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2016 Grand Installation of RWBro. Don Reynolds



Grand Installation Update – No. 2

Registrations

Registrations **CLOSE** for the Grand Installation and associated events on Tuesday 15th March.

Please note that the following events are FULL AND CLOSED FOR REGISTRATION:

- DELEGATES RECEPTION
- LADIES BREAKFAST
- FAREWELL CELEBRATION AT FREEMASONS HOMES

There are still tickets available for the Grand Installation on Friday 1 April and also the Grand Banquet on Saturday 2 April. **Please book URGENTLY.**

You can register online at www.hpe.com.au or you can fax a form into (03) 9596 6668 or mail a form to High Profile Events, Box 2027, Brighton North, Vic, 3168.

Please note that name badges will not be issued for the Grand Installation and associated events, therefore we ask that you bring your personal name badge with you to all events.

Accommodation

Rooms are still available at the Rendezvous Hotel but not as the previously advertised rate. These rates have now expired.

Buses will run from the Rendezvous Hotel to the Grand Installation and the Grand Banquet venues. There will be no other pickup or drop off points.

Accommodation must be booked directly with the accommodation venue.
Rendezvous Hotel, 328 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Contact Natalie on 03 -9250 1888 or email reservations.melbourne@rendezvoushotels.com and quote “Freemasonry Victoria”.

Quarterly Communication and Grand Installation

Please note that the Quarterly Communication will commence at 6pm and the Grand Installation at 7.30pm.

Parking

Parking is available at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre and we have managed to secure a special discounted rate of \$16. This ticket does not enable you to come and go from the car park. **One ticket per car only.**

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION AND THE GRAND INSTALLATION

A light supper, tea and coffee will be served between 6pm and 6.45pm. For those attending the Quarterly Communication a light supper will be served between 6.45pm and 7.10pm.

There will be a small bar to purchase drinks after the Grand Installation but the supper will only be between the Quarterly Communication and the Grand Installation.

Ladies, family and friends are ALL welcome to attend the Grand Installation (please ensure you register for everybody).

Tea and coffee will be available for ladies, family and friends during the Quarterly Communication.

Regional Buses

Buses will be running from regional areas to the Quarterly Communication and Grand Installation. If the regions can FILL a bus then the cost of the hire of the bus will be subsidised by 50% by Grand Lodge. The buses MUST be full however and it will be on a first come first served basis. Once the bus is full there will be no further subsidised buses.

Buses will run as below from regional centres and make stops all the way to Melbourne. Regions who have expressed an interest and are running buses are:

Gippsland

Contact Darrell Traplin on 0418 177 196

Bus will leave from Lakes Entrance, stopping at all Lodges to Melbourne.

There are still seats available on this bus.

Shepparton

Contact Geoff Thompson on 0409 298 394

Bus will leave from Shapparton, stopping at any Lodges requiring transport.

Camperdown, Colac, Geelong, Lara

Contact Bob Pullin on 0410 497 600

Bus will leave from Camperdown through Colac and up to Geelong stopping at Lara.

Please contact the Brethren mentioned if you would like a seat on a bus.

Regular fortnightly updates will be issued through this medium until the Grand Installation.

For information regarding the Grand Installation and associated events please contact our Event Coordinator:
High Profile Events
9596 6662
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Horsham Aeromedical Station to be Launched



Construction work on the Horsham Aeromedical Transfer Station at Horsham Aerodrome has finished. The new transfer station will officially open on March 19.

The 10-month building project was a collaborative effort involving dozens of Wimmera tradesmen and women and community groups.

In-kind support of more than \$160,000 saw the project to fruition.

Project committee member Jenny Reid said the greatest take away from the whole experience for her was the young tradies and the hours and days they spent working to get the project finished with no payment.

“It’s all been volunteer hours,” she said.

“I always knew the community would get behind this. I never had a doubt they would help make this happen.”

The project committee was made up of Ambulance Victoria Auxiliary’s Paul Burton, Freemasons Victoria’s Wimmera Lodge WBro. Philip Nicks, and Mrs Reid, who represented the Horsham East Rotary Club.

The transfer station will protect patients and ambulance members from the elements while they wait for medical aircraft to transport them to metropolitan hospitals.

WBro. Philip said there was an average of two medical transfers each day from Horsham.

“That includes direct and indirect flights,” he said.

“I’ve had personal experience as a patient, being transported by aircraft to Melbourne for back surgery.

“When we started this process it was remarkable the number of people that came forward with some personal experience about being transported from the aerodrome to a larger medical centre.”

WBro. Philip paid tribute to all of the volunteers who had contributed to the construction, but made particular mention of volunteer project manager Stephen Wik from Locks Construction.

“Steve had all the connections. He knew where the quality was and the capacity for people to volunteer and donate their time,” he said.

“It’s been a collaborative effort by all involved from the start right through to the finish.”

Victorian Governor Linda Dessau will officially open the transfer station on March 19 at 9am, and will be joined by Freemasons Victoria’s Grand Master MWBro. Hillel Benedykt and Freemasons Foundation Director RWBro. Frank Fordyce.

The public is invited to attend the official opening.

Sunraysia Masonic Centre Rededicated in Style

New Freemasons Era

Sunraysia Daily, Wednesday 2 March, 2016



The ceremony of the rededication of the Sunraysia Masonic Centre in Irymple.

Signifying a new chapter of Freemasonry in Sunraysia, Victorian Grand Master Hillel Benedykt led Saturday’s ceremony to rededicate the Sunraysia Masonic Centre at Irymple following extensive renovations.

A team of ceremonial officers travelled from Melbourne with the Grand Master for the Grand Master MWBro. Hillel Benedykt leads the ceremony historic ceremony.

Secretary of the Sunraysia Masonic Centre, RWBro. Jim Mason declared the night a success.

“It was a traditional service that hasn’t changed for many years. We’re very pleased with how the ceremony went,” he said.

Jim said that around 250 members were grateful for the Grand Master’s leadership with more than 100 members and their partners in attendance at the rededication ceremony.

Freemasonry in Sunraysia turns 125 years old this year and the \$330,000 renovation to the Masonic Centre will allow it to provide better facilities for weddings, conferences and receptions.

Jim said that Freemasonry has always been an important part of the fabric of the Sunraysia community with Mildura Lodge No. 170 formally being consecrated on 12 November 1891.

Many early community leaders of Mildura were Freemasons including grape and wine industry pioneers, the Chaffey brothers and the town's first doctor, while many street names that connect the district are named after Freemasons from Sunraysia.

Jim said modern Freemasonry was about breaking down stereotypes. He said as an inter-nominal organisation, the Sunraysia Masonic Centre was for people of many religions who read from the Volume – a bible based on Christianity.

The first Masonic Hall was constructed in Deakin Avenue, Mildura and subsequently sold to the Deakin Cinema Group and now served as Cinema 4.

Following the sale of the Deakin Avenue site, a new Sunraysia Masonic Centre complex was constructed on land at Fifteenth Street, Irymple, next to the 17 independent living units of the Royal Freemasons Homes.

Late in 2014, the Sunraysia Masonic Centre entered into an agreement with Freemasons Victoria to renovate and improve the Centre to modernise facilities for Lodge members and guests.

The renovation is part of a larger strategic direction by Freemasons Victoria to upgrade many of its original buildings.

Photos C/- Carmel Zaccone

Freemasons Support Lung Cancer Research



Medical Oncologist Associate Professor Thomas John of the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute accepts the \$100,000 cheque from Freemasons Foundation Director VWBro. David Gibbs and RWBro. Don Reynolds.

Lung cancer research at the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute will be significantly advanced by a \$100,000 donation from Freemasons Victoria in conjunction with Freemasons Foundation Victoria.

Lodge Amicus raised \$56,000 at their Venetian Carnevale Ball held on Saturday 6 February.

More than 450 guests enjoyed the night featuring the music of the Tony Cursio Showband and Dancers with 3AW's Tony Tardio as MC for the evening.

The Freemasons Foundation Victoria supported Lodge Amicus's extraordinary efforts by contributing \$44,000 to bring the total to \$100,000.

An official presentation, hosted by 3AW's Tony Tardio, was held at the Olivia Newton-John Research Institute in Heidelberg on Wednesday 9 March.

Deputy Grand Master RWBro. Don Reynolds made the presentation on behalf of all Victorian Freemasons, in conjunction with Mario and Dianne Zanetti of Lodge Amicus and David Gibbs a Director of the Freemasons Foundation Victoria.

Medical Oncologist Associate Professor Thomas John accepted the donation on behalf of the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute.

The *Carnevale* feel was maintained during the presentation when piano accordionist Angelo Marchese was joined by singer Tony Cursio to entertain those in attendance.

"We are incredibly grateful to Freemasons Victoria and to the members of Lodge Amicus for this generous donation", Thomas said. "Without funding and support, the Centre would not be capable of providing the research into the development of new treatments that it is renowned for".

The Olivia Newton-John Cancer & Wellness Centre was established in 2013 after the Austin Hospital Board recognised that the new hospital tower, completed in 2005, would not be large enough to include its extensive cancer service.

Much loved Australian entertainer and breast cancer survivor Olivia Newton-John was approached to assist in gaining public support for a purpose-built cancer centre.

Completed in 2013, the \$189 million Centre was made possible by philanthropic and government support as well as members of the public who collectively contributed more than \$17 million towards the project.

The Centre's design and treatment philosophy is to offer innovative treatment, with experienced health professionals utilising the latest equipment. Researchers and clinical staff work closely together so that patients benefit more quickly from the latest scientific discoveries.

Research is central to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer & Wellness Centre's increasing success with the prevention, treatment and cure of cancer, and support for those living with cancer; however funds are still needed to support research programs and wellness therapies, which do not qualify for government funding.

To find out how you can support the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre just like Freemasons Victoria has, visit <http://www.austin.org.au/cancer/>.

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