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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER

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### Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

#### **Freemasons Community Leadership Program**

This week we announce an exciting new partnership with Leadership Victoria to provide a unique and comprehensive community leadership development program for thirty selected Members who are to be our leaders in the future. Leadership Victoria's internationally recognised Community Leadership Program is designed to contribute to a bright future: to inspire and develop leaders, create networks and drive change for positive economic, social and environmental outcomes. See [HERE](#) for information about this exclusive opportunity just for Freemasons. Applications close 5 February 2018.



#### **Freemasons Foundation Victoria New Scholarship**

I was delighted that with the Chair of Freemasons Foundation Victoria, Andre Clayton we announced the inception of a new Scholarship in the name our Past Grand Master, John Evans. We look forward to further information from Freemasons Foundation Victoria in due course.

#### **Freemasons Victoria in partnership with Think Pink Foundation**

My thanks to all Lodges who have so generously contributed to our recent fundraising efforts for Think Pink. I was so pleased to receive a letter from the Patron and Founder Irene Hendel OAM, describing the impact of our collective efforts. Please read [HERE](#) for inspiration!

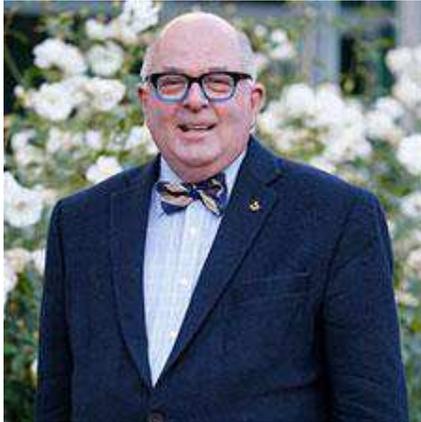
#### **Grand Master's Movements**

Last Sunday, Mya and I enjoyed a wonderful Sunday afternoon with the 2016/2017 Grand Lodge

Ceremonial Team at an end of year get together in Geelong before returning to Melbourne. It was great to see members of the team who retired in March 2017 being a part of the day. Read more [HERE](#).

The Installation planner is available [HERE](#).

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## Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

### **Summer Journal: Leadership**

I commend the Summer Journal to you [HERE](#) with its focus on leadership, a key priority for our future. Please consider the great opportunity announced therein of the Freemasons Community Leadership Program and make sure you draw this unique opportunity to the attention of our future leaders.

### **Annual Member Survey**

The annual Member Survey was issued late November and 940 respondents participated. Our NPS (Net Promoter Score – willingness to recommend Freemasons Victoria) remains very high, albeit reduced from 30 last year to 27, a pleasing result in the context of the major change process underway. Notably, in those under 40 years (8% of respondents) there has been an NPS uplift from last December when it was 22, to now 27. Member satisfaction has dropped slightly from 6.9 to 6.6 (on a 1-9 scale), with those over 65 years driving this scoring 7.1 last year to 6.6 this year.

As the data indicates it is the Lodge meeting experience that is the key influencer of NPS and satisfaction levels, this will be the focus of attention in the term ahead. Intent to remain a member continues to be strong with 96% likely to stay. 27% report poor behaviour exists in their Lodge and 87% agree this should be addressed both at Lodge and State wide levels. 84% are aware of the Friday e-newsletter and 71% believe it to be a success, with weekly being the most preferred frequency at 42%, while 28% would prefer fortnightly, 29% monthly. The detailed report can be seen [HERE](#).

### **Reminders:**

- **Education Program**

Do have a look at our new Online Education Portal. You can share the Introduction to Freemasonry with your prospects immediately by clicking [HERE](#), or get access using your Salesforce account [HERE](#). MAP 2 releasing soon.

- **Member Ready Lodges**

Keep up the good work on Member Ready Lodges and Engagement Officers. Check your Lodge's progress [HERE](#).

- **Lodge Flyer**

Don't forget your own promotional flyer for your Lodge. See [HERE](#).

- **Lodge Plan**

Remember the Lodge Plan template can be found [HERE](#) or alternatively [HERE](#). Please send your completed Lodge Plan to [HERE](#) so others can learn.

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## Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Brethren

### December Quarterly Communication at Sandringham Masonic Centre

I would like to thank all those who attended the Quarterly Communication at Sandringham or at one of the 18 designated Masonic Centres around Victoria. It was a very warm night that was enjoyable due to the fellowship evident during the evening. To see the video of the event, please click [HERE](#).



### Grand Installation and Associated Events 2018

What an incredible response to our Grand Installation and associated events! Ticket sales have now reached a record high with seats continuing to sell at a rapid rate. We encourage you to register now to ensure you don't miss out on seats to these events. Please note that waiting lists are now in place for the Meet and Greet and Sunday lunch. For assistance with your registration, to be placed on the waiting lists or general enquires in relation to the Grand Installation please contact my Executive Assistant, Julia Edwards on 9411 0103 or email [HERE](#).

### Reminders:

- **Information on Lodge Workings**

Can be accessed [HERE](#). Printed copies can be purchased by calling Jillian on 9411 0111.

- **Book of Constitutions**

Find the recent amendments to the Book of Constitutions [HERE](#) and download to include with your current copy of the 40th Edition. The pdf copy on the website, has now been amended with these changes - edition 40A. For ease of use the recent changes are in red. The new edition incorporating all the changes approved by Grand Lodge during 2017 will be released in printed format in early 2018.

- **Excluded Brethren**

You can see [HERE](#) recent exclusions and lifted exclusions. Please assist these individuals, please do so where possible.



## Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Dear Members

I wish you a safe and Happy Christmas, Chanuka, Festive Season and New Year.

I will be on leave and in my absence Frank Warner, Corporate Services Manager will act as CEO. While I am away, Andrew Power, Head of Membership and Marketing will bring you this column.

Please note the Freemasons Victoria office will be closed from COB Thursday 21 December and on public holidays throughout the festive break and will reopen for usual business on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

### **Freemasons Farewell Historic Sandringham Masonic Centre**

Read the Media Release with images [HERE](#) and see the Grand Master's interview [HERE](#).

Don Reynolds, Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria comments on the closure of the historic Sandringham Masonic Centre and the community's involvement in the new Bayside Masonic Centre at Gardenvale.



### **New District Coordinators**

Thank you to all those who have expressed interest in the recently advertised District Coordinators' positions. I am pleased to advise of the appointments of Ian Thompson in Northern District commencing in April 2018 and Ronald Alderding in Loddon District commencing immediately. Please join me in congratulating both Ian and Ron on these leadership roles. To both Eric Williams and Ken Crouch, retiring District Coordinators, we acknowledge your generous service as District Coordinators and your hard work and progress achieved; we look forward to your continued leadership in our community.

### **Expression of Interest: Goulburn District Coordinator**

It is with sadness that we advise of Rodger Morden's resignation from the role of District Coordinator in Goulburn and thank him for his significant contribution to Freemasonry in this region and beyond. Expressions of interest are therefore called for the role of District Coordinator in Goulburn. For more information, please email [HERE](#).

### **Freemasons Bird's Eye CFA Fire Spotting**

The Lismore and District Rural Fire Brigade's Group are extremely grateful for the very generous donation from Rosebank Lodge at Beac and Freemasons Foundation Victoria. Read more and see images [HERE](#).

### **Freemasons Victoria Car Window Stickers**

Make sure you pick up your Square and Compasses car window stickers from your District Coordinator or from Freemasons Victoria office to raise awareness about Freemasonry and encourage discussion in your community.

### **Freemasons Foundation Victoria December Grants**

See [HERE](#) for Grant approvals.

### **Freemasons Victoria Mobile App**

The FMV Mobile Phone Application enables you to see what Lodges are meeting, upcoming events, and this weekly e-newsletter and more. Get involved [HERE](#).

### **Freemasons Victoria December Member Benefits**

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Click the banner above to gain access to Travel and Holiday Packages including Club Med Bali, Phuket and Club Med Maldives via the Freemasons Victoria's Member Benefits Program.

## Freemasons Members Helpdesk

Following the tremendous support and feedback received by our Lodge Secretaries and as part of our ongoing responsiveness, we have upgraded our FMV Helpdesk system to now handle all areas of membership enquiries and needs. The FMV Members Helpdesk System will receive your emails and provide you immediate notifications as we work to deliver swift responses. Please note the changes to the following email addresses and update your contacts accordingly:

Department	Email
Grand Secretary	<a href="mailto:grandsec@fmv.org.au">grandsec@fmv.org.au</a>
Membership	<a href="mailto:membership@fmv.org.au">membership@fmv.org.au</a>
Marketing	<a href="mailto:marketing@fmv.org.au">marketing@fmv.org.au</a>
Corporate	<a href="mailto:corporate@fmv.org.au">corporate@fmv.org.au</a>
Property and Maintenance	<a href="mailto:property@fmv.org.au">property@fmv.org.au</a>
Library and Museum	<a href="mailto:library@fmv.org.au">library@fmv.org.au</a>

Alternatively, you can visit [support](#) and submit your enquiries via our Helpdesk system directly.

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## Upcoming Events

- **SEAVIC Christmas Party** - 6:30pm Friday 15 December 2017 - 1920's Great Gatsby Style - Read more [HERE](#).
  - **Wakanyana's 101st Meeting** - 12.00 noon Thursday 28 December 2017 at the Bellarine Masonic Centre, Learmonth Street, Queenscliff. Since it's inception in 1916, Wakanyana's has raised in excess of \$175,000 for the Cottage By The Sea. This year whilst still supporting the Cottage By The Sea, all funds raised will be used to fund under-privileged children to have a holiday at the seaside. See [HERE](#) for further details.
  - **Lodge of St Mark No 591 - Moonlight Movie** - 7.00pm Saturday 20 January 2018 - Western Masonic Centre, 121 Callaway Boulevard, Sunshine West. See [HERE](#) for details.
  - **Dedication of Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre at Traralgon** - Saturday 10 February 2018. View further details [HERE](#).
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## Media Highlights

**Freemasonry Today online magazine**  
**[Freemasonry Today Celebrating 300 Years](#)**

**Macedon Ranges Freemasons**  
December 2017 [Lancefield Mercury](#) "As always there has been much happening"

**Central Goldfields Masonic Group**  
6 December 2017 [Welcome Record Dunolly](#) "Nick scoops the pool"

**Ballarat Maryborough Freemasons**  
7 December 2017 [Carisbrook Mercury](#) "Freemasons support Talbot CFA"

**Sturt-Buninyong United Lodge**  
8 December 2017 [Ballarat Courier](#) "Fruit sale helping to fight cancer"

**Sandringham Masonic Centre**  
8 December 2017 [Sydney Morning Herald](#) "Council buys Masonic Centre post auction"

**Rosebank Lodge Beeac**  
11 December 2017 [Camperdown Chronicle](#) "Birds-eye fire spotting"

**Marnoo Masonic Lodge**  
13 December 2017 [Stawell Times News](#) "Our youth are the future of our community': Freemasons grant"  
The story is also in the [Wimmera Mail Times](#) and the [Ararat Advertiser](#).

**All Nations Lodge**

13 December 2017 **The Miner** "Clunes Footy Club juniors to get new jumpers"

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