

## Engage Issue 5

### Freemasons Victoria Heart of *PINK!*



Continuing our long legacy of community giving, Freemasons Victoria's Board of Benevolence has pledged \$75,000 a year for the next three years for a full-time Breast Care Nurse (BCN) at Melbourne's new state-of-the-art The Think Pink Foundation Living Centre at 390 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

The Living Centre offers a range of holistic support services free of charge to women and men diagnosed with breast cancer, their families and carers. Our generosity will directly assist in improving the quality of life of breast cancer patients during their journey by providing a much needed full-time Breast Care Nurse for supportive care via information, education and informal counselling outside the hospital environment.

The Living Centre was officially opened on 9 September by The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Victorian Minister for Health, and has long been a vision of Irene Hendel, Chair of The Think Pink Foundation and breast cancer survivor.

Freemasons Victoria's Grand Master, Vaughan Werner, proudly announced Freemasons three year funding commitment at The Living Centre's opening and explained how Freemasons living in both city and regional areas of Victoria whole heartedly support the funding of the Think Pink Foundation Living Centre's Breast Care Nurse.

Freemasons Victoria Grand Master will officially present a cheque to Irene Hendel at the Living Centre in early October and officially launch our new community partnership with; the Think Pink Foundation, Kmart, Mirvac and Sleepmaster (Onkaparinga).

For more information [www.thinkpink.org.au](http://www.thinkpink.org.au)

## Approved Installation Teams

Following the announcement of the new Installation system (to take effect from 1 November 2010), all Installations throughout the state will be conducted by 'Approved Teams'. The Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team has 18 Installations to conduct; including two "Open Investitures at Admiral Collingwood Lodge in the Ivalda Masonic Centre and The Lodge of Evolution meeting at the Masonic Centre, East Melbourne.

Additionally, on Saturday 6 November, a 'Street March' will be followed by a re-enactment Consecration of Rupertswood Lodge in Numurkah.

Currently there are 10 Approved Installation Teams, and the remaining 9 Installations for November have been allocated to these teams. A further 5 applications for approval are being processed. A list of Approved Teams and Team Secretary will be published shortly.

Please note: If an Approval Team is unavailable, a 'Special Occasion' Installation Team can be arranged. For more information, please email Geoff Lambe [lambe@freemasonsvic.net](mailto:lambe@freemasonsvic.net)

## Accreditation is catching on...



The following Lodges have been fully accredited and were presented Certificates of Competency by The Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication on 15 September 2010:

The Brighton District Lodge No. 37, Malvern Lodge No. 121, Diamond Valley Lodge No. 252 and Henty Lodge No.279

The following Lodges were also issued with Certificate of Accreditation (Provisional):

Mooroopna Lodge No. 131, Marnoo Lodge No. 360, Yarra Valley Donna Buang Lodge No. 860 and Brae Dale Lodge No. 936

## ***Singing the praises of Freemasons 'New Initiates'***



Brooksy and Cal (aka 'The Music Men') are set to take new initiates on a zany musical journey with a must-see hilarious performance at the 'New Initiates Cocktail Function' at the Dallas Brooks Centre in October.

As seen on "Hey Hey It's Saturday" and both Channel 9 Footy Show's and Melbourne's Comedy Festival (to name a few), Brooksy & Cal have teamed up to perform an exclusive song about Freemasons Victoria. "What The?"

Hosted by MWBro. Vaughan Werner, Grand Master and Comedian David Brooks as Master of Ceremonies, 'New Initiates', partners and their guests are set to enjoy an entertaining evening to celebrate their initiation and meet other Freemasons.

If you were initiated after June 2008, "we invite you down to Grand Lodge way..."

When: Friday 29 October 2010

Where: View Rooms

Dallas Brooks Centre

300 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Time: 7:30pm for 8:00pm start

Tickets: \$25.00

Bookings essential. Contact Donna De La Rue at the Grand Secretary's Office.

[delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au) or (03) 9411 0103

## A First for Past Masters

At the September Quarterly Communication, WBro. Merv Dyer PJGD became the first Past Master recipient in the history of Freemasons Victoria to receive the prestigious Grand Masters Order of Service.

Merv's outstanding history of dedication to Freemason Victoria's community programs includes P.A.N.C.H, Working Tools for East Timor, Mens Health Project , a member of Task Force since 1996 and invited as a executive committee member in 2004, instigated Victorian Service Clubs working committee, Grand Lodge of India Teddy Bear Co-ordinator, Licola Project, Medical Aid for East Timor, Variety Club Kids Xmas Party, Uncle Bob's Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal, Ring-Pulls, 2009 Black Saturday and is currently the Victorian State Co-ordinator of the GIRTH program.



## Member Profile

...WBro. Hugh Donald Bunnett, Member of Blue Dandenongs Lodge No.859



**On the eve of WBro. Hughie Bunnett's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, Engage! Newsletter caught up with Hughie at Blue Dandenong Lodge No. 859 to learn about his decorative life as a much loved family man, respected community member and his thoughts on modern Freemasonry...**

**Is it true, that at sixteen years of age, you told your father you didn't know what you wanted to be when you grew up, so he arranged a trade apprenticeship for you?**

Yes that's true. I was raised in the heart of Williamstown and my father organised an apprenticeship for me at Richardson Gears in Footscray. I did milling and gear cutting. I loved that job. I learnt how to be precise.

**When you finished your apprenticeship, did your career take off?**

No. I finished my apprenticeship during the depression and was suddenly out of work for eighteen months. I secured another position at Maribyrnong Ammunition Works manufacturing nose cones for artillery rounds. I was also a Naval Cadet and a Midshipman at 19 and was commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant at 21 which kept me busy when I was looking for work.

**How did you meet your wife Inez?**

Inez was a Williamstown girl. We married and first lived in Yarraville and started a family. Our daughter Beverley was born in 1937 and our son Keith in 1939. In 1944, Beverley was quite ill and we were advised to move in a 'healthier' climate. We left the city and moved to the Dandenongs.

**How did this move change your life?**

We loved the move and 'country lifestyle'. Beverley's health improved and I tried my hand at many local jobs including delivering bread, road works and an orchard hand before returning to my trade at Dunlop Aviation in Bayswater.

**What inspired you to become a Freemason?**

I was an active member of the community through hall dances, lawn bowls and cricket. Freemasons was something I wanted to be part of. I was Master of Boronia Lodge in 1969 and became a member of the Blue Dandenong Daylight Lodge in 1979. I still regularly attend the Lodge. My son Keith kindly drives me.

**What do you think Freemasonry means to the modern man?**

They read Dan Brown and become captivated by the mystery and intrigue surrounding Freemasonry which he implies in his books. But they will never really understand the true meaning of Freemasonry until they join (receive the handshake), accept our principle that all men are equal, being in a Lodge room with men from different ethnic backgrounds, religious persuasions, and political leanings and start to connect.

**What advice can you offer to young Freemasons?**

That's easy, it's like everything in life - you get out of it what you put into it. So the more you put in, the greater the benefit it is to you. In Freemasonry we insist that family must always be the first priority, employment the next and Freemasonry is next sharing equal billing with other interests such as playing sport.

**Over the years, how did you introduce Freemasonry to young people to join?**

There were so many joining who enjoyed it so much that they only needed my guidance and mentoring. I thought that the important need was to pass on my experience and see that they understood Freemasonry.

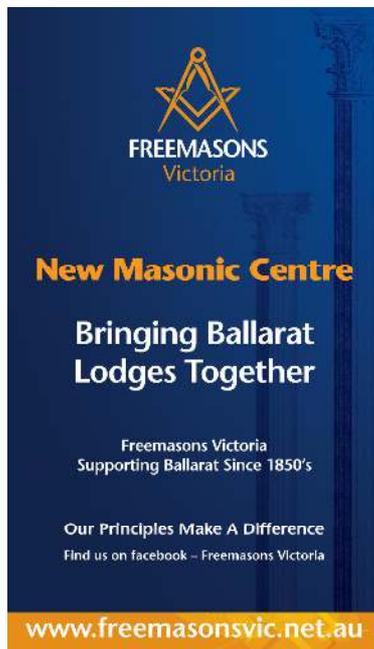
**What changes in Freemasonry stand out to you?**

These days, people seem to be in a hurry to get to where they want to go. The young men joining today are very bright, keen and focused, but do not have a lot of 'spare time'. My advice would be to pace yourself because it does take time to really understand Freemasonry and the symbolism in our ceremonies. It is good to see the constitution has been changed so that the minimum time between the date of the First Degree and the date of the third degree is now twelve months.

**If you bumped into the Grand Master on the street, what you say to him?**

Hello Vaughan, thanks for the letter you sent me for my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## New Signage for Ballarat Masonic Centre



The new Masonic Centre in Barkley Street in Ballarat will be the first property to showcase Freemasons Victoria's vibrant and modernised 'street' signage that has been designed with consistent branding and key messages in mind. Should you require assistance on designing external signage for Lodges, banners, vehicles or sponsorship posters, please our publicity department - [richardson@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:richardson@freemasonsvic.net.au)

### **Get Connected with Basic IT Training Course**

Grand Lodge Education Committee has been running a series of Basic IT Training Courses designed specifically for Brethren with limited IT or PC skills.

Courses are usually held on the third Monday of each month however the next course will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

This will be the last course for 2010 and courses third Monday 21 February 2011.

#### **The course comprises four modules:**

- Module 1 - Getting Connected - Understanding computers
- Module 2 Using Microsoft Word
- Module 3 Using Microsoft Excel
- Module 4 Using Microsoft PowerPoint

Registration for IT training courses is essential. Email to [education-admin@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:education-admin@freemasonsvic.net.au) or by calling 9411 0120.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits are served at the conclusion of each session.

### **Media and Publicity**

Currently Freemasons Victoria's media and public communication messages are being finalised and will be published in the Summer Issue of Freemasonry Victoria. In the meantime, should you require any assistance or media guidance in preparing media releases or dealing with the media, please email Grand Superintendent of Communication VWBro. Wes Turbull PGDC [westurnbull@yahoo.com.au](mailto:westurnbull@yahoo.com.au) or Freemasons Victoria Publicity & Communications Co-ordinator Mark Richardson [richardson@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:richardson@freemasonsvic.net.au)

### **Celebrating a Century**

In 2011 the Victorian Lodge of Research No. 218 is turning 100. To celebrate this milestone, there will be a series of bright and informative lectures touching on a large number of important Masonic topics.

Commencing with the Installation of WBro. the VRev Fred Shade, PJGD, as Master in February and will finish with a banquet at the Kelvin Club on his last Night in October. Lectures will be conducted in between and promises to be a bumper year.

Further information please contact VWBro. Alan Jennings, Secretary on 9459 9610 or email [ajjay@alphalink.com.au](mailto:ajjay@alphalink.com.au)

**Secretaries please note**

Freemasons Victoria offers a Jubilee Certificate in recognition of Brethren who joined the Craft 50 years ago, but who have not completed 50 years continuous service. There may be members in your Lodge who qualify for this award.

Please contact Jillian McAnally at the Grand Secretariat for an application form on 9411 0111.