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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



Grand Installation
presented by KPMG
today!



Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

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It is a great honour to be re-installed as your Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria today. Mya and I are very much looking forward to sharing this wonderful experience with you.

Grand Installation Masonic Portraits!

Take advantage of the great opportunity to secure your unique Masonic portrait at the Grand Installation this year! Select either a printed photo or a canvas for purchase from midday until 3pm at The Pier. This will be the only available time so please ensure you avail yourself appropriately. Looking forward to seeing these masterpieces! View a sample portrait **HERE**.

How to Connect to the Live Streaming Grand Installation and Quarterly Communication

Live from The Pier, Geelong. Live stream starts at 2:30pm Friday 10 March 2017.
Click **HERE** to view the live streaming.

Blue Lounge sponsorship of the Rebels Netball Team supported by Freemasons Foundation

How wonderful to see the Blue Lounge supported by the Freemasons Foundation sponsoring the Rebels women's netball team in our eastern suburbs, promoting health and well-being for young women and proudly displaying our square and compasses throughout the season! Well done Rebels! See **HERE** for further details.



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington President of the Board of General Purposes

My Brethren

Please join me in wishing our Grand Master every success in his second term.

Strategic Plan

To ensure your Feedback ideas are handled most appropriately the following will be occurring:

- Ideas that relate to the wording or the plan itself are currently being considered by the Strategic Planning Committee
- Many of the ideas at the practical level will be included in the business plans as each issue is addressed
- These ideas are being referred to the Executive Managers in FMV who are responsible for the Key Priority to which the ideas refer. Each Manager will consider them as they develop the business plans for their areas of responsibility for the next financial year
- There will be focussed discussions held with members around Feedback provided e.g. on fees, member attraction and retention.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Grand Secretary

Today marks the start of the new Masonic Year and as the incoming Grand Secretary, I am eagerly looking forward to working closely with all members to bring our Strategic Plan to life.

Constitution

I am sure that all Freemasons are keen to see this organisation prosper as we come to grips with the challenges of the 21st Century. To this end, I am particularly keen to ensure that the Book of Constitutions is understood and reflects the needs of our membership. If you have any thoughts or questions on matters that are either not clear or are causing the Lodge problems, please do not hesitate to contact me via **email**.

Board Selection Panel

The Board Selection Panel has requested the Grand Secretary to call for further nominations for two vacancies on the Board of General Purposes each for a 4 year term.

An opportunity to serve on the Board General Purposes, the governing body of Freemasonry, is an honour and privilege. I would urge that if you are interested in applying please contact me. Applications must be in my hands by 5pm on Friday 19 May 2017.

Please note the application form has been redesigned and must be used. Applications on the old forms cannot be accepted.

Education Program

An important on-going part of Freemasonry is education. In Ballarat on 1 April 2017 a recently installed Masters' seminar is to be conducted. For further information click **HERE**.





Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Anzac Day and Freemasons Victoria

Would you like to participate in wonderful Freemasons Victoria supported project with our member Sankar Nadeson that will culminate on Anzac Day at The Shrine of Remembrance? Please click [HERE](#) for details.

Car Number Plates

Stand proud and encourage others to recognise we are Freemasons. Unique FMV number plates covers are available (subject to minimum order). Available in either standard or slimline Victorian dimensions at approximately \$25. Please view [HERE](#). Submit your interest by 20 March via [email](#) or register your interest at the Grand Installation today!

Communications

Thank you for reading this far into this week's e-newsletter! As you know, many of our members are not on email and I ask that you extend our communications by connecting with these Brethren to share information. You can do this by:

- Creating a telephone tree to share information
- Including e-newsletter content in your Lodge summons and newsletter
- Encouraging your Worshipful Master to discuss the content of the weekly e-newsletter in the Lodge room
- Visiting your absent members to share information
- Printing the e-newsletter and distributing copies
- Assigning dedicated members to communicate with absent Brethren
- Enabling members who are not on email to connect by spending time to encourage, teach and mentor.

What other initiatives could Districts and Lodges adopt to ensure all members are engaged?
Please test and share your successful strategies to enable others to learn.

Media Highlights

Take a look at some of the great media exposure that Freemasons have received this week including the [Herald Sun](#) article by clicking on the Media Highlights links just below here.

Media Highlights

Freemasons Cycling Club

2 March 2017 [Golden Plains Miner](#) "Ride for headspace"

3 March 2017 [ABC Goulburn Murray Wodonga](#) - Interview with Malcolm Mann, Rider, Freemason Cycling Club, about their bike tour across Victoria

3 March 2017 [3BA FM Ballarat](#) - A group of cyclists riding from Wodonga to Ballarat has set to finish to finish their epic 430 km ride in Ballarat today

3 March 2017 **WIN News Bendigo** - The Freemasons Cycling Club members have ridden into Bendigo as part of a four day tour. The group is travelling across Vic all to raise funds for Headspace.

Rebels Netball Club

6 March 2017 **Media Release**

Young Freemasons Sponsor Outer Eastern Community Netball Club

Today's Man

6 March 2017 **Media Release**

Men Need a Third Place

7 March 2017 **Herald Sun** "Freemasons could become more open as member numbers dwindle"
The story was syndicated to Daily Telegraph Sydney; Brisbane Courier Mail and the Gold Coast Bulletin.

7 March 2017 **Herald Sun** "Freemason slump is no secret"

7 March 2017 **Radio 3AW** The Freemasons are heading to the pub and social media in an attempt to attract new members.

Geelong Grand Installation

9 March 2017 **Media Release**

Freemasons Ceremony Live on Internet from Geelong

The United Memorial and Merbein Lodge

4 March 2017 **Sunraysia Daily** "Donation helps pay for vital information"

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