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Memberships of associations

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General information

At the Justices of the Peace Branch (JP Branch), we have a number of responsibilities as the regulator of the *Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations Act 1991*.

These responsibilities include:

- managing Justices of the Peace (JP) and Commissioners for Declarations (Cdec) applications throughout Queensland
- overseeing the compliance, administration, management and long-service awards of JPs and Cdecs once they have been appointed to office.

However, it is also important you are aware of the several associations that exist across Queensland that provide additional peer support and networking opportunities to members.

Below are the contact details for each association and you are encouraged to contact them directly should you wish to become a member. Queensland's five current Justices associations are:

1. Association of Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations Inc
Location: Townsville North Queensland
Phone: (07) 4779 2324
Email: AJC@austarnet.com.au
2. Gold Coast Justices Association Inc
Location: Gold Coast
Phone: 0405 310 813
Email: secretary@gcjustices.org.au
Website: www.gcjustices.org.au
3. JPs FNQ Group.
Location: Cairns Far North Queensland
Phone: 0418 243 652
Email: jp@fnq.cc
Website: http://fnq.cc/jps_fnq_group.html
4. Justice of the Peace Society (Qld) Inc
Location: Maroochydore Sunshine Coast
Phone: 0400 822 069
Email: jv@bluemoonproperty.com.au
5. Queensland Justices Association (QJA)
Location: Brisbane with local branches across Queensland
Phone: (07) 3392 2455
Email: admin@qja.com.au
Website: www.qja.com.au



Purpose of associations

These associations were independently established by like-minded people and offer different benefits to their members. Some have regular meetings, deliver in-house workshops, and offer stamps and other goods for members to purchase.

Some members of associations also support the volunteer JPs in the Community program by coordinating rosters, mentoring, and disseminating information to volunteers. The JP Branch works closely with all associations to maintain best witnessing practice.

As a JP or Cdec, you might be, or might have been, contacted by these associations to become a member. Joining an association is a further opportunity for you to become active in your role as a JP or Cdec and to ensure your knowledge base is current when providing your services to members of the public. Membership is entirely optional, and you may be charged a fee for joining.

The role of the JP Branch

It is important to distinguish the difference between these associations and the JP Branch.

While we collaborate and maintain a positive relationship, the associations are run independently from the JP Branch and the Department of Justice.

In addition to the administrative role, the JP Branch is responsible for all official publications such as handbooks, technical bulletins, JP bulletins and other publications. To complement these publications, you can access a range of free professional development opportunities, including [webinars](#), [online modules](#) and [face-to-face workshops](#). Our publications can be viewed at www.qld.gov.au/jplearn,

We also support and manage the volunteers in the JPs in the Community program by providing resources and dedicated contacts in the JP Branch from the Community Engagement Team.

We regularly acknowledge the dedication of all JPs and Cdecs in the program and those who undertake their role in a private capacity.

Contact details

If your contact details have changed and you need to update them with the JP Branch, you can do so by:

- visiting www.qld.gov.au/jps
- sending us an email jp@justice.qld.gov.au, or
- speaking to one of our friendly and professional staff on 1300 301 147.

Don't forget, if you are already a member of an association, you will also need to update your details with them.

Regards,

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