



## Media Release

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### Civic Leaders Need To Go The Extra Mile In Tough Times

**Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria, Don Reynolds today called for civic leaders to go the extra mile by ensuring all levels of government and community networks had strong leadership and the vision and capacity to build resilient communities to ensure national prosperity for all Australians.**

Freemasons Victoria has announced a three-year project in conjunction with Leadership Victoria designed to develop strong, contemporary and sustainable leadership throughout its organisation of 8,800 members and 247 Lodges for the existing and next generation of Freemasons.

While the Leadership program will be activated by Freemasons Victoria it will not just involve Freemasons.



Don Reynolds  
Grand Master  
Freemasons Victoria

It will also engage in the broader community as part of Freemasons' commitment to encourage local community leadership development and capacity building.

Speaking before the official opening of the new \$1.5 million Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre in Traralgon today Mr Reynolds said **“more than ever, with the community facing economic and social challenges in coping with the cost of living, changing employment trends, an ageing population and rapid population growth needs strong leadership.”**

Mr Reynolds said the opening of the new Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre is the culmination of many years of detailed planning and investment by Freemasons Victoria and local Lodges. The Centre will become an important local Masonic and civic resource and is a strong vote of confidence and support in the future in the Latrobe Valley.

Freemasonry commenced in the Latrobe Valley just after the settlement of Traralgon in 1885 with the establishment of the Argyle Lodge and is set to continue its philanthropic and charitable contributions at the new Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre which will also be used for community activities.

#### **Famous Freemasons Leaders**

Leadership has always been central to Freemasonry in Australia with such members as **Sir Edmund Barton** - Australia's first Prime Minister; **Sir William John Clarke** - **1st Grand Master of Freemasons in Victoria 1889 to 1896 and philanthropist**; **Sir Donald Bradman** - Cricketer; **Sir Robert Menzies** - former Prime Minister; **Sir Charles Kingsford Smith** - Aviator; **Sir Weary Dunlop** - War Hero; **Graham Kennedy** - TV Entertainer and **Charles Brownlow** – Footballer.

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# FMV Leadership National Poll

**A National Poll based around what Australians rate as the most important attributes for Good Leaders has placed TRUST at the top of the list with a score of 62%, followed by Honesty 56%, Accountability 41%, with Vision and the ability to Communicate both rated at 39%.**

Participants in the Poll surprisingly rated Generous and Courageous both at the bottom of the list scoring just 11%.

The emphasis on Trust increased with age with 73% of the participants over 65 rating Trust as a priority significantly higher the average Australian.

## National Poll results on the important Attributes for a Good Leader

Trustworthy	62%
Honest	56%
Accountable	41%
Has a vision	39%
Communicative	39%
Understands others	36%
Open Minded	35%
Positive	31%
Inspiring	30%
Confident	26%
Has a purpose	22%
Humble	20%
Authentic	20%
Patient	14%
Courageous	11%
Generous	11%
Understands themselves	7%