

# *engage!*



## A word from the Grand Master

Welcome to *engage!*

This edition comes to a very busy community of Freemasons. Congratulations to every Lodge and District who has taken the 'Race towards the Future' challenge and developed ideas for promoting our Craft in the community. We have more Open Days, Open Installations and Business Luncheons on the agenda than one person can keep track of.

One event that you should take note of is the date for our special October fundraising event, during Breast Cancer Awareness month. Last year's Pink Breakfast was very well received and this year we're looking forward to bringing you an expanded program, with a much greater opportunity for each District to get involved. For now, mark Friday 19 October 2012 into your calendar.

Finally, we welcome a new addition to our Membership Services Team. Jennifer Piper is the new lady in the mix, keeping an eye on publicity and communications and ably positioned to help you make the most of your fundraising and special events. You can contact her via [jpiper@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:jpiper@freemasonsvic.net.au) or **9411 0101**.

Until next time, let's keep racing towards the future.

## Strength in Unity

Mt Waverley, Syndal and Dignity Lodges have joined forces to form Monash Lodge No. 938.

Over 120 members were joined by Grand Master Bob Jones, Deputy Grand Master Hillel Benedykt and members of the Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team, who carried out the Consecration Ceremony.

"We are excited about the future of Freemasonry in the City of Monash and proud of the work of past and present members who have supported the community since the Waverley Masonic Centre opened in 1979," Worshipful Master Gordon Trotter said.

The Lodge will meet at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of every month at the Waverley Masonic Centre.



Worshipful Master of Monash Lodge Gordon Trotter and the invested Lodge officers

## Can you bear knitting?



Trauma Teddy bears knitted by Ann Kitney

The Freemasons Victoria Task Force are looking for volunteers to knit Trauma Teddy Bears. The teddy bears will be donated to the CFA and St. Johns Ambulance to provide comfort to young children in times of distress. Task Force volunteer Graeme Kitney's wife Ann has already completed 20 bears and, with the help of her niece and ladies at the Friends of St Peters Anglican Church in Brighton Beach, there are now 50 bears taking over their home! Can anyone beat this number? We're putting out the challenge to the Victorian Masonic community.

The Task Force has supported this initiative in the past and managed to collect over 500 bears. They would like to collect even more this year.

Donations of wool and stuffing are also needed along with contacts who can assist in sourcing materials.

The Freemasons Victoria website has an easy-to-follow knitting pattern.

If you can assist, please contact the Freemasons Victoria Task Force by emailing [taskforce@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:taskforce@freemasonsvic.net.au)

## The grass is greener



WBro. Wayne Barry (left) and Bro. Kevin Ryan (right) present a lawn mower to Yering Primary School principal Deanna Cole.

Yarra Glen Lodge recently donated a lawn mower to Yering Primary School, a small school north of Lilydale, between Coldstream and Yarra Glen, that consists of only 19 families.

The students pay a minimal maintenance levy and it was costing the school \$150 every time the yard needed to be mowed.

School principal, Mrs Deanna Cole, contacted the Yarra Glen Lodge after hearing that the Lodge assisted the Anglicare 'Boys will be Men' Program that children from the school were involved in.

### Order the 2012 Grand Installation DVD

The 2012 Grand Installation DVD of Grand Master Bob Jones can now be purchased from 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 by calling reception on **9411 0111**.

For a preview of the DVD visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXOVSBrlN8k](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.

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.

### Two-for-one tickets

Ballarat's renowned Royal South Street Eisteddfod is offering Freemasons Victoria members and their guests two-for-one ticketing to any event held throughout the competition.

Freemasons Victoria is in its third year of sponsoring the Eisteddfod's *Festival of Bands*.

Please email [media@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:media@freemasonsvic.net.au) to request the two-for-one voucher.

To view the full competition program, please visit:

[www.royalsouthstreet.com.au/timetable](http://www.royalsouthstreet.com.au/timetable)

## Conhuna's on fire



Cohuna Fire Brigade Captain Bruce Embleton (left) receives a cheque from Cohuna Lodge Worshipful Master Clinton Smith (right).

The members of the Cohuna Lodge recently invited the Cohuna Fire Brigade Captain and volunteers into their Lodge room to hand over a cheque to the Cohuna Fire Brigade Appeal for a fire station extension.

Worshipful Master Clinton Smith presented Cohuna Fire Brigade Captain Bruce Embleton with a \$5,000 cheque to assist the appeal.

The Cohuna Freemasons applied for the funds through the Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation.

Mr Embleton said the need for the fire station extension comes from the extended role of the Cohuna Fire Brigade within the community. In addition to fire emergencies, the brigade is now involved in road accident rescue, requiring a larger vehicle for rescue equipment.

"We have a very small amount of space where firefighters are getting changed and vehicles are moving out," he said. Mr Embleton said the \$5,000 donation, in addition to two other recent significant donations, will allow the first stages of the project to start.

## Hello, History



L to R (rear): WBro. Noel Taylor, WBro. David Ellwood. L to R (front): WBro. Richard Penna, VWBro. Stan Edelstein, VWBro. Murray Treseder, RWBro. Murray Luxford, WBro. Ron Alderding, WBro. Brendon Tuena.

Tresco Daylight Lodge recently celebrated their 1000th meeting. The meeting also marked 91 years since their original consecration as a Lodge.

Junior Grand Warden Murray Luxford attended the meeting on behalf of the Grand Master.

During the meeting Worshipful Master of the Lodge VWBro. Murray Treseder gave an informative address on the history of the Tresco Lodge.

### Fundraising Film Night

The Masonic penguins are once again entering a team in their local Relay for Life 2013.

They are holding a Fundraising Film Night on 24 August 2012.

**Where:** Tatty Theatre, Seymour

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Cost:** \$5 p.p

Seating is limited. Please contact Allan and Clare Sewell on **5792 4156** before Monday 20 August 2012.

### Dinner Dance Party

Lodge Noble invites all members and guests to join them for a night of entertainment.

The Dinner Dance Party will feature entertainment provided by 'The Kingpins'.

**When:** Saturday 15 September 2012

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Where:** South Eastern Masonic Centre

270 Hutton Rd, Keysborough

**Cost:** \$25 p.p.

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event by contacting David Balder on **0410 663 441** or emailing [dbalder@ozemail.com.au](mailto:dbalder@ozemail.com.au)

### Eastern CBD Business Luncheon

Bro. John Millar invites you and your guest to the Eastern CBD Business Luncheon, for businessmen who work in and around the Eastern Suburbs. The luncheon will feature guest speaker MWBro. Bob Jones.

**When:** Wednesday 10 October 2012

**Time:** 12:00pm - 2:00pm

**Where:** Nelson 382

382 Burwood Highway,  
Wantirna South

**Cost:** \$50 p.p.

Bookings are essential. Please contact Donna De La Rue on

**9411 0103** or email [delarue@](mailto:delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au)

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## Barry White's Alright



VWBro. Barry White receives his fifty year jewel from MWBro. Vaughan Werner

A fifty year jewel and certificate was recently presented to VWBro. Barry White, PGIWkgs, a member of the Marnoo Lodge.

MWBro. Vaughan Werner, Past Grand Master travelled from Melbourne to make the presentation at the Stawell Masonic Centre.

Barry was initiated into the Rupanyup Lodge in 1962. He has been very active not only in Freemasonry, but also with the Country Fire Authority for 48 years, Victorian Young Farmers, Landcare, Horsham Regional Art Gallery, a political party for 48 years, co-ordinator for the Wimmera Machinery Field Days sites and former Secretary of the Mallee Federal Electorate Conference.

## All in Order



WBro. Derrick Humphrey, PJGD OAM in the Lodge room

Member of the Cosmopolitan Lodge WBro. Derrick Humphrey has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal.

The day that the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was announced in 1952, Derrick was on duty at St James' Palace in the band of the Scots Guards.

Sixty years on, with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee being celebrated, Derrick has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to music and to the community of Ocean Grove in Victoria.

Derrick's musical background began in England in 1941 as part of the East Surrey Regiment band. His noteworthy performances have included the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games, FA Cup final at Wembley and Queen Mary's funeral.

### Expressions of interest

Expressions of interest are now being sought for a fellowship Lodge that has its meeting and south at a traditional members club in the Melbourne CBD.

Meeting six times a year, with guest speakers and guest musicians, themed South's and an annual cocktail party.

Please contact Ben Quick on **0402 55 6789** or email [bwquick@gmail.com](mailto:bwquick@gmail.com)

### Emergency Service's Night

The Guiding Star Lodge extends an invitation to all interested Brethren to attend the Emergency Service's Night.

**When:** Wednesday 3 October 2012

**Where:** Ballarat Masonic Centre  
616 Barkly Street, Ballarat

**Time:** 7:30pm

Emergency Service Brethren are asked to wear their uniform.

For catering purposes register with WBro. Ron Fleming on **5341 3225** or email [rj\\_ljfleming@bigpond.com](mailto:rj_ljfleming@bigpond.com)

### My Fair Lady Ball 2013

Lodge Amicus and Seavic Lodge proudly present the My Fair Lady Ball.

**When:** Saturday 23 February 2013

**Where:** Plaza Ballroom Regent Theatre

191 Collins Street, Melbourne

**Cost:** \$175 p.p

**Dress:** Black Tie

**RSVP:** Chris Lambis **0413 150 205** or Chrys Kypreos **0412 333 122**

All Proceeds will go to SVI St Vincent's Institute Medical Research, for research into Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes and Make-A-Wish Australia, granting wishes to children with life threatening medical conditions.

Vist [www.freemasonsvic.net.au/NewsArticle/News/tabid/267/Default.aspx?newsID=225](http://www.freemasonsvic.net.au/NewsArticle/News/tabid/267/Default.aspx?newsID=225) for booking forms and sponsorship information.

## Shrine On



Bro. Solly Farberman, WBro. Terry Webster and Bro. Nicholas Clifton volunteering at the Pierre Robin Charity Variety Gala

In July, The Melbourne Shrine Club raised over \$1,500 for Pierre Robin Australia, a charity that helps children with Pierre Robin Syndrome, a form of cleft lip and palate disease.

Members volunteered at the Pierre Robin Charity Variety Gala working as ushers, curtain pullers and assisted in the canteen. The gala was great fun for the children and their families who enjoyed the entertainment put on by talented performers from the local community.

WBro. Terry Webster organised a raffle to raise funds for Pierre Robin Australia and The Melbourne Shrine Club members managed to sell over 700 tickets to their families, friends and fellow Freemasons.

## Family Jewels



RWBro. Harry John (left) accepts a 60 year jewel from his son WBro. Greg John (right)

RWBro. Harry John, a member of the Dimboola Masonic Lodge recently received recognition for 60 years of service when he was awarded a 60 year jewel. The jewel was presented to Harry by his son Greg who is a member of Hearts of Oak Lodge.

Harry has been Worshipful Master of Dimboola four times and an Organist and Grand Herald in several orders.

"It was an honour for my son Greg to make the presentation on behalf of the Lodge," Harry said. "Freemasonry has always been an important part of my life".

### Library and museum opening hours

Freemasons Victoria's Library and Museum has new opening hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30am – 2:30pm  
and Wednesday from 3:00pm – 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**.

### Open Lodge happenings

**3:45pm Saturday 25 August, 2012  
Cobram Lodge Open Installation**

*Cobram Italian Social Club  
Cobram Koonoomoo Road, Cobram*

A banquet including drinks and light entertainment will be provided after the ceremony at a cost of \$33.00 p.p.

Please contact **Ian Cuss** on  
**0408 388 316**.

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### Freemasonry Victoria magazine

We're planning the next issue of *Freemasonry Victoria*. Do you have an interesting collection you'd like to see featured or have you recently read a book with a Masonic twist? Please email [media@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:media@freemasonsvic.net.au)

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