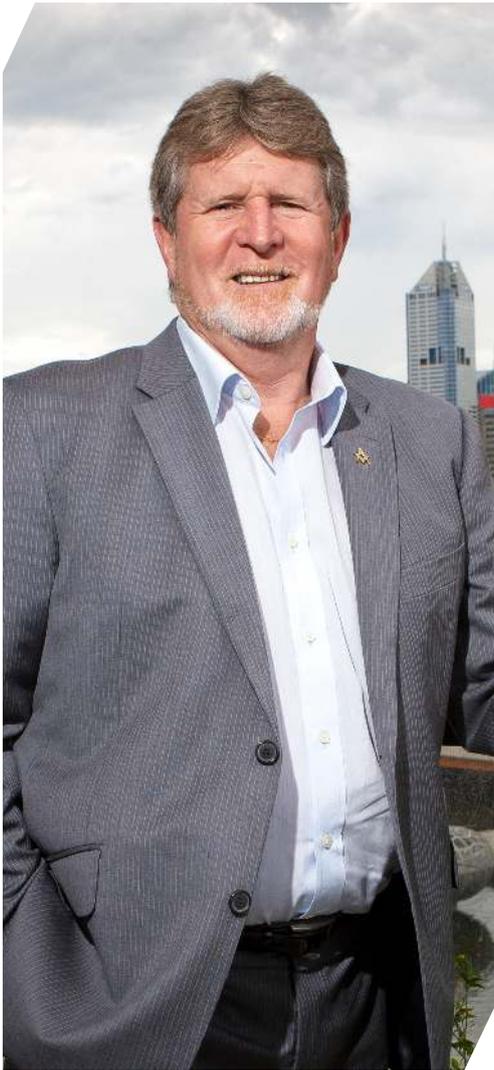


engage!



A word from the Grand Master

Welcome to *engage!* Since the last edition, there have been some very impressive activities that have taken place at the Lodge level – this is great to see. I've been particularly impressed with those Brethren who took my advice and asked the Secretariat for assistance with their publicity efforts. Whether your Lodge is having an Open Day or Open Investiture, the media attention generated is noticeable and has far more impact when carried out in a professional manner. The Open Investiture held at the Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence last Saturday is a perfect example of a Lodge utilising resources and getting a fabulous result.

Not only was the afternoon a complete success, with over 180 people in attendance including 25-30 potential new candidates who read about the event in the local rag, but the media attention generated was unprecedented in the Geelong area. It was a thrill to see both the *Geelong Advertiser* and the *Geelong Independent* cover the occasion and feature WBro. Mick Alexander in favourable articles.

I had the pleasure of recently attending the Firemen's Night where I spoke about the connection between the invaluable community service that the Fire Department provide and how this is similar to the service Freemasonry provides. It was also privilege to wear a 9/11 jacket which was lent to me by a close friend. Jim and the Boys put in a superb musical effort and at the end of the night and the band donated their fee to the Pink Breakfast. It was a great night all round.

I hope you were able to tune into the 3WBC radio interview Kerry and I did. I had a great time; Kerry, on the other hand, is still recovering but I think she did a great job!

Until next time; let's keep Racing Toward The Future

Firemen's Night

The Mordialloc Lodge of Charity recently hosted the 60th Anniversary of the Firemen's Night at the South Eastern Masonic Centre.

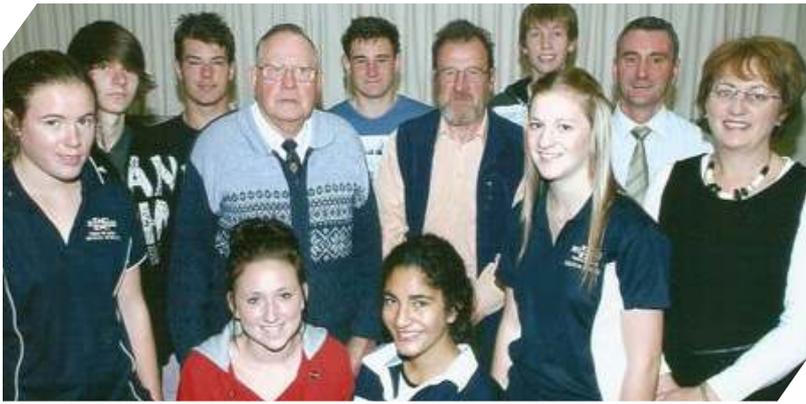
There were 95 Brethren from all over Victoria in attendance. The Grand Master addressed Brethren in the Lodge room on the role that

Emergency Services personnel and the Task Force play in the community through their assistance during the dramatic floods in Regional Victoria and the Black Saturday fires.

RWBro. Col Langley who has hosted the night for the past 20 years was presented with a plaque commemorating 60 years of the Firemen's Night.



Deputy Grand Inspector of Workings RWBro. Denis Henry dressed for the occasion.



WBro. Rex Nankervis with Benalla College students taking part in the trek and teacher John Brownstein.

On the right trail

Members of the Marangan Lodge have donated \$1500 towards Benalla College's Kokoda Trail expedition in July. This will be the fourth year the Benalla College students will follow the trail, with eight students flying to Port Moresby to follow in the footsteps of the Anzacs.

Marangan's members contributed \$500 towards the initiative last year and decided to increase their support after being impressed by the students' recanting of the experience.

Secretary Rex Nankervis said that the students came and spoke to Lodge members about the trip and they "were very impressed with their maturity and how they presented themselves."

Teacher in charge John Brownstein said the eight students were handling the training well. While physically and mentally demanding, Mr Brownstein said the experience was more than simply hiking. "They're getting a mixture of history and culture of another country, a Third World country where communications are limited," he said.



WBro. Damien Hudson presents the cheque at Abbotsford Primary School's assembly.

Back to school

Lodge Devotion, together with Lodge Evolution, recently donated \$2,000 to Abbotsford Primary School. This donation will fund a mural project undertaken by students.

Representatives from Lodge Evolution attended the school to hand over the cheques at an assembly in front of staff, students and parents. WBro. Damien Hudson addressed the school, increasing their understanding of Freemasonry in the community.

Order the 2012 Grand Installation DVD

We are accepting orders for the **2012 Grand Installation DVD** of Grand Master Bob Jones.

The three-hour DVD and Blu Ray includes highlights of the Installation Week, including speeches from the Banquet, Thanksgiving Service and Farewell Luncheon. Secure your copy today for delivery in early July.

Download the order form from www.freemasonsvic.net.au or contact Donna De Le Rue on 94110111.

For a preview of the DVD visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXOVSBrlN8k>

Second hand suits

Near-new, good quality suits are now available from Posh Opp Shoppe. They have a wide range of high quality men's dinner suits, lounge suits and outfits at low prices and in many sizes to meet your tastes and needs.

The shop is volunteer-run with proceeds going to the integration of children with disabilities into traditional schooling.

For more information call: 9572 2248

The POSH OPP SHOPPE is located at 1226 Glenhuntly Road (cnr Grange Road), Glenhuntly.

The Sir Robert Menzies Annual Address

Lodge Amalthea will be holding its annual Sir Robert Menzies address at the Athenaeum Club, 87 Collins Street, Melbourne on Saturday evening the 21st of July.

The address will be given by Julian Burnside, AO QC.

This is a non-masonic event open to wives, partners and guests.

For more information or to obtain a booking form contact Sam Lewin at slew2205@bigpond.net.au



Back L to R: Jubilee Lodge members – WBro. Ron McTaggart, WBro. Sid Sprague, WBro. Bob West.
Front: RWBro. Jack Wall.

Jack and Jewel

At Revival Lodge's April meeting RWBro. John Thomas Wall PJGW was presented with a well deserved 70 Year Jewel in front of his daughter and close friends.

Jack (as he is known) was initiated on the 24th April 1942 at the Jubilee Lodge. Many members from the Jubilee Lodge attended this presentation. In 1955 Jack became the Foundation Director of Ceremonies of the Reservoir Lodge and today is the only surviving Foundation member of that Lodge.

Over the years Jack has been a quiet achiever, shunning the spotlight, but his deeds have lifted spirits and inspired others. Today "Young-at-Heart" Jack still attends the Bundoora Extended Care Centre and helps in the Busy Fingers Shop as a volunteer. He also visits the Old Man's Shed where he talks to patients. Jack's dedication and input to Freemasonry is nothing short of admirable.



WBro. Les Marshall presenting Cancer Council representatives Norma Hollingworth and Val Mooring with a cheque

A spot of tea?

Border Lodge presented a cheque for \$400 at the 10th Annual 'Biggest Morning Tea' held at Koondrook Hall. The event managed to raise an incredible \$4,193.30 for Cancer Council Australia. This was made possible thanks to cash donations, raffles, a goods auction, a modest entry fee and a lot of hard work by the hosts and a willing band of volunteers.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is one of Australia's best-loved fundraising events, and plays a vital role in raising money for Cancer Council's work in research, prevention and support.

Antiques and Collectables Valuations

An 'Antiques and Collectables Valuations' evening will be held at the **Bairnsdale Freemasons Lodge** in Francis Street (near rear of Spotlight) on June 23, from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Registrations can be made at the Lodge hall from 4pm onwards.

A small fee per item will be charged with a limit of two items per person. A small entry fee (supper included) will enable people who wish to attend but not have anything valued, to simply enjoy the evening.

No large items such as furniture can be admitted, however estimations can be given from photos.

There is a limit on the number of items to be valued – first in, best dressed. Bruce Arnup is the owner of Sale's Redcoat Soldiers Antiquities and he has kindly agreed to volunteer his time for the evening.

This is a fundraising evening to assist with the maintenance of the heritage-listed Freemasons building.

Further details are available by phoning Judy on 5156 7396.

CBD Luncheon

Freemasons and their guests are cordially invited to the next CBD luncheon on Tuesday 19th June 2012 (12:00pm - 2:00pm) at Morgans @ 401, 401 Collins Street, Melbourne. The luncheon will feature special guest speaker Larry Sengstock, former CEO of Basketball Australia, speaking about the Olympic Games and the future of basketball in Australia.

Tickets are \$55 and include a two course lunch and beverages.

Places are filling fast.

To book, contact Donna De La Rue on 9411 0103 or delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au



L to R: WBro. David Hall, VWBro. Hugh Hendry, WBro. David Kent and WBro. Bruce Procter with the cheque.

In living memory

At a recent Open Night at the Powlett Lodge, visitors were able to witness the presentation of a cheque for \$1000, which was raised by the Victorian Masonic Motorcycle Association, and presented to Bryn's School.

Bryn's School was founded in 2003 by the daughter of Victorian Freemason VWBro. Hugh Hendry, Janine Hendry, and Mark Gabbott in memory of their son Bryn, who at just 16 years of age made the tragic decision to end his own life.

Following the successful completion of their first school in Tien Tien, Vietnam they have built five schools in developing countries and hope to continue their work. Bryn's School is entirely voluntarily managed and administered by the Hendry family. They maintain contact and provide continued support for all the schools they have established.



Irymple ambulance station paramedic Dennis Homfray and Heartbeat Sunraysia president Lyn Black with the new heart monitor equipment.

Donation from the heart

Sunraysia Daylight Masonic Lodge recently donated \$1,000 to Heartbeat Sunraysia to enable the purchase of a 'capnograph' which assists paramedics to monitor the breathing of an unconscious patient.

Heartbeat Sunraysia plays an important part in providing equipment and support to assist Sunraysia residents who have suffered from heart attacks or other heart conditions.

The donation of the capnograph will help save lives and time by allowing paramedics to send important patient information to the hospital ahead of the ambulance's arrival.

Open Lodge happenings

Saturday 23 June, 3pm
St Johns Lodge Open Installation

Ballarat Masonic Centre
616 Barkly Street, Ballarat East

After the ceremony all are invited to attend a banquet where there will be a sit down two-course buffet with beer, wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee for \$25.00 p.p.

Please RSVP by Wednesday June 20 as places are limited.

Please contact: **Neville Telfer on 0428 175 406**

Saturday 7 July, 4:30pm
Sandringham Re-enactment of the Ceremony of Consecration

Sandringham Masonic Centre
23 Abbott Street, Sandringham

A two course meal, coffee and dessert will also be held at the centre after the ceremony at a cost of \$22 p.p.

Please contact: **Peter Budd on 0408 322 208**

Want your event to appear in engage?
Email event details to: media@freemasonsvic.net.au

Earn and Learn tokens

WBro. Andrew Entwistle is collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn tokens for Quambatook Primary School, which is located in a small town in the middle of Mallee and only has nine students.

This makes it very difficult to raise sufficient tokens for the Earn and Learn program.

If you are able to assist this Primary School by donating your tokens, please mail them to:

**Woolworths Promotion,
Quambatook Group School,
C/- Quambatook Post Office,
VIC 3540**