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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

### Supreme Grand Chapter

This week we very much enjoyed participating along with other Orders in the Supreme Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Victoria's Grand Installation of First Grand Principal Greg Harmer and his officers for the ensuing year. You can see some images from the celebration [HERE](#).

### ANZAC Day

**Anzac Day** is always a solemn occasion but this year with our dedicated creative project through Freemason Sankar Nadesen, a series of workshops leading into and on the day enabled so many of us to better reflect on the ultimate sacrifice made including by those from Indigenous and multicultural backgrounds who served as ANZACs. The wonderful ceramic objects that have been created throughout this project will find ultimately a permanent home in the community symbolising respect from us at Freemasons Victoria. You can see the Anzac Day video [HERE](#).

### Grand Master's Movements

In addition to that above my week has been focussed on Installing on Monday morning at Derrimut Daylight Lodge No 905 where Bro William Canay Que, MM was installed. His son Bro. Kristoffer Que, who is a member of Robbie Burns Phoenix Lodge was also in attendance to support his father. I would like to thank MWBro Bob Jones, PGM and RWBro John Berryman, PDGM for supporting the Lodge and myself on this occasion.

On Wednesday I will fly to the Philippines and with the Deputy Grand Master attend ANCOM (Annual Communication of Freemasons) and their Grand Installation. I return to Australia Monday morning 1 May to then travel to Mirboo to install Bro



Andrew Geary, MM that evening in the chair of Commonwealth Lodge No 186. Andrew's father and grandfather will both have a part to play in the ceremony. The following Saturday 6 May, I will be installing at an Open Investiture at Union Lodge of North Gippsland at Bairnsdale where Bro Christopher Reed, MM will be installed. You can see a full list of Installations and Events for May [HERE](#).

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## Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

My Brethren

### **In Conversation Series**

This week we continue our discussions with the Deputy Grand Master with regard to the Strategic Plan. Please join us [HERE](#).

### **Lodge Strategic Plan**

Last week I introduced the Lodge Strategic Plan Guide which you can find [HERE](#).

Today I'd like to focus your attention on the first Strategic Objective in building a Brand for Today's Man and how you might be able at the Lodge level to contribute here. In this section of the plan we need to improve how we are perceived in the community. What do we stand for and how do others view us? I encourage you to revisit the Brandhook research to refresh your understanding [HERE](#).

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## Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie

Grand Secretary

### **Call for Nominations Deputy Grand Master**

In the recent Grand Secretary's Bulletin, I referred to the nominations for the position of Deputy Grand Master. The Book of Constitutions provides for nominations to be received by the Grand Secretary before the fall of the gavel to formally open the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in June 2017.

Those interested in nominating should check the Book of Constitutions to ensure that they are eligible. Brethren proposing or seconding a candidate for election as Deputy Grand Master must, at the time of nominating, be entitled at least to the appellation of "Very Worshipful." Nominations will be accepted only on the prescribed form, which will be provided on request.

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## Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

### Men's Health Week

This year's Men's Health Week is 12-18 June 2017 and I encourage you to mobilise your Lodge members to participate! What can you do in your Lodge community to promote health? Consider inviting a local health expert to talk. How about trying a more healthy menu for supper? Maybe eating earlier, prior to your meeting? How about learning your charge in a morning walk? How can you contribute to improving well-being in your Lodge community?

Make sure you register your plans with us [HERE](#) so others can participate.

### Free Health Checks and Health Expo at APCR

Join in the FMV APCR Health Expo and book in your Lodge as a group to attend health promotion sessions at the Centre. While you're there register for free health checks with the expert team at the APCR, see details [HERE](#). Appointments are limited during Men's Health Week so don't miss out!

### Michael Long Walk 27 May 2017 Fed Square to the MCG

Calling all Lodges to gather your members and join with Michael Long and Freemason Sankar Nadesen in The Long Walk in recognition of our Indigenous heritage. Register your interest [HERE](#) to participate in the walk and to find out more about how your Lodge can support the work of the Michael Long Foundation and the RSL.

### Freemasons Foundation Approved Grants

I am pleased to share with you news from the Freemasons Foundation Victoria about the outcomes of its recent Board meeting at which approval was given for \$63,047 of grants and of this \$35,993 related to supporting Lodges with their charitable works within the community. Please see [HERE](#) for details.

### Lodge Collections and Donations

Does your Lodge maintain a masonic collection or museum? Does your Lodge receive donations for the museum? If so [HERE](#) are some resources that can assist you in managing your Lodge collection. For further help or assistance contact Collections Manager [Samantha Fabry](#).

### Staffing Arrangements

I write to advise that Stefanos Eracleous has completed his employment at Freemasons Victoria. We thank Stefanos for his efforts and wish him well in his career pursuits.

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## FMV Engage Newsletter

This week's **FMV Engage Newsletter No. 142** contains many interesting stories including: the 70 Year Jewel for WBro. Allan Vaughan; the Gippsland Lodge Family Fun Day; Freemasons Garage Sale to aid the Nhill Wirraway Project and Music Music at United Memorial Merbein Lodge.

Other featured stories include: A Beautiful Tribute for Anzac Day and the Good Friday Appeal - Freemasons in Action.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Dig Deep for Legacy** – On Saturday 29 April 2017, Bendigo Freemasons will conduct a unique ceremony of the Unknown Soldier in the depths of the Deborah Mine, High Street, Bendigo. Find out more about this event [HERE](#).
- **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](#).

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## Media Highlights

### West Wimmera Region

20 April 2017 [Kaniva Times](#) "Young Freemasons Launch in Wimmera Region"

21 April 2017 [www.stawelltimes.com.au](http://www.stawelltimes.com.au) "Club revitalises Freemasons"

21 April 2017 [www.wimmeramailtimes.com.au](http://www.wimmeramailtimes.com.au) "Club revitalises Freemasons"

### Mornington Lodge

24 April 2017 [www.mpnews.com.au](http://www.mpnews.com.au) "Masons help combat domestic violence"

25 April 2017 [Mornington News](#) "Masons help combat domestic violence"

25 April 2017 [Southern Peninsula News](#) "Masons help combat domestic violence"

### Anzac Commemorative Plaques - Horace Petty Estate South Yarra

25 April 2017 [Stonnington Leader](#) "Tribute to war heroes"

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