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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

September Quarterly Communication

Firstly I ask you please to carefully read the Grand Secretary's column today with Q+A about our upcoming proposed Constitutional amendments.

Also I remind you to register for the Quarterly Communication and for the preceding Forum on Compassion. This Forum will be most interesting with Lodges sharing stories about their excellence in compassion. Do make sure you come along, it will be well worth it!



Sir William John Clarke - Grave Restoration

Freemasons first Grand Master, Sir William John Clarke's grave has been restored at Melbourne Cemetery. View the special event [HERE](#).

Grand Master's Movements

Last weekend, Mya and I headed to the RACV Resort in Inverloch to reconnect with the members of the 2015 team at a social weekend away. It was great catching up with all the team members, even though I was once again Deputy for the weekend. Read on [HERE](#).

The September Installation planner is available [HERE](#) and the October planner [HERE](#).

Think Pink Pamper Parties

Brethren please see [HERE](#) an important letter from Mya and Irene Hendel – I very much encourage your attention and participation please. See further information [HERE](#).

Geelong Suicide Support Fundraiser Great Success

Congratulations to the Bellarine Otway District Freemasons and all of those involved in the inaugural annual Charity Lunch in Geelong on Tuesday to support the vital work being carried out by Support After Suicide (Geelong), a program of Hope Bereavement Care in partnership with Jesuit Social Services.

Australia Post's incoming CEO, Christine Holgate was the keynote speaker, with popular Channel Seven personality Hamish McLachlan as Master of Ceremonies. The event also featured a recital of Murray Hartin's powerful poem *Rain From Nowhere* by Bro John Patterson. See the event [HERE](#).



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

Board of General Purposes September Meeting
Your Board met on 7 September 2017 and you can see the outcomes [HERE](#).

Lodge Self Determination Roadshows

This series of roadshows is now complete and it has been heartening to experience the welcome we have received as we have travelled across the State.

Last weekend in the North East it was just terrific to have such a strong attendance of committed Freemasons at Wangaratta and I have been most impressed by the feedback received from my Vice President. Our capacity for success rests with us all and with skills and dedication in our Lodges we have a real opportunity to change the prevailing course and to attract new members and retain our precious existing members through ensuring a great experience when they come to Lodge.

Member Ready Lodges

Wonderful progress continues with Member Ready Lodges with now 71 Lodges compliant and ready to receive new members and 89 Lodges with Engagement Officers in place. 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.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary



Brethren

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

We are approaching 20 September 2017 when we will vote on the proposed Constitutional amendments. The answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be seen [HERE](#).

Please see [HERE](#) for the Agenda, Notice of Motion and reports for the Quarterly Communication

For those members attending the Quarterly Communication at Morwell, Kernot Hall offers free and ample parking.

Designated Masonic Centres for the Quarterly Communication

A reminder that the Quarterly Communication will be live streamed to 17 Masonic Centres at which if you attend you will be able to vote on the proposed Constitutional changes. For the complete list click [HERE](#). Make sure you bring your membership card with you to your streaming centre.

Constitutional Voting Distribution

Another reminder that the voting process will be split into four sections. Each vote will cover all the changes proposed in that section. See [HERE](#) the explanatory notes that outline the proposed changes and the reason the Board is putting these forward.

Bookings are essential for the Quarterly Communication [HERE](#) and the Forum [HERE](#).



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Privacy Policies

At the Board of General Purposes meeting last week Freemasons Victoria's Privacy Policies were updated. Please see [HERE](#) for your reference. Privacy Policies for website and e-store [HERE](#) and social media [HERE](#).

The Eastbourne

Progress continues at Albert Street. See [HERE!](#)

Bayside Masonic Centre

The rate of works and scale of the development continues to impress at Gardenvale! Lodge and Supper rooms are taking shape and we are on track for building completion end of this year and consecration early in the new year. See [HERE](#) for this week's exciting progress!

Freemasons Foundation Scholarships

Remember the Freemasons Foundation Victoria Limited grants over \$400,000 in Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, for academic excellence or for students requiring financial support to complete their studies. There are 45 Scholarships and Awards available ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 open to Tertiary, Secondary and mature-age students. See [HERE](#).

Interested in obtaining support for your Lodge?

The Freemasons Foundation are also offering two free 2-hour workshops on **Seeking Philanthropic Funding on Wednesday 15 November** - bookings [HERE](#), and **Writing Effective Grant Applications on Wednesday 22 November** - bookings [HERE](#).

Freemasons Victoria Mobile App

We are still receiving many members enquiries to trail the FMV Mobile Phone Application which enables you to see what Lodges are meeting, upcoming events, and this weekly e-newsletter and more. Get

involved [HERE](#).

Education Program

The new Freemasons Victoria Online Education Portal is attracting much attention featuring MAP 0 and MAP 1. Does your Lodge have propositions? You can share the MAP 0 (Introduction to Freemasonry) with them (and the general public) immediately [HERE](#), and all others can request access for MAP 1 [HERE!](#)

FMV Engage Newsletter

This week's [Engage Newsletter 150](#) contains a number of interesting stories including Sunraysia Remembers RWBro. Jim Mason; Warrnambool Freemasons Donate over \$5000 to Food Share; R U OK? Start the Conversation and Bro. Kenneth Moore Receives 50 Year Jewel.

Other articles include The Story of Zaidee Rose Alexander Turner; the Freemasons Victoria Grand Installation 2018 and the Freemasons Victoria September Quarterly Communication.



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Freemasons Victoria September Member Benefits

Click the banner above to Qantas and Virgin Australia Club Membership offers that have been made available via **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
Grand Secretary
Membership
Marketing

Email
grandsec@fmv.org.au
membership@fmv.org.au
marketing@fmv.org.au

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

Upcoming Events

- **Healesville Lodge Games Night** - 6.30pm Saturday 16 September 2017 - Central Ringwood Community Centre, Bedford Park, Rosewarne Lane, Ringwood. \$5 entry BYO food and nibbles. View [HERE](#).
 - **Masonic Mysticism and Symbolism and Memoirs of a Grand Master** – 2.00pm Saturday 23 September 2017 - Ballarat Library. See [HERE](#). To secure your booking click [HERE](#).
 - **Bayside Church Service** – 10.00am Sunday 1 October 2017 – Join the Grand Master at this special service to be held at St Peter's Anglican Church, 77 Were Street, Brighton.
 - **Guiding Star Lodge 57th Emergency Services Lodge meeting** - 7.00pm Wednesday 4 October 2017 at the Ballarat Masonic Centre, 616 Barkly Street, Ballarat. All Emergency Services members are invited to attend. Uniforms and medals are encouraged. RSVP to VWBro Ron Fleming PGIW [HERE](#) by 29 September.
 - **Northern Health and Freemasons Victoria** - On Saturday 7 October 2017 a Fundraising Dinner at Melrose Reception Tullamarine. In partnership with Northern Health, please join Freemasons Victoria at a Fundraising Dinner to support critical community work. See [HERE](#).
 - **Motorcyclists United Lodge to the Blessing of the Bikes** event to be held on Saturday 14 October from 9.00am – 3.00pm at San Remo, Phillip Island. Expressions of interest to Engagement Officer for the Motorcyclists United Lodge No 939, David Cash [HERE](#).
 - **Grand Mark Festival at Traralgon** - Friday 20 October to Sunday 22 October 2017. Join the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria for a weekend of fun and festivities. See [HERE](#) for further information.
 - **Defence Seminar** - 11.00am Saturday 21 October 2017 - The Auditorium, Shrine of Remembrance. View [HERE](#).
 - **Navy Defence Ball** - 7.00pm Saturday 21 October 2017 - Melbourne Town Hall. Further details [HERE](#).
 - **Lodge of St. Mark No. 591 Halloween Fundraiser** - 6.00pm Saturday 21 October 2017. Raising funds for Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Research Foundation. To be held at Grand Star Receptions, 499 Grieve Parade, Altona North. See [HERE](#) for Bookings.
 - **Seafarers Church Service** at 10.30am Sunday 22 October at St Paul's Cathedral, Cnr Flinders and Swanston Street, Melbourne.
 - **Royal Freemasons 38th Annual Masonic Charity Golf Day** - Monday 23 October 2017 at Huntingdale Gold Club. See [HERE](#) for further information.
 - **FMV Lodge Engagement Conference** – 10.30am Saturday 18 November 2017 – Open to all Lodge Engagement Officers, this is the perfect event to share and seed ideas, as well as pick up valuable skills at improving the level of engagement within your Lodge. You can reserve your place at the Conference [HERE](#)!
 - **RIMS (Recently Installed Masters) and Preparation for Masters Course** – Saturday 18 November 2017 – Hamilton Masonic Centre. For more information please contact Peter Barrand [HERE](#).
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