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A word from the Grand Master

The last two weeks certainly have been busy, with ten installations and a number of presentations.

On Friday 4 October I visited Warragul Lodge No. 677 to present the 2013-16 Strategic Plan, which was received favourably, followed by Wednesday 16 October with Grand Chapter. Comments and feedback received so far has been very positive and I am really pleased with how the roll-out of the Plan has progressed so far.

On Saturday 5 October I attended the installation of Eddie Keene in Cresick Havilah Lodge No. 26, and on Monday the installation of Don Story in Kyneton Lodge No. 192. I was also very pleased to be at the installation of WBro. Zoran Apolostolovski in Brighton District Lodge No. 37 on Tuesday 8 October, and the installation of WBro. Raymond Bruerton on 10 October in Werribee Enterprise Lodge 187. With so many installations, it makes me proud of the continual achievements of members.

I attended the official opening of the Eventide Homes - Warne House wing in Stawall on Sunday 6 October and was honoured to be a part of this event. The wing 'Warne House' was named after Roger Warne, who has served for 28 years on the Board of Governance. Please see the story in this newsletter for more information on this great day.

On Sunday 13 October I attended a very special Hearts of Oak Church Service, followed by two more installations in Lodge of the Great Ocean Road No. 886 and Trentham Lodge No. 130.

With two more very busy weeks ahead in the lead up to the Big Pink Cocktail Party on 25 October, I hope you are all thinking of great new ways to fundraise for this important cause, in the month of Breast Cancer Awareness. Don't forget to contact the Freemasons Victoria corporate office to order your Field of Remembrance emblem which on between 6 and 13 November, will be planted in honour of those who bravely served our country.

Bob Jones

MEN'S HEALTH in NOVEMBER

HEARING HEALTH, why does it matter this NOVEMBER ?

Many of us value regular eye tests, but when it comes to our hearing, many of us are not as concerned to keep a check on it, or perhaps we're not sure how to get our hearing independently tested.

However, there is increasing evidence that maintaining good hearing is a vital part of remaining healthy as we enter our middle and later years. Hearing is our main sense for connecting with people within our families and with our friends and community. So optimising our hearing keep us active and engaged with the wider world as well as enhancing domestic harmony. Helping yourself helps others.

This November Freemasons Victoria is offering members a free hearing check, through a partnership with *Hearservice*. Hearservice is an independent audiology and rehabilitation service, a division of Vicdeaf which is a Not-for-Profit organisation which supports Deaf and Hard of Hearing Victorians.

"If you or someone else is concerned about your hearing, or you suspect your hearing is not what it used to be, the best starting point is to have a hearing check", says Matthew Grounds, Manager and Principal Audiologist at Hearservice.

"A simple hearing screening is a quick and easy way to get a baseline on your own hearing levels. It also gives you the opportunity to talk through your options and ask any questions you might have about your hearing, and how to keep it working at its best."

Hearservice operates from clinics in East Melbourne Oakleigh and Box Hill, as well as at sites in Lilydale and Geelong. Hearservice can also provide talks on hearing health, and hearing screening sessions at your Lodge, so wherever you are in Victoria, consider this as a way to contribute to the health of members and their families.

To register your interest for a free hearing check in November call WBro. Bruce Cowie at Freemasons Victoria on (03) 9411 0111, but the end of October.



Clown doctors bring many smiles

The Brunswick United Lodge (No 924) continues to assist those in the community who need it urgently. To date this year, the lodge has donated some \$20,000, \$14,000 of which was raised from investments and sausage sizzles (thank you Bunnings Coburg!) and \$6,000 from the Freemasons Victoria Charity Foundation. Forms of relief have varied from a defibrillator for a local junior football club to the next phase of the kindergarten playground project for Uniting Care Broadmeadows, first aid kits for the Berry Street Foundation, and provisions for assorted "Blaze Aid" reinforcements.

One notable recipient was the Humour Foundation, whose "Clown Doctors" bring many smiles (and a few rubber chickens) to patients at Royal Melbourne Children's Hospital. Pictured below, stifling a chuckle after presenting a commemorative plaque and a cheque for \$4,000 to "Doctors" Fantastic and Noodles, is VWBro. Bob Found. Go ahead, Bob, squeeze their noses!



Think Pink Update

Half way through Breast Care Awareness Month, the continual support, fundraising efforts and donations of auction items has been really pleasing. Thank you to all of the lodges who have already conted Freemasons Victoria to report of funds gathered.

Please continue to visit the Think Pink with Freemasons Victoria FaceBook page and the Freemasons Victoria website for updates on progress and news and information in the lead up to the Big Pink Cocktail Party on Friday 25 October.

Top 10 Australian Philanthropic Gifts

A competition is currently being held to identify the top ten philanthropic gifts ever made in Australia. The public are asked to vote on a selection of gifts that have already been identified as within the top fifty.

Included in the list is a gift of six thousand pounds to help establish Epworth in 1920. The donation from Sir Aaron Danks enabled the purchase of the original property 'Yalcowinna' in Erin Street, Richmond. Starting as a 25-bed hospital in 1920, Epworth has expanded to 1300 beds across eight hospitals in and around Melbourne caring for over 200,000 patients each year. Epworth Healthcare includes the Freemasons Hospital in East Melbourne.

The Top 50 Philanthropic Gifts is a project organised by the Myer Family Company, Myer Foundation, Sidney Myer Fund, Pro Bono Australia, Philanthropy Australia and the Asia-Pacific Centre for Social Investment and Philanthropy to showcase Australia's most significant philanthropic achievements.

To vote for Sir Aaron Danks' gift to establish Epworth as one of the top ten philanthropic gifts ever made in Australia simply follow this link <http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/top-50-philanthropic-gifts/node/201> then 'Add to Shortlist'.

You need only vote for one notable gift. The competition closes on 28 October 2013.



FREEMASONS VICTORIA Pink Ribbon Pin

Since 2010 the ladies of each Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team have coordinated events to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness.

The concept, which started with a pink breakfast, has captured the imagination of all Freemasons, and has significantly boosted fundraising efforts.

Your purchase of this pin helps continue this important work.

LIMITED EDITION



CALL FOR AUCTION ITEMS:

Over the past few years we have had a great deal of fun and fabulous prizes for Auctions and Raffles at our past Think Pink Breakfasts and Big Pink Party over the past four years.

If you would like to donate goods or services to our Auctions and Raffles for our upcoming Big Pink Party for 25 October, please contact Donna De La Rue at delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au

Any donations are greatly appreciated and you will receive recognition for your donation.



Think Pink with Freemasons Victoria
<https://www.facebook.com/freemasonsvic>

53rd Emergency Services Meeting at Ballarat

A memorial shield was unveiled at the 53rd Emergency Services Lodge meeting at the Ballarat Masonic Centre by three generations of the Marshall family, in recognition of the late RWBro. Stan Marshall PJGW. RWBro. Stan was recognised for arranging these meetings and encouraging attendances at other service nights across the State for over 25 years.

Thirty two Emergency Services members supported WBro. Doherty, Worshipful Master of St John's Lodge No. 36 (SES), in the ceremony to Pass Bro. Glen Brundell of Guiding Star Lodge No. 922.

Emergency Services Lodge meetings commenced in 1960 when WBro. Max Reeves (a CFA Station Officer at Ballarat City Fire Station), was Master of Sebastopol Lodge.

Traditionally the candidate for the Second Degree is a member of an emergency service agency. Members travel great distances to attend and enjoy the fellowship of many who they only see at this meeting.

Emergency Services meetings hosted by Guiding Star Lodge continue under the organisation of WBro. Ron Fleming PJGD, Sturt-Buninyong Lodge No. 23.



Pictured:

Station Officer Paul Marshall and WBro. Graeme Brown, Master of Guiding Star with Jodie Marshall and Mrs Kath Marshall holding a replica of the shield.

The shield will record the Emergency Services Worshipful Master and the candidate for each meeting.

Women In Healthcare Lunch

The annual Women in Healthcare Lunch was held last week at Zinc, waterside at Federation Square.

This was the sixth in a series of events organised by the Epworth Medical Foundation with this year's topic being health challenges facing modern women today.

Sponsored by Advantage Salary Packaging, three hundred guests attended the lunch to hear from guest speakers intensivist A/Prof Nerina Harley, respiratory physician Dr Michelle Caldecott and radiation oncologist Dr Bronwyn King.

Subjects included sleep apnoea an increasing disorder among women, advanced radiation therapy treatments for breast and gynaecological cancer and the role women play in the intensive care unit as doctors, patients, nurses, carers and support staff.

President of the Board of Management, Janet Latchford hosted the event together with the Seven Network's Lynda Kinkade acting as MC.

Thanks to all who attended, the event raised **\$30,000** for Epworth Eastern Cancer Service.



Women In Healthcare speakers A/Prof Nerina Harley, Dr Bronwyn King and Dr Michelle Caldecott together with MC Lynda Kinkade.

Waverley Masonic Centre

On the 4th Monday, 25 November at the Waverley Masonic Centre the Grand Lodge Exemplification Team will be performing an Exemplification of the entire First Degree. This exemplification is open to all Members of Freemasonry (NO REGULAR MEETING) on the night.

There will be a light supper following the evening's work. Starting time 7-30pm sharp.

For catering purpose RSVP by the 18 November to Lionel May by calling (03) 9727 1441 or email lionel.may@optusnet.com.au

Prospect Hill Mark Lodge goes cabaret style

Worshipful Master Jim Craney and his wife Lucia invite you and your friends to an evening of fun and friendship at our *Cabaret Style Ladies in the South*.

Where: Camberwell Masonic Centre

When: Thursday 21 November 2013 at 7:30pm

(Following a brief Lodge meeting commencing at 7:00pm)

Cost: \$25.00 per person all inclusive

Please reply for catering purposes by Monday 11 November to:

Jim: 9726 4718 jackeenjim@gmail.com

Sid: 9802 0122 ssmidt@optusnet.com.au

Field of Remembrance

Between 6 and 13 November, the lawn outside the Dallas Brooks Centre will be transformed into a field of white crosses, each one in remembrance of a serviceman or woman who served the nation.

Freemasons, Lodges, member's families and friends, and RSL members are invited to donate and be recognised in the Field of Remembrance.

Contact Freemasons Victoria on (03) 9411 0111 to make your donation today!

FREEMASONS VICTORIA
FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE
In honour of those who served the nation

To donate and be recognised in the Field of Remembrance, visit
www.freemasonsvic.net.au
 or call **1800FREEMASON**

Funds raised from Freemasons Victoria's Field of Remembrance project will be donated to the RSL Welfare Fund and the Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation

34th Annual Masonic Charity Golf Day



The Royal Freemasons Homes invites you to register to participate in the 34th Annual Masonic Charity Golf Day.

When: Monday 11 November 2013 from 11am for assembly and 12:30pm to tee off (18 Holes Stableford)

Where: Kingswood Golf Club Centre Dandenong Road, Dingley 3172

Prizes:

- Teams and singles
- Nearest the Pin

Players:

\$85 per person inc. Green Fees and dinner

Non players:

\$40 per person dinner only
 Teams: Four person - singles allocated to a team
 Raffle tickets: \$5 each, raffle announced at dinner.

Neat golf attire must be worn at all times on the golf course.

Please visit:

www.kingswoodgc.com.au

For further information and a player registration form call Graeme Wallace on 0418 248 983 or email

graeme@netvigator.net.au

Or Ken Wilson on 0418 357 732 or email

wilson.ken@optusnet.com.au

Licola Update

Licola Wilderness Village are building an ALL ACCESS unit specifically for the disabled but also for the aged of our communities to visit the high country and have somewhere comfortable to stay more suited to specific needs. As a charity Licola has hosted over 50,000 children of varying degrees of disadvantaged and disabled backgrounds over the past 40 years.

They are very close to winning a \$10,000 grant from the Bank of Melbourne for the Camp to complete the all access unit for people in wheelchairs/ special needs. They have been working on this project for three years now with very little money and this \$10,000 will nearly see them across the finish line. Here are 6 easy to follow steps to vote for Licola online.

This will be an amazing unit once completed - all Licola needs is some votes. If you could copy it to all of your FaceBooks and ask your friends to vote, this will help. You do need a FaceBook account to vote and it must be done on a PC not Iphone.

VOTING CLOSSES AFTER THIS WEEKEND - on 21 October so you'll need to be quick.

1. Click this link <http://bit.ly/13XY0vv>
2. "Like" the Bank of Melbourne giving money (click the "like" button)
3. Register your name (click the "register" button)
4. Click the "Recreation" tab (our category)
5. Click "Access for All - Licola"
6. VOTE



Need a new shirt?



Need a new business or dinner shirt? Freemasons Victoria members are being exclusively offered Hardy Amies London shirts in a range of different sizes for only \$60.50.

To see images of the shirts and more merchandise visit the e-Shop on the Freemasons Victoria website via your membership login.

Further information contact Bob Young on (03) 9411 0138 or bob@freemasonsvic.net.au

Family Life Sprinter a valuable resource

The Mercedes Sprinter donated to *Family Life* by Freemasons Victoria in 2013 is proving to be an incredible asset. It has already contributed an additional \$40,000 in revenue to the shops in the community. From an environmental perspective it has also helped recycle tonnes of goods, saving them from ending up in landfill. Best of all, it is giving the people in the PeopleWorx program the opportunity to build self-confidence and learn new skills. Judy Latta, Manager Family Life said that one boy in particular, who had always been very shy, just blossomed when he got a job as the 'van jockey'. More pleasingly, just recently he started driving the van (he has a full licence). He is so proud of his achievements.

Warne House Opening

MWBro. Bob Jones was honoured to be a part of the recent official opening of 'Warne House', at Eventide Homes in Stawell. Warne House, a luxurious \$3.4 million 20-bed special needs facility, is named after Roger Warne to honour the 28 years he has volunteered as a Board of Governance member.

After the official opening groups were taken on tours of the facility, including its unique sensory garden with raised vegetable beds water feature and tactile sculptures.

A new common lounge area named after former Eventide resident Win Schwartz was also officially opened.



Neil and Sheila Thornton are pictured at the opening of the new facilities at Eventide, with Bob Jones from Freemasons Victoria.

ACTION LIST

<p>Order your Remembrance Day White Cross Donate and be recognised in the Field of Remembrance Contact: Freemasons Victoria on (03) 9411 0111</p>	✓
<p>Organise your Think Pink fundraising event Contact Donna De La Rue at delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au to let us know about what you're planning. Check the website to see what other Lodges have in store.</p>	
<p>Check the Think Pink Freemasons Victoria FaceBook page, to get your \$10 Think Pink Pin NOW! Contact Donna De La Rue to place your order, email: delarue@freemasonsvic.net.au</p>	

What's happening in your Lodge?

If you're involved in an activity or event that you think deserves wider exposure, send a short story and a good quality photograph (at least 1MG) to Gabrielle Forman at editor@freemasonsvic.net.au

Got a collection?

Have you been collecting something or various types of 'somethings' for years, and now have such a huge collection you've had to build a house for all of your somethings?!

We'd love to hear from you! You and your collection of 'somethings' may feature in the next *Freemasonry Victoria Magazine!*

Deadlines for content for coming issues:

- Engage 60 - 29 October
- Engage 61 - 12 November
- Engage 62 - 26 November

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