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FEATURE NEWS

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each other, their families
and the community.



Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Australia Day Honours

Congratulations to our wonderful Freemasons who have so rightly been recognised in this year's Australia Day honours, for their inspirational community leadership and contribution. On behalf of our whole community, I thank you for the decades of your outstanding community service.

Grand Installation

Mya and I invite you to join us at the upcoming Grand Installation in Geelong on Friday 10 March. Tickets are selling quickly, so please book [now!](#) [Grand Installation Latest News.](#)

Shining Light

It is wonderful to see so many Shining Lights in our community leading the way in our change journey. This week I congratulate The Macedon Ranges Lodge who early last year confronted possible closure but have taken their future into their own hands, gone into their community and brought Freemasonry to life. They now see growing membership and vibrancy again in their Lodge. Herein we see another shining example of a Lodge and our members taking leadership to enable the critical changes our organisation requires. Well



done Macedon Ranges Lodge.

Looking after our Widows

Last weekend we were asked about our care of those who have lost their Freemasons' partners. Brethren, I ask that every Lodge please extend your support to our community of widows. Please invite them to your functions and stay in touch. Has your Almoner been in contact with this group in the last 3 months?

Freemason's brotherly love encompasses our whole masonic family, particularly our wives, partners and family members. A Brooch/Pin given to a masonic widow is a special way to say we remember our friendship and show Freemasons still care and the memory of a Brother is not forgotten. You are encouraged to contact FMV when the need arises to send a Brooch/Pin to a special member of our masonic family. This is complementary and comes with a signed card from me.

Strategic Plan Regional Forums

In the week ahead we will be travelling to Baxter, Korumburra, Bendigo and Horsham sharing our draft Strategic Plan and seeking your feedback. Please make sure you attend these valuable forums and register for our State wide webinar on 15 February.



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

My Esteemed Brethren
Strategic Plan

It is important for us to receive your feedback on 'Compassion and Philanthropy' as these differentiate us from other fraternal organisations. Please refer to page 12 of the Strategic Plan.

We would appreciate your feedback and ideas on how we might improve the plan. Please submit your ideas to Jane Sydenham-Clarke here and as feedback comes in it will be anonymously published for your review here.

Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

FMV Contacts

Click here to see your FMV contact point for enquiries.

Community Gallery

More of our community are finding their way into the gallery and this week I am delighted to announce a special feature with the Grand Master Don Reynolds. Take a moment to read Don's reflections and watch a video where we learn more about what makes our leader tick.

Visual Identity Guidelines

Thank you for your feedback with respect to transitioning to the new visual identity. We are in the process of streamlining this and will be providing the necessary tools as we advance with the new look. Thank you for your patience.



Team Members

I am pleased to advise of two new team FMV members, Stefanos Eracleous and Sarah Glenwright, Administrative Coordinators who will be working with Julia Edwards to support the administrative needs of our busy office.

Media Highlights

Blue Lounge Social Club

Great to be working in partnership with Blue Lounge Social Club - listen to the most recent podcast interview with our CEO [here](#).

Freemasons Scholarships

Media Release

20 January 2017

Freemasons Announces Statewide Education Scholarships

Read more [here](#)

Freemasons Lane

Media Release

25 January 2017

Freemasons Victoria Welcomes Council's Lane Naming Decision

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