Waikato Justices of the Peace Association Strategic Plan 2015

Our Vision

Trained and competent Justices of the Peace delivering high quality services to our communities



Our Strategic Goals

Association and Branch Structure

Support members to fully engage with their branches and the Association

- Develop an annual work plan based on the objectives outlined in the Association Strategic Plan.
 - Achieved on an ongoing basis.
 - Progress reviewed at each Council meeting.
- Provide regular and relevant communication to members within the Association.
 - Newsletter following each Council meeting.
 - Newsletter Editor appointed.
- Develop clear descriptions of jobs and responsibilities within the Association.
 - Completed. Three-year review cycle in place.
- Provide social functions to enable interaction between Justices.
 - Annual inter-faith service.
 - Annual Luncheon.
 - Branch dinners and barbeques.
- Support branches in their efforts to ensure that all Justices in their area belong to the Association
 - Challenging. We have no way of identifying Justices who have never belonged to the Association.
 - Some Justices reluctant to pay association and Federation subs. Excellent chase up work done by President Eric in 2018.
- Encourage branches to operate in an effective and co-operative manner consistent with Association and Royal Federation
 policies
 - Clear policy statements developed e.g. Service Desks. Open discussion at Council meetings.
- Ensure the Association and its branches are financially viable and sustainable.
 - Realistic budgets set.

Education and Training

Enable Justices of the Peace to maintain and develop the skills required to perform their roles effectively.

- Provide an Education Team that is available to deliver a high standard of education to all members and Branches as required.
 - Achieved on an on-going basis.
 - Excellent collaborative team leadership.
- Encourage the Education Team to use engaging and dynamic education strategies.
 - Team has provided a wide range of interactive activities.
 - Ongoing review and modification of learning materials in response to feedback.
- Ensure that all members of the Association have access to regular on-going education opportunities that support
 accreditation and high standards of service.
 - All branches provided with Association planned and delivered annual KU2D session.
- Branches encouraged and supported to provide in-branch training.
- Increase the availability of on-line education and training.
 - KU2D material available on website.
 - On-line tests available for induction training.
 - FAQ section on website.

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Technology

Utilise advances in technology to assist

Justices of the Peace to be effective and responsive

- Create an Association website that can be viewed effectively on a range of devices.
 Responsive site online in March 2017.
- Offer training in the use of the Royal Federation and other relevant websites.
 Extensive support provided for Justices accessing Accreditation section of RFNZJA website
- Support the provision of internet access at service desks.
 Not easily achieved in all locations.
 - Many clients now use smart phones, which has considerably reduced the need for service desk internet access.

Justice of the Peace Services

Continue to improve and enhance the quality and accessibility of the services offered by Waikato Justices of the Peace

- Ensure fit and proper persons are appointed as Justices of the Peace in response to identified needs.
 Some branches have developed excellent working relationships with local MPs, that assist with future planning.
 President and Branch Chairs contribute to final recommendation of suitability following candidate interview.
- Enable our communities to more readily access our services and to ensure our services remain responsive to changing needs in our communities.
 - Significantly increased number of service desks across the region.
- Promote our services to our communities.
- Plan and establish further service desks where they meet identified public needs.
 See point 2 above.
- Take an active role in ensuring that each area has sufficient Justices of the Peace.
 Proactive work by branches to identify areas of need.

Diversity

Acknowledge and appreciate the increasing diversity of our communities

- Ensure that as far as possible the diversity of age, gender and ethnicity in our communities is reflected in the membership of the Association.
 - Considered as part of the overall appointment process
- Develop an awareness amongst our members of the need to consider the diverse needs of groups in our communities.
 Engagement of a variety of faith communities to host annual inter-faith service.