

From the Department of Justice

Recognition of JP Service



Justices of the Peace (JPs) perform a valuable community function by acting as independent and objective witnesses for official or legal documents. They are essential to the efficient administration of justice and other administrative processes.

JPs are trusted as honest and impartial when performing their functions and they provide their services as volunteers to the community free of charge.

In consultation with the three JP Associations, the Department has been looking at options to recognise and express thanks to JPs who have provided their services for a significant number of years. Our records indicate there are around 350 JPs in Tasmania with more than 20 years of service to the community.

The Department will be introducing a program to recognise JPs who have attained 25, 40 and 50 years of service, with certificates signed by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, the Hon Elise Archer MP.

We intend to issue the certificates annually to JPs who have attained these milestones as an expression of thanks from the Government for the countless hours they have invested helping others and supporting the efficient operation of our legal system.

We will start the program by recognising those who have reached an amazing 50 years of service.

In other good news, the Department will be directing additional resources to the JP area. We hope to have a new staff member on board soon dedicated to leading and managing work relating to JPs. This will allow the Department to progress further initiatives, policies and projects to assist JPs to effectively undertake their duties.

The Department has now finalised new fact sheets in consultation with JP Associations. Fact sheets on conflicts of interest, statutory declarations, different signing requirements, certifying copies of documents and certifying electronic copies of documents are now available on our [website](#).

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