

Headlines

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\$53,000 gift from one Lodge to another



Wonthaggi's Rose Lodge Aged Care Facility has received a staggering donation from the Powlett Lodge No. 661.

At a Powlett Lodge meeting this month, board members from the care facility were presented with a cheque for \$53,000.

Members of the Wonthaggi Lions Club and Rotary Club of Wonthaggi also attended the evening, with 65 people in total on hand to witness one of the largest donations to a community organisation in recent memory.

The astounding contribution was the result of a year-long fundraising effort by many Lodges and services clubs of Wonthaggi together with the facility's own fundraising committee.

A total of \$33,000 was raised, which was then added to a donation of \$20,000 from the Freemasons Foundation.

Rose Lodge Aged Care Facility President Mr Bill Berry said the money would be used to furnish 28 rooms that have been opened at the facility as part of last year's \$7m redevelopment of the site.

After the meeting, guests were invited into the Lodge room where they witnessed the Ceremony of the Vacant Chair, carried out by Lodge officers.

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WBro. David Bell - Legend



On Thursday 31 March 2016 history was made. A large group of friends, family and Masonic Brethren gathered at Kyabram Masonic Centre to witness the presentation of a 75 year jewel from the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria, a to WBro. David Harman Bell by WBro. Ian G. Campbell, PGSwdB.

The evening commenced with the rendition of two songs from Donald Campbell – a young Baritone Singer from Stanhope. He sang firstly “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord” and then the infamous “Holy City” which was well received.

WBro Ian then outlined WBro. David’s life, schooling, scouting, his career in farming, War Service (1942-46), and his time as Councillor for the Shire of Waranga – prior to amalgamation. He also spoke about David’s involvement with the Stanhope RSL and Kyabram Legacy.

WBro. David was initiated into Freemasonry in November 1939 and was advanced into the Mark Degree on 31 March 1941 – exactly 75 years ago on the night of the presentation. He had 75 years of continuous service, always being in office but not covering every position. WBr. Ian then went on to present, with immense pleasure, WBro. David with his 75 year jewel, which is the **first ever** awarded in Mark Masonry in Victoria, and a certificate from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of Victoria.

WBro. David responded in this normal fluent way and apart from thanking various people who had an influence on him in Mark Masonry, he continued to talk on his visit to King Solomon’s Mine in Jerusalem in December 1942, during his War service. At that time he was new into Freemasonry, but had enough knowledge, to appreciate how the stone was cut and shaped.

Mr Ian Purdey (Legacy), spoke on behalf of all of the visitors and, as a good friend of WBro. David, of the delight at not only being invited to witness this historic event but being given the privilege to speak and sum up the whole evening.

The presentation was concluded with Donald Campbell singing a further two songs – “The Dark Island” and “Ye Banks and Braes” by Robert Burns. This was followed by a wonderful slide show featuring various facets of WBro. David’s life.

Garibaldi puts on a Grand Show



Bro. Domenic Donato, son of WBro. Matteo Donato, AGPurs was installed as Worshipful Master of Garibaldi Lodge No. 890 on Saturday 9 April.

With more than 250 guests in attendance, Essendon Masonic Centre was at capacity.

Installed by Deputy Grand Master RWBro. Keith Murray who was supported by the 2016-17 Grand Ceremonial Team, Domenic took his obligation which was led by his father.

Invited guests included Immediate Past Grand Master MWBro. Hillel Benedykt and his wife Sue, along with Past Deputy Grand Master RWBro. Peter Crick and his wife Deirdre, as well as members from Lodge Leonardo da Vinci No. 238 (SA/NT), Lodge Galileo No. 1019 (NSW/ACT) and Italia Lodge No. 367 (WA).

Guests moved on to the Abruzzo Club in East Brunswick to enjoy a wonderful three course meal, dancing and toasts. Grand Director of Ceremonies, VWBro. Myles King led the evening, which included the cutting of three cakes (each portion coloured to represent the colours of the Italian flag) and a raffle.

The convivial nature of the festive board made this a night to remember, not only for Garibaldi Lodge but for everyone in attendance – *what a great night!*

SeaVic No. 8 | Installation of WBro. Chris Andrews



SeaVic Lodge No. 8 held its Installation on 2 April at the King Edward Room of the Rendezvous Hotel in the heart of Melbourne's CBD.

The most recently installed Grand Master MWBro. Don Reynolds supported by the 2015 Past Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team carried out the Installation of VWBro. Chris Andrews as the 6th Worshipful Master of SeaVic Lodge since it was consecrated in 2011.

The Installation provided an opportunity for local, interstate and overseas visitors attending the 2016 Grand Installation events to experience a Victorian Lodge Installation during their stay.

Having the Lodge room filled to the brim with so many dignitaries and visitors added to the splendour.

“It was an honour to be the first installed by the newest Grand Master”, WBro. Chris said.

“Freemasonry is about friendship and fellowship, and our message is delivered through our ritual. Watching a polished team led by our Grand Master, shows that we are more than just a meeting of like-minded men but that we stand alone as a Fraternity”.

After the Installation all were invited to the Heritage room for cocktail style canapes.

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