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Christmas Opening Hours

Births, Deaths & Marriages and Land Titles Office

Friday 23rd December – Open 8am to 4pm
 Saturday 24th December – **Closed** (Christmas Eve)
 Sunday 25th December – **Closed** (Christmas Day)
 Monday 26th December – **Closed** (Boxing Day)
 Tuesday 27th December – **Closed** (Public Holiday)
 Wednesday 28th December – Open 8am to 4pm
 Thursday 29th December – Open 8am to 4pm
 Friday 30th December – Open 8am to 4pm
 Saturday 31st December – **Closed** (New Years Eve)
 Sunday 1st January – **Closed** (New Years Day)
 Monday 2nd January – **Closed** (Public Holiday)
 Tuesday 3rd January – Open 8am to 4pm

Forms

Land Titles Office

National Standard Mortgage Form

As advised in the September newsletter, all forms containing old privacy statements would not be accepted after 30 June 2017. Due to important changes coming through surrounding the National Standard Mortgage Form, we have been asked to extend the time limit for acceptance of any Mortgage Form containing the old privacy statement. Lodgements of Mortgage Forms containing the old privacy statement may be accepted at the Land Titles Office until 30 December 2017. Please note that this extension of time only applies for Mortgage Forms and all other Land Titles Office forms must have the updated privacy statement after 30 June 2017.

Transfer of Lot Form

A number of Transfer of Lot forms are being lodged for registration at the Land Titles Office with undeliverable addresses and/or missing postcodes for the 'Buyers' section. Please ensure that all details are checked on the forms prior to lodgement and that current deliverable addresses are included with postcodes.

Advanced Personal Plans

Land Titles Office

We have had an enquiry recently regarding the requirement for specimen signature(s) of decision maker(s) on Advance Personal Plan's (APP's) to be lodged with the Land Titles Office. Whilst it is not a legal requirement under the *Advance Personal Planning Act* and Regulations, specimen signature(s) of decision maker(s) is still preferable. It is important to note that if you wish to lodge APP's without specimen signature(s) of decision maker(s) a notation will be made by Land Titles Office staff advising that this was not obtained by the client. Please also note that if any registered APP's without specimen signature(s) of decision maker(s) are to be used to execute any other Land Titles Office forms, these will not be accepted for registration without further evidence produced to satisfy the identity of the decision maker.

International Registrars of Title Conference 2016



The International Registrars of Title Conference was held this year in Perth, Western Australia from 18th October to 21st October. Delegates attended the conference from various jurisdictions including Singapore, United Kingdom, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong and each Australian State and Territory. The main topics discussed during the conference focused on digitisation of the conveyancing industry, fraud prevention, identity security, changes to land registries including privatisation and land reforms as well as the future workforce in Australia. The conference offered a wonderful opportunity for delegates to strengthen contacts and gather ideas from other jurisdictions on new technologies, better work place practices and the impact of digitisation.



The Registrar-General and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.