

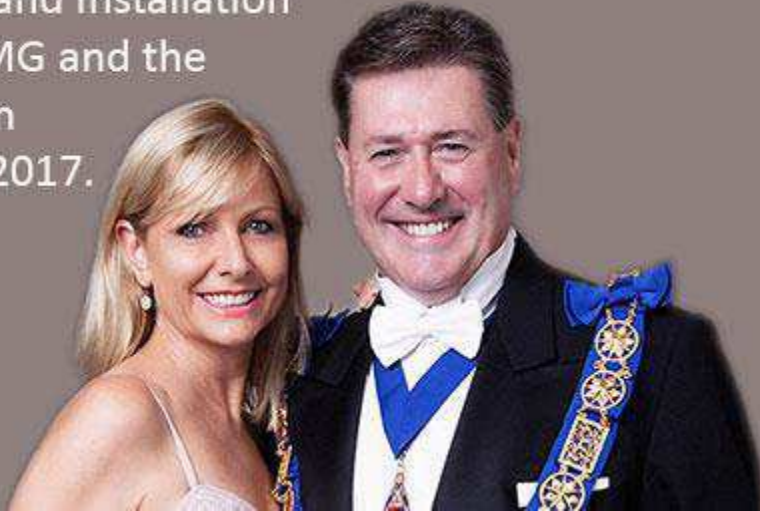
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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



Join us for the Grand Installation
presented by KPMG and the
Grand Banquet on
Friday 10 March 2017.



Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Grand Installation presented by KPMG

The Grand Installation is only a week away now and registrations are closed! Make sure you are familiar with details for parking, security access and bus shuttles which you find [HERE](#). Mya and I look forward to sharing a wonderful occasion with you.

Grand Installation Masonic Portraits!

Take advantage of the great opportunity to secure your unique Masonic portrait at the Grand Installation this year! Select either a printed photo or a canvas for purchase from midday until 3pm at The Pier. This will be the only available time so please ensure you avail yourself appropriately. Looking forward to seeing these masterpieces! View a sample portrait [HERE](#).

Grand Installation Tasmania

It was great to have such a strong Victorian delegation with over 23 members participating in the excellent Tasmanian Grand Installation. Thank you all who joined us.



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

Dear Brethren

February Board meeting

I am pleased to advise that your hard working Board completed a marathon meeting across two weeks in February with much discussed and resolved. Please click [HERE](#) for details.

Volunteer Action Teams An invitation for Team Leaders

Member participation is one of the cornerstones of our fraternity. As part of the continuing development of Freemasonry in Victoria we are constantly looking for ways to enhance both member experiences and the effectiveness of our support systems. The President and Chair of the Board of General Purposes would like to invite applications for the roles of **Volunteer Action Team Leaders**. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Strategic Plan

The feedback received on the [Strategic Plan](#) has been provided to key team members who have collated and analysed the suggestions and comments. Ideas were grouped under the appropriate Key Priority to ensure it will be considered as business plans are developed by the managers in FMV. A brief report was provided to the last Board meeting.

The majority of reports supported the Board's initiative and there were no negative comments in relation to the 5 Key Priorities. Some comments suggested the paper could have been more interesting but most contributions provided suggestions and ideas to address the issues being considered in the Plan.

Book [HERE](#) for the Strategic Planning Forum with me and our CEO prior to the Grand Installation on 10 March 2107.

Message from WBro. Bruce Cowie Assistant Grand Secretary

The Constitution

It's great to be bringing you regular information in this section about interpreting our Constitution. It is important to understand the facts about our rules and to dismiss myths. Today I wish to draw your attention to a matter that is being discussed frequently at present and that relates to dress code at Lodge. The dress code for both Evening and Daylight Lodges are not a matter defined in the Book of Constitutions but a policy that is approved by the Grand Master.

Accordingly, it is permissible for a Lodge to vary its dress code for a particular occasion or seek a permanent change for the Lodge. In both cases the Lodge would need to make a resolution for the change and then seek the approval of the Grand Master to the change. This approval is sought via the Grand Secretary. It might also be warranted for a permanent change to be recommended to the Grand Master that may impact many Lodges. In this instance communication on such recommendations may be directed to the Grand Secretary for consideration by the Grand Master.

The other aspect that is particularly important to note that in special circumstances, it may be impossible for a Brother to wear the correct attire.



In these circumstances he should not be excluded from attending the meeting.

In coming weeks, I will discuss other aspects of the Book of Constitutions that are the subject of frequent correspondence because requirements are not fully understood.



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Code of Conduct

Freemasons Victoria's Code of Conduct has now been finalised and approved by the Board. This document provides a framework for behaviour for all representatives of Freemasons Victoria including staff, volunteers and members. The behaviours that the Code of Conduct seeks to reinforce and protect are guided by the three tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and these have inspired our organisational values: Responsiveness, Integrity, Impartiality, Accountability, Respect, Leadership, Human Rights. Please read the **Code of Conduct** carefully and I look forward to working with you as we bring the document to life.

Market Research Report

This week I share with you the market research undertaken by Brandhook to help us to understand Today's Man. I encourage you to review this substantial set of findings including a literature review, analysis of previous member surveys and the outcomes of your December 2016 surveying. The insights herein provide valuable intelligence for us all as we build our plans for a sustainable future. Please use this document to inform your Lodge strategic planning. View **HERE**.

FMV Journal

Today we are delighted to release the Autumn version of the FMV Journal with this edition focussing on Today's Man. The Journal reveals the findings of the recent major research study into being a man today as we examine how Freemasons Victoria can best respond to contemporary men's needs. Included in this study was membership research from previous years and a new substantial survey of over 800 members. Thank you for providing us with your insights and advice as we work to build a sustainable future for our organisation. Click **HERE**.

Media Highlights

Take a look at some of the great media exposure that Freemasons have received this week including the **Border Mail** by clicking on the Media Highlights links just below here.

Media Highlights

23 February 2017 **Media Release**

Freemasons Cycling Club (Victoria) Hits the Road for headspace

24 February 2017 **Ararat Advertiser** "Vietnam re-enactment to show in town"

24 February 2017 **Wangaratta Chronicle** "Help for headspace"

28 February 2017 **www.bordermail.com.au** "Masons ride for health"

28 February 2017 **3BA FM Ballarat** "A group of cyclists are riding from Wodonga to Ballarat in a bid to raise awareness and funds to support headspace"

28 February 2017 **WIN News Albury Facebook** "The Freemasons Cycling Club prepare to leave Wodonga as they ride to Ballarat raising vital funds for headspace."

1 March 2017 www.goldcentralvictoria.com.au "Headspace Cyclists Riding Through Central Victoria"

FMV Engage Newsletter

This week's **FMV Engage Newsletter No. 138** contains many interesting stories including: the Library Donation from England; the Zetland Masonic Lodge Dedication Ceremony and the Glenelg Lodge Opens Doors to Local Playgroup.

Other stories featured include: the Ringwood Antique Valuation Day; a Momentous Day for Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and Ionic Coaching Services.

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