then-30-year-old too young to be a magistrate but gave him a chance.

The next man of influence was Sir Clifford Grant, the Chief Justice of Fiji who fled to Perth during a 1987 military coup and became Perth's Chief Magistrate.

During his time as a magistrate in Bunbury, Mr Fisher's lobbying resulted in reinforcements for the city's sole magistrate, with three now serving the fast-growing city.

Though rewarding, his career choice has understandably had its challenges - including what he described as a somewhat "isolated" life.

But through his retirement, he plans to make up for that with his wife and family - and to also "finally" get his caravan and boat dirty.

Our thanks to Kate for a great story about a man who has, like his father before him, been a great supporter and mentor of J's P