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LOCAL JPs HONOURED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today received certificates on behalf of two of the state's longest serving Justices of the Peace (JP), recognising 50 years of service.

"It is a remarkable achievement to provide half a century of service as a JP, and one that deserves to be honoured," said Mr Aplin.

"As JPs for 50 years, Mr Geoffrey Ford and Mr Alexander Kennedy of Albury 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."

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," Mr Aplin 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 to Mr Ford and Mr Kennedy 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.

(Note: Presentation of the certificates will be made next week at a time to suit the recipients.)

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