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Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Civility, Courtesy, Manners

Again I write, as I did in May this year, reminding us all of our commitments as Freemasons and of the need for civil, courteous and well-mannered behaviour. Back then I shared a salient message from our friends in NSW and ACT in the Editorial of their March 2017 Magazine. I refer you once more to the Editorial [HERE](#) where they emphasise the importance of ceasing hostile and rude communications. An important lesson for us all and one that comes from our Masonic teachings. I further commend those in our ranks who have the courage to stand up to hostile and rude communications, as has occurred recently, whether it be in our meetings or on social media. I encourage everyone to take a stand, to raise the standards of our engagement to that which better reflects our principles and tenets and brings pride to our fraternity.



Thanks to Budget and The Wheelton Group

We are delighted to advise of a wonderful opportunity thanks to Budget and The Wheelton Group. In particular we extend gratitude to Paul Wheelton AM KSJ, Simon Wheelton and Michael Taranto for their generous support in providing two trucks as mobile billboards for Freemasons Victoria. See the FMV trucks [HERE](#).

Grand Master's Movements

Last Sunday I attended, with members of the Ceremonial Team, the Bayside District Church Service held at St Peter's Anglican Church, Brighton. Afterwards some of the members of the team dined with local Bayside Brethren at Milanos. On Monday night, I installed Bro Keith Turner into the chair at Kyneton Lodge where I was ably assisted by RWBro Ken Cribbes, PDGM. What a great night with Brethren from various areas coming together including some non-Freemasons and partners. Read on [HERE](#).

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



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

Dear Brethren

Member Ready Lodges

Extraordinary that we now have 100 Lodges with Engagement Officers – what a fantastic achievement and I look forward to seeing the impacts of this focus on engagement through improved member satisfaction, attraction and retention.

Congratulations to all Lodges who have taken this step and please ensure your Engagement Officer enrolls at the upcoming Engagement Officer Conference on 18 November 2017 at the Box Hill Masonic Centre. Register your interest [HERE!](#) Also great to see 83 Member Ready Lodges compliant and ready to receive new members. 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.

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie

Grand Secretary

Brethren

Think Pink Foundation Living Centre

On Wednesday, I was delighted to visit The Think Pink Foundation Living Centre on St Kilda Road with the President of the Board of General Purposes to mark the beginnings of a partnership with Men's Shed. More information is [HERE](#). Freemasons Victoria and Men's Shed are exploring various avenues for partnership opportunities and this is just one.

My visit reminded me of the contribution that Freemasons have made to this Centre over a decade and the continued support that is needed.



Breast Cancer, along with all cancer is an insidious disease and this Centre provides support to sufferers and their families, especially those from regional Victoria. I was moved to hear how appreciative they are for the support of Freemasons and their plans for the future. It is a cause that is important and necessary until a cure for cancer can be found. This Centre shows how Freemasonry can be such a vital part of the community.

Quarterly Communication

The next Quarterly Communication will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017. 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.



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Dear Members

New District Coordinators

Thank you to all those who have expressed interest in the recently advertised District Coordinators' positions, it has been great to see such enthusiasm. I am pleased to advise that Alan Tyndall has been appointed as Bayside District Coordinator, with Tony Matern as Assistant.

It is with further pleasure that we inform that John McTaggart has been appointed as District Coordinator in Wimmera, with John Webster as Assistant. We extend our sincere appreciation to retiring District Coordinators Clive Hardeman and Neil Thornton in Bayside and Wimmera respectively who have both worked hard in their communities contributing to improved outcomes for Freemasons Victoria at the local level. These new appointments will be confirmed at the December Quarterly Communication however the handover begins immediately. Please join me in congratulating our new leaders!

Expression of Interest: S/W Gippsland District Coordinator

It is with sadness that we notify that, in the interests of his health, Glen Richards has advised of the need to step down from his position as District Coordinator South West Gippsland. We are most grateful to Glen for his leadership, enthusiasm and significant contribution in S/W Gippsland and we look forward to his ongoing happy involvement in Freemasonry in the region and beyond. Expressions of interest are therefore called for the role of District Coordinator in S/W Gippsland. For more information, please email [HERE](#).

Staffing FMV Management Team

We have now adjusted our staffing structure with Andrew Power as Head of Membership and Marketing, joined in his team by Emily Johnson, Marketing and Communications Coordinator and Samantha Fabry, Collections Manager. Two new positions have become available: Marketing and Administration Coordinator and Partnerships Manager, please see details [HERE](#).

Freemasons Foundation Victoria Grants

Freemasons Foundation Victoria supports many Lodges with their charitable works within the community, whether the application is from an individual Lodge, district or Masonic organisation. To keep up the good work in the community we encourage all Lodges to apply for Lodge Support Grants. If you have any questions about applying for a grant or you want a representative from the Foundation to visit your Lodge please contact Neil Cripps. Please remember that all Grant applications need to be completed using the SmartyGrants online application forms available on the website [HERE](#). The next two closing dates for Lodge Support Grants are 17 November 2017 and 19 January 2018.

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!](#)

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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
membership@fmv.org.au
marketing@fmv.org.au
corporate@fmv.org.au
property@fmv.org.au
library@fmv.org.au

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

Upcoming Events

- **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](#).
- **Nagambie Lodge Installation** of WBro Trevor Hibbert PJGD by Grand Master MWBro Don Reynolds 4.30pm Saturday 14 October 2017. Plus Riverboat Cruise on the Goulburn River for the ladies at 3.45pm. See [HERE](#) for further details.
- **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) 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.](#)
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Media Highlights

Guiding Star Lodge - Ballarat

28 September 2017 [Golden Plains Miner](#) "Legacy Keep on driving their Contributions for Cause"

Dimboola Masonic Lodge

4 October 2017 [theweeklyadvertiser.com.au](#) "Michael Haebich new Lodge leader at Dimboola"

4 October 2017 [Weekly Advertiser](#) "Lodge leader at Dimboola"

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