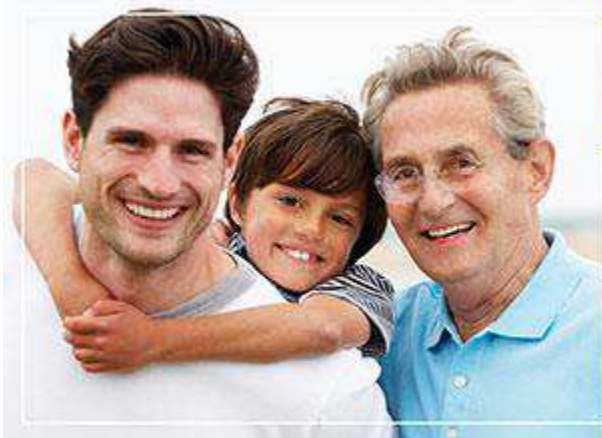


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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



## FMV Men's Health Week Expo 12-18 June, 2017

Where: APCR, North Melbourne

When: 12-18 June

Who: Men, women and families welcome!

*Let's join together and make a difference to the health and well-being in our community.*



## Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

### Blue Lounge Social Club Strategic Partnership

The journey of change and rejuvenation of our organisation is about delivering a brighter and secure future, however there are also many challenges associated with new direction.

One of these challenges is determining the way in which we engage with our membership to ensure we achieve the goals set down by the Board of General Purpose.

Late last year the Leadership Team, comprising the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, President of the Board of General Purposes and the CEO, recommended an alliance with the Blue Lounge Social Club (BLSC) in a strategic partnership. The BLSC is a group of young Freemasons who have set themselves up with a view of interacting with other young Freemasons.

The BLSC were involved to assist in providing ideas and input into Freemasons Victoria initiatives including the Community Gallery project, a new direction in relation to masonic education and in contemplating a virtual Lodge, which has not progressed beyond the initial discussion. The BLSC were helpful in providing input to these FMV initiatives.

Following discussion over the last month, the Leadership Team decided that the advancement of further initiatives will be better achieved by engaging through FMV management and the Volunteer Action Teams.

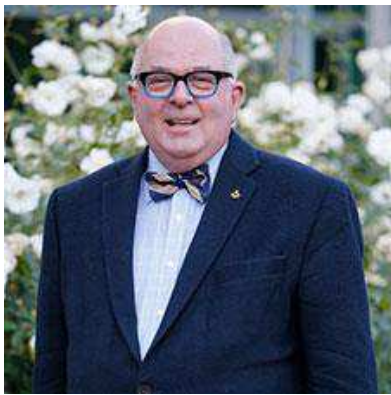


We are appreciative of the support from the BLSC and all members of Freemasons Victoria for engaging with the management of FMV in bringing about positive outcomes in our journey. We will continue to work with all the different groups within the organisation to ensure that we enjoy the mutual advancement of Freemasonry in Victoria.

It is important that all members of Freemasons Victoria appreciate the benefits which are emanating from the initiatives being led by the Board through the FMV administration and the difficulties associated with a renewed direction. I encourage you to join me, the CEO and other members of the leadership team to drive the organisation forward and support the Plan.

#### **Current Initiatives**

There is so much positive energy in Freemasonry today, and as there is so much to talk about my report for you this week is attached [HERE!](#)



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

My Brethren

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

It was great to spend time PGM MWBro Frank Poke, I hope you enjoyed our conversation. This week we catch up with MWBro Neville Smith when we visited him and Nora in their home recently. See our conversation [HERE.](#)

#### **District Coordinators Webinar**

This week we met with the District Coordinators by webinar to brief them on the Board approved Interim District Principles. You can see the webinar [HERE.](#)

#### **Member Ready Lodges**

How are you progressing with ensuring your Lodge is 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.

#### **Lodge Planning Tools**

I trust your planning is underway don't forget that there are tools available. See [HERE](#) for Lodge Plan template and [SWOT tools.](#)

## Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

### Book of Lodge Workings

Brethren, since early 2016 you have been waiting patiently for the updated Book of Lodge Workings. Today I can say that it is ready for the printers.

It has been a frustrating experience in getting the revised publication ready. Many Brethren have contributed to it over the years and more particularly over the last 18 months. On behalf of the leadership of Freemasons Victoria I say thank you to everyone who has and will continue to contribute.

As you can appreciate, it is a Book that is hard to be perfect and I am sure gremlins have crept into the process however, please be assured that a lot of effort has gone into it. Positive feedback is sought. Should there be areas of concern please communicate to this office.

Remember in many situations this book can only be a guide due to the layout of the Lodge room and other local challenges. Please use the book as an aide on how to do the ritual and ceremonial movements in a manner that maintains the high standard of work that has been a hall mark of Victorian Freemasonry.

A list of the specific changes are being prepared so that anyone who is familiar with the earlier work can readily see what has changed.



## Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

### Men's Health Week 12-18 June 2017

Have you made your booking for the Australian Centre for Prostate Health during Men's Health Week?

Are you planning any activities around Men's Health? Please see [HERE](#) for information.

### Freemasons Victoria Men's Health Week – Parliament House Launch

John Patterson, a farmer and Freemason from the Lismore Mingay district of western Victoria recites a poem titled ***Rain from Nowhere*** to start much needed conversations about suicide prevention. As part of Freemasons Victoria Men's Health Week a suicide prevention campaign will be launched at Parliament House on Wednesday 7 June 2017. See [HERE](#) for more information. The Launch will be live streamed from Parliament House at 1.10pm on Wednesday 7 June 2017 - it will be available [HERE](#).

### Mind Your Mates campaign

As we approach Men's Health Week we encourage you to support Youth Focus and their Mind Your Mates Campaign. Together we can help reduce the rate of male suicide and support this life-changing service. See the campaign [HERE](#).

### **Long Walk Saturday 27 May Fed Square to MCG**

It was wonderful for FMV to be part of the Long Walk last Saturday with our very own Sankar Nadeson leading our engagement. See [HERE](#) for a snapshot of the day's activities.

### **Call for Expressions of Interest: District Coordinators**

Expressions of interest are called for District Coordinators in:

- Loddon
- Wimmera
- Bayside

Please see [HERE](#) for Interim District Principles – the guiding document for District Coordinators specifying responsibilities and target outcomes.

Please submit your expression of interest noting your motivation, capabilities and vision to [Ben Quick](#) Masonic Services Manager by COB 15 June 2017.

### **Lodge Promotional Collateral**

This week we provide you with a template DL pamphlet for you to adapt for your own Lodge to support your community engagement and membership efforts. You can find the template [HERE](#).

### **Access to Inner Eastern Masonic Centre, Box Hill**

Further to challenges with respect to accessing Box Hill Masonic Centre we are implementing an interim solution. If you are having trouble accessing this centre with your membership card reader, please advise FMV [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

**Rupertswood Lodge in Numurkah**

27 May 2017 [Shepparton News Online](#) "Long service celebrated"

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