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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



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### Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds Grand Master

Dear Brethren

#### Grand Master's Movements

Last Saturday I had the pleasure of being present at the FMV Lodge Secretaries' Conference at Box Hill. It was great to be in the company of 91 Lodge Secretaries who showed such dedication to their office in their Lodges. Many had travelled considerable distances to be in attendance. The feedback I have received to date was very positive. This will now become an annual event on the FMV calendar.



The afternoon saw me in the west at an Open Investiture at Williamstown Lodge where WBro Graeme Oldfield was installed as Worshipful Master. The Ambassador Program for Open Investitures was also launched at this event and whilst it is early days I think this program will become a successful initiative to inform potential candidates on Freemasonry. Please see further information on the Ambassadors Program [HERE](#).

Thursday I headed to Sandringham District Lodge where I installed Bro Stephen Rake, MM into the Chair of King Solomon. It was great to be in the company of MWBro Garry Sebo. Tomorrow I will be at Berwick Balcara Lodge to install Bro Ian Hutcheson. Next Tuesday I will attend the annual Blue Ribbon Foundation breakfast. This is a great time to catch up with our partners and to be briefed on what is taking place within their Foundation. Then I will travel the well-worn road to the east of Melbourne where I will

assist in the initiation of sons of the Worshipful Master of Lodge Cornucopia, WBro Simon Reynolds.

On Wednesday I will be attending Lord Somers Chapter to witness the installation of Matteo Donato as first Principal and his son Domenic as second Principal. Thursday I will be at a Heads of Other Orders meeting at Box Hill and that night I will attend a Board meeting. The July Installations planner is available [HERE](#).

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

Dear Brethren

### **Secretaries' Conference**

Congratulations to all those who attended the Secretaries' Conference last Saturday at Box Hill Masonic Centre. Ninety-one Lodge Secretaries participated in four informative settings and it was gratifying to see warm fellowship amongst members. Particular acknowledgement is extended to the FMV Membership Team for producing a great event!

You can see Jane's presentation [HERE](#) along with the Lodge Flyer [HERE](#), Lodge Plan template [HERE](#) and information about NPS [HERE](#).

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## Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Brethren

### **Conflict of Interest – Board of General Purposes**

A number of questions have been raised with me in relation to two members of the Board who have nominated for the position of Deputy Grand Master and who are current members of the Board of General Purposes.

“The matter has been reviewed and it has been determined that neither of these Brethren are in breach of Rule 41 of the Constitution nor is there any conflict of interest in these Brethren continuing as members of the Board of General Purposes pending the selection of the next Deputy Grand Master.”



### **Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

At the June Quarterly Communication, Notice of Motion was given for a number of changes to the Book of Constitutions.

Starting this week, a series of videos is being released to help you understand the reasons for these changes and the longer term plans for the Book of Constitutions. This week the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master in conversation with the President of the Board discuss the need for a significant re-write to the Book of Constitutions, with less prescriptive detail but with a need to underpin the rules with appropriate protocols and regulations that will enable the Lodges to exercise greater self-determination in the management of their concerns. It was considered appropriate to address some matters in advance of the re-write in response to matters raised by the membership that are considered a priority.

The first changes discussed today are to correct the reference in Rule 2 to the "Supreme Order of the

Holy Royal Arch", and the change to rule 391 to permit the wearing by members of Mark and Chapter of their Jewels of the Order in a Craft lodge. An important change to ensure recognition of all five degrees identified in Rule 2.

The first video for your information is [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.

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## Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

### Eastbourne, a Sales Success Story

While there is much media coverage of there being a difficult property market at the moment, The Eastbourne is a wonderful good news story. Since launch 236 apartments have been sold with a gross value of over \$420 million. Sales are progressing well, even with very limited advertising, with 2-3 contracts being signed per month, every month since the start of 2017.

This is a stunning result for the project and our development partners, Mirvac – congratulations all!

### Open Installation at Williamstown Lodge: New Member Engagement - Ambassador Program

The new FMV Ambassador program began at Williamstown Lodge last weekend with approximately 50 guests in attendance.

Thank you for your interest in building a refreshed Ambassadors' Program to enable speakers to engage potential new members at Open Nights and Open Installations. Please see [HERE](#) for how you can access these speakers for your upcoming open event. Please note that this presentation is designed to engage prospective members and their partners. It is expected that the Lodge has prospective candidates in attendance. The presentation is not for existing Freemasons and families. Please see [HERE](#) for request for new member speakers for Open Installations.

### Promote your Lodge

Click [HERE](#) to access the A4 Lodge flyer template for you to add your own Lodge details, to support your community engagement and membership efforts. You can update the highlighted fields in the document to personalise the information for your local area and print as you require.

### St Marks Lodge Opera Gala Night

Congratulations to all concerned on the wonderful success of this event at Williamstown Town Hall raising \$10,575 for Alzheimer's Australia. A terrific result!

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## FMV Engage Newsletter

This week's FMV Engage Newsletter No. 144 contains many interesting stories including: Freemasons Donate to Hero Wish program; Wimmera Lodge Supports Family in Need; A Special Installation at Lowan Lodge and 50 Year Jewel for WBro Ian McLeod.

Other featured stories include: the Bellarine Masonic Centre Spit Roast, a Comforting Contribution from Cohuna and the Winter Mirvac Health Journal.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Bellarine Masonic Centre Spit Roast** - On Sunday 23 July 12.00 noon - 3.00pm at Queenscliff. Family and friends are invited to attend.
- **Symbolism & History of a Freemasons' Lodge Room** – 10am Saturday 29 July 2017 at Coppin Hall. Find out more information **HERE**.

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## Media Highlights

**Freemasons in the News RSL Memorial Gets Cash Boost**

**Lowan Lodge**

28 June 2017 **Kaniva Times** "Lowan Lodge"

**Border Lodge**

29 June 2017 **Koondrook & Barham Bridge** "Freemasons donate to Murray Haven Homes"

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