

Engage Newsletter #114

2016 Grand Installation



The 2016 Grand Installation of RWBro. Don Reynolds is fast approaching. Dates and venues have been confirmed for the following associated functions – please enter these into your calendar.

Visit the Rendezvous Hotel website at www.rendezvoushotels.com.au

Contact Natalie at the Rendezvous Hotel to make your reservation on (03) 9250 1888 or email reservations.melbourne@rendezvoushotels.com

Register with the Conference Secretariat online by visiting: www.hpe.com.au or download the form at http://www.freemasonsvic.net.au/media/uploads/GIBrochure_2016.pdf for printing and fax to High Profile Events on 03-9596 6668.

151st Master at Australia Felix



More than 100 Freemasons enjoyed the annual installation of Australia Felix Lodge No1, when RWBro. Dr John Maynard installed VWBro. Dr George Streitberg as the 151st Master on Thursday 11 February.

Also present were MWBro. Neville Smith, PGM and MWBro. Vaughan Werner, PGM who both agreed that the night was a great success.

Fellow Foundation Board members present included Bro. Andre Clayton, RWBro. Roy Alderton, RWBro. Barry Minster, RWBro. Frank Fordyce and WBro. Ted Finch.

Amicus Carnevale hits the streets



The Olivia Newton John Cancer Wellness and Research Centre will soon receive funds for lung cancer research, raised by more than 460 guests who attended Saturday night's Lodge Amicus Carnevale Ball.

Heading off from Spring Street and through Lygon Street in horse and carriage, thirty of the guests all dressed in Venetian costumes and masks, made their way to the San Remo Ballroom in Carlton.

Guests were treated by *The Cursio Show Band* and dancers, including Paul Gulinello and Michelle Serret-Cursio who featured in the wonderful floor show. The dance floor was jumping throughout the night, right up to the last encore by the band.

Tony Tardio of 3AW was a well suited MC for the evening, saying that he was proud to be involved in an event aimed at raising funds for the community.

With a silent and live auction that included a Bali holiday for eight people, a corporate box at the MCG and premium Di Giorgio wines, guests were keen to bid to raise money for lung cancer research.

Sponsors included the Winley Insurance Group (Gold), Peter Fusca – P&C Excavations (Silver) and a large number of others; Racing Victoria, Eurolux, Brazilian Butterfly, PaperCorp and Kogan to name a few.

On Friday afternoon prior to the event, WBro. Mario Zanetti was interviewed by Tony Tardio on Italian radio and several mentions of the event were made on 3AW. The interview covered what Freemasonry meant to Mario, his reasons for joining and importantly, why Freemasons Victoria is involved in raising funds for the community.

An application has been made to the Freemasons Foundation Victoria to match the total funds raised. The total figure will be announced shortly, at a formal cheque presentation to the Centre.

This event demonstrated to the community the principle tenets of Freemasonry, of charity and friendship.

Bellarine Otway Supports Suicide Bereavement Service



The Geelong Suicide Bereavement Service is now \$37,000 better off thanks to a cheque from the Bellarine Otway District and the Freemasons Foundation.

Presented on Tuesday 26 January by Bellarine Otway District Coordinator VWBro. Trevor Somerville, the funds will go towards support programs aimed at reducing the amount of suicide deaths in the community.

The presentation was made to more than 500 people, including Kevin James and Michael Nolan of the Geelong Suicide Bereavement Service, in Johnstone Park, Geelong prior to the annual “Suicide Prevention Awareness Network” walk.

WBro. John Patterson of Rosebank Lodge No. 348 recited the poem “Rain from Nowhere” which had played a vital role in the fund-raising efforts.

For more information about the Service visit: <http://www.spangeelong.com/>

Swan Hill recognised with Australia Day Honours



The Swan Hill Masonic Lodge Goods & Services Auction which helped raise \$70,000 for the local hospice was named Swan Hill's 2016 Community Event of the Year at this week's Australia Day breakfast.

The auction, organised by members of Swan Hill Lodge, raised \$35,000 for the Swan Hill Hospice fund when it was held at the Town Hall in July last year.

In December the Freemasons Foundation doubled the amount raised, bringing the total to \$70,000.

RWBro. Jim Thompson said the Swan Hill Lodge was thrilled to be recognised for their efforts in organising the profitable fundraiser.

"We consider it to be one of the worthy things needed for the town and district" he said. "And with the success of the auction it seems everybody else had the same thoughts. The whole community got behind it".

With their long-standing history within the local community, the auction signalled the largest single fundraising event the Swan Hill Lodge has ever organised.

And following its success, another similar event may be on the cards.

"We're still absorbing this achievement, but we'll have to have another meeting soon" RWBro. Jim said.

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- Shedding some light on the CFA
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- Andrew Love Cancer Centre Receives Blood Storage Refrigerator
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- HeartSmart at Epworth
- Haggis, Neeps and Tatties
- Grand Master Spotted in Canterbury
- Think Pink Marathon Man
- Tresco Annual Scholarships Celebrated
- Hall of Famer turns 90!

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