



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **JP'S HONOURED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mr James Mein and Mr Iain Huntley were recently honoured for their 50 years of service to the community as a Justice of the Peace.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP congratulates Mr Mein and Mr Huntley who are some of the longest-serving JPs in the state, and who have donated countless hours to helping local people.

“Just about everyone needs a JP at some point in their life - such as when they buy a house or access their superannuation – and our dedicated JP’s are always happy to lend a hand,” said Mr Williams.

Mr Mein and Mr Huntley are among more than 250 NSW JPs who are celebrating their Golden Jubilee of service in 2018-19.

Many of the JPs attended a ceremony at NSW Parliament on Tuesday, 22 October where they were presented with a commemorative certificate by the NSW Attorney-General The Hon Mark Speakman MP.

“During the 50 years Mr Mein and Mr Huntley have been witnessing documents, they have also witnessed profound social changes and advances in technology.

“The way people find 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 has been upgraded to make finding a local JP faster and more convenient than ever.

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

JPs act as independent 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.

For more information on JPs or to find one in your area go to [www.jp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jp.nsw.gov.au)

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