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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



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## Grand Installation

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### Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

#### Compassion Forum

I, like so many of us, was inspired by the work of both Portland and Macedon Ranges Lodges whose representatives Peter Barrand, Steve Rogers and Bill Lagoon so impressively shared with us the impact they have enabled in their Lodges and in their wider communities. Portland's successes through their Bingo program have, in partnership with the Freemasons Foundation Victoria Limited, enabled widespread community support including for the Volunteer Coast Guard service, Men's Shed, Schools, Guides and Residential Care. The Macedon Ranges' school breakfast program provides nourishment for children who otherwise won't have breakfast. Congratulations Macedon Ranges and Portland Lodges, you bring pride to Freemasonry. View the Compassion Forum Video [HERE](#) and access the Compassion Forum Handouts [HERE](#).

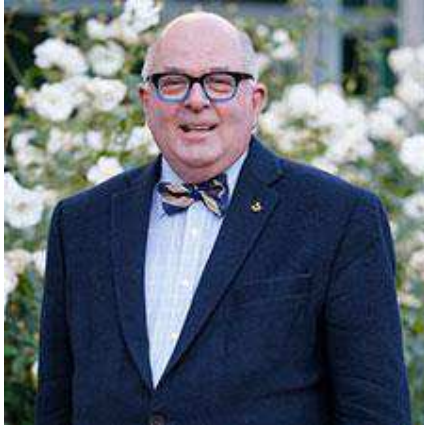


#### Grand Master's Movements

Last Saturday I was honoured to be asked to open a function in Ballarat where Past Grand Master, Bruce Bartrop, presented his time as Grand Master of our organisation. Samantha Fabry had also set up a Masonic display at the Ballarat Library which gave insight and understanding into Freemasonry. I congratulate Samantha and her team on putting together this worthwhile event. Read on [HERE](#).

The October Installation planner is available [HERE](#).

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## Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

Last week I commented on what I regard as an outstanding expression of membership views at our Quarterly Communication and how your Board must learn from that. At our next meeting on October 12, the Board will examine the lessons learned; what they mean for our approach to communication, particularly about Constitutional change, and membership attitudes to the change processes of Freemasons Victoria.

### Member Ready Lodges

Terrific progress continues with Member Ready Lodges with now 82 Lodges compliant and ready to receive new members and 99 Lodges with Engagement Officers in place. Check your Lodge's progress [HERE](#).

### Lodge Flyer

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

### Lodge Plan

Remember the Lodge Plan template can be found [HERE](#) or alternatively [HERE](#). Please send your completed Lodge Plan to [HERE](#) so others can learn.

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## Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie

Grand Secretary

Brethren

### Quarterly Communication

The next Quarterly Communication will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017, at the Sandringham Masonic Centre. This will be live streamed on the internet. If you are unable to attend in person, you can either logon to the website and watch proceedings live, or attend one of the nominated Masonic Centres to join other members to view the Communication. Further details will be issued shortly.



### Prestonian Lecture

On 22 November, at the Inner East Masonic Centre at Box Hill, Freemasons Victoria in conjunction with Combemere Lodge No.752 E.C. are hosting a talk by Dr Richard Berman, the 2016 Prestonian Lecturer from the United Grand Lodge of England. This will be an event not to be missed. See [HERE](#) for further details.

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## Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Dear Members

### Member Survey

Again thank you for your rapid survey response, duplicates have now been excluded and analysis to clinical industry standards is underway. These results will underpin the design of our new member attraction campaign. Your contribution here is appreciated.

### Staffing

It is with sadness that I advise that Christina Chia has concluded her employment with us. We are most grateful for Christina's contribution and wish her success in her next steps.

### Freemasons Victoria Mobile App

Thanks to all those testing the FMV Mobile Phone Application which enables you to see what Lodges are meeting, upcoming events, and this weekly e-newsletter and more. Get involved [HERE](#)

### Education Program

The Freemasons Victoria Online Education Portal continues to engage those with MAP 0 and MAP 1. Does your Lodge have propositions? You can share the MAP 0 (Introduction to Freemasonry) with them (and the general public) immediately [HERE](#), and all others can request access for MAP 1 [HERE!](#)

## FMV Engage Newsletter

This week's [FMV Engage Newsletter 151](#) contains a number of interesting stories including: WBro. Douglas Trapnell Appointed Judge of the Victorian County Court; FMV Cycling Club Participates in Fruitloop Ride; Freemasons Donate NAO Robot and the Masonic Order of Knights Templar.

Other articles include Dr Richard Berman's 2017 Prestonian Lecture on the Foundations of the Craft; the Freemasons Victoria Grand Installation 2018 and the Freemasons Victoria 2016-2017 Annual Report.



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## Freemasons Members Helpdesk

Following the tremendous support and feedback received by our Lodge Secretaries and as part of our ongoing responsiveness, we have upgraded our FMV Helpdesk system to now handle all areas of membership enquiries and needs. The FMV Members Helpdesk System will receive your emails and provide you immediate notifications as we work to deliver swift responses. Please note the changes to the following email addresses and update your contacts accordingly:

### Department

Grand Secretary  
Membership  
Marketing  
Corporate  
Property and Maintenance  
Library and Museum

### Email

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[marketing@fmv.org.au](mailto:marketing@fmv.org.au)  
[corporate@fmv.org.au](mailto:corporate@fmv.org.au)  
[property@fmv.org.au](mailto:property@fmv.org.au)  
[library@fmv.org.au](mailto:library@fmv.org.au)

Alternatively, you can visit [support](#) and submit your enquiries via our Helpdesk system directly.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Bayside Church Service** – 10.00am Sunday 1 October 2017 – Join the Grand Master at this special service to be held at St Peter's Anglican Church, 77 Were Street, Brighton.
- **Guiding Star Lodge 57th Emergency Services Lodge meeting** - 7.00pm Wednesday 4 October 2017 at the Ballarat Masonic Centre, 616 Barkly Street, Ballarat. All Emergency Services members are invited to attend. Uniforms and medals are encouraged. RSVP to VWBro Ron Fleming PGIW [HERE](#) by 29 September.
- **Northern Health and Freemasons Victoria** - On Saturday 7 October 2017 a Fundraising Dinner at Melrose Reception Tullamarine. In partnership with Northern Health, please join Freemasons Victoria at a Fundraising Dinner to support critical community work. See [HERE](#).
- **Motorcyclists United Lodge to the Blessing of the Bikes** event to be held on Saturday 14 October from 9.00am – 3.00pm at San Remo, Phillip Island. Expressions of interest to Engagement Officer for the Motorcyclists United Lodge No 939, David Cash [HERE](#).
- **Grand Mark Festival at Traralgon** - Friday 20 October to Sunday 22 October 2017. Join the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria for a weekend of fun and festivities. See [HERE](#) for further information.
- **Defence Seminar** - 11.00am Saturday 21 October 2017 - The Auditorium, Shrine of Remembrance. View [HERE](#).
- **Navy Defence Ball** - 7.00pm Saturday 21 October 2017 - Melbourne Town Hall. Further details [HERE](#).
- **Lodge of St. Mark No. 591 Halloween Fundraiser** - 6.00pm Saturday 21 October 2017. Raising funds for Alzheimer's Australia Dementia Research Foundation. To be held at Grand Star Receptions, 499 Grieve Parade, Altona North. See [HERE](#) for Bookings.
- **Seafarers Church Service** at 10.30am Sunday 22 October at St Paul's Cathedral, Cnr Flinders and Swanston Street, Melbourne.
- **Royal Freemasons 38th Annual Masonic Charity Golf Day** - Monday 23 October 2017 at Huntingdale Gold Club. See [HERE](#) for further information.
- **FMV Lodge Engagement Conference** – 10.30am Saturday 18 November 2017 – Open to all Lodge Engagement Officers, this is the perfect event to share and seed ideas, as well as pick up

valuable skills at improving the level of engagement within your Lodge. You can reserve your place at the Conference [HERE!](#)

- **RIMS (Recently Installed Masters) and Preparation for Masters Course** – Saturday 18 November 2017 – Hamilton Masonic Centre. For more information please contact Peter Barrand [HERE.](#)

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## Media Highlights

### Media Releases

#### **Brownlow Media**

**Media Release** 24 September 2017

Freemasons call for Station to be named after Charles Brownlow - View [HERE](#)

23 September 2017 [Geelong Advertiser](#) "Call for station name to honour Brownlow"

### Media Highlights

#### **Freemasons Victoria Annual Report**

25 September 2017 **ABC Radio Melbourne - Breakfast with Red Symons**

Interview with Jane Sydenham-Clarke, CEO, Freemasons Victoria

25 September 2017 [commercialrealestate.com.au](#) "How Freemasons Victoria is using property to overhaul its century"

#### **Ballarat Library Presentation**

25 September 2017 [Ballarat Courier](#) "Freemasons in town"

#### **Dimboola Masonic Lodge**

22 September 2017 [Warracknabeal Herald](#) "Dimboola Masonic Lodge installs new Worshipful Master"

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