
The South West Justices Journal



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AGM and ANNUAL SWB SEMINAR

Tuesday NOVEMBER 8TH

Lighthouse Beach Resort Carey St Bunbury

This seminar is not for court accreditation but is an event of a general nature that will include material relevant to all Justices who undertake the administrative work that is so important to the wheels of justice and to the general community.

The day will also include presentations by interesting guest speakers on a range of topics that we are sure all Justices will find of interest.

Justices may advise of their intention, or otherwise, to attend the Annual SWB Seminar by forwarding the attached form by one of the various methods indicated on the attached form or by accessing the Branch Website at

www.rajwaswb.org.au/justices

RAJWASWB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is that time of the year again when we gather to look back at the year past and ahead to that which is ahead.

It is also the time when we look to our membership for Justices who might be able to find the time to serve on the SWB Committee and to that end you will find enclosed a form to use to bring forward persons nominating for the vacant positions. Please give some serious thought to this matter, the job is not an onerous one and you may well know some one who might have shown an interest in being involved.

Nominations close with the Secretary on Friday the 4th of November, 2011

Please post to
The Secretary
RAJWASWB
302 Ocean Dr
BUNBURY WA 6230

FROM THE PRESIDENT



We have had a request from one of our Justices for court accreditation training to be made available out of business hours. Magistrate Fisher has previously agreed to this, and if we have sufficient numbers wishing to avail themselves of court accreditation status by completing training, we will organize evening sessions. If you would like training to be available out of business hours please contact Chris Mills with your details, so the sessions can be organized.

At the September court accreditation seminar we had a guest speaker who gave us information about re-offending rates, and overcrowding in our jails, and some of the reasons for this. He pointed out that there is a rural and regional disadvantage, particularly as successful rehabilitation relies, in part, to courses completed while in prison (Anger Management, Drug and Alcohol dependency rehabilitation, and giving prisoners marketable employment skills and qualifications). The rate of literacy and numeracy in the prison population is far lower than amongst the general population, so the capacity to complete courses can be limited. There is a shortage of staff able to teach these skills. The programmes aimed at reintegrating prisoners into the community are not as widely available as required. Substance abuse, dependency rates are higher, and accommodation and job opportunities are not as readily available. We have had several tours of the Regional Prison for Justices in the last few years, and I have had a request for another one. So far three Justices have indicated they are interested. For the visit to be organized I need to have 10 Justices. Again if you wish to be involved, I ask you to contact Chris Mills.

This will be my last newsletter as your President (I have served 2 terms, the maximum allowable under our constitution), and I would like to extend a warm invitation to the 302 Justices in the SW to attend our Information Day and AGM on Tuesday 8th November, 2011. We have very interesting guest speakers, and sessions on administrative duties, which will prove useful to all Justices, we are also hopeful we will once again witness the wonderful acting skills of our Magistrates and fellow Justices during our “hypothetical” court presentation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last 4 years, and look forward to seeing you on the 8th November. I would also like to encourage you to think carefully about making yourself available to join our committee, we meet every 2nd month (currently on the second Friday afternoon), I realize it is a huge commitment to be a JP, but an additional commitment as a member of the committee of the SW Branch would be very much appreciated. To be eligible to stand, or to vote at the AGM, you must be a member of the RAJWA (\$45 payable directly to the organization) – we have been furnished with a list of financial members, if you have paid your membership since the beginning of October please provide a copy of the receipt, AND be a member of the SW Branch (\$5) – this can be paid on the day of the AGM, and your voting slip will be issued to you, please refer in this newsletter about direct debit banking details if you would like to pay your subs before the meeting. Nominations for the available positions must be submitted (to the Secretary, Chris Mills) by Friday 4th November. Positions available at this 2011 AGM are: President, Senior Vice President, Bunbury JP Signing Centre Co-ordinator, and 3 committee members.

Alison Comparti J.P. President SW Branch RAJWA

JPs are expected to perform their duties consistently and be available to the public whenever possible. There is a genuine need for JPs to assist with court duties, at document witnessing centres and other places.

While there are sufficient numbers of JPs in some areas, it has been found that some are unavailable to perform all the duties expected by the community due to work, health or other reasons.

One of the criteria looked at in the appointment process is whether the locality has enough Justices.

JPs who are no longer able to perform the duties of a JP may be preventing other enthusiastic and available people from taking on the role, due to the perception that there are a sufficient number of JPs in the area.

If you find you are unable to perform as above you might consider resigning your commission to free up space for the appointment of another person who is better able to provide the service required.

An electronic resignation form is available for you to use at

www.justice.wa.gov.au

South West Branch Website

www.rajwaswb.org.au

Login ID justices

Password justice

The website has a number of areas you might find of interest.

1. A link for you to update personal information
2. A link to advise availability to serve on rosters
3. Penalty information for matters heard before J's P
4. The JP Handbook and instructions as to its use
5. Various training material is added as available

There is also statistical information that will give you an idea of the work done in the courts and signing centres in the SW.

Copies of branch minutes, journals, details of branch membership financial status of Justices and also training attendance by Justices in the SW.

As always, you are welcome to comment on the site and ask for possible inclusion of matters that you think might be of general interest to Justices

secretary@rajwaswb.org.au

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE HANDBOOK

The DotAG JP Branch are undergoing a review of the JP HANDBOOK, and are keen to get input from Justices across the state.

The preferred method is for you to print / copy the page needing alteration, highlight the alteration required with attendant notes and post to :-

JP Handbook Review
JP Branch DotAG
International House
26 St Georges Terrace
PERTH, WA 6000

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL SUBS?

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

1 Sending a cheque to Mrs P Frisina, Treasurer, RAJWASWB, C/- Post Office, BENDER WA 6223

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 in both areas to nominate, be nominated or vote at the Branch AGM.

A number of Justices who have ordered Branch Badges have not yet paid for them. If this is you, please rectify this as soon as possible.

SW Training Dates for 2012

28/02/2012

Busselton DotAG Court Accreditation Training

31/05/2012

Manjimup DotAG Court Accreditation Training

02/07/2012

Collie DotAG Court Accreditation Training

29/10/2012

Bunbury DotAG Court Accreditation Training

30/11/2012

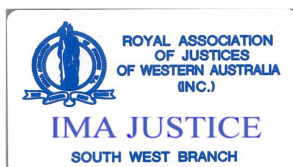
Bunbury General Information Seminar and Branch AGM. Not DotAG Court Accreditation Training

Please add the dates to your diary

Should you be a member of the SW Branch of the RAJWA and like a Branch NAME BADGE, contact the Secretary. The badge will be posted to you on completion and receipt of your \$15 payment.

Post cheque to Secretary or
Eft to BSB 035 152 a/c 530486

Please include your Name and JP No in the Eft details box



JP RUBBER STAMPS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE-
South West Rubber Stamps

Homemaker Centre
42 Strickland Street Bunbury WA 6230
Phone 08 9791 5050 Fax 08 9791 5005
Email swrs@bigpond.net.au

The proprietor can provide the correct form of the following Stamps: Name Stamps, Annexure Stamps Re-Sworn Stamps Certified Copy Stamps.

**SOUTHWEST BRANCH
ROYAL ASSOCIATION of JUSTICES of W.A.
BUNBURY AGM and SEMINAR
AGENDA**

TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2011

- 8.30am Registration and Refreshments**
- 9.00am Speaker, Nicolle Warren, SW Community Drug Service Team**
- 10.00am RAJWASWB AGM**
Minutes of 2010 AGM
Correspondence
President's Report :-
Treasurer's Report :-
Bunbury Justice Centre Report :-
Busselton Sub Committee Report :-
Collie Sub Committee Report
Report from Magistrates:-
Report from RAJWA :-
Business :-
Motion to appoint an Auditor for the 2011/2012 Financial Year.
Motion to appoint a Returning Officer for the Election of Office Bearers :-
Election
1 President :- a two year term.
1 Snr Vice President :- a two year term.
1 Justice Rooms Co-ordinator / Committee Member:- a two year term.
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AGM Concludes
- 10.45am Morning Tea**
- 11.15am Speakers, Magistrate and Kevin Coote on Signing Rooms and JP Administrative Duties**
- 12.15pm Lunch**
- 1.30pm Speaker, Magistrates (Update on the Road traffic Act)**
- 2.30pm Speaker, TBA**
- 3.30pm Ask the Magistrate (General Questions from Justices)**
- 4.00pm Closing comments**

