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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Freemasons in Partnership with Think Pink

Thanks to the Freemasons Foundation, Freemasons Victoria and Lodges across the State, our partnership with Think Pink continues to deliver critical support for Victorians, especially those from regional Victoria. See [HERE](#) an update with our President and Think Pink Living Centre Founder Irene Hendel OAM. Remember October is Pink month, please consider how your Lodge fundraising could assist us to support the rental payments for the Think Pink Living Centre which includes a residential apartment to save those travelling to Melbourne for treatment from prohibitively expensive accommodation or worse, sleeping in their car! Any members with family or friends who needs support during the breast cancer journey can contact the Think Pink Living Centre [HERE](#).



Royal Freemasons Homes 150 Years Anniversary

On Sunday 18 June 2017, the Homes celebrated a fabulous event to commemorate its 150th Anniversary. See [HERE](#) for further information.

Grand Master's Movements

On Saturday I attended the Peace and Loyalty Lodge Open Investiture where I installed WBro John Millar into the Chair on what was a very well attended installation. Tuesday I met with the Heads of other Orders (Mark and Chapter) for our regular get together and a very productive meeting was held. Tomorrow I will open the FMV Lodge Secretary's Conference at Box Hill and then attend the Open Investiture at

Williamstown Lodge where WBro Graeme Oldfield will be installed. Then on Thursday it is off to Sandringham District Lodge where I will install Bro Stephen Rake, MM into the Chair of King Solomon. On Saturday I will be at Berwick Balcara Lodge to install Bro Ian Hutcheson MM. The July Installations planner is available [HERE](#).



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

Dear Brethren

As your Vice President of the Board of General Purposes, I am pleased to be representing the President while he is on leave.

District and Lodge Planning

Have you scheduled to attend the Lodge planning forums? Please see [HERE](#).

Member Ready Lodges

The up-to-date Member Ready Lodge register is [HERE](#). Do you have your Engagement Officer, see [HERE](#) in place? See [HERE](#) for what it means to be member ready.

Reflections of our PGMs

The conversation continues with MWBro Neville Smith [HERE](#).

CEO in CMO

Our CEO Jane Sydenham-Clarke is featured in an article in advance of her Momentum Conference presentation next month. You can read the article [HERE](#).

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Brethren

Education Program

Thanks to the great support of the Masonic Knowledge VAT and its Education team led by WBro Brendan Kyne from the Lodge of Research. This week we launch the Map Zero program [HERE](#) as the first element in our new online education experience. This program is designed to support those enquiring about joining Freemasons Victoria, commencing what will become a lifelong journey of development.



Quarterly Communication 21 June 2017

Thank you for joining us at the Quarterly Communication last Wednesday. The video can be seen [HERE](#).

2018 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team

Applications for the 2018 Grand Lodge Ceremonial Team are now open and RWBro Keith Murray, Deputy Grand Master encourages you and your partner to attend an information evening. See [HERE](#) for details.

Board of General Purposes

The Board Selection panel met on Saturday 24 June 2017 and appointed VWBro Chrys Kypreos and WBro Michael Maher to fill the remaining vacancies on the Board of General Purposes. These

appointments are with immediate effect.

Constitutional Changes

At the Quarterly Communication on 21 June 2017, the President of the Board of General Purposes gave Notice of Motion for a number of Constitutional changes [HERE](#) to be voted on at the September Quarterly Communication. During coming weeks further information will be made available to all members to assist in understanding the changes and importantly the reason why these are necessary. Meanwhile should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me [HERE](#).



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Regional Men's Health Bus Coming To Your Lodge - Book Now!

Have you expressed interest in having the Australian Prostate Cancer Research (APCR) Bus come to visit your rural community?

Freemasons Foundation will be enabling the APCR bus to travel across regional Victoria from August 2017 to February 2018. Expressions of interest to have the bus at your centre should be sent to [Neil Cripps](#).

Open Nights and Open Installation: Ambassador Program

Make sure you book your new member presentation from our Ambassadors for your Open Event or Installation. See [HERE](#) for how you can access speakers to assist with your new member recruitment.

Grand Superintendent of Works travels North

This week Peter Shellie GSuptWks took great pleasure in attending Tresco Lodge in Swan Hill where he participated in an open meeting with members of Tresco, Swan Hill Lodges as well as representatives of a number of other Orders. View [HERE](#). The topic of the meeting was the possible redevelopment of part of the Swan Hill Masonic Centre to create some long term income and general improvements. The meeting was well attended and the level of interest and questions heartening. Special thanks to Jim Thompson and Neil Gannon for showing Peter around the district including Kerang, Koondrook, Cohuna and Horseshoe Bend Lodge Centres. Sadly of course the first two are now closed.

Peter noted what a wonderful Centre we have in Cohuna and once the finishing touches are done on the switchboard and carpet and a TV is installed for use in the South for education purposes, it will be a wonderfully historic building with touches of the 21st century in which we can be rightfully proud. Horseshoe Bend Lodge Centre at the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement internally is a sight to behold with the job done by our local Freemasons transforming a tired, dusty and worn out room into being a shining example. The re-painting of the exterior has been awarded and will commence when the weather is improved and the Peppercorn tree has been trimmed.

Staffing

An opportunity has become available in the FMV team for a Marketing and Communications Coordinator please see [HERE](#)

Freemasons Helpdesk

When you email [membership](#) for any membership enquiries, or [marketing](#) for any media and marketing enquiries, your email will be handled by our Helpdesk system which means you will receive notification as we work to deliver swift responses. Alternatively, you can visit [support](#) and submit your enquiries via our Helpdesk system directly.

Upcoming Events

- **Lodge Secretary Conference** – 10am Saturday 1 July 2017 - Box Hill Masonic Centre - All Lodge Secretaries are welcome to attend where sessions for Lodge Strategic Planning, Ritual & Ceremonial and Building Updates, Secretary Tools and more will be shared. Find out more information [HERE](#). To register, please contact WBro **Ben Quick** - or on (03) 9411-0111.
- **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](#).

Media Highlights

Memories!

Take a trip down memory lane and rediscover Freemasons: The Inside Story, the first show globally that was dedicated to showcasing Freemasonry see [HERE](#). Do you recognise anyone from Series 3, Episode 23?



Photo - Back row left: David Webb MM, Engagement Officer of Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence; Martin Harrington MM, Lodge of Orana; James Anderson MM, Lodge of Orana; Nicholas Alivizatos WM, The Lodge of Evolution and Basel Alogaidi MM, The Diamond Valley Lodge.
Front row left: Henry Chan MM, Gregorios Lodge/Duke of Sussex Lodge; Elias Eracleous PM, The Lodge of Evolution; Ben Quick PM The Lodge of the Golden Fleece; Davor Balder MM, Keysborough St. Andrews Daylight Lodge and Max Broad MM – Lodge of Orana.

Gippsland FM Radio features New Masonic Centre in the Latrobe Valley
26 June 2017 For your listening pleasure [HERE](#).

Lowan Lodge

28 June 2017 [Wimmera Mail Times](#) "Lodge celebrates Austin installation"

Avoca Masonic Lodge

23 June 2017 [Maryborough Advertiser](#) "Freemasons help MDHS"

23 June 2017 [Pyrenees Advocate](#) "Avoca Freemasons assist hospital"

Star of The East Lodge Omeo

26 June 2017 [Bairnsdale Advertiser](#) "Bush nurse benefits from Mason generosity"

New Masonic Centre in Traralgon

22 June 2017 [Latrobe Valley Express](#) "New Masonic Centre underway"

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Lowan Lodge Nhill

21 June 2017 [Kaniva Times](#) "Donation to Early Years Centre"

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