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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



Australian Prostate Cancer Research

Australian Prostate Cancer Research supports men living with prostate cancer by providing best practice, research validated models of care and treatment, and facilitates research to find a cure.

APCR are offering Freemasons Victoria members a fast track health screening opportunity.

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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Civility, Courtesy, Manners

Thank you for your feedback regarding the importance of last week's message about the need to cease hostile and rude communications and to return to civil, courteous and well-mannered behaviour. This week I want to reflect in a more positive light on many members of our community who emulate the behaviour of true Freemasonry, that is respectful, polite and considerate conduct that should be the hallmark of our culture. I ask you to actively bring these qualities to life in our every day and to model to others these attributes that resonate in our Masonic teachings.



Freemasons Foundation Scholarships Ceremony

Congratulations to all recipients of scholarships from the Freemasons Foundation and my thanks on behalf of FMV to the Foundation's team for creating a most memorable event last Wednesday evening. The awarded young Victorians enable great confidence for our future. See **[HERE](#)** for full listing.

Grand Master's Movements

Last Saturday I attended the Union Lodge of North Gippsland where I installed Bro Christopher Reed into the chair of the Lodge at an Open Investiture where about 20 non Freemasons were in attendance. A fantastic day was had by all and congratulations to the Lodge for a well organised day. On Monday I installed Bro Dr David Kram into the chair at Lodge of Commerce and on Wednesday evening I opened the annual Scholarship Night for the Freemasons Foundation before I headed off to Berwick Balcarra Lodge for a 1st Degree. On Thursday the monthly Board Meeting was held at Coppin Hall.

Tonight I will be in Lara for the installation of Bro Graeme Toll, Master Mason at Lara Lodge, tiling at 6.30pm. On Saturday I will be in my home town of Colac to install WBro Jim Prigg into the chair of Colac Lodge who have recently changed their name from Warriors St. John Lodge. Colac tyles at 4.30pm.

On Monday I have an Executive Team Meeting at FMV before driving down the Freeway to Geelong for the 39th Emergency Services Night for a demonstration 2nd Degree, tiling at 7.00pm. I will stay in Geelong and travel to Torquay on Tuesday morning to install RWBro Peter Hirth into the chair of the Lodge of the Great Ocean Road at the Torquay Centre at 9.30am. Wednesday morning, I will be in Lancefield for a Children's Breakfast held by Macedon Ranges Lodge at the Lancefield Primary School followed by a Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday night. I will finish off the week by attending Melton Lodge on Thursday for a 1st degree. Click [HERE](#) to see a full list of Installations and Events for May.



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

My Brethren

In Conversation Series

This week our Deputy Grand Master shares interesting insights about his vision for the future. Valuable food for thought as we embark in our Lodges on the planning process. See [HERE](#)

The Wisdom of our PGMs

We are continuing our recent conversation with PGM MWBro Frank Poke as he discusses the principles of Freemasonry and much more! Click [HERE](#).

Lodge Action Plans

I trust you have commenced your planning for your future in your Lodge. This week I look at **Strategic Objective 3** which relates to Refining the Member Experience in your Lodge. Do you have an Engagement Officer in place? This is a critical step in attracting and engaging your members. Please see [HERE](#) about the role of an Engagement Officer. Have you considered how you can improve your meeting experience? Are your members leaving Lodge with a smile? Is your Lodge a place of happiness? Are your members truly experiencing Brotherly Love?

Lodge Planning Tools

To help with your Lodge planning, there are tools available. See [HERE](#) for the template of a Lodge plan.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

June Quarterly Communication

The June Quarterly Communication to be held on 21 June 2017 at the Inner East Masonic Centre at Box Hill is fast approaching. If you wish to attend at the Box Hill Centre please register [HERE](#).

As previously advised this will be in the form of a business meeting with the usual statutory items of Grand Lodge followed by a presentation on the Strategic Plan by RWBro Richard Elkington, President of the Board of General Purposes and Ms Jane Sydenham-Clarke, CEO. The Quarterly will be followed by light refreshments. Those attending are asked to be seated by 7.15pm.

The dress code for those attending at Box Hill is Lounge suit with regalia. Grand Officers should wear undress regalia.

If you are unable to attend at Box Hill then it will be streamed live to the following Masonic Centres: Swan Hill, Mildura, Warrnambool, Shepparton, Bendigo, Bairnsdale, Ballarat, Horsham, Keysborough, Geelong (Belmont), Greensborough, Sunshine and Wangaratta. Please contact the District Coordinator in those areas for further information.



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Share the Information

I do hope you considered Ray Sutton's advice of last week with respect to sharing the information in our weekly Newsletters. If we all take responsibility to share with those without a computer, we will be making a considerable difference! Another idea that has been put forward is to create a telephone tree in each Lodge. Maybe worth a try?

Men's Health Week 12-18 June 2017

Has your Lodge registered to attend the APCR during Men's Health Week? Are you planning any activities around Men's Health? Please see [HERE](#) for information.

Men's Health Week, 12-18 June is our opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of men and boys in our community. Start your planning for the upcoming FMV Men's Health Week Expo at the APCR in North Melbourne. Men, women and families welcome! For more information on the event see [HERE](#).

Submit Your Story - Men's Health

We are calling for members to share their personal experiences of health related matters. Your stories will form part of a health community gallery on our website, to help raise awareness on the importance of looking after your health. Make your submission via email to [Jessica Machell](#). Maximum 250 words, please include a landscape high resolution image of yourself to be included on the online gallery.

Long Walk Saturday 27 May Fed Square to MCG

Please join us at Fed Square to engage in activations and walk with Michael Long and fellow Freemasons. See [HERE](#).

Expressions of Interest: New Membership Presenters

Expressions of interest are invited to form a new team of volunteer presenters to positively engage potential new members and partners at events such as open investitures /open nights. Team members will represent Today's Man and bring a desire to support the FMV Membership team in presenting a compelling case to join Freemasonry in accordance with direction and in the context of the FMV Strategic Plan, particularly the objectives and actions relating to Brand and Member Attraction.

Presentation tools and training will be provided including digital slides and other Masonic items of interest. Successful candidates will report to the Head of Membership. Expressions of interest to be forwarded Andrew Power, Head of Membership [HERE](#) by COB 24 May 2017.

Old Branding

As part of our future-focus and strategic rollout, we are now supplying all Masonic Centres across the State with the new FMV branding. To that end, we ask you to please collect, discard and destroy any old Freemasons Victoria branding that you may have at your Centre. Help us on our journey towards a fresh and relevant Freemasonry.

FMV Engage Newsletter

This week's **FMV Engage Newsletter No. 143** contains many interesting stories including: 50 Year Jewel at Tarra Lodge; Lowan Lodge Anzac Day Ceremony; Freemasons support Anzac Day Commemorations at Marnoo Lodge and 5 cent pieces - From Little Things Big Things Grow.

Other featured stories include: Join us at the FMV Men's Health Week Expo; the Annual Firemen's Night and the Combined Schools Lodge Meeting.

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Freemasons Helpdesk

When you email [membership](#) for any membership enquiries, or [marketing](#) for any media and marketing enquiries, your email will be handled by our Helpdesk system which means you will receive notification as we work to deliver swift responses. Alternatively, you can visit [support](#) and submit your enquiries via our Helpdesk system directly.

Upcoming Events

- **Annual Fireman's Night** - On Friday 26 May 2017, the Mordialloc Lodge of Charity No: 258 is celebrating the 65th Annual Fireman's Night at the South Eastern Masonic Centre in Keysborough. Further details [HERE](#).

- **Opera Gala Night** – On Saturday 24 June 2017, St Marks Lodge will be holding an Opera Gala Night at the Williamstown Town Hall in an effort to raise funds and awareness towards Alzheimer's Australia and the Dementia Research Foundation. The evening will feature five renowned artists who will each be dedicating their talents and time towards this important cause. Artists include Kathryn Radcliffe, soprano; Roger Howell, baritone; Liane Keegan, contralto; James Egglestone, tenor and Bro. David Barnard, piano. See [HERE](#) for details and make your booking NOW!
- **A Night for the Craft** - On Monday 3 July 2017, Brethren of the Commonwealth Lodge will be holding a social night where those new to Freemasonry are encouraged to attend. Learn more [HERE](#).

Media Highlights

Combined Wimmera District Lodges

2 May 2017 [Warracknabeal Herald](#) "Freemasons 79th annual returned services second degree"

3 May 2017 [Kaniva Times](#) "Freemasons 79th annual returned services second degree"

3 May 2017 [Wimmera Messenger](#) "Freemasons 79th annual returned services second degree"

10 May 2017 [Weekly Advertiser](#) "Freemason ceremony"

10 May 2017 [Dimboola Banner](#) "Harmer first Grand Principal"

Timboon Masonic Lodge

3 May 2017 [Cobden Times](#) "Masonic Lodge digs deep for Timboon Abbeyfield"

Tarra Lodge

3 May 2017 [Mirror, Foster](#) "Fifty year Jewel Rodney Lomax"

Dimboola Masonic Centre

5 May 2017 [Buloke Times Donald](#) "Greg's Grand Honour"

Freemasons Lane

8 May 2017 [Greater Dandenong Leader](#) "Lane named"

West Wimmera Region Blue Lounge Social Club

10 May 2017 www.mailtimes.com.au "Young Freemasons launched"

10 May 2017 [Wimmera Mail Times](#) "Education is aim of new Freemasons"

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