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Wallarrah 2 sponsorship to help boost JP services in the Wyong community

The Tuggerah Lakes branch of the NSW Justices Association has received a welcomed sponsorship from the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation to help launch its membership drive and encourage more local JPs to join the Association.

The NSW Justices Association established in 1911, currently offers a Community JP Desk service from Monday to Saturday at seven locations across the Wyong Shire and is looking to increase its service to the community by reaching out to new Justices of the Peace to volunteer.

“The benefits of our services, which are always in high demand, are spread across a very wide section of the community,” said Bruce Gibbs JP, Director of the NSW Justices Association and Hon. Secretary of the Tuggerah Lakes branch.

“Of late we have lost a number of volunteer members through ageing and ill health, so we need to reach out to younger and retired JPs who may not have heard about volunteering with the NSW Justices Association.

“Wallarrah 2’s generous sponsorship will help us spread awareness about our services and encourage more local JPs to become members of the Association so we can continue to grow these important services,” he said.

There are some 90,000 JPs in New South Wales and many are not aware of the NSW Justices Association and the support it provides.

In addition to helping the wider community through JP desks, the Association also provides important education and training to JPs.

“In addition to our JP Community Desks, we play a vital role in training our members about correct procedure to ensure they are protected when performing their duties,” added Bruce.

Peter Smith, Community Manager of Wallarah 2 Coal Project said, “Wallarrah 2 is proud to support the Tuggerah Lakes branch in its quest to increase its member base and continue its volunteer work within the Wyong Shire.”

“JPs play a vital role within the community and we hope that our sponsorship through the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation will see an influx of even more JP Community Desks serving the district,” he added.

“With an aim of doubling membership of the NSW Justices Association in our local area we are confident this sponsorship will assist with spreading the word about the need and importance of JP services on the Central Coast,” concluded Peter.

Interested JPs can contact Bruce on 0418 493 388 or email benefits@nswja.org.au.

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