

## Headlines

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### **\$200,000 to educate our kids**



The Freemasons Foundation Victoria Limited (the Foundation), sent 120 students from across the state home last night, with more than \$200,000 towards their education.

The funds, allocated towards educational scholarships from years 7 – 12 and post-secondary studies, were divided up to students who applied for assistance with the continuation of their schooling. For some families, this funding will relieve financial strain and enable children to pursue their goals to enter or continue with university.

Specific scholarships were awarded in areas of environmental studies, music and architecture. Freemasons Victoria's Immediate Past Grand Master Hillel Benedykt was joined on stage by his brothers Simon and Ron who jointly awarded Felix Pascoe of Melbourne University the Eliezer Benedykt Scholarship in Music valued at \$1,500.

Tom Stevenson, a student with interests in conservation, was awarded the Environmental Scholarship, and viola player, Eugenie Lyons was awarded the Dr. Robin Gray Scholarship which will enable her to continue her Bachelor Degree of Music at Melbourne University. Later in the evening Miss Lyons performed for the 350+ guests in attendance.

Foundation Chairman André Clayton and Directors Jane Hill and Carol-Scholes-Robertson were proud to award students the Sydney George Manefield Memorial Residential Scholarship and Bill Burrell Memorial Scholarship, both awards with a combined value of \$14,000.

Harry Tibbals, 2015 recipient of the highest valued scholarship, the Freemasons Foundation Victoria Scholarship, spoke of the last twelve months at university; what have been his motivations and challenges, and how to gain strength from introspection. He spoke of the demands of university, both academically and socially and that in order to keep going he chose to 'find himself'. He discovered what he really wanted to do, rather than what he felt he should do, and how he wanted to spend his time.

Freemasons Victoria Grand Secretary and MC for the event Peter Henshall said that he was pleased to once again be presenting awards to students who took their education seriously and strived for success.

"It's great to see so many passionate individuals. I am so proud to see these funds going towards the educational aspirations of so many young people this year", he said.

Foundation Director Dr. George Streitberg awarded three scholarships, one, the King Edward VII Memorial Scholarship which saw two recipients, Laura Benney and Jacqueline Matthews receive \$2,200 each towards their schooling.

The evening was concluded with a spectacular group photo from the balcony of Ormond Hall, and many chose to remain for individual shots with Freemasons Victoria Grand Master Don Reynolds.

### **Freemasons lay a wreath for our diggers**



Freemasons Victoria was proud to attend this year's ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Grand Master MWBro. Don Reynolds was accompanied by members WBro. Terry Clifton and VWBro. Myles King to lay a wreath on behalf of Freemasons Victoria along with other community groups invited to pay tribute to our diggers.

"I was honoured to represent Freemasons Victoria this year. ANZAC Day is very special for the fraternity, with four service Lodges and many ex-servicemen members," the Grand Master said.

*O Valiant Hearts* was played in the morning darkness as the Australian, New Zealand and British flags flew at half-mast, and *The Ode* was recited by Returned Services League State President David McLachlan AO.

The New Zealand and Australian national anthems were played after a minute of silence and a rendition of *Highland Cathedral* was played as the sun began to shine over the Shrine.

After the official service, the crowd went their separate ways, some to St Kilda Road to have a "gunfire breakfast" and others back home to catch up on their morning sleep in!

### **New lights for Ronald McDonald House**



Peter Borland and Jane Hill from the Freemasons Foundation presented a cheque for \$15,000 this month to Mr. Peter Bishop from Ronald McDonald House in Parkville to enable the facility to replace more than 100 LED lights throughout its accommodation rooms.

Foundation Director Jane Hill said that the House has provided a 'home away from home' for over 570,000 guests since 2014.

Ronald McDonald House Parkville, is dedicated to providing a 'home away from home' for families with a seriously ill child undergoing specialist podiatric medical care at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. Parkville House was established in 1986 and is one of the largest of the 14 Ronald McDonald Houses operating in Australia. Families come from all areas of regional Victoria, interstate and occasionally overseas.

### **Once in a Masonic Lifetime Event**



Clifton Hill Lodge No.90 performed a Quadruple First Degree Ceremony at the Inner Eastern Masonic Centre in Box Hill on 28 April in front of 72 members and visitors who packed the Lodge room to witness this special event.

Added to the uniqueness of the Quadruple First Degree, Mr Parley Appa, Mr Sada Sivm, Mr Vadi Valu and Dr Patel were all Hindus which required some adjustment to the Initiation Ceremony.

The four candidates, all close friends, were the result of the intensive Clifton Hill Lodge recruitment initiative under the Lodge's 'Recruit 5 to Stay Alive' campaign – the brainchild of Senior Deacon, Bro. Thena Nadarajah.

Thena hosts luncheons, Friday Night after-work drinks and other events where friends and Brethren meet in an informal environment and, if the topic of Freemasonry is raised, an invite is extended to attend the South.

This has resulted in the recruitment of seven candidates for Clifton Hill over the past 18 months and has kept the Lodge (and especially the Master, WBro. Charles Agius) very busy.

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- An ANZAC Day Second Degree
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- 2016 5c piece campaign is back
- Mooroopna Lodge No. 131 Open Installation
- International Museum Week
- 70 Year Jewel for Cec Gleeson
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