

# Engage!



Be sure to look out for our new look Freemasonry Victoria Magazine being sent out very shortly. The magazine embraces a new and modern layout and exciting new features.

Highlights of the Spring magazine include an extract from The Longevity Project (a book of which many of the principles correspond with Freemasonry), a feature on Freemasons and their beloved cars, the Deputy Grand Master test drives an environmentally friendly

car and a heartening story on how Freemasons are coping in rural Victoria.

Please ensure your details with Grand Lodge are up to date so that the magazine can reach you. Lodges, we still need your assistance to identify businesses in your area that are willing to stock the magazine – it's an important part of our promotional strategy.

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## A word from the Grand Master

Dear Brethren All,

I write in this issue of Engage to urge as many of our Metro Brethren to join me at the September Communication of Grand Lodge, to be held at the Capital Theatre, 50 View Street, Bendigo on Friday 30th September 2011, commencing at 7:30pm

The last time the Communication of Grand Lodge was held outside the Melbourne CBD was in September, 2006 when we travelled to the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts in Ballarat, so this move is timely.

I am looking forward to a good turn out on Friday

Yours Fraternally,  
Vaughan Werner  
Grand Master

## Home, sweet home

The devastating floods in January left the Members of the Carisbrook Lodge without a home. The Masonic Centre was formally the Carisbrook Court House and is steeped in history dating back to its completion in the mid-1800s. Clearly the loss of such a historic landmark was unthinkable so thanks to the dedication and many hours of tireless labour by the Members of the Lodge the

building has finally been restored.

Since the floods in January, members of the Lodge have worked tirelessly to restore the damaged Lodge rooms. The Lodge intends opening the Masonic Centre to the public in the near future. This will be an excellent opportunity to let the public know who we are and the valuable contribution we make to the community and perhaps even a candidate or two if we are lucky.





## Grow a Mo, Bro!

Each year during the month of November, men all across Australia and the world grow weird and wonderful moustaches to raise money for men's health charities. It is fun, a great cause and can involve men of all ages. We are asking lodges to set up teams, members grow a mo, then charge their family, work colleagues and friends a fee to laugh at their appearance and discomfort! For a chance to appear in the next freemasonry magazine, send in your before and after mo shots and experiences to [editor@freemasons.net.au](mailto:editor@freemasons.net.au)

## Bound for Benjeroop

Two young freemasons are at it again. They assembled a group of over 30 Freemasons and spent a weekend in Kerang to help clean up the aftermath of the devastating Victorian floods. In just one weekend they were able to clear the fence lines for 6 rural properties and much more. Their next upcoming project will be the Benjeroop Flood Relief. Benjeroop is a small town about 3.5 hours from Melbourne and was hit hard by the floods and actually received a great deal of publicity including a visit from the second in line to the royal throne Prince William. Six months down the track interest in the area has waned the attention has died down. Unfortunately many of the houses are still uninhabitable and financial assistance all but dried up, and families are struggling. If you would like to offer your support whether it be in labour or financial form please contact **Daniel Jade on 0415 408 229 or visit [www.communityoutreach.org.au](http://www.communityoutreach.org.au)**

## Warragul's Benevolence

The Warragul lodge is raising money for a family who are in dire need of financial assistance. They hope to contribute to the purchase of a vehicle that can transport the family's two young boys that suffer from cerebral palsy. The eldest boy can only walk short distances with the aid of calipers while the youngest son is wheelchair bound. Their ageing parents have exhausted their savings on renovations to their home in order to accommodate their boys. While the family has been active in raising funds they still require considerable assistance. **To donate please contact Ross Dawson on 0427 458 560.**

### Laptops for Lodges

Calling all lodge secretaries who are interested in purchasing a laptop for your lodge. Please email your interest to [support@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:support@freemasonsvic.net.au) ASAP if you would like to purchase a laptop through Grand Lodge and qualify for the special bulk purchase discount.

### Tour de Masonic

Cyclists of all levels are needed to help form a 'Freemasons team' to ride in charity events. First up is The Slog on November 5 – a dual loop 70km or 150km bike ride, starting and finishing in Pakenham, Victoria. It is a fun community cycling event and is not a race. Our Aim is to promote cycling, freemasonry and men's health all at the same time. Interested? Contact **Peter Lees at [leespeter@bigpond.com](mailto:leespeter@bigpond.com)**

### Cleaner Needed

Gardenvale Masonic Centre is in need of a cleaner. Interested applicants should call the secretary, **David Gilovitz on 0411 394 868**

### September Quarterly meal tickets

These are available @ \$25 each from the Grand Lodge Secretariat up to 5pm on Wednesday 28 September.

**Phone Jillian McAnally 9411 0111**

### Free health and lifestyle forum

Presented in conjunction with Bellarine Community Health, Cosmopolitan Lodge No 96 and the Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale RSL

At the Bellarine Masonic Centre  
60 Learmonth St Queenscliff  
Thursday 27th October 2011 @7.30pm

**Contact Dick Clark (03) 5258 2680 for further information**



## A quick interview with Ben Quick

Engage! catches up with WBro. Ben Quick, WM. Ben is 28 years old, has twice been the Master of his lodge, is a proud Geelong supporter and is Grand Lodge's newest staff member.

### What does your role involve?

It's a mixed bag! Meeting with Men interested in Freemasonry, and helping them through the application process, working with our wonderful volunteers, taking pictures and writing articles for Freemasons Victoria Mag, ohhh and annoying Tony Morris!

### What is your career history?

I have always been in customer service. I started in Menswear and Surf wear after I left Secondary School. Following that I went to live and work in Canada. Coming back home, I followed my ambition to work in the Funeral Industry. I thought that was my vocation in life but, it's amazing how life takes you in different directions! I worked briefly for P.Blashki & Sons, which was such a positive experience. Now find myself working in a dream job with Freemasons Victoria.

### What are your current Masonic affiliations?

Currently I am the Worshipful Master of the Yarra Glen Lodge. I belong to Lilydale Mark, Lilydale Royal Ark Mariners, Billanook Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Oakleigh Royal and Select Masters, Light of the East Sovereign Chapter. And I'm very proud also to be a Noble of the Melbourne Shrine Club!

### Other than Freemasonry, what are your interests and hobbies?

When I'm not doing something Masonic, my time is devoted to my partner Kristy & my family. Kristy and I both enjoy photography. We try to plan our weekends taking trips around the state and capturing what we can through our lenses. We love exploring Antiques and collectable shops. We are both big fans of live and screen theatre. I enjoy spending time on Xbox, however Kristy doesn't think it is time well spent! I love Fraternal society history, and we both love Masonic architecture.

### When did you first discover freemasonry?

I knew of the 'Masonic Lodge' from a very young age. I remember my Grandmother saying to me "never talk ill of the Masons, as they put food on the table when the men of this Family were at War". I can still remember asking my Uncle much later on (approx 10 yrs old) if I could go to Lodge with him. I am extremely proud to say one of the most special things to me as a Freemason is that we now enjoy Freemasonry together.

## Freemasons Victoria Pink Breakfast

Due to the success of the Freemasons Victoria Pink Breakfast over the last 2 years, Bev Werner and the Ladies of the 2011 Grand Lodge Team are proudly hosting the event again this year on Saturday 8th October.

We are all aware of the prevalence of cancer in our society and we encourage Brethren and their families to stand behind this important initiative to help raise funds for the National Cancer Foundation.

Details are as follows:

Saturday 8th October 9:00am – 11:30am  
at the Dallas Brooks Centre.

Tickets are a donation of \$30pp which includes a delicious light breakfast, door prizes, auctions and a fun morning guaranteed. The breakfast is open to both ladies and gentlemen. Bookings are essential. If you could organise tables of 10 in the name of your Lodge / Group this would be greatly appreciated, however, we are more than happy to accept smaller groups or individual bookings.  
RSVP: 05/10/11.

Donation of Items

If you have anything that you'd like to donate as prizes for this wonderful event, such as crafts, products, vouchers, etc. please contact Donna on 03 9411 0103 or [delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au)

The Ladies of the Grand Team look forward to you joining them. Don't forget to don yourself in PINK as prizes are awarded for the best PINK outfit!

Bookings: Donna De La Rue  
E: [delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au)  
P: (03) 9411 0103





## One Lodge - 19 candidates!

In the last five years, since the Duke of Sussex Lodge No. 48 teetered on the edge of losing its Charter, the Lodge has in the last couple of months experienced a remarkable recovery.

This incredible resurgence was due to the efforts of two senior members of the Lodge, WBro. Duke Trench-Thiedeman and WBro. George Zindilis who were guided and ably assisted by other senior members of the Lodge.

A series of social events were planned and members were invited to attend together with family and friends to enjoy a purely social occasion. Every member supported these evenings which were held at restaurants throughout the metropolitan area.

The spirit and camaraderie which the Duke of Sussex has become renowned for in their South, attracted many younger professionals to interact with the Lodge members. Candidates began to register and the membership application forms started to flow in.

Currently the Lodge has over 19 Candidates waiting initiation. The Grand Lodge Exemplification Team carried out a quadruple Initiation Ceremony for the first four candidates on Monday 26 September 2011 and the Lodge will follow up with further quadruple Initiation Ceremonies over the next several months. Watch for a detailed report in the next issue of Engage.

The next target for Duke of Sussex is to achieve excellence in its ritual and ceremonial. The current enthusiastic Lodge officers have set their Masonic sights and are now working to achieve even greater heights.

## Third generation joins Freemasonry

The Worshipful Master of the Natimuk Lodge WBro. John McRoberts, recently travelled to Tasmania for a very special initiation. WBro. John was himself initiated in the Esk Lodge in Launceston, Tasmania in 1979. He returned to Launceston when his son-in-law Reg Frost was initiated in 2000. His return to Tasmania in July this year was to be present at the initiation of his 19 year old grandsons. WBro. John expressed his hope that his family's involvement with Freemasonry will span many generations.

### Time for daylight?

The Essendon Daylight Lodge meets at the Essendon Masonic Centre on the first Monday of each even numbered Month at 10am. The members, ladies, and friends of the Essendon Daylight Lodge meet at the Pascoe Vale RSL in Cumberland Road for a luncheon on the fourth Monday of each month for a time of fellowship.

It is a great opportunity for chit-chat and getting to know each other. The Lodge also holds other social events throughout the year. The next meeting is to be held on 3rd October at 9am will be an installation meeting. The Lodge is a very happy Lodge and are committed to keep the Lodge going and members interested. Contact George (03) 9337 8320 or [thurso460@optusnet.com.au](mailto:thurso460@optusnet.com.au)

### Give Uncle Bob a hand

The Uncle Bobs Club is again calling for volunteers to assist with the sale of AFL Grand Final posters on Saturday the 1st of October at the MCG or at the winning club's family day on Sunday the 2nd of October.

Freemasonry Victoria's involvement with and support of the Uncle Bob Club has spanned many years and our members have over the years made a significant contribution to this worthy cause. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who would like to be active in helping to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal.

Volunteers must be able to travel to and from the MCG under their own "steam" and stand for about 2 hours selling poster to the huge crowds outside the ground. The Uncle Bobs Club provides all the necessary equipment. To get involved please contact Peter Harris at [pgharris.116@gmail.com](mailto:pgharris.116@gmail.com)

