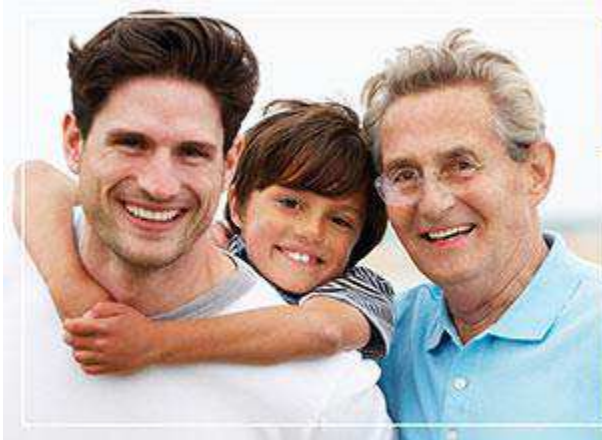


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FREEMASONS VICTORIA NEWSLETTER



FMV Men's Health Week Expo
12-18 June, 2017

Where: APCR, North Melbourne

When: 12-18 June

Who: Men, women and families welcome!

Let's join together and make a difference to the health and well-being in our community.



Message from MWBro. Don Reynolds
Grand Master

Dear Brethren

Grand Master's Movements

On Monday night, I installed Bro Barry Denham into the chair of King Solomon at Lodge Integrity in Prahran. Wednesday was a meeting day, starting with a General Committee meeting before heading to be part of the Launch of Men's Health Week at Queen's Hall, Parliament House. An early start to the Board of General Purposes Meeting followed by a reconvening of the General Committee which dealt with matters brought out in the Board Meeting which affected the Quarterly Agenda. On Thursday evening I travelled to Seaford Lodge where the Master Elect had taken unwell some 24 hours earlier, and was not available to attend. The team still travelled down to Frankston Masonic Centre where I, under provisions of the Constitution, presided at the meeting and enabled the investiture of the office bearers in a ceremony that did not include the Installed Board. A most enjoyable evening was spent in the company of the brethren, and we wish the Master Elect a speedy recovery.

Tomorrow Saturday, after Mya finishes work, we will travel north to Shepparton to reconnect our acquaintance with Mooroopna Lodge and install WBro Ken Wratten into the chair of King Solomon. A quiet week of installations for the team, however, on Tuesday I head to Traralgon for a media event for the Traralgon Masonic Centre. On Thursday I will be meeting with the Past Grand Masters to update them on current events within FMV. I will finish the week



by travelling to Bright with Mya on Friday where Lodge of Unity are celebrating their 150th year on Saturday by holding an Open Re-Consecration at 5pm, so if you have not seen a re-consecration previously please contact the Lodge Secretary and come along.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge is being held at Box Hill Masonic Centre on Wednesday 21 June at 7.30 p.m. There are still plenty of seats available for the evening so please come along. Contact the office through Julia Edwards to register for the event.

The June Installations planner is available [HERE](#).



Message from RWBro. Richard L. Elkington

President of the Board of General Purposes

My Brethren

Board of General Purposes

Your Board met on Wednesday night and next week I will be reporting on outcomes.

The Wisdom of our PGMs

We continue our discussion with MWBro Neville Smith [HERE](#).

District and Lodge Planning

Work is advancing with respect to District planning and District Coordinators are focussing on ensuring their District Plan and enabling every Lodge to have a plan. To this end the Board and senior staff will be visiting districts in August to support the Lodge planning process. Make sure you attend the forums which can be seen [HERE](#).

Member Ready Lodges

I trust you are progressing with ensuring your Lodge is Member Ready. Do you have your Engagement Officer in place? See [HERE](#) for details. Are you up to date with your financial reporting, Summons and Lodge Management Reporting? Don't forget that once member ready, many opportunities open up.

Lodge Planning Tools

Remember your tools to help with your Lodge planning can be seen [HERE](#) for Lodge Plan template and [SWOT tools](#).

Expressions of Interest: Membership Volunteer Action Team

Are you interested in joining either of the Membership VAT Teams? **Would You Like to Make a Real Difference in Our Lodges?**

1. Lodge Administration Skills Development – improve administration skills within Lodges and develop capacity for our Lodges to become even more effective in administration
2. Lodge Interpersonal Skill Development Team – do you have a passion for making Lodge fun, filled with harmony and improving membership satisfaction?

Send your expression of interest by midday Friday 16 June [HERE](#).

Message from RWBro. Bruce Cowie Grand Secretary

Brethren

The Deputy Grand Master Selection Panel is now in the process of being formed. The panel is comprised of a representative from every District. The representative must be of the rank of PJGW or higher. We have received nominations from all Districts and in 9 Districts we have received several nominations in which case there will be a District vote. Those districts where there is to be a vote are listed [HERE](#).



In those Districts where we have received more than one nomination every member of the District may vote through their Lodge for the candidate of their choice to represent the District on this panel. Ballot material has been sent to every Lodge in those Districts. The ballot is to be held at a Lodge meeting up to and including 7 August 2017.

Please note that Brethren who are members of several Lodges can only vote in one Lodge in the District. The successful nominees will be announced on Friday 11 August. The Panel will then meet on Wednesday 30 August to select the next Deputy Grand Master.



Message from Jane Sydenham-Clarke Chief Executive Officer

Hello Members

Member Ready Lodges

A fundamental principle for moving forward and delivering on our Strategic Plan outcomes is to enable our Lodges to be Member Ready. Member Ready Lodges (MRL) are defined by minimum Constitutional compliance (LMR, MWR, Summons, Financial reporting), attendance rate and having an Engagement Officer in place. Of our 254 Lodges there are 5 MRLs, over a hundred are almost MRL (eg. need to appoint an Engagement Officer or provide financials) and the remaining have substantial work to do to become member ready. The MRL Schedule can be seen [HERE](#) and will be updated monthly to provide clear transparency and to encourage Lodges to bring their house into order. Once Member Ready benefits will flow such as new member referrals from FMV and training and development opportunities. Click [HERE](#) to view the MRL Schedule.

Albert Street Development

The basement is growing deeper by the day as the Eastbourne development progresses and the foundations of our new Albert Street Masonic Centre re-establish. Click [HERE](#) to see the progress.

Men's Health Week

What a wonderful start to Men's Health Week 12-18 June with the Launch in Queen's Hall at Victorian Parliament House, you can see images and further information [HERE](#). **Make sure you read your Mirvac Men's Health Journal Winter 2017 from**

the link above!

Lodges Taking Action on Suicide Prevention

Members and Lodges have already started to take action on the Freemasons Victoria Suicide Prevention campaign, launched on Wednesday with the support of Mirvac at Parliament House, with over 10,000 views of the live broadcast.

How can you get involved with this important campaign? You can **Start the Conversation** by sharing either: with Facebook [HERE](#) or with the YouTube video [HERE](#) and using the hashtag **#startingtheconversation**

APCR offering Services for Men's Health

Please see [HERE](#) from our friends at the APCR a Mindfulness Course for Men's Cancer and Pelvic Pain starting 20 July 2017.

Men's Health Lodge Forums

Wonderful to hear from Sankar Nadeson about the great night at Caulfield Grammarians Lodge with themes explored around caring for ourselves, personal development, building nourishing friendships and supporting our community. View [HERE](#).

Community Radio

Have you considered engaging with your local community radio station to promote engagement in your District or Lodge? Our District Coordinator Glenn Richards has done just this in his District and is already enjoying the benefits!

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

- **Royal Freemasons Homes Open Day** - Sunday 18 June 2017, please join us to celebrate The Homes 150th anniversary and Open day. See [HERE](#) for details.
- **Opera Gala Night** – On Saturday 24 June 2017, St Marks Lodge will be holding an Opera Gala Night at the Williamstown Town Hall in an effort to raise funds and awareness towards Alzheimer's Australia and the Dementia Research Foundation. The evening will feature five renowned artists who will each be dedicating their talents and time towards this important cause. Artists include Kathryn Radcliffe, soprano; Roger Howell, baritone; Liane Keegan, contralto; James Egglestone, tenor and Bro. David Barnard, piano. See [HERE](#) for details and make your booking NOW!
- **Monash District - Monster Gala Charity Night** - On Saturday 24 June 2017 a Monster Gala Charity Night will be held at the Waverley Golf Club. The evening will include a Banquet and giant auction to raise funds for two local Monash Gully charities - Interchange Outer East Sibling Program and the Waverley Benevolent Society. See further details [HERE](#).
- **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

Ballarat Apron Festival

2 June 2017 [ABC Ballarat](#) "Ballarat Apron Festival showcases humble household, industrial and ceremonial item"

Men's Health Week

6 June 2017 [starweekly.com.au](#) "Sunbury is raising the bar for men's health"

6 June 2017 [Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Weekly](#) "Sunbury men shape up"

Parliament House Suicide Prevention Launch

7 June 2017 [9news.com.au](#) "Suicide prevention event at Vic Parliament"

7 June 2017 [Yahoo News Australia](#) "Suicide prevention event at Vic Parliament"

7 June 2017 [Yahoo! Prime News](#) "Suicide prevention event at Vic Parliament"

7 June 2017 [GWN7 - Yahoo!7](#) "Suicide prevention event at Vic Parliament"

Radio News

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Swimming Lessons

6 June 2017 [Maribyrnong Leader](#) "Swim lessons make a splash"

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