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CASTLE HILL JP'S HONOURED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

This week, some of the state's longest serving Justices of the Peace (JP), were presented with a certificate recognising 50 years of service.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams said "It is a remarkable achievement to provide half a century of service as a JP, and one that deserves to be honoured".

Seven local residents have been recognised as JPs for 50 years; including

Mrs	Fay Daphne	Archer
Mr	John	Baggs
Mr	Graham William	Byrne
Mr	Ronald William Gear	Innis
Mr	Ronald Albert	Jessel
Mr	Richard Frederick	West
Mr	James Ivan	Wilkinson

"They have played an important part in the legal system and in our community by helping hundreds of people at key moments in their lives, such as when they buy a house, access superannuation or go to court." said Mr Williams.

JPs serve as an independent witness to documents people use for official or legal purposes. The primary functions of a JP are to witness a person making a statutory declaration or affidavit, and to certify that a copy of an original document is a true and accurate copy.

"There are nearly 95,000 JPs in NSW, together volunteering hundreds of thousands of hours to their communities and aiding the efficient functioning of our legal system," XXX said.

The NSW Government introduced commemorative certificates for 50 years of service as a JP in 2012. Since then, more than 2000 certificates have been awarded.

NSW Attorney General Mark Speakman said, "The commemorative certificate is a small way of saying thank you for their outstanding contribution to the community."

People can search for a JP in their area by visiting the online public register of JPs at: www.jp.nsw.gov.au. A JP fact sheet is available in 12 languages on the website.

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