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Grand Master John Evans unveils the Memorial at Austin Hospital.



## Memorial Plaque unveiled by GM

On Remembrance Day last year, Grand Master John Evans unveiled a Memorial Plaque to Freemasons who served in the Armed Forces and Merchant Navy in armed conflict, emergency and peace.

The plaque, which grew from a discussion between John Wilson PGM and Ken Davison PGIW, is placed in the memorial garden at the Austin Hospital and made possible through the

continued generosity of the Board of Benevolence.

"We may never know how many Brethren served in WW II or WWI, which makes a form of memorial which covers all Freemasons essential," VWBro Davison said.

The plaque (pictured above, right) reads: "In recognition of the Leadership and Loyal Service rendered to Australia by



Freemasons as members of the Australian Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy, in periods of armed conflict, emergency and peace. Greater love of country has no man than this."

Future issues of *Freemasonry Victoria* will be carrying articles about members' military contributions.

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# Progressing the Strategic Plan

## An Open Letter from the President of the Board of General Purposes

It is clear Brethren are looking forward to the implementation of the Strategic Plan, because I am hearing questions like:

“What is happening with the Strategic Plan?”

“Has the Strategic Plan been pigeon-holed?”

“When are we going to hear more of the Strategic Plan?”

Well Brethren, the answer to these questions is very positive: The Strategic Plan is being actioned.

Initially, the processes of improving the administration of Grand Lodge are being addressed. The current management systems are being sifted and being brought into the 21st Century. The process is infiltrated with the needs of at least the foreseeable future and beyond.

A number of the working parties commissioned by the Board of General Purposes have critical tasks and are advanced in their work.

### Board of General Purposes.

Under the Chairmanship of Bruce Bartrop Deputy Grand Master, this group is charged with shaping the Board's future structure. It is also charged with seeking to ensure Brethren with the right skills and vision become members of the supreme administrative body of Freemasons Victoria.

Very focal in the deliberations of this working party is the need to retain some form of democracy involving the general membership of the Craft; yet ensuring the most suitably qualified Brethren are members of are Freemasons Victoria's major decision-makers.

The present Board is large by community and business benchmarks and a downsizing is likely to be adopted and constitutional amendments will be sought to meet future requirements.

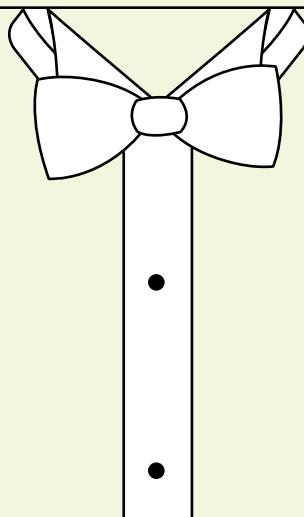
A final report is expected to be submitted to the February Board meeting for consideration.

### Financial Management.

Under the Chairmanship of Grand Treasurer John Chanter, this working party has been reviewing issues such as future levels and sources of revenue, anticipated expenditure, financial risk and possible liability. Its wide-ranging charter explores the full range of the Craft's finances and assets.

Naturally, this entails some overlap with other working parties and joint meetings of their Chairmen have obviated duplicity and clarified areas of concern.

Although the task is complex, the Financial Management working party is progressing steadfastly and no delay is expected in the submission of its final report to the Board.



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### District Structure.

The present structure has been in place for some five years and a review of the system is appropriate. Under the Chairmanship of Brian Tarrant Past Deputy Grand Master, a small working party has been reviewing the Districts' function.

Over those five years, Masonic demographics have altered, revision of district boundaries has become necessary, areas where a commonality of interests is a bond call for specific consideration and the workload of District Coordinators must be assessed.

A great deal of discussion has been held with District Coordinators and feedback sought from affected Lodges. It is apparent the District system has generally been well accepted and facilitated identification within a homogenous area. The final recommendations to the Board are expected to capitalise on the strengths of the present system. The task is well underway and no delay in the final recommendations is expected.

### Lodge Accreditation & Quality Management.

Under the Chairmanship of Barry Reaper Grand Secretary, this very Masonically-oriented working party is reviewing the current quality and standards within Craft Lodges in general.

It is a very sensitive task that includes a review of ceremonial activity, standards in the South, quality management of Lodges, the need for a vital and positive culture, and a vibrant and active membership. Lodges are the basis of membership and it is recognised that future growth fundamentally impinges on such issues. Despite the range of activities to be reviewed and discussed, the group is well advanced in its task.

Other working parties with deadlines to meet include: Membership & Marketing, Charity & Benevolence, Communications & Information Technology, Asset Management, Dallas Brooks Hall Review, Corporate Governance, Risk Management and Occupational Health and Safety.

What can be gleaned to date is that the Strategic Plan is indeed active in the future interests of Freemasons Victoria and its membership. Much has been done but a great deal remains before the plan can be fully implemented. It is pleasing to report the implementation process has not been delayed and deadlines are being met.

Further progress reports will be made through the magazine and at Quarterly Communications. Indeed, any Constitutional amendments which arise will ensure this takes place.

Some early signs of an awakening and a rejuvenation of Freemasonry are becoming evident. As this is a membership plan, the responsibility rests with every member to ensure Freemasonry is viably recognised in a well-organised society.

**Vaughan Werner, PSCW**  
**President, Board of General Purposes**

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 now meets at

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Partners also attend and are joined in the South by the Brethren for dinner at 6 pm

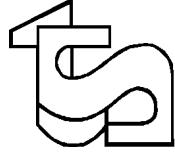
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### The new operatives

An edited text of the Grand Master's address to the December Working Tools for East Timor presentation.

*Travelling to a nation like East Timor is a humbling experience. One cannot help be struck by the enormity of the task facing this fledgling nation, which has been so harshly handicapped at the starting gate. While I was there, I learnt a new slogan ... A Luta Continua! The Struggle Continues!*

*That Freemasons Victoria has, in this way, been able to assist this nation in its struggle, has been an experience which I think has helped us as much as it has helped them. It helped us discover working partners from a source hitherto unexpected and, to some, very unlikely: the Roman Catholic Church.*

*The slogan "Working Tools for East Timor" comes from the Working Tools in our ceremonies. We say that, because we are not using our Working Tools to shape stones but rather to think about the human condition by applying symbolism, we are Speculative rather than Operative Freemasons.*

*However, among the ways this project has helped us, I believe, has been to remind us we have never really ceased to be Operative Freemasons – we have never ceased working; but rather that our work site has moved: ... from stone quarries to places of need. Just as for quarries, so labourers are required for the places of need. And I am proud to say that is where, today, you find the new Operative Freemasons: Working Charitably. Working as Operatives with a will to make a meaningful and practical improvement in the lives of those we touch or of whom we are made aware.*

*My request is to develop further this Modern Operative Freemasonry, which shoots from the tenets and principles of our order and takes root in the world in which we live. It can be a struggle against the conflicting demands of work, of time and priority. But there is great satisfaction in the results of this Charitable, Operative Freemasonry which makes the struggle worthwhile.*

**A Luta Continua! The Struggle Continues!**



Grand Master John Evans added a Timor Leste element to his regalia.



Timor Leste dancers captured many hearts on the night.

### A big Thank You

Freemasons Victoria gave one of its biggest ever thank-yous in December when around 1,400 Freemasons, families and friends heard from East Timor's first lady Kirsty Sword Gusmao just how useful the project has been.

Under the narration of Wesley Turnbull, the story of the project was told from its beginnings under previous Grand Master John Wilson, who approved the project, to its conclusion in East Timor with a historic meeting between President Xanana Gusmao and current GM, John Evans.

History was made several times during the project, which combined corporate sponsorship estimated at around \$400,000 with the might of a motivated membership and the forging of a unique link with a group once considered more of a traditional rival than a partner: the Knights of the Southern Cross.



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A big Knight out? Knights of the Southern Cross in regalia, ready to process into a Masonic meeting. Surely a world first.

## to the tool workers

December's procession by Knights in full regalia was a tribute to the incredible links which have been formed by two groups, dismissed by some as "the micks and the grippers".

This link is to be maintained and plans are already well in hand for a combined function, under the working title "The Micks and Grippers' Ball".

Past editions of Freemasonry Victoria have carried lengthy articles about the project, so its story would be well known to readers. In this edition, the final stage is told through edited texts of two speeches made in December.

That of Bishop Hilton Deakin, who mused on the strength and beauty of such an unlikely alliance and the message this gives to the world, and that of GM John Evans, who used Masonic symbolism in his exposition of the modern Operative Freemason.

### A friendly mutuality

An edited text of the address by Bishop Hilton Deakin to the December Working Tools for East Timor presentation.

*First of all, I very sincerely thank you all and particularly the Grand Lodge of the Freemasons for inviting us here tonight to be with you to celebrate what we are celebrating.*

*I wonder if we ever thought this night could be possible. After what we have heard from so many wonderful people we can answer confidently with a resounding: Yes!*

*Masons? Knights of the Southern Cross?*

*Catholics and Freemasons?? Together??*

*For God sake, what's happened?*

*Well, it has happened, what ever it is.*

*Along the way, we discovered a creative and a friendly mutuality.*

*One of the most precious things human beings can discover when trying to express themselves psychologically and socially is that there is in fact a togetherness of goodness that is possible if we only stop, look and listen.*

*Some found it difficult to shake off the loads that years and years of misunderstanding can place upon human shoulders. But, tonight, we demonstrated the opposite: and that is where the mutuality is expressed and illustrated.*

*We've all discovered a friendship, because there is so much of goodness in all of us and we needed to see it. And now, we are beginning to respect and perhaps understand the differences we still have when we are putting them into a different context.*

*What happened was so simple: We did it. We didn't talk about it; we didn't hold a Committee to think about it, we didn't have a study group: we just did it. And we did something worthwhile: that's the precious aspect.*

*Even ten years ago we did nothing for East Timor; but, inside us, because things happen, people learnt and began to listen. We found a generous heart and a sensitive giving to help people in their time of need. Hopefully, we gave a gift that will be the first of many.*

*In return, they gave us a gift: Masons and Catholics with the opportunity to be friends. May tonight be just the beginning of a journey of togetherness for all of us.*

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Timor Leste First Lady Kirsty Sword-Gusmao, GM John Evans and Knights of the Southern Cross State Chairman Colin Walsh.

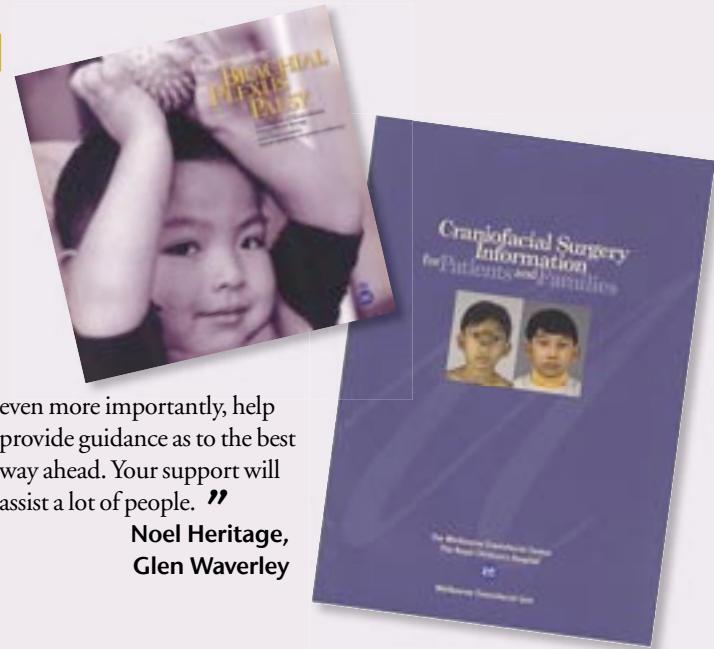
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## Primus inter pares

One of Victoria's most respected Freemasons, John Occo, celebrated his 50th year as a Royal Arch Freemason with a little help from his friends.

November's meeting of Lord Somers Australasian 1 Chapter attracted a brace of PGZs and other friends of MEmComp Occo to witness the historic presentation.

MEmComp Occo was visibly touched by the turnout, describing it as one of the real highlights of his time as a Freemason.



Gathering: PGZs Paroissien (D), Priddle, Occo, Paroissien (R), McClelland, and Burston and current GZ Turpin.

## Rapid sceptre

Wow! they are keen down Gippsland way.

The Travelling Sceptre has been claimed five times with seven attempts since the last edition of the journal.

One Chapter turned up twice but was beaten each time when

another Chapter arrived with more members.

It has been to South Gippsland 25 (twice) and Leongatha No. 50 since the last edition.

It is now back with South Gippsland with Rev Phillips keen to keep it in Wonthaggi.

Robert Mc Gregor, Scribe S (Sceptre)



Who's got the Sceptre now?

## South Gippsland Chapter 25

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## Mark instruction

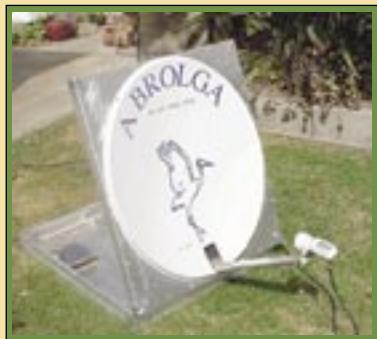
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## Mystic Journey

Freemasonry has often been described as “theatre in the round” and this was certainly the experience at the last Grand Chapter Convocation.

Those present were taken on a journey which explains the links between the Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch degrees.

Prepared by MEx Comp Bob Corner, the Scribe of Centenary Chapter 52, the relevance, symbolism and purpose of the degrees were thoroughly but concisely explained.

First Principals seeking “something different” for a meeting night could well

consider inviting the Centenary team to stage its performance.

Originally, both degrees were worked on the one night, but this was changed in the interests of making the Order more accessible.

*The Mystic Journey* re-forges that link, providing Royal Arch Masons with a chance to appreciate the interconnectedness of the two unique degree ceremonies.

Any Craft Freemason who feels they were left “hanging” with substituted information at the end of the Third Degree can satisfy that curiosity in a Royal Arch Chapter.



The “Mystical Team” demonstrates the passing of the veils, part of the performance of *The Mystic Journey*.

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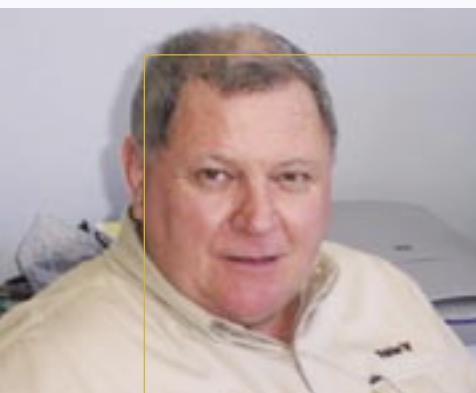
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# GREETINGS

to all Freemasons  
and your families

*Having been appointed Co-ordinator of the Freemasons' Task Force, following the retirement of Russell Bradd, it is appropriate I remind all Freemasons in Victoria that the Freemasons' Task Force will continue with the same aims and goals as under the guidance of my predecessor.*

*We will continue to be pro-active and to work with the community.*

*Allow me to briefly explain some situations constantly brought to the notice of members of the Executive of the Task Force.*

*It is essential that we have a solid communication chain, linking FTF Lodge Representatives, FTF Masonic Centre Representatives, the FTF Representative on District Panels and the Executive. This is vital for either a major call out or a local Lodge initiative.*

*The Executive co-ordinates major and State wide projects on your behalf and local projects are passed to Districts, to encourage local participation. The Executive will then support that local group.*

*A recent illustration of this policy is the most successful Working Tools for East*

*Timor project, handled by the Maroondah District and the WT4ET committee supported by the Task Force Executive. This formula can be used for all projects.*

*Another major item constantly under discussion is the Tabard or High Visual Jacket. As an organisation, we work both in conjunction and compliance with State Emergency Services, Victoria and our Insurers. The tabards, as distributed by the Founders and Life Governors' Association, are compliant with their requirements.*

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*The cost can easily be covered by the proceeds from one or two special efforts. If you are incorrectly dressed for a project, you could negate any insurance claim. These Tabards are essential to show Freemasonry at work in the community.*

*I look forward to taking the Freemasons' Task Force to the next stage and in so doing, further cement relationships with the Knights of the Southern Cross, Uncle Bob's, Variety Club of Victoria and the general community.*

**Rick Dwyer – State Co-ordinator**



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## A Variety of tasks

The Task Force was once again privileged to be able to help host 5,000 disadvantaged and special needs children at the 2003 Variety Club Special Children's Christmas Party.

The event enjoys support from a wide range of celebrities and community figures, including



VWBro Athol Hillier & his 13 yo  
grand-daughter Samantha Hillier.

Premier Steve Bracks, team members from the Kangaroos and Bombers, Paralympians and long time supporters Greg Evans and John Blackman.

Everyone had a fantastic time mingling with the kids and their carers.

The best time of all, however, was had by the children themselves who enjoyed staged entertainment, face painting, carnival rides, and roving performers.

Each child took home two Christmas presents from Santa to the value of \$100.

The Variety Club of Victoria and the Task Force have a long-standing relationship which this year was bolstered by the presence of PBB Bill Hayes.

**Merv Cohen**  
Task Force Secretary

## Blood challenge

Freemasonry Victoria has middle-ranking in the Red Cross Summer Blood Challenge and wants Brethren and their families to give their blood for the cause.

At the moment, the Firefighters are leading the Summer Blood Challenge, a friendly competition between approximately 35 Victorian organisations, clubs and businesses to see who can donate the most blood over the summer period.

Can't Freemasonry Victoria show our community spirit and be the Victorian organisation which donates the most?

Encourage Lodge members, families and friends to name Freemasonry Victoria when they give blood any time between 1 December and 28 February. Why not arrange for all the Lodges in one District to donate during the challenge period?

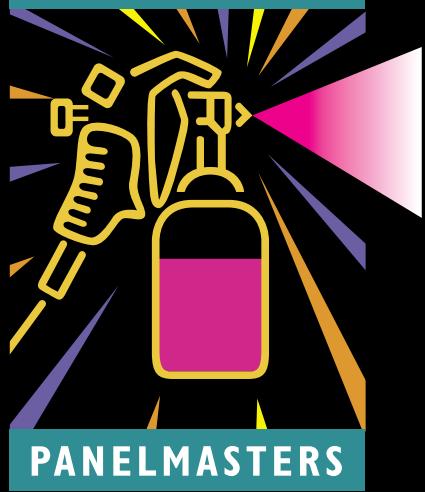
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## Gopher goodwill

Sturt-Buninyong 23 has come up with a great idea for getting itself known in Ballarat – by providing and maintaining an electric wheelchair (known as a Gopher) for local residents.

"It has proved to be a useful public relations tool for Freemasonry in the Ballarat area" said WB Bernie Ebbs.

"One recent user was so impressed that he made a

substantial donation to the Lodge and then purchased a Gopher for himself so ours could be passed back to someone else in the community."

Gopher was purchased through the Board of Benevolence and is made available by the Lodge, which has found a ready market for the slick chariot in the local area.

**Bernie Ebbs IPM**

**Gopher Fans:** Ballarat resident Milton Brown (in the saddle) with son Greg, wife Bernice, granddaughters Matilda and Whitney, daughter in law Carolyn and Sturt-Buninyong members Harold George, Bill Hewitt, Lew Gay and WM Alex Whalen.



## GM meets new members

Ballarat's most recent new members dinner was attended by 15 of the 22 local Initiates and Affiliates, who had joined District Lodges in the last year.

In his address to over 60 guests, the Grand Master John Evans said they were joining the Craft at a time when its structure was about to undergo change.

"A strategic plan which is currently being implemented will make Freemasonry relevant in today's society and take it forward. This action, about which I am very optimistic, will profit the organisation and make it more viable in the community," the Grand Master said.

The GM was supported at the dinner by Deputy Grand Master Bruce Bartrop, Board of General Purposes President Vaughan Werner, Bill Messer PDGM and District Co-ordinator John Owen.

New members were accompanied by their partners and Worshipful Masters, together with representatives of the District Panel.

**Roy Taylor**



## Ocean's great success

Charities in south western Victoria have benefited from the fund-raising activities of the Lodge of the Great Ocean Road, which has disbursed more than \$30,000 over recent years.

The Freemasons' Hospital and the Royal Freemasons Homes have also received donations.

Their work has been strengthened by a relationship with the area's largest employer, ALCOA, which has sponsored their activities.

The Lodge was formed after the 1983 bushfires and meets at Lorne Masonic Centre on the third Tuesday of most months.



Brendon Foran (ALCOA), Ian Beard (Lodge Master), Trevor Burkitt (Board of Benevolence), Craig Allen (Anglesea Foodlink), John Berryman (Royal Freemasons' Homes), John Forbes (Foodbank Torquay), Bob Scott (Homes Representative), Beth Cooke, Margret Humpries (Cancer Council) and Winston Huggins (Hospital Rep).

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# INSIDE LODGE ZETLAND





## ZETLAND'S STUNNING LODGE ROOM

Lodge Zetland's heritage-listed interior is unique to Victoria and is a rarity for Australia. The Heritage Commission states the Zetland Lodge room, in Kyneton, is of "aesthetic and historical significance to the State of Victoria for the comprehensive, accomplished and intact Egyptian-inspired interior of the Lodge meeting room".

"There is no known comparable Freemasons' Hall interior in the state," the listing notes.

This issue of *Freemasonry Victoria* takes a look inside this stunning meeting place and is the first of an occasional series on some of Victoria's more interesting Lodge rooms.



Zetland's interior, looking South East from the entrance door.

## ZETLAND'S MURAL HISTORY

Hidden away in a room used twice a month in the small country Victorian town of Kyneton is a Masonic art treasure which has only recently gained more than local attention.

Lodge Zetland meets in an Egyptian-themed Masonic meeting hall with murals and friezes painted sometime between 1905 and 1928 by one of the founders of Victorian public art education, Bro. Thomas Fisher Levick.

Levick came to Australia as an adventurous 23-year-old in 1888 and headed for Castlemaine where he found work as a building design and geometric drawing teacher at Castlemaine's 'School of Mines' (operating throughout Victoria and later renamed 'Technical Schools').



Artist Bro. TF Levick and his family.



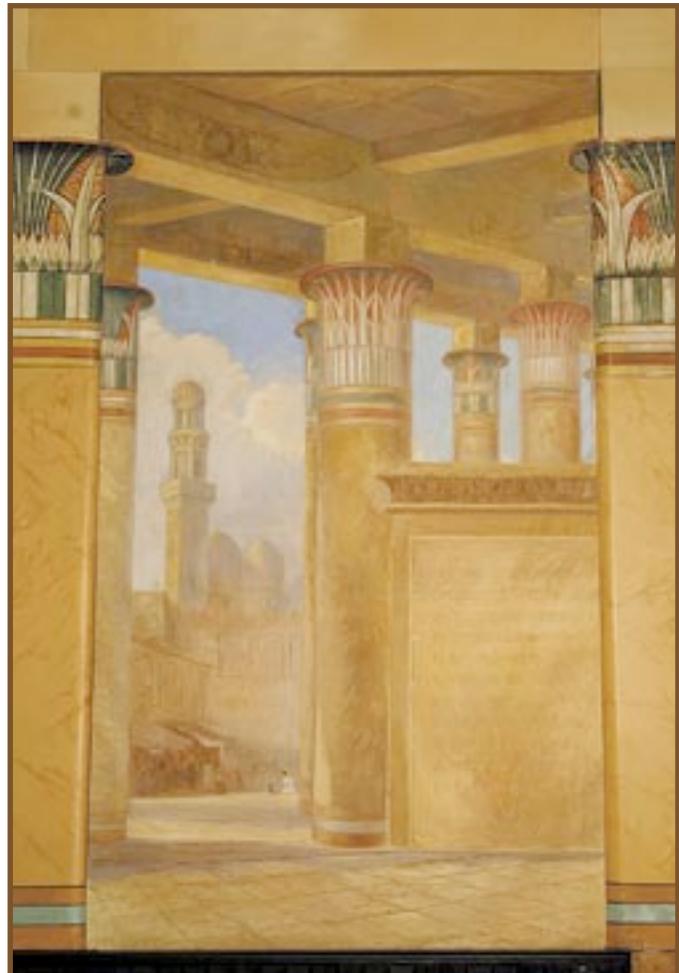


About this time, the qualified chartered accountant and former business manager to Lord Leconfield in Sheffield, England, affiliated with Mount Alexander 8 and is shown on Grand Lodge records as having later affiliated with Lodge Kyneton.

He opened art classes in Castlemaine and a second art school at the nearby town of Kyneton, initially using part of the Mechanics' Institute and later the School of Mines building in Piper Street (now Trio Station Winery).



The North West mural, showing a view of the Sphinx.



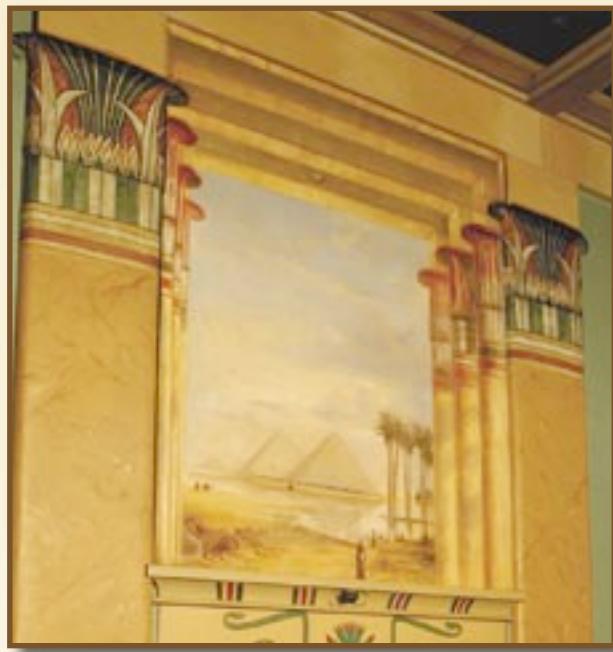
The North East mural, showing an Egyptian temple scene and incorporating the Lodge's WWI honour board.

Having married a local grazier's daughter, Levick and his young family returned to Britain in the 1890s and he studied in Europe, gaining the coveted National Medal for Design.

The family returned to Melbourne in 1902 and the now highly-qualified Levick was instrumental in the foundation of Prahran Technical College (now Swinburne TAFE) and The Workingmen's College (now RMIT).

From 1905 onwards the family lived between Kyneton and Melbourne, where he occupied senior art teaching positions at The Workingmen's College.





Pyramids mural, above the Secretary's desk.

It was during this period (1905–1928) that the murals were painted, originally intended as pieces of camouflage which have gained a reputation far exceeding their utility.

The murals – of the *Temple of Isis*, *The Sphinx*, *The Pyramids* and an Egyptian street scene containing the Lodge's WWI Honour Roll – came from the need to cover honour boards belonging to former owners of the building.

When Zetland bought the building in 1904 from the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows, the names of the Manchester Unity's Past District Grand Masters were painted on the walls as Honour Boards.

The purchase deal included an agreement they not be effaced, so the murals were painted over a period of years to form a permanent cover.

According to Lodge records, the last time they were removed was in 1934.



Detail from the *Temple of Isis* mural above the JW's pedestal.





Darcy Lawford and Bob Mitchell (Yarrawonga 103), Noel Murdoch (Rupertswood 104), Tom Hafey, Australian Unity rep. Richard Green (Goulburn Valley St. George 73) and Bob Schirmer (Rupertswood 104).

## Men's health packs Masonic Lodge



Healthy Men: The right message packs a Lodge room.

More than 250 people were attracted to Freemasonry by Rupertswood 104, Numurkah 779 and Yarrawonga St David 103 last year when the Lodges combined to stage very successful Men's Health nights.

Fronted by VFL and AFL great Tom Hafey and backed by the local shire council and Australian Unity Health Insurance, the nights earned

heartfelt praise from Moira shire councillor Kerry Murray.

"Moira shire is lucky to have an organisation such as the Freemasons to undertake and implement nights such as this," she told the meeting.

Tom Hafey spoke on ageing gracefully and healthily intermingled with football anecdotes and other speakers covered topics such as financial planning, stress management and relationship building.

Geoff Thompson, Rupertswood 104



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## News

### Re-cycled Freemason

Gippsland Freemason Chris Hunt has re-cycled himself: by returning with success to competitive bicycling after a gap of some 20 years.

The former state champion and top Sun Tour placegetter held the Australian and Australasian one hour track records before retiring in 1985.

After tipping the scales at 20 stone in 2001, he decided to start cycling again to help reduce his weight.

Within twelve months he had lost six stone and has since won

three Victorian titles, one Australian title, the Australian Masters' Championship as well as being placed in the Victorian and Australian Championships.

He will be travelling to Manchester in the UK to compete in the world track cycling titles in September.

Chris is PM of Morwell Lodge, IPC of Gippsland Ark Mariners and the current Master of Gippsland Mark.

Hunt training at Warragul Velodrome and being motor paced by Bro. Ian Coad. GSO.



### Currajong's blue with the law

Currajong Lodge's members have come to the notice of the police through their support of Corryong's Blue Light Disco, which provides a safe dance venue for young teenagers.

Recently, the proceeds of a firewood raffle raised enough for WM Len Mc Vean (right) to present significant donations to Fred Nicholas, of the local Rotary Club and Sen-Constable Greg Walsh of the Blue Light Committee.

Rotary will be using its donation to form a local Probus Club and the Blue Light Committee will use its donation to cover operating costs.

Phillip Thompson, Currajong 114



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The Victoria Police Pipe Band entertains residents on the lawns of Coppin Community Hostel.



### Visit from Victoria Police Pipe Band

Residents from both Coppin Community Hostel and Colbran Lodge were recently entertained by six pipers and four drummers from the Victoria Police Pipe Band.

A repertoire of music ranging from Scottish jigs and reels to Christmas Carols, provided delightful entertainment for residents. The gardens of Coppin Community Hostel were resplendent with traditional tartans combined with an atmosphere of fun and the distinctive sound only bagpipes can make.

### RFHV – winner in best Individual OHS Program

RFHV recently won the national HESTA Award for our NOVAGSA program which was judged winner in the best Individual OHS Program category. Although the Award was given to Colbran Lodge Nursing Home the program has been launched across all RFHV sites during 2003.

NOVAGSA – Saying No to Occupational Violence, Aggression or Sexual Abuse, is an extensive program designed to provide enhanced safety for both residents and staff in aged care settings. The program involves a wide range of measures across a number of fields, including human resources management, nursing and care practices, medical care, admission and discharge policies as well as facility design and security procedures.

The prevalence of violence and aggression has been an area of increasing concern across the aged care sector in recent years. Acts of violence and abuse within our sector are usually committed by residents or clients suffering from dementia and staff are most commonly the victims.

It is believed this program will create an even safer and more attractive environment for residents, clients and staff. It will also assist in allowing us to identify and hopefully address the causes of agitation and aggression.

### Royal Freemasons' Homes of Victoria Limited

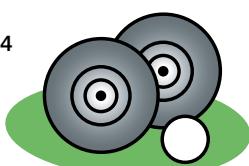
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### Intercultural sharing

Twelve Japanese health care professionals from the Federation of the National Public Service Personnel Mutual Aid Association recently visited the Moubray Street site of RFHV. All visitors were employees of government hospitals and health care institutions throughout Japan, undertaking a study tour of Australian health systems.

The visit was hosted for the second year in succession with the view to sharing developments RFHV has achieved as a finalist in the Minister for Aged Care Award

for Excellence in Training and Development in the residential and community care sectors.

Michael Browning, RFHV's Training and Development Manager, expressed delight that their itinerary included a follow up visit to Coppin Community Hostel after an earlier visit in 2002. The group was particularly interested in determining how continuous improvement can be achieved and nurtured.

RFHV is keen to continue this exchange of knowledge and ideas for our mutual benefit.

**RFHV Staff, Michael Browning and Lauren Watson join with Japanese Health Care Professionals for a photo session in the gardens of Coppin Community Hostel.**



# Ken Cribbes retires as Hospital Chairman

Dallas Brooks Centre has been the venue for many significant events and celebrations in its history. So, when it came to celebrating the successful tenure of RWBro Kenneth Douglas Cribbes PDGM as Chairman of Freemasons Hospital, it was the natural choice. A dinner was held in December attended by members of the Hospital's Board and Executive Management Team together with their wives and partners at which RWBro Ken Cribbes presented certificates and mementoes to retiring Board Members, RW Bro G J Sebo PDGM, RW L McCredie PDGM, RWBro R

South PDGM and MWBro N B Smith PGM.

The role played by RWBro Ken Cribbes during his time on the Board was recounted to those present firstly by the Hospital's Chief Executive Officer, Jim Swinden, who noted that the Hospital has been taken to a position where it now enjoys greater confidence among Freemasons, has a well informed Board and Management Team, adopts a more participatory approach including transparency and has been able to attract excellent Board members. This was heartily endorsed by Grand Master and Hospital

Board President, John Evans, who made presentations to RWBro Ken and paid respects to RWBro Ken's wife Sandra who had been a tower of strength during his tenure.

RWBro Kenneth Cribbes joined the Board of Freemasons Hospital in 1997 and was a tireless advocate for the Hospital and its staff. Regularly he and wife Sandra travelled to Melbourne from their farm at Euroa to conduct Board business. As Ken would say in respect to his wife "Sandra is the class behind the man!" His effort working closely with the Hospital's Bankers and with Freemasons Victoria was



critical in ensuring a greater level of confidence in the Hospital as its team developed. Always displaying a willingness to listen and confidence in his people, RWBro Ken's enthusiasm and belief that "it could be done" was inspirational to all.

The Hospital is in a better position today for a variety of reasons but none stronger than the leadership and commitment of RW Bro Kenneth Douglas Cribbes PDGM. Our thanks for a job well done.

**Mark Hindle**

## Board changes at Freemasons Hospital



Leading industrialist WB Ray Horsburgh has been appointed Freemasons Hospital's Chairman of Directors, following the retirement of Ken Cribbes, PDGM.

WB Horsburgh is Managing Director and CEO of Smorgon Steel, one of Australia's steel manufacturing and distribution businesses with 6,400 employees and more than 30,000 shareholders.

Freemasons Hospital's Board of Management for 2004-5: John Evans, President; Bruce Bartrop, Vice-President and Barry Reaper (all Ex-Officio); Ray Horsburgh, Chairman; and Directors John Chanter, Assoc. Prof. John Maynard, Kevin Mason, Dr. Laurence Harewood, Assoc. Prof. Jeff Wassertheil, John Molnar, Mary Archibald, and Brian See.

## VOLUNTEER'S SUPPORT INCREASED



Following closely on the launch of its Volunteer Program in 2003, the Hospital has now appointed Carmel Grimes as its Volunteer Co Ordinator.

Carmel has been a member of Freemasons Hospital's staff since February 2000, when she commenced as the Human Resource Secretary.

Since then, Carmel has increased her responsibilities to encompass the position of Volunteer Co-ordinator.

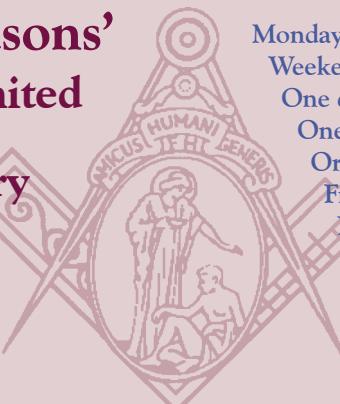
The Freemasons Hospital has volunteers involved in a variety of activities, i.e.: in the wards assisting patients, administration and gardening as well as preparation for major events. There are other very well-known individuals who serve the Hospital as its Kiosk Volunteers, Freemasons Hospital Association, Founders and Life Governors and Thistle Auxiliary.

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# ORDERS CHRISTIAN AND CHIVALRIC

In his second article about Masonic Degrees meeting in Victoria, series editor Peter Thornton PSGW discusses those which draw upon Chivalric imagery: The Red Cross of Constantine, Knights Templar, Knights Templar Priests and The Holy Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City.

About half the Masonic Orders meeting in Victoria require their members to profess the Christian faith. Whether Masonic Degrees should be so restricted is a genuine topic for debate, but such is not the purpose of these articles. Freemasonry started in a Christian country and became universal in religion early in its re-organised life.

This led to the formation of Degrees and Orders which emphasised the original Christian interpretation of Masonic symbolism and, in some cases, intent.

Over the next two editions, this series on Orders and Degrees worked in Victoria will concentrate on those which require candidates to profess the Christian faith.

## Red Cross of Constantine

The historical setting of this Order is the time of Constantine the Great, Emperor of Rome, and features his well-known vision of a cross in the heavens which led to his victory at the battle of Saxa Rubra in 312AD and consequent acceptance of the Christian faith.

The candidate, who must be a Royal Arch Mason and profess his belief in the Trinity, is first admitted to an equestrian order as a Knight of Rome then, in a ceremony based on Constantine's vision, is installed a Knight Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine.

On progressing in office to the second and then first chairs of the Conclave, a Knight receives the second and third degrees of Priest Mason (as the conclave's Viceroy) and Prince Mason (as the Most Puissant Sovereign).

These extend the teaching of the first degree of the Order and the offices are roughly equivalent to the positions of Senior Warden and Worshipful Master in a Craft Lodge.

Attached to the Order are two Appendant degrees: Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and Knight of St John the Evangelist.

The former was traditionally developed on the finding of the true cross by St Helena, the mother of Constantine and the consequent mounting of a guard over the holy place.

This is symbolised in the ceremony by enjoining the Knights to perform the seven works of mercy.

The latter degree relates a Christian perspective on the origin of Speculative Freemasonry and takes its theme and content from a historically attested discovery in the ruins of the original temple in the fourth century AD when a new attempt was made to build a temple on that site.

## Knights Templar

One of the better-known degrees, the Masonic Order of the Temple makes no pretence of being the founding body of Freemasonry; neither does it seek world domination nor the plethora of other intents ascribed to it by authors present and past.

It simply puts the teaching of Speculative Masonry in a Christian and Chivalric setting.

The candidate, who must be a Royal Arch Mason, receives two degrees: Knight Templar and Knight of Malta. The former takes its imagery and content from the formative years of the historical Knights Templar following the capture of Jerusalem in 1099, when their purpose was to provide protection to pilgrims travelling to visit the holy city.

It may fairly be claimed the emphasis of the degree is on these early years rather than the less salubrious events of a century or so later which have spawned a series of "history" books better suited to the fiction shelves.



The candidate enters dressed as a pilgrim. He undergoes two symbolic journeys: firstly that of a pilgrim, in which he is seeking a new life and, secondly, to conduct spiritual warfare against sin.

Having been successful, he is informed that penance and meditation form an integral part of true knighthood. He is finally armed with the symbolic weapons of his new life, proclaimed and installed.

The Knight of Malta consists in the main of a narrated history of these knights from their forced departure from Jerusalem to their eventual home on Malta.

Both this and the preparatory degree of Knight of St Paul (which entails a long reading from the Acts of the Apostles) invite each member to develop his own understanding of the underlying esoteric message.

It is worth stressing that this world-wide Masonic Order has no connection with the kaleidoscope of eccentricities which abound and are seemingly limited only by the creativity of the writer and the credulity of the reader, appearing – sadly misplaced – with monotonous regularity in the non-fiction section of bookshops.

### Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

Also known as the Order of Holy Wisdom – which probably gives a far better indication of its intent – this is not, it must be stressed, a priestly section of the Knights Templar. The only connection is the arbitrary and historical requirement that a candidate must be a Knight Templar.

Equally arbitrary is the further requirement of Installed Master in the Craft.

A Candidate for this degree must expect to delve deeply into mysticism or, in far more accessible terms, extend the knowledge of himself. Much of the ritual of the opening, closing and the ceremony comprises readings from the Old and New Testaments.

The candidate comes not as a mere tyro or innocent but as a man ready to put his experience to use.

He is tested, using his proficiency in Masonry as the symbolic examination, passed and accepted as a priest whose duty it is to aid and comfort Brethren on their long journey to the same stage. The number seven is significant throughout the ceremony.

The esoteric nature of this degree demands deep thought from its members and, like much of Freemasonry which is loosely (and generally

falsely) termed “higher”, can be neither described nor prescribed. Initiatory rites, by their very nature, are rarely designed to be complete in themselves but all lead to the aphorism “know thyself”.

### Holy Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City

Also known as the Rectified Scottish Rite, this can very loosely be described as a European version of the Royal Arch and Knights Templar. Qualification for membership is Master Mason although in its workings in Australia (and England) a candidate must be a Knight Templar.

This arcane degree was created as a correction or rectification of the Rite of Strict Observance, a virulently pro-Christian degree; one of the many Christian orders which sprang into existence in the decades following the opening of the Craft to all religions in the 1740s.

Another of these post-1740 Christian orders is the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (or Rose Croix), which will be discussed in the next article in this series.

The Rectified Scottish Rite is new to Australia and membership is strictly by invitation. Candidates are required to provide written answers (involving their understanding of the philosophy and meaning of Freemasonry and of themselves) to various questions. An unsatisfactory answer results in the withdrawal of the invitation to join.

In a series of four degrees, the Candidate progresses from the ruins of the Temple of Solomon (which contain sacred knowledge) on an allegorical journey encompassing the symbols and the personages of ancient Freemasonry to the Holy City.

Here, the chivalry of the Knights Beneficent manifests itself as working for the good of the whole human family.



### QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### Red Cross of Constantine

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Membership Inquiries: Lindsay Collins 9584 1931

#### Knights Templar

Royal Arch Mason with a belief in the Christian Trinity

Membership Inquiries: Noel Manley 5446 8850

#### Knights Templar Priests

Knight Templar and Installed Craft Master

Membership Inquiries: Terry Hodges 0380 9616

#### Rectified Scottish Rite

Knight Templar

Membership by invitation

*A selection of the response to last edition's article about the Anglican Dioocese of Sydney's reaction to Freemasonry and the accompanying article "Freemasonry and Religion".*

## How can they believe it?

The decision by the Sydney Anglican Synod to ban Freemasons and Freemasonry, as reported in the last issue of Freemasonry Victoria, has saddened and disappointed me, as I'm sure it has other Brethren.

To have a debate in this day and age trying to link Freemasonry (or any other group) to "Witchcraft" is unbelievable.

Are they aware of the religious leaders who have taken active roles in Freemasonry, including a former Archbishop of Melbourne, as well as other denominations and religions?

Many notable civic leaders were Freemasons. Are they really saying that all these world and religious leaders were guilty of witchcraft, Satanism and trying to lead people away from God? Surely not!!

After the speech by Roman Catholic Bishop Hilton Deakin at the December Communication, opening the way for more understanding and co-operation with the Catholic Church, one would hope that the Anglicans in Sydney would also be able to see the good in Freemasonry.

**Brian Woodyatt**

## Silly Anglicans

I refer to the article on page 6 of the last edition, titled: "Anglicans ban Freemasons".

I am both shocked and horrified the Anglican Church should take such a stance.

Their comment is a sure measure of the collective ignorance of the Diocese of Sydney's Synod to say nothing of being discriminatory to the fullest.

I am a relatively new member and before making application my wife and I attended an Open Night at what is now my Mother Lodge, Dignity 866.

I asked about the pentagram on the pavement and having been given an explanation I decided to investigate the matter for myself.

As a result I found that the five pointed star (pentagram) was in use by Freemasonry long before witchcraft and Satanism adopted it.

I have not sighted anything whatsoever that smacks of evil in Freemasonry, but rather I have found a genuine love for the Almighty Creator by, and for all Craft members.

**Michael Wimborne, JP MM**

## DEATH AND NOTICES

Over time I have become increasingly aware of the phrase that is uttered when placing a bereavement notice in the newspaper: "We can't have the Masonic logo in the notice because of the cost".

Brethren, to me this is appalling. Surely we owe our departed Brother the honour of the Square and Compasses as a final accolade for departed merit?

I would like to think that my own lodge thought enough of me to append the logo to my bereavement notice when the time comes.

Secondly if the lodge cannot afford the logo, something needs to be looked at in its administration.

**WBRO David Yole PGStdB**

SECRETARY 921, 840, OSM 15, ASW COLLEGE SRIA.

## Bizarre interlude

I write with reference to your article headed "Sydney Anglicans ban Freemasons" in Issue 98 November 2003 of Freemasonry Victoria.

The Queen Mother has presented to The Grand Lodge of Scotland two sets of regalia belonging to her late Husband, King George the Sixth.

Is not the Sovereign the Supreme head of the Anglican Church?

Does this mean that the Sydney Anglicans are denouncing their former Supreme head?

Would the current Duke of Kent, the Grand Master of England, be permitted to attend church in Sydney?

I also look forward, with some interest, to the next attendance at church in Sydney by our current (Freemason) Governor General Maj. Gen. Michael Jeffries.

As to the lodge leading people away from God; how many orders attend a church service after their Grand Installation each year?

Referring to the comment that Freemasonry is linked to Witchcraft and Satanism, only being a member of the Craft, Mark, Ark Mariners, Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Rose Croix and the Knights Templar I say, tongue in cheek, that I expect that there must be a somewhat dramatic change in direction awaiting me should I progress further.

Even Sydney's Anglican counterparts think the move strange. Recently the Melbourne diocese's newspaper described the Sydney debate on Freemasonry as "a bizarre interlude in the synod".

"The key to its adoption by the (Sydney) synod lies in its identification of incompatibility with Christianity, an identification that taps into the diocese's exclusivist tendencies," it reported.

It would appear Melbourne Diocese has a more liberal view than its Sydney counterpart.

**L. Bailey PM 781**



**South Eastern Masonic Widows Association**

New members most welcome  
Meets at Keysborough Masonic Centre  
Fourth Tuesday, 1pm  
(no meetings December or January)

**Enquiries** Mary Hall **9546 7822**



## The 'Kindergarten Team'

Freemasons Victoria's young Grand Team members and a few eloquent ring-ins acquitted themselves with dignity at the last Old Scotch Collegians' Installation.

Led by incoming Senior Grand Deacon Harry Pitaro, the team consisted of Brethren aged in their late 30s and early 40's, earning them the nickname "The Kindergarten Kids' Team".

## Honoured brethren

At the time of going to press, six Victorian Freemasons were recognised in this year's Australia Day Honours.

Freemasons Victoria extends its congratulations to these Brethren, who have made such positive contributions to the community.

**Bro Douglas Kefford, AO, MM** Melbourne St. Clair Reunion 17  
For service to the bus transport industry in the areas of industry regulation and safety reform and through the preservation of Australia's rural heritage and philanthropy.

**WBRO. Raymond David Joseph, AM, PM** Fraternal 603  
For service to the Jewish community, particularly through the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation, and to Heartbeat of Victoria.

**Bro Freeman Roland George Strickland, AM, OBE, MM**

Old Melburnians 631

For service to the community, particularly through St John Ambulance Australia and the Aerospace Maritime and Defence Foundation of Australia.

**WBRO Alexander Barnett, OAM, PM** Transition 0  
For service to the community of Ballarat through the Eureka Stockade Memorial Park Committee.

**Bro William Bruce Chambers, OAM, MM** Rutherglen 188  
For service to the wine industry as a wine maker and judge.

**Bro Geoffrey Colin Evans, AFSM, MM** Wimmera 70  
Australian Fire Services Medal.



## Can you give just ONE day a month?

Can you volunteer one day a month to the Kiosk at the Freemasons Hospital, Clarendon Street, East Melbourne?

If you could assist from either 9am–2pm or 2pm–7pm on weekdays, or 12 noon–7pm on weekends you would do a great service for the fundraising activities of your hospital. Single people and married couples most welcome. Training and free parking provided.

For details please contact  
Mrs H Minnitt on 9434 6724  
or Mrs B Tresidder on 9379 2888

## New Lodge Forming

## Hungarian Lodge

Can't get enough Gulyás, Uborka Saláta, or Csirke Paprikás?

Looking for a good night of Hungarian Masonic Comradeship?

Why not be a founder of the "Hungarian Lodge"

Contact:  
**Gus Martonhelyi**  
**9848 1868**  
**[gustav@alphalink.com.au](mailto:gustav@alphalink.com.au)**

## Honoured Freemason



Korumburra Freemason John Gow was honoured to be selected as one of the 25 to witness the dedication of a London war memorial to Australians who fought in World War II.

Bro Gow OAM, PGTyler, also holds the Grand Master's Order of Service and has watched both his sons – David and Chris – pass through the chair of Outtrim Lodge.

He was nominated by the 7th Division Association, having seen action in Papua New Guinea, Morotai Island and Borneo in the 2/25th Battalion.

An active member of the 2/25th-2/31st Battalions Association and of Outtrim Lodge, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to veterans and the Korumburra Community.



## Hanging onto the family jewels

The brothers Legge of Frankston recently celebrated 75 years of combined membership by presenting each other with their 50 and 25 year membership awards.

RW Bro Don, PJGW (right) received his 50 year gong from son Geoffrey PJGD (left) and returned the favour by presenting him with his 25 year badge.

The occasion set the seal of five generations of Legge Freemasons, with the sixth generation on the way.

## Gippsland widows lunched

Widows of Bairnsdale and District Freemasons were treated to a Christmas luncheon at the lodge complex in Francis Street. Fifty-one ladies enjoyed a Christmas dinner complete with plum pudding, provided by the Masonic Ladies' Auxiliary.

Denise Heard on clarinet and Scott Newcomen on piano provided musical accompaniment and a pleasant background to the meal.

The Christmas luncheon is an annual event and is a mark of respect to the ladies who had supported their husbands during their Masonic life. Two of the ladies present attended the inaugural function some 30 years ago and said they look forward to receiving their invitation each year.

Peter Crick PJGW

**Freemasons from the Bairnsdale region celebrating a special Christmas dinner for the area's Masonic Widows.**



## Social climbers

Some people will climb to any heights to get into *Freemasonry Victoria*.

While in Sydney for the celebration of 200 years of Freemasonry in Australia last year, "first ladies" Rosemary Evans and Adela Bartrop led a team of expeditionaries to the top of Sydney Harbour Bridge.

"The view was absolutely stunning," Adela said on her return.

It only goes to show that when the Grand Team goes away, they do more than dress up and perambulate.

**Rosemary Evans, Bruce Bartrop, Libby Chanter, Adela Bartrop, Bob Jones, Sandra Jones and John Godfrey with proof of their climbing skills.**

# Coming Up: Information for the months ahead

## Quarterly Communication

Reports on the Strategic Plan and an update on our Hospital headline the agenda for the March Communication at Dallas Brooks Hall on March 17.

A presentation of the rare Grand Master's Order of Service will also be made.

"The report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan will include decisions approved by the Board of General Purposes at its February meeting, and include recommendations for an overhaul of our administrative structure," Grand Secretary Barry Reaper said.

"There will also be some good news for Brethren to hear in the report from our hospital's

CEO, Jim Swinden."

The now usual (and popular) \$15 sit-down meal will be available from 6pm, but bookings must be made before close of business on **Friday, 12th March**.

Wine, beer and soft drink will be available for purchase.

Any questions about the meal should be directed to Lyle Brown, on 9419 2288.

## Grand Proclamation

The Ceremony of Proclamation of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Investiture of Grand Officers is to be held in the Dallas Brooks Hall on Saturday, 20th March, commencing at 5pm.

This Ceremony will be followed by a Celebration

Banquet also to be held at the Masonic Centre of Victoria commencing at 7pm.

## Tickets Needed

Seating at the Banquet is limited to 600 and will be allocated strictly on a first-in-first-booked basis.

Booking forms for the Grand Proclamation (\$10) and Banquet (\$60 each) are available through Lodge Secretaries or the GL office on 9419 2288.

The Proclamation and Banquet are open to Freemasons, partners and non-Freemasons.

In a first for Freemasons Victoria, this year's the Grand Master, accompanied by the Ceremonial Team and their

ladies, will be attending the 11:00am Mass at St. Patricks Cathedral on Sunday, 21st March as part of the congregation.

The Grand Master would welcome support by members and partners at this service.

## Election of Deputy Grand Master

Nominations for the position of Deputy Grand Master have to be received by the Grand Secretary before the fall of the gavel for the commencement of the Communication of Grand Lodge in June 2004.

Nominations will be accepted only on the prescribed form, which is available from the Grand Secretary's office.

**Barry Reaper, Grand Secretary**

## THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

can assist brethren and their families in times of hardship.

### WHO CAN HELP?

- Members and their dependants
- Masonic widows

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

- Financial support
- Financial counselling services
- Social worker assistance
- Educational support

Contact your Lodge Secretary or The Office of the Grand Secretary on

**9419 2288** [metro]

**1800 068 416** [country]

## Northern Masonic Widows' Association

### Syllabus for 2004

Meetings are held every third Wednesday at 1.00pm (in months as stated), then followed by demonstrations, etc at 1.30pm.

**Masonic Hall, 6 Davies Street, Brunswick**

Afternoon tea is served after talks or demonstrations.

Date	Presentation / outing
18 February	Berry Street Victoria
17 March	Outing to be arranged Bookings required for AGM and luncheon
21 April	Gilmours Shoes
19 May	Annual General Meeting (11.30am) Followed by luncheon
16 June	Outing to be arranged
21 July	Speaker, NMWA member, past president of CWA
18 August	Blumes Fashions
15 September	Outing to be arranged Bookings required for Christmas luncheon
20 October	Speaker to be arranged
17 November	Christmas luncheon (12.00pm)
15 December	No meeting

**President** Merna Rees 9404 3376  
**Secretary** Marie Campbell 9489 9362  
**Guest Co-ordinator** Betty Campbell 9386 1142

# Jewels

1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2003

## 75 year

Bro WJ Best – Gippsland 51

## 70 year

WBRO RG Lazarus PGDMus. – Oak Park 883

WBRO WJ Ramsbottom PSGD – Allunga 862

Bro JC Smith – Transition 0

VWBRO N Stewart OAM PGIW – Merriwa 535

## 65 year

WBRO AJ Andison PGStd.B – Transition 0

RWBRO J Campbell PJGW – Burnley 299

RWBRO HN Chalmers PSGW – Ardmillan 305

Bro ND Dean – Lord Brassey 180

WBRO CM Goldspink – Essendon Daylight 861

Bro KH Goodes – Glenelg 154

WBRO W Hayes – Barwon 868

Bro EJ Hill – Antient York 80

WBRO NG Holden PJGD – Transition 0

RWBRO AL Hunter PSGW – Cordiality 331

Bro AE Kelso PGTyler – Ballarat 114

RWBRO JB McColl PSGW – Humanitas 840, Allunga 862, St James 678

WBRO DA McDonald – Ocean Grove 841

RWBRO NA Peers PJGW – Ouyen 249

RWBRO JU Porritt PSGW – Transition 0

RWBRO KAD Smith PJGW – Union of North Gippsland 52

Bro HW Tyler OBE – Ouyen 249, Transition 0

## 60 year

WBRO CS Aarons – Tradition 746

RWBRO AER Blashki OAM PSGW – Rapport 920

VWBRO AW Brentnall PGIW – Transition 0

RWBRO JH Brown PJGW – Nyah 268, Castle Donnington 685

Bro LH Brown – Antient York 80

VWBRO MA Buchanan PGIW – Athenaeum-University 171

Bro JL Burt – Rapport 920

Bro JB Causer – Transition 0

WBRO Rev. AG Church PJGD – Maroondah Daylight 607

VWBRO WH Costelow PGIW – Allunga 862

RWBRO RT Croxford PJGW – Chatham 459, Berwick Light 864

Bro AN Curphey – Athenaeum-University 171

WBRO LC Dunn – Ballarat 114

Bro MW Eise MBE – Transition 0

VWBRO AS Ferguson PGIW – Transition 0

Bro EG Garner PGTyler – Federal 122

Bro VAC Gibson – Civil Service 338

RWBRO RG Kirby PJGW – Eaglehawk 55

RWBRO VW Ludwell PJGW – Transition 0

VWBRO LC Marks PGIW – Brighton Grammarians' 433

Bro JH McCormick – Federal 122

Bro GJ McMahon – Sunshine Wisdom 226

Bro JH McRae – Transition 0

WBRO AW Nelder – George Bass 889

Bro EJ Olin Snr. – Transition 0

Bro WE Opie – St. Johns 36

VWBRO AR Pearce PGIW – Golden Rule 555, Oakdale 777

WBRO HHH Peatling – Duke of Richmond 39

Bro PR Peers – Ouyen 249, Transition 0

Bro LR Perryman – Merbein 410, Sunraysia Daylight 909

RWBRO AR Runge PJGW – Felicity 431

Bro NS Smith – Seymour 87

WBRO RR Steed PGStd.B – Talbot 42

– Cosmopolitan 96

RWBRO WA Summers PJGW – Antient York 80

Bro AJ Tatterson – Gippsland Forest 101

RWBRO KR Wagstaff PJGW – Chirnside Daylight 904

RWBRO JO Wallace PJGW – Yarrawonga St. David 103

Bro ESA Wickham – Transition 0

WBRO JL Williams – Elata 541

Bro Flt Lt AA Willis – United Service 330

## 50 year

Bro NW Allan – Albion 462

WBRO AJ Allen – Baden Powell 488

WBRO RB Anderson PGStd.B – Mount Waverley 801

VWBRO CJ Bannan PGIW – Richmond 89

WBRO Capt DG Batten – United Service 330

VWBRO FE Beattie PGIW – Yarrawee 10, Ballan 205, Golden Fleece 300, Eureka Daylight 881, Amalthea 914

WBRO AN Bellingham PJGD – Creswick Havilah 26

WBRO SC Blyth – Leura 50

WBRO EW Bransgrove PGStd.B – Eaglehawk 55

WBRO RJ Brewer – Darebin-Rotherwood 306

WBRO RJ Brown – Dromana 511

WBRO LF Bruce PJGD – Sunbury 854, Carisbrook 405

Bro WD Caldow – Hamilton United 233

WBRO JF Cameron PJGD – Learmonth 177, Eureka Daylight 881

Bro HC Cochrane – St. Johns 36

WBRO SD Cochrane – St John's of Rochester 75

Bro HG Cole – Donna Buang 324

RWBRO RA Cole PJGW – Moorabbin District Daylight 738

WBRO NJ Cove – Brighton District 37, Fervour, Zeal 672

Bro SL Craddock – Excelsior Industry 16

WBRO WH Crellin – Felicity 431

WBRO JMcW Crockart – Acacia of Geelong 913

WBRO JM Crosbie – Transition 0

VWBRO HA Davies PGIW – Spring Vale 389

Bro LW Devereaux – Oak Park 883

Bro LP Dickman Jnr. – Duke of Richmond 39

WBRO FR Dummett PSGD – Oakdale 777

WBRO RG Dykes – Killara 259

VWBRO BL Ellingsen PGIW – Samaritan 380

Bro GG Flanders – Jonadab 771

RWBRO RG Fowkes PJGW – Goulburn Valley St. George 73

WBRO GH Francis – Victoria 82

VWBRO KW Fyffe PGIW – McKenzie 15

Bro JA Geddes – Henty 279, Dromana 511

Bro KW Gibbs – Diamond Valley 252

Bro RA Gilbert – Ebden 871

WBRO EL Gill PJGD – Glenelg 154

WBRO PA Gill – Ocean Grove 841

Bro A Gillinders – Gippsland Forest 101

Bro KE Glanville – Ardmillan 305

WBRO RJ Glew – Southern Cross 24

WBRO AW Grimes PGStd.B – Eaglehawk 55

Bro BG Guthridge – Grange 45

VWBRO WJ Gwyther PGIW – Eos 880

VWBRO SH Hansen PGIW – Transition 0

Bro WAG Harley – Woolamai Daylight 277

Bro IG Harris – Old Scotch Collegians' 396

VWBRO AJH Harrison PGIW – Ringwood 382, Dimboola 144

WBRO SF Hayes PJGD – Spring Vale 389

WBRO JAM Hill PJGD – Maritime 569

Bro KH Holland – Zenith 52

Bro KG Horne – Warrnambool 34

Bro WLG Hosa – Knox Daylight 898

WBRO JT Hoult PJGD – Ocean Grove 841

Bro BM Humphreys – Transition 0

Bro KD Hunter – Moorpanyal 467

WBRO DJ Jamison – Bogong 197

WBRO LB Jarman PJGD – Federal 122

RWBRO EV Jones PJGW – Samaritan 380

VWBRO RB Keegan PGIW – Transition 0

Bro WR Kelsey – Darebin-Rotherwood 306

WBRO EJ Knight PGStd.B – Meredith 163

WBRO G Lock – Ebden 871

WBRO AA Lockwood – Caloundra 387 (Qld.)

Bro WR Lumley AM – Transition 0

RWBRO JR Lyon PJGW – Elrona 384

Bro RA Mason – Ebden 871

RWBRO D McClure PJGW – Kyneton 192

VWBRO CJ McDonald PGIW – Horsham 761

WBRO KV McDonald – Ouyen 249

Bro MJ McDonald – George Bass 889

WBRO CK McKeown – Numurkah 779

Bro SGH McMeekin – Ardmillan 305

WBRO H Mellon PJGD – Carbethon 580

RWBRO WJ Mundy PJGW – City of Geelong 307

WBRO RJ Muntz – Moira 155

Bro M Nathan – Tradition 746

WBRO V Nathan – Fraternal 603

Bro KAJ Oliver – Carbethon 580

WBRO LW Palmer – Transition 0

WBRO DJ Patullo PJGD – Killara 259, Fiery Creek 157

Bro EW Pearse – A.I.F. Memorial 289 (Qld.)

VWBRO GS Phelps PGIW – Yarrawee 10

WBRO AK Phillips PJGD – Commerce 837

MWBRO Maj Gen FE Poke AO RFD ED PGM – United Service 330

Bro WGA Redmond – Golden and Corinthian 7

RWBRO AH Riggs PJGW – Moorabbin District Daylight 738

WBRO RA Roads PJGD – Broadmeadows 564

Bro WM Robinson – Sunshine Wisdom 226

Bro PG Rooke – Clifton Hill 90

WBRO WM Roper PGStd.B – Duke of Richmond 39

WBRO Brig KV Rossi AM OBE RFD ED – United Service 330

WBRO SH Rowe – Orpheus 394

VWBRO KW Scott PGIW – Old Scotch Collegians' 396

WBRO IJ Silver – King David 460

Bro WG Sinclair – Warrnambool 34

WBRO TR Smith – Sale Daylight 875

WBRO RMCP Soutar PJGD – Commonwealth 186

WBRO RD Standing PGStd.B – Vermont 696

VWBRO MD Stanley PGIW – Peace and Loyalty 261, Knox Daylight 898

RWBRO HD Stephens PJGW – Mooroopna 131

WBRO Capt JL Stevenson RFD – Army 478

VWBRO LG Stephenson PGIW – Gippsland 51

RWBRO TLR Stratford PJGW – Mordialloc Charity 258

WBRO JL Swinton – Castle Donnington 685

RWBRO Maj GR Truman JP PJGW – Golden Fleece 300, Blue Dandenongs 859

WBRO AC Umpherston PJGD – Yarraville 164

WBRO AL Ward PJGD – Ocean Grove 841

WBRO IK Watson PGStd.B – Nyah 268

Bro OM Watson – Meredith 163

WBRO CJ Wheeler PJGD AGOrg. – Broadmeadows 564

WBRO HF Williams PJGD – Numurkah 779

WBRO RL Wilton – Ouyen 249

RWBRO KH Wood AM PJGW – Antient York 80, Plenty Valley 703

# New members

INITIATES OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2003

**Bro Robert E Lee Airton**

United Press 281

**Bro Mark D Balfour**

Healesville 247

**Bro Milan A Beleslin**

St James 678

**Bro Wayne K Booth**

Guiding Star 922

**Bro David F Bourke**

Tatura-Rodney 219

**Bro Zac Brankovic**

Brunswick United 924

**Bro Leslie C Brewer**

Powlett 661

**Bro Michael Bukhshtaber**

Francis Ormond 286

**Bro Lachlan S Burrows**

Ballarat 114

**Bro Gordon E J Cameron**

All Nations 28

**Bro Cameron P Carmichael**

Union of North Gippsland 62

**Bro Stuart R S Carter**

City of Geelong 307

**Bro Rian Chapman**

Deepdene 356

**Bro Kenneth J Clarke**

Golden Fleece 300

**Bro Brett P Cooper**

Devon 595

**Bro Teodoro Cortez**

City of Footscray-Wyndham 239

**Bro Peter M Dall**

Warracknabeal 128

**Bro Bruno A Danelon**

Gippsland Lakes 715

**Bro Svetislav A Diklic**

St James 678

**Bro Michael W Dixon**

Phillip Island 512

**Bro Christopher B Doran**

Cordiality 331

**Bro Brian R du Preez**

Gisborne 298

**Bro Stephen D Ellis**

Currajong 184

**Bro Kevin R Forbes**

Memorial 327

**Bro Alfred R Gibson**

Baden Powell 488

**Bro David Goodall**

Parkdale 554

**Bro Noel D Grigg**

Ophir 27

**Bro Graeme R Hallam**

Hamilton United 233

**Bro Michael B Harry**

Glenroy 748

**Bro Jurgen Hein**

Old Melbournians' 317

**Bro Stewart J Hine**

Keysborough 912

**Bro John W Hogbin**

Trafalgar 497

**Bro David J Holmes**

Cobram 282

**Bro Daniel F Horan**

Gippsland 51

**Bro Amin M Ibrahim**

Glenroy 748

**Bro Bradleigh J Itter**

Oakleigh 126

**Bro Adrian F Kamer**

Baden Powell 488

**Bro Chris Karambelas**

Victorian Naval and Military 49

**Bro Abhay Kher**

Glenroy 748

**Bro Peter M Langdon**

Deepdene 356

**Bro Alexander Leitch**

Williamstown St Andrew 470

**Bro Tam Jan Lim**

Concentration 753

**Bro Ben Longden**

Millewa 47

**Bro Jacob M Low**

Echuca 577

**Bro Timothy L Mathews**

Mildura 170

**Bro Dane J McLeod**

Comacine-Acanthus 400

**Bro Zoran Micic**

St James 678

**Bro Peter J Morrison**

Golden and Corinthian 7

**Bro David J Morrow**

Werribee 187

**Bro Mervyn J Nichols**

Mullum Valley 856

**Bro Patrick J Northey**

Cordiality 331

**Bro Patrick J Nurse**

St George 18

**Bro Shaun Ornellas**

Enterprise 740

**Bro Andrew Parker**

Ringwood 382

**Bro Bruce A Rowan**

Djerriwarrh 891

**Bro Abel Sambat**

City of Footscray-Wyndham 239

**Bro Paul Y Sarjue**

Sunshine Wisdom 226

**Bro Ezio Sanelli**

Garibaldi 890

**Bro Rohan D Seneviratna**

Elrona 384

**Bro Rustu Senol**

Glenroy 748

**Bro Fred Sharp**

Fraternal 603

**Bro Peter R Shellie**

Canterbury 312

**Bro Brian J Smallwood**

Melbourne St Clair Reunion 17

**Bro Andrew P C Stevens**

Williamstown St Andrew 470

**Bro Michael Stevens**

Mount Waverley 801

**Bro William G Stewart**

Chelsea 346

**Bro Howard T J Stobo**

Mitchell River 742

**Bro Richard W Tait**

Old Scotch Collegians' 396

**Bro Brett J Tait**

Cordiality 331

**Bro Rudulfo E Vejar**

Berwick Balcara 359

**Bro Marcus G Vogt**

Old Melbournians' 317

**Bro Craig R Wallace**

Oakleigh 126

**Bro Barry W Warren**

Warrnambool 34

**Bro Paul A Warren**

Phillip Island 512

**Bro Joseph R Watson**

Memorial 327

**Bro Bryan D White**

Gippsland Forest 101

**Bro Craig W Wilson**

Canterbury 312

**Bro Michael Wu**

Observance 654

**Bro Joseph Yeoh**

Thespian 232

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MEMBERS

# Diary Dates

MONTH	DAY	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT
February	1	1200	Masonic Bowls Club	Darebin Bowls Club	Frank Anning 9585 5206
	7-8		Masonic Caravan Club Rally	Maryborough	Ray Stevens 9870 9715
	15	1200	Masonic Bowls Club	Mordialloc Bowls Club	Frank Anning 9585 5206
	19	1300	Berry Street visits Nth Masonic Widows	Davies St, Brunswick	Marie Campbell 9489 9362
	19	1930	Open Night Masonic Promotion	Yarram Masonic Centre	Lawrie Argus 5186 2565
	19	2000	Grand Mark Communication	East Melbourne	John Williams 9419 2288
	28	1939	Open Night Masonic Promotion	Myrtleford Masonic Centre	Don Robb 5756 2565
March	3	1930	Open Night Masonic Promotion	Eaglehawk Masonic Centre	Jim McQualter 5446 8648
	6-8		Masonic Caravan Club Rally	Beaufort	Ray Stevens 9870 9715
	17	1300	Nth Masonic Widows Outing	Davies St, Brunswick	Marie Campbell 9489 9362
	14	1200	Masonic Bowls Club	Mentone Bowls Club	Frank Anning 9585 5206
	17	2000	Craft Quarterly Communication	Dallas Brooks Hall	Geoff Becker 9419 2288
	20	1700	Grand Proclamation	Dallas Brooks Hall	Geoff Becker 9419 2288
	20	1900	Grand Proclamation Banquet	Dallas Brooks Convention Centre	Geoff Becker 9419 2288
	21	1100	Annual Worship Service	St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne	Geoff Becker 9419 2288
	21	0930	Homes' Mixed Charity Open Bowls Day	Kew Heights Bowling Club	Spencer Sherwood 9547-7574
	27	0845	Personal Development Skills Course	Wangaratta Masonic Centre	Lyle Brown 9419 2288
	27	0845	Planning & Presentation Skills Course	Wangaratta Masonic Centre	Lyle Brown 9419 2288
	28	1200	Masonic Bowls Club	Heatherdale Bowls Club	Frank Anning 9585 5206
April	9-13		Masonic Caravan Club Rally	Drouin	Ray Stevens 9870 9715
	14	1200	Masonic Bowls Club	Mentone Bowls Club	Frank Anning 9585 5206
	15	1930	Open Night Masonic Promotion	Darebin Masonic Centre	Michael Nardella 9870 0111
	17	0845	Personal Development Skills Course	Greensborough Masonic Centre	Lyle Brown 9419 2288
	17	0845	Presentation Skills Course	Greensborough Masonic Centre	Lyle Brown 9419 2288
	17	1930	Open Night Masonic Promotion	Wimmera Masonic Centre	Allan McIntyre 5382 4085
	21	1300	Gilmours Shoes @ Nth Masonic Widows	Davies St, Brunswick	Marie Campbell 9489 9362
	21	2000	Grand Chapter Convocation & Investiture of Officers	East Melbourne Masonic Centre	John Williams 9419 2288
	29	1930	Open Night Masonic Promotion	Moorabbin Masonic Centre	Bruce Burns 9557 1892
	30	1930	Open Night Masonic Promotion	Bacchus Marsh Masonic Centre	John Owen 5334 4400
	30	1930	Open Night Masonic Promotion	Mildura Masonic Centre	Tom Lee 5025 2761
May	1	1930	Open Night Masonic Promotion	Kerang Masonic Centre	Tom Lee 5025 2761
	1-2		Masonic Caravan Club Rally	Seymour	Ray Stevens 9870 9715
	19	1300	AGM @ Nth Masonic Widows	Davies St, Brunswick	Marie Campbell 9489 9362
	19	2000	Grand Mark Communication & Investiture of Officers	East Melbourne	John Williams 9419 2288
	22	0845	Personal Development Skills Course	Sale Masonic Centre	Lyle Brown 9419 2288
	22	0845	Presentation Skills Course	Sale Masonic Centre	Lyle Brown 9419 2288