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CleftPALS Freemasons Study Bursary supports University Faculty of Nursing



What is CleftPALS you may be asking?

CleftPALS Victoria supports families and friends with information about the cleft condition. In early pregnancy, different parts of a baby's face develop separately and then join together. If some parts do not join properly, the baby is born with a cleft. Around one in 700 babies are born with a cleft around the world.

Feeding difficulties can occur with any cleft type. The severity of the cleft doesn't necessarily determine the degree of difficulty with feeding, however the Cleft palate interrupts normal suction, as a seal cannot be created. If the baby has a cleft involving the palate, unfortunately she or he will almost certainly not be able to feed directly from the mother's breast.

This situation can be distressing for the parents, who are often unsure how to manage after the diagnosis.

Thankfully, there are teams of medical professionals, from surgeons to psychologists, who all specialise in treating the cleft lip and/or palate condition. Included in this team is at least one Cleft Nurse Specialist who looks after new and expectant parents and is the best person to go to with any questions or concerns.

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery at Deakin University offers studies in the treatment of the cleft lip/palate condition, where one lucky student has recently received a \$1000 scholarship to continue her studies in this area.

The scholarship, provided in conjunction with two other Melbourne St. Clair Reunion Lodge No. 17 donations to Monash University for Nursing and Catholic University for Nursing, was supported by the Freemasons Foundation, who agreed that more could be done to educate new maternity students about the feeding of cleft palate children and how to handle the trauma the parents experience.

This year's scholarship was awarded to the most outstanding student for 2016, Miss Annemike Kidd.

Annemieke said that the funds will enable her to focus a lot more on the kind of nurse she wishes to be and how to provide care for her patients.

"I feel very fortunate to have received this funding and I definitely wish to embark upon more nursing ventures overseas," she said.

Freemasons Victoria to host Don Elgin at next month's CBD Business Luncheon



Book your tickets NOW for the next CBD Business Luncheon – Freemasons Victoria is very proud to host Don Elgin. Visit: <http://www.trybooking.com/203211> Don's book *One Foot on the Podium* will be on sale at this event, so don't miss out!

Reading Out of Poverty | Helping stop the cycle



We send our kids to school at 5 years old, back-pack on shoulder, lunch box in hand, with the faith that we have done all we can leading up to this important time in terms of 'school preparedness'. This might have meant learning a little about numbers, drawing and reading them a few stories before bed.

Familiarising children with books, words and stories isn't something that comes naturally for some parents however, especially those from a non-English speaking background, or for those parents who may not be able to read themselves. As Australia becomes more and more multicultural, this disadvantage means that more and more children from these families enter school on the back foot. Their reading and writing ability is behind, and they may lose faith in their abilities in this area quicker than other children.

But this cycle can stop. By intervening with parents and children from the age of 0-5, *Reading Out of Poverty* introduces reading to children, provides them with access to books and educates parents about the connection between love and reading.

On Friday 20 May, Freemasons Foundation Director RWBro. David Gibbs presented a \$4600 cheque to the organisation to enable a series of 'pop up' Libraries in Melbourne's outer suburbs, and to assist in the further development of its collection of resources. Resources will include bi-lingual books, and books in other languages.

Reading Out of Poverty's Project Manager Emma Pearce said that the small not-for-profit organisation also aims to develop more community programs where volunteer readers assist parents and children in play groups, hubs and public libraries.

"Our volunteers will demonstrate to parents how to read to their children, and how reading can help connect with the child. This empowers parents and encourages the routine of reading regularly," she said.

Reading Out of Poverty has already established programs in 22 communities as well as in indigenous communities of the Northern Territory.

Lord Dunmore Installed in Tasmania



WBro. Right Honourable the Earl of Dunmore was installed as Worshipful Master of Devonport Masonic Lodge No. 90 TC on Saturday 14 May. Twenty-three ladies and Brethren crossed Bass Strait to be present for the event.

The Devonport Lodge Room was packed upon entry at 4pm, with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, MWBro. Allan Sangwell and his Deputy Grand Master RWBro.

John Slore, accompanied by a large retinue of Tasmanian and Victorian Grand Officers.

Attached to the *Official Party* was RWBro. Keith Murray, Deputy Grand Master for Victoria, who is a kinsman of Lord Dunmore. Other notable Victorians present included RWBro. Peter Henshall PSGW, Grand Secretary; RWBro. David Gibbs PJGW (Director of *Freemasons Foundation Victoria Ltd.*) – and a cousin of Lord Dunmore, and VWBro. Chris Andrews, Grand Inspector of Workings.

Also present were the Worshipful Master and Secretary of Lord Dunmore's Victorian Lodge, Lodge Amalthea No. 914 – WBro. Jared Shaw, who presented the 2nd Degree Working Tools in the Installation Ceremony, and VWBro. Kent Henderson PGIWkgs, together with a number of other members of Lodge Amalthea, as well as members from its Mother Lodge (Lodge Epicurean No. 906, meeting at Geelong).

Lord Dunmore has been a member of Lodge Amalthea and its patron for over a decade, and its members were delighted when, six years ago, he graciously acceded to their request to become the Master of Amalthea – and even more delighted when he agreed to serve a second year.

Only three Peers of the Realm have ever been installed into the Chair of a Craft Lodge in Victoria – two have been serving Governors of Victoria (and Grand Masters) – the last being Lord Somers as Worshipful Master of Army Lodge in 1930. The third is WBro. Right Honorable Malcolm Kenneth Murray, 12th Earl of Dunmore, Viscount of Fincastle, Lord Murray of Blair, Moulin and Tillimet, and Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John.

The Peerage of the Earls of Dunmore date from 1686. Of the twelve Earls, ten have been Freemasons. Several served terms as Grand Master of Scotland. The Earldom of Dunmore is the second most senior in the Scottish Peerage.

While His Lordship resides in Devonport, he regularly visits Melbourne and attends Lodge Amalthea. Lord Dunmore attended the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen in 2002, his peerage being so senior he sat directly behind her in Westminster Abbey. One of the many delights of his time as Master of Lodge Amalthea was his address to a Lodge dinner, six years ago at the Athenaeum Club in Melbourne, on the subject of his *Induction into the House of Lords*.

It is interesting to note that over the decade that His Lordship has favoured Lodge Amalthea with his patronage, the membership of the Lodge has increased from 28 to 70 – significantly more than doubled – and mostly with young members too. Indeed, Lord Dunmore has attended every Installation meeting of the Lodge since 2004, and more than a few meetings in between. The lodge is most grateful for his tremendous on-going support.

The Installation of Lord Dunmore as Master of Devonport Masonic Lodge was followed by a celebratory dinner with over 120 ladies and Brethren present. It was a magnificent event, topped off by Lord Dunmore himself, a noted musician, entertaining those present with his saxophone! There is no doubt the Lodge will have a magnificent year under his leadership.

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