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## Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

### Lodge Fundraising to Support Think Pink

I am seeking your support please for our partners Think Pink who we are wanting to support in our fundraising efforts across the organisation. Could you please consider allocating the proceeds of one of your raffles between now and the end of the year to our contribution to Think Pink? Please send your donation to Freemasons Victoria [HERE](#) and we will ensure that your efforts are acknowledged.



We also encourage all Lodges and Districts that traditionally operate fundraising projects specifically for Think Pink to continue to do so. We urge other Lodges to also get on board and support this worthwhile cause which cares for all women in Victoria suffering from breast cancer.

### Grand Master's Movements

What a fantastic weekend was had in Echuca with the members of the current 2016-17 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team, which included the country members who left us in March. Many thanks to Mya and Isabella for organising the weekend events.

On Monday it was back to Melbourne for the installation at Lodge of Good Companions at Oakleigh Masonic Centre where I placed WBro Tony Chiodo into the Chair of King Solomon. Tuesday Mya and I attended a cocktail function at Raheen in support of The Victorian Police Blue Ribbon Foundation, Blue Ribbon Day for 2017 and a most enjoyable evening was spent. On Wednesday the Ceremonial Team attended the Annual Hand of Friendship Lodge at Coppin Hall where I presented WBro John Buncle with his 60 year jewel. Great to see the members of Friendship turn out. It was an honour to talk to them on

the future direction of Freemasons Victoria. Immediately after the Hand of Friendship Lodge I headed to Preston to attend the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter.

On Thursday Mya and I gathered with the members of Public Schools Mark Lodge for a social gathering. Instead of our normal meeting the Lodge decided on this event while the Waverley Masonic Centre was being renovated.

Tomorrow along with the team and their ladies we will attend the Annual Shabbat Service at Temple Beth Israel in Alma Road, St Kilda commencing at 10.00am. Tuesday will see me at Lodge Amicus, my own Lodge. Thursday I will install Bro Richard Boulton at Lilydale Lodge which meets at Lilydale Masonic Centre. The team and I are very much looking forward to the Installation and Open Investiture of Middle Park Lodge at Prahran on Saturday 29 July.

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

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## Message from Craig Head Vice President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

### **Board of General Purposes**

Your Board met last week and you can see the report of outcomes [HERE](#).

### **Member Ready Lodges**

Congratulations to those Lodges who are now member ready. We now have 32 Lodges who are compliant and ready to receive new members with Engagement Officers in place. You can see the updated list of all Lodges and status [HERE](#).

### **Lodge Flyer**

Don't forget to produce your own promotional flyer for your Lodge [HERE](#).

### **Lodge Plan**

How are you progressing on developing your Lodge Plan for the year ahead – see the template [HERE](#).

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## Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Brethren

### **Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

We continue our communication this week further to the June Quarterly Communication where a Notice of Motion was given for a number of changes to the Book of Constitutions. This week the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master are in conversation with the President of the Board on the role of the Company Secretary being separated from the role of the Grand Secretary.



This is a further step in separating the Grand Secretary from the business requirements of Freemasons Victoria and incorporating the increasingly important role of Company Secretary within an existing role in the administration. Click [HERE](#).

The next conversation is on the need to encourage newer Master Masons who have a skill in Music to take on the role of Organist or Choirmaster within 12 months of becoming a Master Mason, thus encouraging the newer members to be involved. View [HERE](#).

Next week we will start looking at the changes to the membership processes including the rationale for the Board decision regarding Police Checks. A decision that will enable Freemasonry to be in line with community standards and expectations.

### **2018 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team**

Applications for the 2018 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team are now open and RWBro Keith Murray, Deputy Grand Master encourages you and your partner to attend an information evening. See [HERE](#) for details.

### **Temple Beth Israel 87th Anniversary**

One of the largest synagogues in Melbourne, with a membership of 1300 families, Temple Beth Israel describes itself as the flagship synagogue for Progressive Jews in Australia and New Zealand, and this year celebrates its 87th Anniversary. On Saturday 22 July 2017, it will open its doors to all Victorian Freemasons and partners. See [HERE](#) for further details.



## Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

### **Expressions of Interest to Join the Works VAT**

Expressions of interest are invited to join the Works Volunteer Action Team (VAT) chaired by Grand Superintendent of Works Peter Shellie with Board representative Deputy Grand Master Keith Murray.

The Works VAT supports the development and management of Freemasons Victoria's 114 properties State wide, its Charter can be seen [HERE](#). If you have expertise in the property sector and a desire to join this dynamic team which meets the first Tuesday of each month at 8.30am at Moubay Street, please forward a letter explaining your capability and motivation and your resume to [HERE](#).

### **Royal Freemasons Homes Open Day in Sale, Latrobe Valley**

Don't forget the Open Day for the new Royal Freemasons Homes facilities in Sale in the Latrobe Valley is scheduled for Sunday 20 August 2017. Please join us to view the new facilities which will open for operations on Friday 1 September 2017.

### **Opportunity for Engagement with Blue Ribbon Foundation in the Northern Region**

Expressions of interest are encouraged from members in Lodges in the northern suburbs to be a part of the local Blue Ribbon Committee and to liaise with their own Lodge and others in the northern suburbs in supporting a Blue Ribbon Foundation "Remembers Lives by Saving Others" project. The Northern Metro Branch of Blue Ribbon intends to remember Constable Neil Clinch who was based at Broadmeadows Police Station and at the age of 22, died in the line of duty on 5 April 1987.

Preliminary discussions have been held with The Northern Hospital in Epping in identifying a suitable project to receive funds raised. Meetings as a whole committee will occur five times per year at Matthews Steer offices 2/7 English Street, Essendon Fields with other contact as required for specific activities. The first meeting is planned for Wednesday 9 August at 6.30pm. Express your interest to Christina Chia, Head of Marketing [HERE](#).

## FMV Engage Newsletter

This week's FMV Engage Newsletter No. 146 contains many interesting stories including Commonwealth Lodge's 'Meet the Brewer' Night; Freemasons Donation Boosts Local Hospice; Bro John Hammer Awarded Medal of the Order of Australia and 70 Year Service Jewel to RWBro. Mac Ford.

Other items include the Bellarine Masonic Centre Spit Roast; Think Pink Fundraising and Read the June Journal Online.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Bellarine Masonic Centre Spit Roast** - On Sunday 23 July 12.00 noon - 3.00pm at Queenscliff. Family and friends are invited to attend.
- **Symbolism & History of a Freemasons' Lodge Room** – 10.00am Saturday 29 July 2017 at Coppin Hall. Find out more information [HERE](#).
- **Bayside Masonic Masquerade Ball** – On Friday 11 August 2017 at 6:30pm at Milanos Tavern, Brighton. The night will include a special guest speaker and many worthwhile events. Find out more [HERE](#).

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## Media Highlights

### Gippsland Freemasons

14 July 2017 [Gippsland Times & Maffra Spectator](#) "Service clubs working together for project"

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