

engage!



A word from the Grand Master

Welcome to *engage!*

This edition of *engage!* marks the first quarter of my year, done and dusted – 61 Masonic events, 38 meetings and 10 days at work – with lots more exciting events and meetings to come! Thanks to the Brethren for their loyalty, supportive words and encouragement.

The recent Olympic-themed CBD Luncheon with guest speaker, Larry Sengstock, was a great success. A big thank you to all those Brethren who not only showed their support by attending but also to those who invited a non-Freemason guest along to the lunch. An informal event such as this is a great way to showcase Freemasonry and to show prospective Freemasons that we're just a bunch of normal guys. The next CBD Luncheon will be held on 11th September with guest speaker, Mr Paul Little, ex-CEO of the Toll Transport Group, now of Little Properties. Paul will be speaking about a number of subjects, including business today as he sees it. He is also a Director of the Essendon Football Club, so football will inevitably feature somewhere in his speech. Please read the flyer attached to this newsletter and get your registration in soon - I wouldn't want you to miss out!

The recent passing of RWBro. Ian Ewing and WBro. Peter Kelly is a sad loss for Freemasonry and I know I speak on behalf of all Brethren when I say our thoughts are with the families of these two fine men and they will both be sadly missed.

By now Brethren you would have received a letter about our future accommodation and membership needs throughout Victoria including the future of the Dallas Brooks Centre. The DBC in its current state does not ideally contribute to the strategic, membership and commercial objectives of Freemasons Victoria.

With this in mind, Freemasons Victoria is considering a number of options for the future of the DBC, including a tender process with two major property developers, which will include our continuing presence on the site. Further information on the accommodation review and the future of the DBC will be made available as it is confirmed. In the meantime, it is important to note that all Masonic meetings and bookings at the DBC are expected to continue as normal for approximately three years.

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

The Future of the Dallas Brooks Centre

As well as including a letter announcing the future of the Dallas Brooks Centre in the last issue of *Freemasonry Victoria*, we've also shot a short video, which has been uploaded on our website, with the

Grand Master talking about this issue. Please visit the Freemasons Victoria webpage www.freemasonsvic.net.au or youtube. Take the time to watch the video, and should you have any questions, please get in contact with the Grand Secretary in writing or phone **9411 0103**.



The Dallas Brooks Centre



Back L to R: Treasurer VWBro. Graeme Snape, Janine Bowering (mother), Appeal co-ordinator Bro. Ross Tunbridge, Worshipful Master Bill Dye, Secretary WBro. Ross Dawson. Front: Cameron Bowering

On the Road Again

Warragul Masonic Lodge recently presented a Drouin teenager and his family with a cheque for \$28,000. The funds are from a community appeal to assist the family in purchasing a modified vehicle.

The vehicle will mean greater opportunities and more independence for Cameron, who is wheelchair-bound due to cerebral palsy and quadriplegia. Unable to use a manual wheelchair, Cameron relies on being pushed by a carer. His rapid growth also made it increasingly difficult for his parents to lift him in and out of the family car.

The donation was possible thanks to the Warragul Lodge, other Lodges throughout the West Gippsland region, assistance from the Board of Benevolence and the local community after a public appeal was publicised in the *Warragul Gazette* last year.

The vehicle will also benefit Cameron's older brother Ben who has cerebral palsy and spastic diplegia. Parents Bruce and Janine, have both given up full-time work to care for their two boys. Having spent savings in remodelling their home, the couple raised \$15,000 for the vehicle via chocolate drives, open gardens, and trade tables prior to the appeal.



MCCV club members meet with at the Sale Greyhound Racing Club to celebrate their 400th rally.

400 and Counting

The Masonic Caravan Club of Victoria recently celebrated their 400th club rally. The members took part in the Victorian Caravan's Club Rally in Sale along with nine other Victorian caravan clubs.

The rally involved activities such as a craft competition which attracted more than 100 entries across six categories and coach tours to Robotic Dairy, Tara Bulga National Park and Sale and district. There was also a disc bowls competition, badminton and croquet, followed by a rally dinner at Sale Greyhound Club.

This rally was number 347 for Masonic Caravan Club members Bro. Harold Maguire and his wife Betty. They have since attended their 350th rally.

Order the 2012 Grand Installation DVD

The 2012 Grand Installation DVD of Grand Master Bob Jones can now be purchased from the Grand Lodge reception.

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.

Contact reception on **9411 0111** to order a copy.

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 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



Judy Provan holds up an antique item while Bruce Arnup carries out the valuation.

The Antiques Roadshow

Bairnsdale's Freemasons recently held an antique and collectable valuation evening to raise funds to cover maintenance costs of their heritage listed building.

Antique dealer and ABC presenter, Bruce Arnup carried out the valuations. A total of 56 items were put forward to be valued by Bruce in the Lodge rooms. He did an excellent job, giving each item plenty of attention. The evening proved a success, with many asking when the next event would take place.

Visitors who had always been interested in seeing the inside of the Lodge building were taken on guided tours.



Bro. Simon Morris (left), and Sam Just (right) reunite after the incident.

A Heroic Deed Saves a Life

Freemasons Victoria is proud of the heroic efforts demonstrated by Bro. Simon Morris.

Bro. Simon, who is a member of the United Service Lodge, came to the aid of a vision-impaired man who fell on to the tracks at Dandenong train station.

The 68-year-old father said he owed his life to Bro. Simon and the three or four strangers who jumped on to the tracks to save him.

Jumping down onto the tracks despite trains entering the station in both directions, Bro. Simon was modest about his actions, saying he did what many other people would have done in the same situation.

Although a Freemason for only 15 months, Bro. Simon's actions are an excellent display of Masonic principles being carried out in the community.



■ Dress Shirt SALE!

We're offering a great deal on our Michel Rouen high quality dress shirts.

They were \$75 each, now \$50 each.

Many sizes are available but make sure that you get in quick - they are only on sale until stock runs out.

Get in touch with reception to place an order by phoning **9411 0111**.

To view our full range of our Masonic clothing and merchandise, please visit the e-store which can be accessed by logging onto the Member's Area on our website -

www.freemasonsvic.net.au

■ CBD Luncheon

Freemasons and their guests are cordially invited to the next CBD luncheon on Tuesday 11th September 2012 (12:00pm - 2:00pm) at Morgans @ 401, 401 Collins Street, Melbourne.

The luncheon will feature special guest speaker Paul Little, Chairman and Founder of Little Property and Director of Little Projects. Paul will be speaking about his career highs and lows, the real estate development market in Melbourne, and his role as Director of Essendon Football Club.

Show your true colours and wear your team's football jumper!

Tickets are \$55 for members and \$50 for non-members and include a two course lunch and beverages.

Contact Donna De La Rue on **9411 0103** or delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au



RWBro. Bon Jackson and a Mount Waverley Secondary College staff member at assembly.

The Breakfast Club

Mount Waverley Secondary College was very pleased to have members of the Lodge of Good Companions Mount Waverley attend their Year 7 assembly recently.

Throughout the year, the Lodge of Good Companions Social Committee has worked hard to raise funds to support worthwhile charities and programs in the local community.

In recognition of the needs of the students at the school, the Lodge has very generously donated \$2,000 to sponsor the Mount Waverley Secondary College Breakfast Club Program. The Breakfast Club currently runs every Thursday, and thanks to the donation received, the Breakfast Club has been extended to Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Timboon Masonic Lodge Past Masters WBro. Ken Perrett (left) and WBro. Kevin Grant (right) handed over a cheque to Timboon Abbeyfield chairman Peter Pope. Photo credit: Western District Newspapers

Trash and Treasure

Members of the Timboon Masonic Lodge have presented a cheque for \$8,000 to the Timboon Abbeyfield project.

Abbeyfield Australia is a national not-for-profit community housing provider that provide affordable accommodation for assisted independent living for adults with mild intellectual disabilities, 'low care' aged care accommodation and assisted independent living for those aged 55+.

Lodge members appealed to district residents to donate their scrap metal in attempt to raise money for a project close to their hearts. Their efforts will be ongoing and the Lodge members hope to be able to present another cheque in the coming months.

Those interested in supporting the appeal can visit www.abbeyfieldtimboon.com.au for more information or donations can be sent to: Timboon Abbeyfield Action Group, PO Box 22, Timboon, 3268.

Open Lodge happenings

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 \$22.00 p.p.

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

Saturday 7 July, 6:00pm
Melbourne St Clair Reunion Open Installation

Masonic Centre of Victoria
300 Albert Street, East Melbourne

After the ceremony all are invited to attend an all inclusive dinner and drinks for \$60.00 p.p.

Please RSVP by Wednesday July 4 as places are limited.

Please contact: **Barry Miller on**
0417 150 429

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

New parking prices

The Epworth Freemasons Hospital has increased the discount car parking price at the Victoria Parade car park.

The discounted parking price is now **\$5.00** for those who obtain the discount ticket from the Masonic Centre reception or duty officer.

To preserve the discount available to Freemasons, a discount ticket was introduced which, when used in conjunction with the normal parking ticket obtained from the ticket dispenser at the entry boom gate, will reduce the normal cost of parking to the agreed discount rate which has now increased to **\$5.00**.



Bro. Trent Collins at the finish line.

My Ironman Experience

Jonadab Lodge's newest initiate, Bro. Trent Collins, has just become an Ironman after having spent a gruelling 11 hours in a triathlon competition in May. The following is Trent's personal account of the experience:

On Sunday 6th May, in sunny Port Macquarie, the day had finally arrived: I was all set to compete in my first Ironman Triathlon: 3.8km swim, 180km ride and 42.2 km run.

13 months prior, I had just completed my first half ironman competition and the desire to conquer the full distance was now a priority.

Preparation for the event consisted of a pretty intense 20 week program whereby I was training twice a day, six days a week; all up about 16-20 hours a week at the peak of my training. My training, combined with running a small business and playing husband/father to my wife and two kids was a juggling effort – what spare time?

On race morning, the adrenaline was flowing, particularly as the Australian national anthem was played while I, along with 1500 other competitors, were waiting in the water for the gun to sound. It was a chaotic start: 1,500 people fighting for position in the water is something I will always remember.

The swim went to plan and I finished the leg in an hour and 11 minutes. Next was the bike. This leg consisted of two laps around a 90km course. Conditions were fairly favourable and I finished the bike in five hours 42 minutes. Finally the run – this was the most enjoyable aspect of the race. Having my wife, two children, both parents and parents-in-law present was very special. Being able to high-five my kids as I ran past and seeing the excitement in their faces is something I will always cherish.

11 hours and 2 minutes after a chaotic start with arms and legs flying through the water, I had finished, I had become an Ironman! The day seemed to go so quickly: 13 months of preparation was all gone in just one day! The Ironman experience is something that I am very proud of. The preparation, the bike crashes, the fractured pelvis, the constant muscle aches and general fatigue made the actual race day an enjoyable experience. And I can't wait for the next one.

Library and museum opening hours

The Masonic Centre Library and Museum have new opening hours:
 Monday - Friday 8.30am – 2.30pm
 Wednesday also open 3.00 – 7.00pm
 Guided tours of the Masonic Centre take place every Monday and Wednesday at 10.00am.
 Group tours of the centre are also available, phone **9411 0119**.

Freemasonry Victoria Autumn magazine

The Autumn edition of *Freemasonry Victoria* should have arrived in your mail box.

Highlights include a look into what is happening at Lodge's overseas, a feature on the link between Freemasons and the armed forces and a special thanks and farewell to Past Grand Master Vaughan Werner.

Please ensure Grand Lodge has your correct address by logging onto the member portal on the Freemasons Victoria website or calling the office during business hours on **9411 0111**.

The magazine can also be viewed on the Freemasons Victoria website **www.freemasonsvic.net.au**

Freemasons Victoria is always keen to hear from our members and encourages all members to send their letters, stories and events to **editor@freemasonsvic.net.au**

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Freemasons in the CBD

Quarterly Luncheon

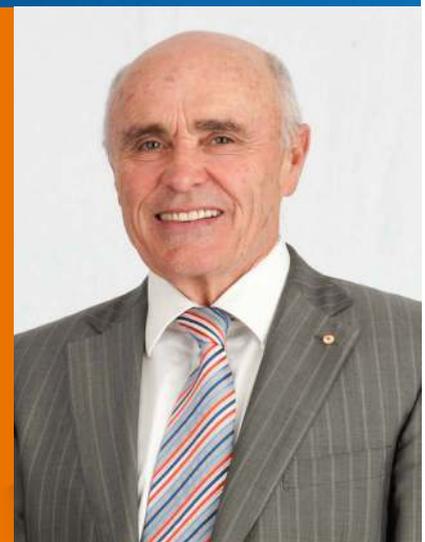
MWBro. Bob Jones Grand Master & RWBro. Hillel Benedykt Deputy Grand Master invite you and your guest to the quarterly 'Freemasons in the CBD' luncheon for Freemasons who work or live in the CBD.

Special Guest Speaker:

Paul Little, Chairman and Founder of Little Property and Director of Little Projects, will be speaking about his career highs and lows, the real estate development market in Melbourne, and his role as Director of Essendon Football Club.

The Little Property group delivers innovative high quality residential and commercial property solutions. Little Projects currently has approximately 1,800 apartments being developed around Melbourne. Previously Paul was the Managing Director of Toll Holdings from 1986, where he was largely responsible for arranging the management buyout, until 2011. The Toll Group is now the Asian region's pre-eminent provider of integrated logistics services and Paul remains the largest shareholder in the Group.

In 2010, Paul was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to the development of the transport and logistics industries and for service to the community through philanthropic support of sporting and medical research organisations.



Show your true colours and wear your team's football jumper!

When: Tuesday 11th September 2012

Where: Ground Floor Function Room
Morgans at 401
401 Collins Street, Melbourne

Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Tickets: \$55.00 for Freemasons and \$50.00 for non-Freemason guests (includes two-course lunch and beverages)

This event is open to all Freemasons and non-Freemason guests.

Bookings essential
RSVP by 5th September to Donna De La Rue:
delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au or (03) 9411 0103