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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

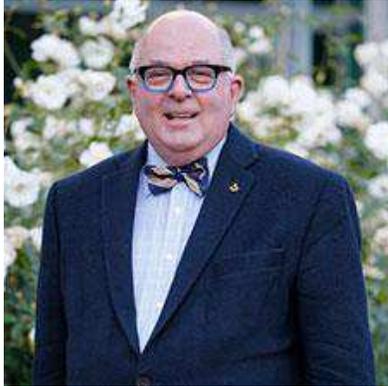
Dear Brethren

Grand Master's Movements

As mentioned last week, on Monday I had an Executive Team Meeting at FMV before driving down the freeway to Geelong for the 39th Emergency Services Night where I had a most enjoyable evening and was accompanied by the Grand Director. I stayed overnight in Geelong and travelled to Torquay on Tuesday morning where I installed RWBro Peter Hirth into the chair of the Lodge of the Great Ocean Road. Peter's father and my father were great friends and were on the road together so it was a wonderful occasion. It was great to see MWBro Bruce Bartrop in attendance with the team. On Wednesday morning, I headed to Lancefield for a Children's Breakfast which was hosted by Macedon Ranges Lodge. Back to Melbourne for a Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday night and I finished off the week on Thursday in the company of the brethren of Melton Lodge, where we had a most enjoyable evening.

On Tuesday I will be attending my own Lodge meeting at Lodge Amicus and on Thursday I will be at Keysborough Lodge for Triple 1st Degree. Friday night I will be attending the Annual Firemen's Night at the South Eastern Masonic Centre and will finish off the week by attending Grand Mark on Saturday 27 May. Click [HERE](#) to see a full list of Installations and Events for May. The June Installations planner is available [HERE](#).





Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

My Brethren

Board of General Purposes

Your Board met on Thursday 11 May 2017 and you can see the key outcomes [HERE](#).

In Conversation Series

This week our Grand Master continues to share his thoughts with us. See [HERE](#).

The Wisdom of our PGMs

I'm hoping you are enjoying as I much as I am as we catch up with PGM MWBro Frank Poke. Click [HERE](#).

Lodge Action Plans

As you are planning in your Lodge, this week I ask you to consider Strategic Objective 4 regarding **Enhancing our Capacity for Compassion**. Do you have a plan for your charitable pursuits in the year ahead? How are you supporting your local community? What about inside the Lodge – how does your Lodge bring Brotherly Love into the everyday? How are you caring for your members? Are you supporting the women in your Lodge community who have lost their husbands? Please see [HERE](#) about the role of an Engagement Officer, a critical appointment to enable your effective planning.

Lodge Planning Tools

To help with your Lodge planning, there are more tools available. See [HERE](#) for a template document that you can use to complete your Lodge Plan.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie

Grand Secretary

2018 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team

Applications for the 2018 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team are now open and RWBro Keith Murray, Deputy Grand Master would like to invite you and your partner to an information evening on the commitment and involvement of being a member of a Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team. These are information sessions only and no commitment is required at these sessions. There are two metropolitan sessions to be held, one on 4 July at the Western Masonic Centre and another on the 19 July at the Ringwood Masonic Centre both at 7.00pm. There will be one country session in Wangaratta Masonic Centre on 30 July. If you interested in attending please email your attendance to the office of the [Grand Pursuivant](#).



Fraternal Relations

An important part of the world wide experience of Freemasonry is the fraternal relationships with other Grand Lodges in both Australia and internationally. To assist in managing this important Masonic Function the Board of General Purposes has endorsed the formation of a new and

expanded Fraternal Relations Committee. The broad functions of this group will involve investigating and making recommendations on a number of key matters including:

- Recognition of new Masonic Jurisdictions
- Suspension/Removal of recognition in other jurisdictions
- Development of appropriate role descriptions and training for Grand Representatives
- Appointment and removal of Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge
- Confirmation of the appointment of Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges
- Supervision of the Grand Representative and the regular reporting there from
- Exploring fraternal relations with "Other Orders" of Freemasonry

To be part of this committee it is desirable that interested members possess the following attributes:

- An understanding of Masonic systems, processes and culture
- Considerable Craft Lodge experience
- Experience with Craft Grand Lodge or other sovereign Grand Lodge/Grand Bodies in other orders of Freemasonry
- A detailed understanding of the BGP's mission, strategic plan and the priorities it has set to ensure the perpetuity of Freemasonry in Victoria
- An understanding of the principles of recognition as promulgated by the United Grand Lodge of England
- An interest in the world view of Freemasonry and an appreciation for significant Masonic developments in other parts of the world
- An understanding of the Masonic experience in other jurisdictions

If you are interested in being part of this important Committee please contact me 9411 0111 or via [email](#) to record your expression of interest. Expressions close on 1 June 2017.

Quarterly Communication

Please note that bookings for attendance at the Inner East Masonic Centre at Box Hill for the Quarterly Communication on 21 June 2017 should be made [HERE](#). At this stage there are still plenty of seats available.

The Dress Code for attendance at the Quarterly at Box Hill is Dinner Suit with regalia. Grand Officers may wear undress regalia.



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Share the Information

Please tell us your success stories regarding sharing this information with members without an email address? It would be great to share your ideas [HERE!](#)

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](#).

Communications Internship

A voluntary opportunity has become available for a part time two month Communications Internship closing COB Monday 22 May 2017. Please see [HERE](#).

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

10 May 2017 [North Central News](#) "Freemasons 79th annual returned services second degree"

Police News

11 May 2017 www.latrobevalleyexpress.com.au "Police seek owner of collectables"

1 May 2017 [Latrobe Valley Express](#) "Owner Sought"

Volunteering Recognition 2017 Awards Winners

17 May 2017 [Weekly Advertiser Horsham](#)

Bairnsdale Masonic Centre

17 May 2017 [East Gippsland News](#)

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