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## Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

### Men's Health Week

I have been touched by the responses received further to our Men's Health focus on suicide prevention. Remember you don't have to solve their problems, just listen. **Start the Conversation** - take five minutes of your time. See [HERE](#).

### Launch at the new Masonic Centre in the Latrobe Valley

View details [HERE](#) and the WIN TV Gippsland story [HERE](#).



### Grand Master's Movements

On Saturday I was in Shepparton at Mooroopna Lodge and installed WBro Ken Wratten into the Chair of King Solomon, on what was a lovely weekend. On Tuesday I travelled to Traralgon for a media event for the new Masonic Centre in the Latrobe Valley, and on Thursday I met with the Past Grand Masters and updated them on current events within FMV. This would have been a meeting of all able Past Grand Masters. However, MWBro. John Evans had other pressing business and was unable to attend. It was certainly gratifying to receive the support of our past leaders in this State. This morning I will be in Bairnsdale where the Grand Director and I will attend the funeral of our Junior Grand Warden's father, RWBro Alan James Somerville who passed away last Saturday. RWBro Alan was a member of Mitchell River Lodge, and was initiated in 1955 and became Master of the Lodge in 1970. He received his 60 year bar in 2015. We all send our condolences to Trevor and Sheryl and his family on this sad occasion. Tomorrow I will be in Bright to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Lodge of Unity who have an

Open Re-Consecration at 5pm.

The **Quarterly Communication** of Grand Lodge is being held at Box Hill Masonic Centre on Wednesday 21 June at 7.30pm. I believe this is a unique moment for us as it will be a business meeting and no ceremonial will be displayed. This will take account of the twelve Masonic Centres in Melbourne and Regional Victoria which are set up to take live streaming. It is hoped that we will be able to involve more members of our organisation in understanding the Strategic Plan and the future of FMV as we move our organisation into the future.

**There are still plenty of seats available for the evening so please come along if you can or attend one of the Masonic Centres. Contact the office through Julia Edwards to register for the event.**

On Thursday I travel up to Bendigo to install Bro Travis Moore into the Chair at Sir John Quick Lodge No 933, tiling at 6.30pm, and on Saturday Mya and I will be at Peace and Loyalty Lodge for an Open Investiture where I will install Bro John Millar into the Chair.

The June Installations planner is available [HERE](#) and the July planner [HERE](#).



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

My Fellow Brethren

### **Board of General Purposes**

Your Board met on Wednesday 7 June 2017.  
See [HERE](#) for outcomes.

### **The Wisdom of our PGMs**

We continue our discussion with MWBro Neville Smith [HERE](#).

### **District and Lodge Planning**

Make sure you attend the Lodge planning forums which can be seen [HERE](#).

### **Member Ready Lodges**

I do hope that you have been able to move towards becoming member ready. Do you have your Engagement Officer in place? See [HERE](#) for details. Are you up to date with your financial reporting, Summons and Lodge Management Reporting? Don't forget that once member ready, many opportunities open up.

This week's Member Ready Lodge register is now found [HERE](#).

Congratulations to all those Lodges who have been submitting their documents and to the following Lodges who have now achieved Member-Ready Lodge status:

- Albert Victor Lodge
- The Brighton District Lodge
- Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence
- Lord Northcote Lodge
- Macedon Ranges Lodge
- Phillip Island Lodge
- Seavic Lodge
- Swan Hill Lodge

It is great to see so many other Lodges working towards joining these leading Victorian Lodges as Member-Ready, and it is pleasing to see many only requiring a Lodge Engagement Officer to make it!

### **Expressions of Interest: Membership Volunteer Action Team**

Are you interested in joining either of the Membership VAT Teams? **Would You Like to Make a Real**

## Difference in Our Lodges?

- Lodge Administration Skills Development – improve administration skills within Lodges and develop capacity for our Lodges to become even more effective in administration
- Lodge Interpersonal Skill Development Team – do you have a passion for making Lodge fun, filled with harmony and improving membership satisfaction

Send your expression of interest by midday Friday 23 June [HERE](#).

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## Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Brethren

The next **Quarterly Communication** of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday 21 June at the Inner East Masonic Centre, Box Hill commencing at 7.30pm. This will be a business meeting of Grand Lodge and accordingly there will be no ceremonial aspects.

There is plenty of seating at Box Hill so if you are wishing to attend, please book [HERE](#).



If you are unable to attend at Box Hill then it will be streamed live to the following Masonic Centres [HERE](#): 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.

The agenda will include the usual Statutory items, a report from the Grand Treasurer, a presentation on the Strategic Plan from the President of the Board of General Purposes and the CEO and an address by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. An important Notice of Motion will also be given for some forthcoming Constitutional changes.

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## Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

### **Regional Men's Health Bus Coming To Your Lodge Book Now!**

Australian Prostate Cancer Research (APCR) are aiming to improve the awareness of Prostate Cancer and Men's Health in the rural communities of Victoria.

Together with the Freemasons Foundation and Freemasons Victoria, they will be moving a passenger bus through various regional towns from August 2017 to February 2018 to support the message about Prostate Cancer.

The bus will provide a visible sign within cities and engage with the local community and medical personnel. The bus will be parked for a few days while information sessions are conducted within the bus and in other town locations. Ideally the bus will be parked outside a Masonic Centre.

We are seeking expressions of interest from Districts and Lodges who would like to host the bus during its visit to rural Victoria. To register your interest, please contact [Neil Cripps](#).

## Men's Health Week

So great to see so much activity around Men's Health Week 12-18 June. For further information view [HERE](#). Make sure you read your Mirvac Men's Health Journal Winter 2017 from the link [HERE](#)!

## Lodges Taking Action on Suicide Prevention

Members and Lodges have taken action on the Freemasons Victoria Suicide Prevention campaign. Get involved: You can **Start the Conversation** by sharing either: with **Facebook** [HERE](#) or with the **YouTube** video [HERE](#) and using the hashtag **#startingtheconversation**

## APCR offering Services for Men's Health

Please see [HERE](#) from our friends at the APCR for details of a Mindfulness Course for Men's Cancer and Pelvic Pain starting 20 July 2017.

## Francis Ormond Uni Lodge - Shine A Light on Men's Health

Sankar Nadeson continues Men's Health activations at the Francis Ormond Uni Lodge. View [HERE](#).

## PROMOTE YOUR LODGE ACTIVITIES WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO

For approximately \$50 - \$200 per year, I encourage you to explore community radio advertising to promote your Lodge / Lodge events with your local community radio stations. Glenn Richards, District Coordinator SW Gippsland has arranged a community radio regular spot for \$90.

Community radio provides a diverse range of opportunities such as participation in free-to-air public broadcasting, content production and contribute to media diversity advertising for your Lodges. To get involved and find your local radio station, see [HERE](#) and a brief powerpoint for more information from CBAA (Community Broadcasting Association of Australia) FYI - CBAA has over 5 million people tune in to 450+ not-for-profit, community-owned and operated [radio services](#) operating across the country each week.

## Winter 2017 Journal

If you would like additional copies of our recent Journal publications to be distributed to your local community or have suggestions of avenues that we can share our Journal, please contact Christina Chia, Head of Marketing [HERE](#).

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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.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Royal Freemasons Homes Open Day** - Sunday 18 June 2017, please join us to celebrate The Homes 150th anniversary and Open day. See [HERE](#) for details.
- **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!

- **Monash District - Monster Gala Charity Night** - On Saturday 24 June 2017 a Monster Gala Charity Night will be held at the Waverley Golf Club. The evening will include a Banquet and giant auction to raise funds for two local Monash Gully charities - Interchange Outer East Sibling Program and the Waverley Benevolent Society. See further details [HERE](#).
- **Lodge Secretary Conference** – 10am Saturday 1 July 2017 - Box Hill Masonic Centre - All Lodge Secretaries are welcome to attend where sessions for Lodge Strategic Planning, Ritual & Ceremonial and Building Updates, Secretary Tools and more will be shared. Find out more information [HERE](#). To register, please contact WBro [Ben Quick](#) - or on (03) 9411-0111.
- **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](#).

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## Media Highlights

### Men's Health Week

10 June 2017 [Geelong Advertiser](#) "A conversation not had sparks many"

13 June 2017 [Sunbury Leader](#) "Health, brekkie for blokes"

13 June 2017 [WIN TV Gippsland](#) "Gippsland men are being urged to start a conversation in a bid to improve their mental health and reduce the risk of suicide."

14 June 2017 [Sunbury Leader](#) "Brekkie for Sunbury blokes to celebrate Men's Health Week"

### Horsham and Wimmera Lodges

7 June 2017 [Weekly Advertiser](#) "Sale for Wirraway"

### Macedon Ranges Lodge

13 June 2017 [The Free Press](#) "Breakfast for the kids"

### Mildura Eistedfodd

13 June 2017 [Mildura Independent](#) "Melbourne opera singers finish first and second in Mildura Eistedfodd"

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