

## A word from the Grand Master

The success of our Paint Your Town Pink campaign continues beyond The Big Pink Party, with cheques continuing to arrive at the Grand Secretariat. We're already in excess of \$35,000.

I would like to congratulate all of the Lodges and Districts for their tremendous fundraising efforts. Without each and every one of you, this wouldn't have been the success it was.

The Big Pink Party was a also great success, with more pink suits than one person should see in a lifetime. Log in to Facebook to have a look at the photos and make sure you tag anyone you recognise.

As you dust the pink feathers off, it's time to get ready for our November Men's Health Initiative: Movember.

Funds raised are used for programs run by the Movember Foundation and their men's health partners. In Australia, it's The Prostate Cancer Foundation, *beyondblue*.

This year, Freemasons from across Australia and the world are coming together to support these two important men's health issues. We made a huge effort with our Women's Health Month activities. Let's do it again for Men's Health Month.

It's just another way to keep Freemasonry racing toward the future.



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## Towards the Future

Freemasons Victoria is producing a publication called *Towards the Future* featuring case studies of exemplary Lodge programs or strategies. The book will serve as a state-wide guide of useful tips and lessons in how to operate a successful Lodge.

Send your submission describing the 'success' and how it was achieved (with images) to Lena Way, Manager Membership Services via [way@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:way@freemasonsvic.net.au)

*Towards The Future* will help Lodges learn from each other's successes and hopefully form a recipe book on how to run a thriving Lodge.



## Siblings Interchange

Interchange Outer East's Sibling Program, for children who have a brother or sister with a disability, continues to grow. Our support began in 2008, alongside Monash Gully District 114 and we have invested \$60,000 in the four years since we began our support.



So far, we have supported 81 siblings to attend camps to day activities through Interchange Outer East, from 5 years old right through to teenagers. The programs offer Siblings from each age group a sense of community, through knowing that there are other children with siblings like theirs, and assists them to communicate their thoughts and feelings.

## Lodge Pages

Congratulations to Seavic Lodge, Cosmopolitan Lodge, The Army Lodge, The King David Lodge, Lodge Evolution, The Mordialloc Lodge of Charity, Melbourne High School Lodge and a bundle more, who all have an updated Lodge Page on our website. These pages will become even more important after our website review, for letting potential members know where you are and what your Lodge is all about.

To get your Lodge Page activated or updated, email Jessica McKinnon at [jmckinnon@freemasonsVIC.net.au](mailto:jmckinnon@freemasonsVIC.net.au)

## Hearts Beating for Eric

After many years of service, Heartbeat Galen Lodge No. 515 has honoured Secretary RWBro. Eric DeBoos PJGW on his retirement. A number of Secretaries from Maroondah District 115 attended the tribute to Eric, and to the important role that Secretaries play in the management of every Lodge.

Peter Atkin, Worshipful Master of Heartbeat Galen Lodge, said, "It is to Eric's credit that the Lodge exists today. Eric has also been very active in the recruitment of members to the Lodge, exemplified by the fact that the new Secretary of the Lodge was one of those recruit. Without Eric, it would be very doubtful that Heartbeat Galen would be here today."

Due to Eric's health, he was unable to attend the meeting of tribute, so the Lodge visited him at home to present his plaque and certificate of appreciation.



RWBro. Max Beaumont, VWBro. Doug Spoor, RtWBro. Eric DeBoos, WBro. Peter Atkin, WBro. Doug Pinson, WBro. Frank Ahern

## Social Media

Did you know that our Facebook page is our largest non-Masonic source of traffic to the Freemasons Victoria website? By liking the page and sharing Facebook events with your friends, you can make a real impact on the number of people who hear about Freemasonry.

Our website reaches about five thousand people a month, with Facebook finding its way to about four thousand. The more you like and share our Facebook posts, the more your networks will get to know about Freemasonry.

## Submission for Print

If you have a jewel presentation, special visitor, Open Installation or other special event in your Lodge, please remember to send us a photo (no grips in the picture, please!) and the details of your special happening.

Email your submission to [media@freemasonsVIC.net.au](mailto:media@freemasonsVIC.net.au)

## Guess What?

Can you guess the Lodge from the pictures below?



Answer: Point Nepean

# Movember

Following the success of our Women's Health *Paint Your Town Pink* campaign in October, we're making November all about Men's Health when we join with Freemasons across Australia and the globe to get hairy and raise funds for prostate cancer and male mental health initiatives.

Get involved by signing up to be a MoBro. FreeMOson or supporting a MoBro. in your Lodge. There's instructions on how to sign up, and how to donate, at the back of this issue of *engage!* and you can find help and advice from the media team at the Grand Secretariat.

## The Friday MoBro. Show

Each Friday, we'll post a progress update for each MoBro. in the Grand Secretariat. You can share your photo and fundraising tally by posting on our Facebook wall at [facebook.com/freemasonsvic](https://facebook.com/freemasonsvic)

## De-Mo a Bro.

If you already have a hearty moustache, you can ask people to sponsor your de-moustaching. Make sure you still sign up on Movember, so that we can all watch and enjoy your progress.

## Freemasons Australia

Each Grand Lodge in Australia has joined the 'Freemasons Australia' network. By joining the Freemasons Victoria team, your total will automatically be added to our national tally and you can help ensure that Freemasons Victoria comes out at the top of the MoBro. ladder for 2012.

## Freemasons Global Network

Freemasons across the globe are coming together, as brothers, to make a difference. Joining the Freemasons Victoria team will also mean you are part of the Freemasons Global Network.

## The Grand Secretariat FreeMOsons

Bob Young, Ben Quick and Jim Puohotaua



And for support, assistance or advice, contact Jennifer Piper [jpiper@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:jpiper@freemasonsvic.net.au)



## Team Champion

MWBro. The Earl Stradbroke KCMG CB CVO CBE ADC, former Governor of Victoria and Past Grand Master certainly knew how to grow and groom a moustache.

(His real name was George Edward John Mowbury Ruse.)

## Combined Lodges Christmas Party

In the last edition of *engage!* we printed an invitation to a Combined Lodges Christmas Party. Unfortunately, we had our wires crossed, as this event is organised by a few Lodges, for themselves and their families.

If you think it's a good idea, why not get in touch with the other Lodges in your area and come together with your families to celebrate!

## Getting Arty with Kinglake

The inaugural Kinglake Ranges Rotary Art Show recently had a boost to its budget, with the Board of Benevolence sponsoring their Best in Show prize.

The show opens on Friday 16 November at Kinglake West Mechanics Institute Hall, 1055 Whittlesea-Kinglake Road, Kinglake West. (\$15 pp, \$10 con). The award will be presented on Sunday 18 November.

This is not the first time we have supported Kinglake community. They benefitted from our support after the devastating bushfires in 2009.

All Freemasons, family and friends are invited to attend the opening of the art show. Book tickets via Jenny Beales on 0408 120 481 or Michelle Bolmat on 0439 493 898.

## Get Festive

East Melbourne Jolimont Community Fiesta is on Sunday 25 November and we're sponsoring ARIA Award winners, The Killjoys.

We'll be setting up the mobile Lodge at the festival, to talk to festival-goers about Freemasonry. East Melbourne Group expects around 4,000 to come down to Powlett Reserve between 10am and 4pm to enjoy the fiesta. Why not come along as well?



## Make it a Good Friday

Next Easter, we will once again run our Good Friday Appeal, collecting donations at 7/11 stores around Victoria. The Grand Master has set a challenge for all Districts to try to secure as many stores as is humanly possible.

Talk to your District Coordinator about which 7/11 stores you would like to register to collect at. Let's see if we can have a Freemason shaking a tin at every 7/11 in the state.

## Where's the Grand Master?

Here's a look at what the Grand Master has been up to in recent weeks:

Thursday 18 October  
Melton Lodge  
Installation

Friday 19 October  
Think Pink Cocktail Party  
Coppin Hall, Royal  
Freemasons

Saturday 20 October  
Baden Powell Lodge  
Open Installation

Monday 22 October  
Think Pink Foundation  
High Tea  
(donated \$4,500 towards the  
\$10K goal for the day)

Monday 22 October  
Royal Freemasons  
Ladies Auxilliary 60th  
Anniversary

Tuesday 23 October  
Middle Park Lodge  
Initiation of Mr Felix Pintado,  
CEO of Royal Freemasons

Wednesday 24 October  
Talbot Daylight Lodge  
Installation

Thursday 25 October  
2013 Grand Lodge Team  
Metropolitan Interviews

Friday 26 October  
Grand Lodge Officers Dinner  
Ballarat

All this and 22 meetings at  
Grand Lodge!

## Driving the Cause

### Epworth Freemasons

Epworth Freemasons need your help! Many cancer patients rely on volunteer drivers in order to get to their radiation appointments. You can help by volunteering five or six hours of your time, on a weekday, to transport these patients to their radiation treatment.

You can volunteer on a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly roster and lunch is provided.

All you need is a willingness to help and a few hours, and you can make a real difference to cancer patients and the Radiation Oncology team.

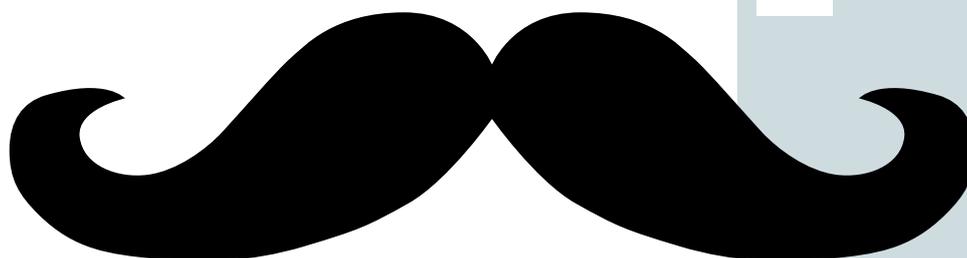
Volunteers are needed at Epworth Freemasons and Epworth Richmond. Phone Frances Yucedag for more information and to offer your time on 9426 6217.

### Kew Gardens Aged Care

Kew Gardens Aged Care is looking for volunteer bus drivers. They already have volunteers from Admiral Collingwood Lodge, but would like to increase the number of outings available to their 100 residents. Group outings are for 12 residents and one staff member in a specially modified bus.

All expenses on trips are covered by Kew Gardens – all you need to provide is a heavy vehicle license and bus permit. Please contact Vicki Fraser, Lifestyle Team Leader via [vfraser@kewgardens.com.au](mailto:vfraser@kewgardens.com.au) or 0408 404 093

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Become our Facebook friend via <a href="http://www.facebook.com/freemasonsvic">www.facebook.com/freemasonsvic</a> so that you can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>stay up-to-date with what is happening in the Grand Secretariat</li> <li>read about what the Grand Master's been up to</li> </ul>	
Log in to the member database and check that your contact details are up-to-date	
Make sure your Lodge details have been sent to <a href="mailto:jmckinnon@freemasonsvic.net.au">jmckinnon@freemasonsvic.net.au</a> so that we can update your Lodge Page	
Sign up to become a MoBro. and join the global network of FreeMOsons raising money for men's health	



## Got a Collection?

Freemasons Victoria Magazine is searching for Masons with collectable curiosities to feature in upcoming editions.

Collections don't need to have a Masonic element – the more strange, obscure, interesting and quirky the better!

Get in touch with us via [editor@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:editor@freemasonsvic.net.au)

## Rode RAGE Khmer

The team at Road RAGE are heading to Cambodia and Thailand in January 2013 to lend a hand, and much-needed funds, to Cambodian Children Trust (CCT) and Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand.

Then, in November, they'll host a team from CCT as they travel to Australia to compete in the RACV Energy Breakthrough.

Road RAGE are well known for building and racing their energy efficient road vehicles and, in 2008, benefitted from Guiding Star Lodge's support for their ride from Darwin to Melbourne. Their vehicles still carry the square and compasses.

## Stay informed!



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