



The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill
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CASTLE HILL JP HONOURED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP has congratulated eight local residents for 50 years of service to the community as a Justice of the Peace.

“Just about everyone needs a JP at some point in their life - such as when they buy a house or access their superannuation – and these JP’s have always been happy to lend a hand.”

The following JP’s are among more than 250 NSW JPs who are celebrating their Golden Jubilee of service in 2018:

Mr Nick Behlevanas
Mr John Burrell
Mr Arthur Harris
Mr Ronald Miller (not pictured)
Mr Klaus Petrusis
Mr Dennis Pike
Mr Barry Read (not pictured)
Mr Alain Vella

“During the 50 years, these JP’s have donated countless hours to helping local people by witnessing documents.” said Mr Williams. “I am very proud that Castle Hill has so many of the longest-serving JPs in the state, who has donated countless hours to helping local people”.

“The way people track down a JP is among the many things that has evolved, with people now more likely to search online than rely on word of mouth.”

Mr Williams said the NSW online register of Justices of the Peace is being upgraded to make finding a local JP faster and more convenient than ever.

“The revamped system will enable JPs to specify the dates and times they are available and what languages they speak,” Mr Williams said.

“For Justices of the Peace, this will mean fewer unwanted calls when they’re busy, while people who urgently need a document witnessed or certified will be able to search the register for someone who can help them promptly.”

The new-look register will begin operating in early 2019. The current register only allows users to search for a JP by name, registration number or postcode.



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“Alternately, there is a JP available at my office during work hours Monday-Friday” said Mr Williams. “No appointment necessary”.

JPs act as independent and objective witnesses to documents people need for a variety of purposes. Their main functions are to witness affidavits and statutory declarations, and they may also certify copies of original documents. JPs provide their services on a voluntary basis.

There are over 95,000 JPs covering all corners of the state. For more information on JPs or to find one in your area go to www.jp.nsw.gov.au

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Pictured: Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP, Mr Alain Vella, Mr Nick Behlevanas, Mr Klaus Petrulic, Mr Dennis Pike, Mr John Burrell, Mr Arthur Harris, The Hon Mark Speakman – Attorney General