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2016 Grand Installation of RWBro. Don Reynolds



Grand Installation Update – No. 3

Registrations

Registrations have officially **CLOSED** for the Grand Installation and associated events.

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.

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".

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.

Quarterly Communication and Grand Installation

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

Webcast

Should you wish to view the Quarterly Communication and Grand Installation via webcast, please visit the registration page **BEFORE** the event, to register in advance.

<http://www.freemasonsvic.net.au/Video/live-streaming-and-webcasts/register-for-april-2016-quarterly-communication/>

Return to the Live Streaming and Webcasts page from Friday 1 April at 6pm.

<http://www.freemasonsvic.net.au/Video/live-streaming-and-webcasts/>

Parking

Parking is available at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for a special discounted rate of \$19. 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 Shepparton, 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

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Grand Master's final message



How do you encapsulate in a few words your thoughts at the culmination of my term as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria?

It seems like just a few moments ago I was on the floor of Grand Lodge breaking a glass in order to symbolically seal pledges that I made at the time. Looking back, there are too many things to reflect on, but certainly there are some important lessons I have learnt.

The first lesson is that we cannot be too careful when we invite men to join our wonderful organisation. I have seen clear evidence of men who claim to be Freemasons but they are clearly not, certainly not in their hearts. I have seen many random acts of kindness and generosity by so many true Brethren, it is a constant source of inspiration.

Looking forward, I am excited with the positive enthusiasm, dedication and commitment of the incoming and future leadership.

And finally, Sue and I need to extend our heartfelt thanks to all that have been so supportive during our term and extended every courtesy and respect to us. It's been extremely humbling for us both.

To our two Grand Teams, to the management of Freemasons Victoria, to all the Lodges and all the Brethren, thank you, and thanks for the memories, Sue and I will cherish them. It's been an honour and a privilege to lead our wonderful organisation.

Eastbourne on show!



The Eastbourne, Mirvac's next premier development designed in collaboration with Bates Smart was presented to members of Freemasons Victoria on Saturday 19 March by Mirvac, in Box Hill.

Approximately 60 Freemasons and their families attended the information session, where Megan Marmur, Mirvac Marketing Manager – Victoria, presented the extraordinary vision for The Eastbourne.

The site on which the project will be developed is known for its famous 300 Albert Street, East Melbourne address, at the top end of the Fitzroy Gardens, where it was the home of the former Dallas Brooks Centre and Freemasons Victoria for many years.

The site will soon become The Eastbourne, incorporating the new headquarters for Freemasons Victoria, designed by Mirvac in collaboration with Bates Smart. This powerhouse partnership is responsible for creating The Melburnian on St Kilda Road, arguably Melbourne's premier residential development. The Eastbourne will be their next premier residential development, and will echo the calibre of residences fronting Central Park in New York and Hyde Park in London, and will gaze proudly over the lush landscape of Fitzroy Gardens to the city skyline and bay beyond.

The Eastbourne display suite will arrive onsite in mid-April and appointments can be made with the Mirvac Sales team to view the selection of apartments available.

Freemasons will have an earlier opportunity to purchase than the general public.

To be part of the process, please register your interest online at freemasons.theeastbourne.mirvac.com

[The red ribbon is cut to officially open Horsham's Aeromedical Transfer Station](#)



The rain held off for the official launch of the Horsham Aeromedical Transfer Station on the morning of Saturday 19 March.

More than seventy volunteers, members of the community and those directly involved in the development were there to celebrate the wonderful conclusion to a four year project.

Governor of Victoria the Hon. Linda Dessau cut the red ribbon accompanied by Horsham East Rotary Club immediate past president Jenny Reid and Ambulance Victoria's Horsham auxiliary President Paul Burton.

Freemasons Victoria's Grand Master MWBro. Hillel Benedykt and Deputy Grand Master RWBro. Don Reynolds were joined

by Foundation Director RWBro. Frank Fordyce and Wimmera Lodge's WBro. Philip Nicks to celebrate the achievement which saw Horsham businesses, service groups and individuals donating \$160,000 both in cash and in-kind towards the facility's completion.

Jenny Reid said patients and paramedics were exposed to the elements, sometimes for several hours, during patient transfers from ambulances to aircraft.

"The new station will encompass two ambulance bays with ample space, to protect people from the elements," she said.

Wimmera Lodge's WBro. Philip Nicks said about 500 people a year were transferred at the aerodrome.

Paul Burton has worked in Horsham since 2001 and is passionate about the project.

“Paramedics sometimes worked on patients for hours outside, regardless of rain, heat or hail, to perform the transfer. In terms of privacy, dignity and comfort, it will make a huge difference to people,” he said.

Freemasons Victoria donated \$25,000 towards the station to reach the project total.

[Foundation supports research and education at Northern Health](#)



The Freemasons Foundation has contributed \$14,320 to the Northern Health Foundation recently to support its Northern Centre for Health Education and Research (NCHER) campaign.

The campaign, aimed at raising the funds required for the development of a training facility, will enable an additional 900+ health professionals to live and study in the northern area.

The NCHER is a partnership between Northern Health, the University of Melbourne, La Trobe University and the State and Commonwealth Governments. Research undertaken will provide lasting benefits to the northern community, as medical conditions directly affecting the local population will be investigated and addressed by researchers working locally.

Presenting the cheque to Northern Health Foundation Director Ryan Brown on Monday 7 March at Brunswick Masonic Centre was WBro. Manny Barakis Barboussas and WBro. Matt Donato.

As a gift for the generosity of Freemasons Victoria, Ryan presented WBro. Matt with a plaque (right) containing the legend of the north facing tapestry, a tapestry that is displayed at the Northern Health Foundation office.

For more information about the NCHER and the Northern Health Foundation visit:

<http://www.nhfoundation.org.au/>

Don't forget to book your ticket to the Garibaldi Lodge's *Chicago Night* on Saturday 2 July at Melrose Receptions, Tullamarine, where proceeds will go to the Northern Health Foundation.

<http://engagefmv.org/2016/02/05/spend-a-night-in-chicago/>

Other stories from this issue include:

- Wimmera, Lowan and Dimboola combine for monthly BBQ fundraiser.
- 70 year jewel for Illingworth
- Blue Lodges Unite for Masonic Centre

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