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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



ANZAC PLAQUES - A PERSONAL ODE

Join the Freemasons Victoria activation at the Shrine of Remembrance in recognition of all people in all conflict and their families

WHEN: ANZAC DAY - 25 APRIL 2017

WHERE: SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE, BIRDWOOD AVENUE MELBOURNE

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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Grand Installation presented by KPMG

What a wonderful week for Freemasons Victoria with an outstanding Geelong based Quarterly, Grand Installation and Grand Banquet and many wonderful memories that will remain with me lifelong.

Monash Children's Hospital

On Tuesday with the Minister for Health Hon Jill Hennessy we announced our partnership with the Monash Children's Hospital enabling the naming of the Freemasons Forest Ward funded by the Freemasons Foundation and proudly supported by Freemasons Victoria. This is a great opportunity and it was wonderful to see the news profiled on [Channel Nine!](#) I encourage you to read more by clicking [HERE](#).

50th Anniversary Foundation Stone Dallas Brooks Hall

Today we are joined by The Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency the Hon. Linda Dessau AC, to celebrate both the 50th anniversary of the laying of the original Foundation Stone and a new beginning for the historic site at 300 Albert Street, East Melbourne. The Governor will join Elysa Anderson from our magnificent development partner Mirvac and myself for a special unveiling of the gold inscribed original marble foundation stone and the historic ceremonial silver trowel used to cement the stone into place. The celebration of this milestone comes at a time when the last section of the Dallas Brooks Hall is being demolished to make way for the site to become the home of our new Masonic Centre and The Eastbourne, a new residential project. Two years after laying the stone, Dallas Brooks Hall was officially opened by the Premier, Sir Henry Bolte on Monday 17 March 1969. Also in attendance was the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency Sir Rohan Delacombe and Mr



C Roger Darvall CBE Grand Master, along with 2,300 Freemasons from Lodges across Victoria. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Peter Henshall

This week we said thank you and farewell to our outgoing CEO/Grand Secretary Peter Henshall. Please join me in thanking Peter for his significant contributions to Freemasons Victoria to date for which I have bestowed the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master. We wish him the best for a well-earned retirement and look forward to his continued participation in our great organisation into the future.

Gardenvale Development

Bayside continues to rapidly grow with the first patterned panel which sets the parapet line for the roof being installed giving a very good sense of the end building. Click [HERE](#).

Trafalgar Leadership Training

Great to see leadership development in action in Trafalgar enabling young people to develop their leadership skills and knowledge. View [HERE](#).



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

My Brethren

Re-Installation of Grand Master

I am pleased to share words from our PGM MWBro Garry J Sebo:

The re-installation of our Grand Master on Friday 10 March 2017 marked the conclusion of his first term of office. This has been a period in which significant changes have taken place under his leadership - the restructuring of 'Grand Lodge', major changes to the Book of Constitutions, the development of a new Strategic Plan, and the appointment of a new CEO from outside our organisation, to name but a few - changes designed to build the brand for today's man and to attract membership by engaging today's man.

Now that these changes have been made, it is imperative that they be given time to work. To this end, continuity is vital and the re-installation of our Grand Master for a second term is a key element of that continuity. Accordingly I congratulate him on his re-installation and wish him every success in his endeavours during his second term of office.

MWBro. Garry J. Sebo PGM

In Conversation with the Deputy Grand Master

I have been pleased to spend some time in conversation with our Deputy Grand Master pertaining to the wealth of information forthcoming from our membership. You may like to join us [HERE](#).

Business Planning

We have now come to the end of our 20 Strategic Outreach Forums seeking your feedback on our draft Strategic Plan. Focus is now on building the associated business plan and budget to be considered by the Board in April.

Some feedback highlighted the important role the individual Lodges must play in the strengthening and growing of the membership. These ideas will be passed to the Membership team so that they can be discussed in upcoming forums with the Lodges.

Additionally, the Strategic Planning Committee will as part of the implementation of the Plan, have the role of ongoing monitoring of the feedback. As the feedback did not raise concerns in relation to the 5 Key Priorities, the Managers will now move on to developing the business and action plans to realise the strategic objectives.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Book of Constitutions

As I settle into my first week officially as Grand Secretary I want to talk about the Book of Constitutions and another area of confusion. Rule 187 enables a Lodge that has a regular meeting that falls on a gazetted public holiday to move its regular meeting 14 days before or after the usual date without the need for dispensation. This new date will be deemed the regular day of meeting.

Similarly if a Lodge wishes to cancel a meeting this may be done with notification to the Grand Secretary and the District Coordinators at least 7 days ahead of the regular meeting date.

June Quarterly Communication

The next Quarterly Communication will be held on Wednesday 21st June, commencing at 7.30pm. The location, format and further details will be announced shortly.

Election Board of General Purposes

I also remind all members that we are seeking nominations for 2 vacant positions on the Board of General Purposes. Last week, I indicated that they were both for four years, however, please note that one of the vacancies will be for four years the other will only be for two years. This will then bring the number of elected members to eight with four members rotating every two years.



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Shining Light

Today we shine a light on the wonderful Freemasons Victoria Taskforce who showcased their incredible skills and generosity from early morning to well into the night tirelessly supporting, helping, ferrying, guiding, lifting, pushing, pulling and generally being incredible contributors to the success of our 2017 Grand Installation. We are indebted to these hardworking Freemasons and extend our sincere appreciation to each and every one of you.

Great Team

I wish to formally thank the FMV team of staff and volunteers who realised a Herculean feat in delivering a spectacular series of events last Friday in Geelong. I am extremely proud of their achievements and appreciate the enormity of their individual and collective efforts over many

weeks to enable a great experience for our Freemasons Victoria community. This was a terrific example of us working together as a team to deliver a wonderful result. It gives me optimism for the future and symbolises our capacity for great things if we all work together – no cannibalising, no undermining, complaining and negativity – just coming together to deliver the outcomes we all desire. What greater outcome could we aspire to – than a relevant and sustainable future for Freemasonry in Victoria? We can do this if we pull together.

Community Gallery

And now for the finale in our video series for the Community Gallery, this time featuring our wonderful young Freemason Lucas Crandles who along with his business partner Tim Nash at Renderr has helped to deliver a beautiful project featuring some of our great members. We congratulate and thank Renderr and invite you to be inspired by Lucas' story [HERE!](#)

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](#). We thank those members who have submitted their interest to date. Please submit your interest by 20 March via [email](#).

Marketing Manager

It is with sadness that I advise that Maria Caspani has determined that the role in which she recently commenced is not the right fit for her skillset and thus has unfortunately left the team. An opportunity therefore exists now for a Marketing Manager and applications close COB 30 March 2017. See details [here](#).

Media Highlights

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

Media Highlights

Geelong Grand Installation

11 March 2017 [Geelong Advertiser](#) "Grand event"

Monash Children's Hospital

14 March 2017 [Media Release](#) Hon Jill Hennessy, Victorian Minister for Health's Media Release

14 March 2017 [Channel 9 Evening News](#) Two young Victorian patients have been given a sneak peek of the new Monash Children's Hospital with Jill Hennessy, Victorian Health Minister. New wards were built with the assistance of Freemasons Victoria.

Freemasons Cycling Club (Victoria)

15 March 2017 [Wangaratta Chronicle](#) "Freemasons raise \$11k for Headspace"

Swan Hill Freemasons

13 March 2017 [Swan Hill Guardian](#) "Community rallies behind cause"

FMV Engage Newsletter

This week's **FMV Engage Newsletter No. 139** contains many interesting stories including: Double Honour at Keysborough St. Andrews Daylight Lodge; Men's Health Game Night at Swan Hill; 290 Years

of Freemasonry at the United Memorial & Merbein Lodge and the Ceremony of Rededication to be held at the Bairnsdale Masonic Lodge.

Other featured stories include: a Special Event at Morwell Lodge; Express your Interest for Number Plate Covers and the Gregorios Lodge Install Worshipful Master in Oakleigh.

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