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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER

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## Grand Installation

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### Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

The Grand Master is with the Deputy Grand Master representing Freemasons Victoria to mark the Tercentenary of the United Grand Lodge of England. We look forward to updates on his return.

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



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

Dear Brethren

#### Process Reviews

I recently advised that the Board had initiated reviews of both the Board Selection panel and the Deputy Grand Master Electoral College. The Terms of Reference for both Reviews have been approved and, during the week, the Board Selection Panel Review, comprising Directors Chrys Kypreos, Michael Maher and Fotios Spiridonos together with our Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary and myself commenced deliberations.

We resolved to conduct an information scan including a survey of both panel members and candidates for Board positions. This will be followed by focus groups to explore survey outcomes more fully. A similar process is expected to be adopted by the Review Team into the DGM Electoral College. It is expected

that the Board Selection Review will be concluded prior to Christmas.

### **Innovation in Masonic Education**

So much is happening with respect to developing the Masonic Education experience, and the Board is very much looking forward to a specific briefing at its upcoming meeting. We are most grateful for the excellent work of the Membership team particularly Andrew Power, supported by the Masonic Knowledge VAT led by Ian Buckingham, and its Education Team led by Brendan Kyne. I have been most interested in the Freemasons Victoria Online Education Portal, especially the engaging experience provided to our prospects in the Introduction to Freemasonry module. MAP 1 is impressive and I understand MAP 2 is about to go live. See [HERE](#) for your prospects and [HERE](#) for MAP 1!

### **Member Ready Lodges**

Great work continues on Member Ready Lodges and Engagement Officers. 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 of Grand Lodge Wednesday 13 December 2017**

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at the Sandringham Masonic Centre, as a farewell to this Grand Old Lady who has served our Craft for many years. The members of the Sandringham Centre as well as the Brighton and Moorabbin Centres will transfer into the new Bayside Masonic Centre in the New Year. The event will be by booking only and is limited to 200. More than half the seats have already been booked, so please book soon and don't miss out on this special event.



A light supper will be held after. Ample parking will be available on the Shorefront with buses to transfer the Brethren to the Centre. Brethren can book via try booking [HERE](#).

### **Grand Secretary's Bulletin – No 144**

The next edition of the Grand Secretary's Bulletin is now available [HERE](#).

### **Book of Constitutions**

A copy of the recent amendments to the Book of Constitutions is available [HERE](#) and may be downloaded and included with your current copies of the 40th Edition. The pdf copy on the website, has now been amended with these changes - edition 40A. For ease of use the recent changes are in red. The new edition incorporating all the changes approved by Grand Lodge during 2017 will be released in hard copy format early 2018.

### **Information on Lodge Workings**

The 2017 print of the Book of Lodge Workings is available in soft copy. If you would like a copy emailed to you please email [HERE](#). Hard copies have now been received by FMV. Please call Jillian on 9411 0111 (option 1) to obtain your copy.

### **Prestonian Lecture**

Have you booked for the 22 November 2017 event 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

### **Farewell Dayne Carmichael**

After close to eight years it is with sadness that Dayne will be leaving us to take up a national facilities role. We are most grateful for the significant progress Dayne has enabled across our property portfolio and wish him happiness and success in his next career step. Dayne's last day will be 24 November 2017, please join me in thanking him for his major contribution to Freemasons Victoria.

### **Manager Property**

An opportunity exists in the FMV team for a Manager Property. Applications from suitably qualified professionals are invited including covering letter, resume and statement demonstrating capacity with respect to competencies, attributes, qualifications and experience to Jane Sydenham-Clarke, Chief Executive Officer. For further information please see [HERE](#).

### **Joint Secretariat of Grand Mark and Supreme Grand Chapter**

The position of 'Administration Officer' will shortly become available with the Joint Secretariat of Grand Mark and Supreme Grand Chapter (Chamar Pty Ltd). This is a full time position dealing with all aspects of the Administration of Grand Mark and Supreme Grand Chapter under the direction of the GSE/GSec. See [HERE](#) for more information and [HERE](#) for the Job Description.

### **Freemasons Foundation Victoria Philanthropic Workshops**

Freemasons Foundation Victoria is offering 2 free 2 hour workshops delivered by Philanthropy Australia on Seeking Philanthropic Funding and Writing Effective Grant Applications. If you are interested in attending click on the links below and reserve your seat as only 20 places are available for each workshop. **Seeking Philanthropic Funding** - 15 November 2017 - Bookings [HERE](#)  
**Writing Effective Grant Applications** - 22 November 2017 - Bookings [HERE](#)

### **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](#).

### **Apologies**

Last week John Follett's name was accidentally misspelt, for this we apologise and have corrected for subsequent publishing. Also VWBro Peter Shellie Grand Superintendent of Works was wrongly acknowledged as Grand Inspector of Works. For this, we also apologise.

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### Freemasons Victoria November Member Benefits

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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

[grandsec@fmv.org.au](mailto:grandsec@fmv.org.au)  
[membership@fmv.org.au](mailto:membership@fmv.org.au)  
[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

- **Victoria Blue Ribbon 2017 Golf Day To Remember** - 8.00am Friday 3 November 2017 at Settlers Run Golf and Country Club. See [HERE](#) for more details.
  - **Grand Organ Recital** in aid of the **We Care Appeal 2017** - 2.00pm Sunday 5 November 2017 at Brighton Masonic Hall in aid of the Royal Children's Hospital. See [HERE](#) for further details.
  - **Facebook Education night** - Monday 6 November 2017 - Commonwealth Lodge is hosting a Facebook Education night for all Brethren. More information [HERE](#).
  - **Casino Night** - 8.30pm Monday 6 November 2017. North Melbourne Lodge invites you to take a chance and join for an evening of fun at our fundraising for the Royal Children's Hospital. Please RSVP by 3 November. See [HERE](#) for details.
  - **Lodge Fraternal 603 Ladies in The South Dinner Dance** - 7.00pm Saturday 18 November 2017 to be held at Milanos Tavern, Brighton. Celebrating Lodge Fraternal's 70th Year. Bookings Essential. More details [HERE](#).
  - **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) Course** – Saturday 18 November 2017 – Hamilton Masonic Centre. For more information please contact Peter Barrand [HERE](#).
  - **Preparation for Masters Course** – Saturday 18 November 2017 – Hamilton Masonic Centre. For more information please contact Peter Barrand [HERE](#).
  - **Prestonian Lecture** - 6.30pm Wednesday 22 November 2017. 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 held at the Inner Eastern Masonic Centre Box Hill. See [HERE](#) for details.
  - **Freemasons Foundation Victoria Annual General Meeting** - 5.00pm Wednesday 29 November 2017 at Inner East Masonic Centre, 1013 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Please RSVP by Wednesday 15 November 2017 on (03) 9411 0124 or email Neil Cripps [HERE](#).
  - **Sunshine Wisdom Lodge 2017 Christmas Party** - 6.00pm Friday 1 December 2017 at Williamstown Town Hall. Bookings essential. See [HERE](#) for more details.
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## Media Highlights

**Eastern Health Searchlight Fundraiser**

27 October 2017 **Media Release**

**Suicide a Hidden Silent Killer in the City - Read [HERE](#). View the event [HERE](#).**

**Portland Masonic Lodge**

27 October 2017 **[Portland Observer](#)** "Masonic Lodge opens its doors to the public"

**Northern Health Foundation Accommodation Relief Appeal**

31 October 2017 **[Whittlesea Leader](#)** "Funds for house"

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