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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



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## Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

### Think Pink

Terrific to see such good progress with our fundraising efforts for Think Pink – thank you Gardenvale Mobility Lodge and Lodge Metropolis for your great contributions! Please consider how you can do likewise!

Another great way to support Think Pink is with the 5 Cent Piece Initiative, if every Brother collects \$2.00 there will be nearly \$20,000 raised. See [HERE](#) for more details.



### Grand Master's Movements

Last Saturday, along with the Ceremonial Team and their ladies, we attended the Annual Shabbat Service at Temple Beth Israel. We were made to feel very welcome by Rabbi Kim and it was also good to be in the company of MWBro Hillel and Sue Bedykt. On Tuesday I attended Lodge Amicus, my own Lodge. It was good to be in the company of a number of the Brethren from Brighton District Lodge. Thursday, I installed Bro Richard Boulton into the chair at Lilydale Lodge.

Tomorrow I will install Bro Ian McKellar at Middle Park Lodge which is an Open Investiture. This will be a very busy week for myself and the team as we prepare to Consecrate a new Lodge in Berwick, Lodge of Progress No 940 on Saturday 5 August. The Consecration of the Lodge will commence at 1.00pm followed by the Installation of WBro Graham Whiteside as the inaugural Master of Progress. The Investiture of the Office Bearers will be an Open Investiture.

On Thursday, I will be at Ivanhoe Grammarians for the installation of Bro Simon Browning. This will be a special evening as I will present RWBro Geoffrey Davey, a Grand Steward in the 2016–17 Grand Lodge

Ceremonial Team, with his 70 year jewel.

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

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

Dear Brethren

### Grand Registrar

Expressions of interest are called for the position of Grand Registrar. The Grand Registrar, an honorary position, is an appointed member of the Board of General Purposes, and the Senior Legal Officer of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. If you believe you have the necessary qualifications, experience and motivation to take on this challenging role, please forward a confidential expression of interest, including a detailed resume to the Grand Secretary [HERE](#).

### Member Ready Lodges

Well done those Lodges who are now member ready. We now have 41 Lodges who are compliant and ready to receive new members and 45 Lodges with Engagement Officers in place. You can see the updated list of all Lodges and status [HERE](#).

### Lodge Flyer

Have you produced your own promotional flyer for your Lodge? See [HERE](#).

### Lodge Plan

We are hopeful that you are 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 on the changes to the processes for joining Freemasonry. This is particularly relevant as the current processes were developed many years ago and need to be made relevant to the 21st Century.



The changes are not to diminish the process but rather to make it more robust and relevant. An important part of this change is the need to provide Police Checks. Other organisations with volunteers including St Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Brotherhood of St Laurence utilise Police Checks. This approach is consistent with community standards and expectations, and signing a code of conduct will emphasise the behaviour expected of a member of the organisation. Please see [HERE](#).

### Grand Secretary's Bulletin

Bulletin No.143 is attached with details of the forthcoming September Quarterly Communication, and the Quarterly Forum. See [HERE](#).

## 2018 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team

Applications for the 2018 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team are open and RWBro Keith Murray, Deputy Grand Master encourages Brethren with your partners to attend the final information session at the Wangaratta Masonic Centre on Sunday 30 July at 10.00am.

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## Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

### **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.

### **Expressions of Interest: 2017 Remembrance Day Ceremony**

Expressions of interest are invited from Lodges to host a Remembrance Day ceremony on 10 or 11 November 2017 to mark Freemasons Victoria's respect on this significant occasion. If your Lodge is interested in enabling such an occasion please email [HERE](#) to explore opportunities for possible support.

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## Freemasons Helpdesk

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## Upcoming Events

- **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

### **Freemasons Foundation Victoria**

22 July 2017 [Ballarat Courier](#) "Piano brings joy to theatre visitors"

### **The Northern Health Foundation**

25 July 2017 [Whittlesea Leader](#) "Chance to own Audi, support patients' families"

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