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BACKGROUND

A Justice of the Peace (JP) in Victoria is an honourable individual who commits to providing honorary justice services, including certified copies, certifying true identity, witnessing statutory declarations and affidavits, and attesting powers of attorney, for members of the community.

The title Justice of the Peace was first granted in 1361 by King Edward III of England, where 'good and lawful men' were appointed to 'guard the peace'. Today the appointment is made by the Crown through the Governor of Victoria. Up until 1984, JPs were justices that presided over minor court cases.

CREST

The crest features Lady Justice, *Justitia*, the goddess of Justice in Roman mythology, the blindfold represents impartiality, the ideal that justice should be without regard to wealth, power, or other status, and this principle underlies the modern JP oath of office. She holds a set of scales which she balances to achieve equilibrium and therefore justice. The sword represents authority, and it conveys the idea that justice can be swift and final.

Fiat justitia ruat caelum, is Latin for 'Let justice be done though the heavens fall', meaning justice must be realised, regardless of consequences.

The 8-pointed star forms part of the Southern Cross featured on the Victorian state flag and represents Victoria, The crest is surmounted by a royal crown - a reminder of the ancient link between Justices of the Peace and the Crown.

USAGE

The crest was created by a JP after a request to create a 'generic JP logo' by the Honorary Justice Services Support office at the Department of Justice and Community Safety.

The JP Crest is free to use by any Registered JP in Victoria, It must NOT be used in any profit-making situations, and must only be used by registered JPs in Victoria in the following situations;

- On JP appointment cards,
- On a personal JP appointment website, and emails.
- On personal letterheads,
- On a small (not larger than 40cm) 'Justice of the Peace on the Premises' window sticker.

It can be embroidered or screen printed onto a T-shirt or formal shirt / blouse, or jacket to help the public identify registered JPs only. The height of the crest on clothing should not exceed 9cm.

The crest should NOT be used on;

- Electoral signage or hoardings,
- Business cards,
- Business stationary,
- Business signage,
- Business clothing,
- Business websites, emails, or advertising.



COLOUR



GOLD



BLACK AND WHITE



BLUE



REVERSED