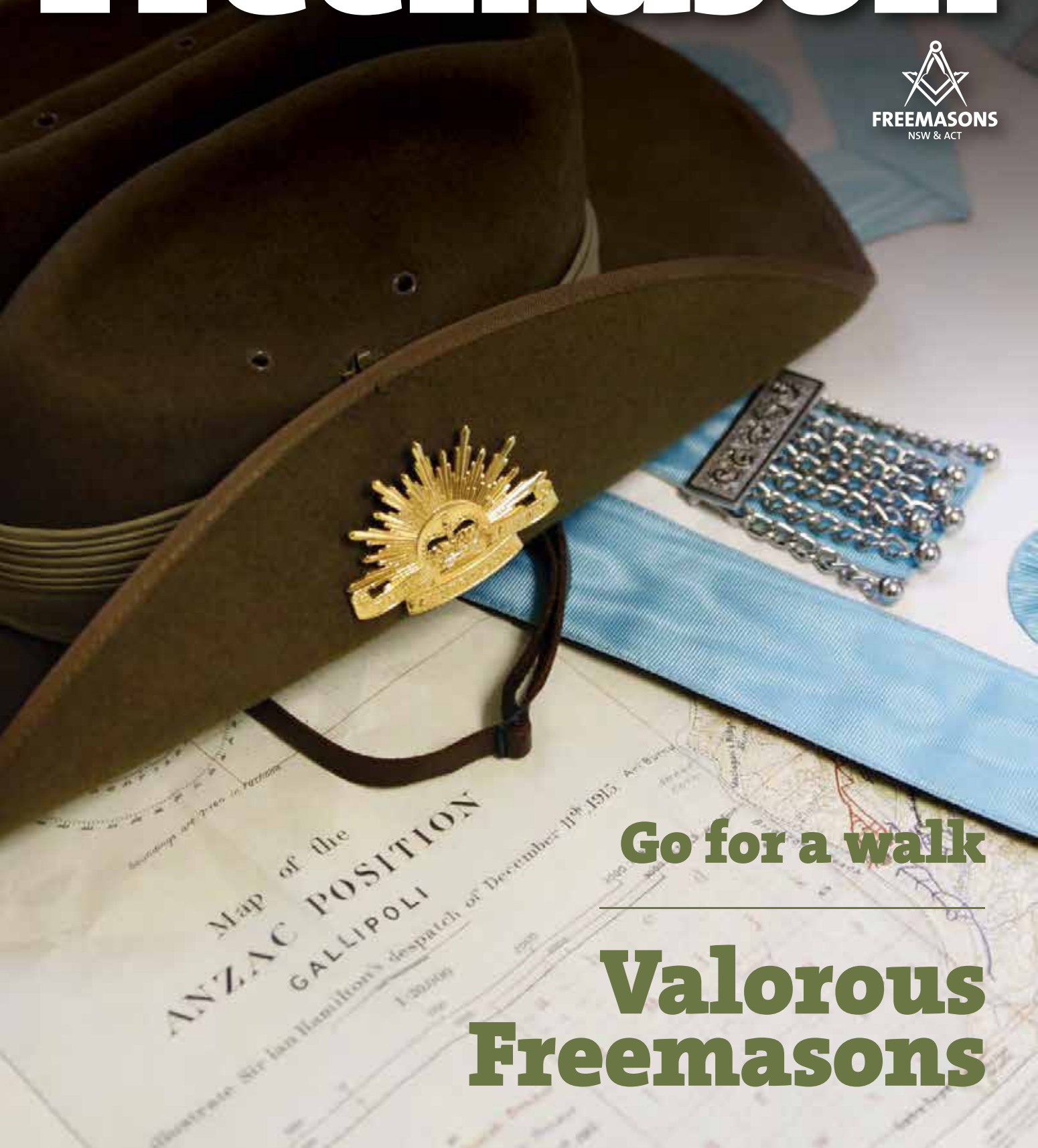


# Freemason



**Go for a walk**

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**Valorous  
Freemasons**



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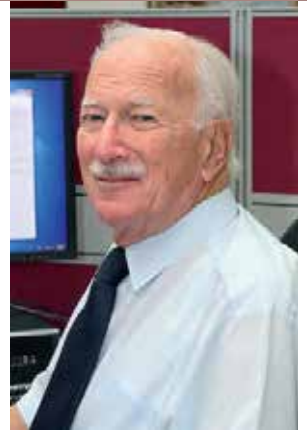
- To uphold and promote those values, morals and virtues which Freemasonry believes are universal and enduring.
- To foster a better understanding of Freemasonry within the general community.
- To provide a forum for discussion on masonic issues.
- To publicise the charitable works of Freemasonry.
- To provide articles of interest and education and to disseminate masonic news and views.
- To recognise masons who make significant contributions to the Craft and the wider community.





# Do you have a speech ready?

Have you ever been **caught short of words** by someone who asks you what does a Freemason do and **what is Freemasonry?**



A recent issue of the American Masonic Information Centre advised its members that in such a situation you should have a masonic 'elevator speech' ready.

An elevator speech is one that you can deliver to one or more persons while taking a brief elevator ride. It may be 30 seconds or one minute long and it must summarise and provide an important message in a minimum of words.

The article says that for example, you step into an elevator with a business associate or a friend who says: 'What is that lapel pin you are wearing?' By the time you reach your destination, you should be able to say it is a masonic pin and state a few positive words about your membership or about the organisation.

But how many times has a similar opportunity happened to you? Did you answer quickly or did you change the subject? And when you thought about it later did you wish you had been ready to produce a short, intelligent and informative response?

And it is not just restricted to an elevator. It may happen on a street corner, while waiting at a bus stop, leaving church

or while standing in line to order in a café.

The time to prepare your 'elevator speech' and explain what Freemasonry means to you is NOW and not when that situation occurs and you try to think of something to say. Masons are notoriously

quickly of anything positive to say.

In fact, some people even believe this lack of communication is one of the reasons why there has been a decline in the numbers over the past few decades. But really, when it is considered, it is not that difficult to say you are a mason, what Masonry does and what it means to you.

For example (and you could write this out and carry it in your pocket), you could state:

**'In fact, some people even believe this lack of communication is one of the reasons why there has been a decline in the numbers over the past few decades.'**

*'Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternal organisation for men over the age of 18. It is dedicated to serving its members and their families through building relationships, social networking and activities with our members and in the community. There are also associated women's organisations. Freemasonry is not a religion but every member must profess a belief in a Supreme Being. It is not a charity but sponsors charities and each year its members give more than a million dollars to organisations which help those in need.'*

*And finally, it is an organisation whose members voluntarily pledge together to make themselves and their community a better place. And frankly, outside my immediate family, some of my closest friends are fellow members of the masonic fraternity.'*

reluctant to speak publicly about the organisation and that they are a member because of a lack of knowledge, a feeling they are not qualified and they can't think

Now that's not hard is it? So why not try it? Believe me, the explanation and your own sincerity will alleviate some of the misunderstandings people have of masons and expand community awareness of what we do. The more involved we are in our community, the more aware the community becomes of us.

Remember the words of one of our Past Grand Masters who said: 'Freemasonry is good. Let's talk about it.'

## Interested in Freemasonry?

Have you ever wondered about Freemasonry - what it is and what its members do? Do you ever think about joining but don't know any masons or what action to take to find out more?

**If you are interested and would like to talk with a mason, contact Grand Lodge who will put you in touch with a member from your suburb who can give answers and advice.**

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# December Communication

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM began the evening by welcoming the Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, mentors and sponsors as well as those visiting from interstate and overseas. He then gave a special welcome to RW Bro Bill Hall PJGW from Lodge Lake Macquarie No 243 who was in attendance and who turned 102 on 30 November.

‘I would like to give greetings from the members of the Board of Management who have introduced many productive changes during the year and have appreciated your inputs to the process. Please remember that any improvements offered by the Board are intended to make life easier for you, to provide clearer instruction on the requirements of reports and returns, simplify the administrative processes, offer more explanation on a whole range of issues through the website, promote activity which might be of use to your lodge and your community, and generally to give confidence to us as we progress our Freemasonry,’ said the Grand Master.

‘Likewise, the Grand Secretariat staff, salaried or voluntary, have supported everything we do, and I thank them for their magnificent contribution. Similarly, I acknowledge the wonderful staff of the Sydney Masonic Centre – the Operations Management team, the chefs, the support staff, and the cleaners all combine so well together.

‘The charitable nature of Freemasonry is part of our way of life and 2014 has been a particularly busy year for our Grand Charity, Masonicare. We have had a successful annual “One Brother to Another” Benevolence campaign, distributed a Masonicare Caring Officers Handbook, a District Masonicare Representative (DMR)/ DGIW Manual, providing useful information on these important roles within the lodge structure, the important donation of 15 Thermal Imaging Cameras

## Nominations for Grand Master

The following nominations for Grand Master were received by closing time on Monday, 2 February 2015 (in alphabetical order):

- > ELEY, Glenn
- > GARSIDE, Jack
- > McGLINN, Kevin
- > MELVILLE, James

The prepared statement of each candidate is available in the **MEMBER CENTRE** of the Grand Lodge Website ([www.masons.org.au](http://www.masons.org.au)).

The vote will be taken at the March Communication and will continue until such time as one candidate has received an absolute majority of votes.

to the NSW Rural Fire Service, a revamp of the monthly Masonicare newsletter, *InTouch*, and the continual consideration and approval of various InterAction and Benevolence Grants to lodges and brethren in need.


‘The year 2014 has been particularly busy for the Craft generally. Whether our lodges are in the north, south, west, or indeed far west, many more will now be able to reflect back on the commitment this Grand Lodge made to their activity, and perhaps bask in the opportunities that this effort brought to them and their community. There is no doubt that my “all of one company” thrust has been a major plank in the rebuilding of trust between city and country Freemasonry, and I am convinced that we will all benefit as time goes on.

‘I am sure you will all be proud that we are meeting the challenges that confront us and on your behalf, I acknowledge all those who have contributed to the wonderful year we have had. We thank each of

you for your commitment to the Craft and its ideals, and particularly for the manner in which you have extended this into your local communities.

‘Finally, and speaking as your Grand Master, may I thank you most sincerely for allowing me the tremendous honour to have served you through 2014, and please be assured of my continued loyalty, support and appreciation for all of the positiveness that you bring to the Craft.’

In following business, the reports were received from the Executive Council, the Board of Management, Grand Charity and College of Masonic Studies. RW Bro Greg Mason PDGM was invested by the Grand Master as Chairman of the Board of Management and an appeal by RW Bro John Bone against an Executive Council decision was rejected.

Recommendations were approved of Representatives for Sister Constitutions and the Board considered options for promotion of Freemasonry at community events and agreed to the purchase of a display unit to be located in a region by the Committee Chairman. 

## Agenda for the Grand Lodge March Quarterly Communication

The Quarterly Communication for Grand Lodge will be held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 7.30pm.

### Included on the agenda will be:

- > Grand Master’s Welcome
- > Reports of the Executive Council, Board of Management, Grand Charity, College of Masonic Studies
- > To fix fees and dues for 2015–2016
- > Election of the Grand Master
- > Conferral of Grand Rank
- > General Business

# Shoulder to shoulder

Imagine a safe place where men can **come together** and **increase their self-esteem, develop a sense of belonging and exchange ideas and experiences** concerning personal, family, public and health issues; where they can connect with the moment, to themselves, to others and to their community.

Sounds familiar? Am I describing a masonic lodge? No, it's a Community Men's Shed (CMS). Men's Sheds are an example of opportunity for male health and wellbeing and consequently offer a variety of formal and informal mentoring settings to offset social exclusion.

MW Bro Dr Gregory Levenston, Past Grand Master, did a lot of work in his term to raise awareness that men's health and wellbeing is generally worse than women's. Research suggests that having poor social supports is a risk factor for people and increases the development of illness and premature death at each stage of life.

Developed in Australia, the Men's Sheds have now spread to other countries, including Ireland, the UK, and New Zealand. CMS provide a safe place for men transitioning to retirement and opportunities for social interaction and well-being through activities, which generate opportunities for individuals to have a sense of continued worth in society.

Each CMS tends to have a different focus and provide a variety of options for men including automotive repair, computers, metal work, painting, social time and woodwork. A 2007 study by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research found the potential of Men's Sheds to support men experiencing issues related to physical and psychological health, including difficulty expressing needs, encouraging self-image, giving up work, mental and physical ill health, disability, loneliness, ageing and the major life change that comes from getting older.

What Men's Sheds offer is connection to other men in safe, mutually supportive and inclusive surroundings where

learning new skills and wellbeing are fostered informally, without threatening the main reason for men coming to the Shed. Men's Sheds in effect have to do with men's happiness, connection to society, and general wellbeing. A Shed environment creates a familiar space where the majority of men feel appreciated and at ease, principally with other men.

What began as a simple idea in Australia is rapidly becoming a worldwide trend. Australia has more than 1,000 Men's Sheds with new ones emerging every

**'Every bloke that comes into the Shed is a unique jigsaw puzzle piece ... the Shed's job is to fit these pieces together.'**

week. Most CMS are part of the peak body, Australian Men's Shed Association.

The motto for the Irish Men's Sheds Association is 'Men don't talk face to face; they talk shoulder to shoulder'. Bryce Routley of the Australian Men's Shed Association says the Sheds, which were formed in response to a lack of support systems for men, provide a sense of purpose. Routley likens men to a jigsaw puzzle. 'Every bloke that comes into the Shed is a unique jigsaw puzzle piece. They're all a different shape according to




their background, their work history, personal values, mental and physical health and their interests. The Shed's job is to fit these pieces together.'

It is clear that work and an external focus is good for men because it helps achieve fulfilment as a human being and he becomes more generally serviceable to his fellow creatures.

Not only do Men's Sheds provide an opportunity for older men, in this era of high youth unemployment they provide young people with the chance of being able to do meaningful work.

Rowan Ramsey MP, Federal Member for Grey said recently of the CMS at Booleroo, 'Some come to play cards or pool, others to test their skills in the workshop and yet others for a cuppa and a chat. For them, the Men's Shed is a key to opening up new friendship and support bases'. Men's Sheds have an important role to play in addressing the gendered health disparity that males face. They serve as an example to health promotion professionals of a community development context where the aims of male health policy can be actualised as one part of a wider suite of global initiatives to reduce the gendered health disparity.

Bill Tibben of the Granville CMS describes it as 'a totally voluntary, self managed group of men who meet, socialise, support and contribute together with a community focus'.

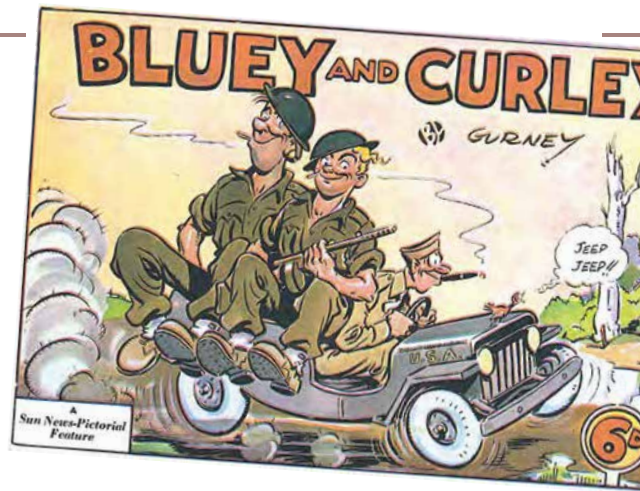
That vision of building up this world through our work underscores the need for us to cooperate and collaborate with one another in making work and the workplace a project of human solidarity and mutual respect. 





# Bluey and Curley

One of Australia's best known cartoonists and comic strip writers was **Alex Gurney**, the creator of the famous **'Bluey and Curley'** cartoons. One of the best known poets was C J Dennis, the creator of the **'Sentimental Bloke'** and two of our best known comedians were **Stiffy and Mo**.



The connection is that Alex Gurney drew comic strips based on Stiffy and Mo, and also on *The Sentimental Bloke*.

Alexander Gurney was born in 1902 at Portsmouth, England and following the death of his father, he and his mother emigrated to Tasmania in 1908. His early education was at the Macquarie Street school. He worked for a short time as an ironmonger when only 13 years of age before starting an apprenticeship as an electrician with the Tasmanian Hydroelectric Commission. During his apprenticeship he commenced art classes at the Hobart Technical College as well as doing a correspondence course in art. Gurney also began freelancing, with

some success, selling cartoons to the *Tasmanian Mail*, *Melbourne Punch*, the *Bulletin* and *Smith's Weekly*.

Gurney came to the attention of mainland newspapers when in 1926 he published a book, *Tasmanians Today*, a collection of caricatures of notable citizens. He moved to Melbourne in 1927, commencing work with the *Melbourne Morning Post* which later that year was incorporated into the *Suns News Pictorial*. Alex Gurney then moved to Sydney to freelance. While contributing to the *Bulletin* in 1927, he created a strip, *Stiffy and Mo* for *Beckett's Budget*.

In 1928 he briefly returned to Melbourne to marry June Grover, the daughter of Montague Drover, an Australian newspaperman. Back in Sydney in 1928 conditions were very hard as the

depression was in full swing and three newspapers he worked for were wiped out. These were the *Sunday Times*, the *Sydney Guardian* and also the *World* which had been started by his father-in-law Montague Grover in 1931. During this period he drew a strip called *Daggs* for the *Sunday Times*. He then returned to freelancing until offered a contract

by the *Herald* and *Weekly Times* in 1932 to draw political cartoons for the *Adelaide News*. This association was to last for 23 years.

After just 12 months in Adelaide, he was transferred to Melbourne in 1933 to launch a new comic strip for the *Herald*. From October 1934, he drew *Ben Bowyang*, based on the work of C J Dennis, finally taking over as the lead page cartoonist in 1935 when Sam Wells, the lead cartoonist, went to England. By 1937-38, he was drawing political cartoons five days a week and on Saturdays, drawing a sporting cartoon, usually on football.

Gurney had been experimenting with a character called 'Bluey' who had a rectangular head and a square nose. Later he created 'Curley' who had a round head and a pointed nose. He drew them dressed in different clothes, overalls, dinner suits and party hats and on the outbreak of war, he put them in army uniform, Bluey the veteran from World War I who knew all the tricks, and Curley, the youngster whom he took under his wing. The first six *Bluey and Curley* cartoons appeared as a full page in the *Sun* on 1 February 1940. From then on, there was a new strip nearly every morning, six days a week, for more than 15 years.

Gurney was meticulous in his work, being an excellent draughtsman, and to get realism into his sketches, he visited many army camps in Australia to get the feel of army life. While visiting New Guinea in 1944, he contracted malaria and the strip continued in the *Sun News Pictorial* three days a week until his discharge from hospital. He was very clever at being able to





alter a doubtful or risqué joke to use it in a comic strip. He called it dry cleaning a story, his work never being questionable.

The strip had a distinctively Australian flavour and made great use of the Australian idiom and slang with a great ability to interpret the Australian male. Following the war, Bluey and Curley were in Britain for the victory march and followed up the service in the occupation forces in Japan, before being discharged. In civilian life they became lighthouse keepers, lion tamers and private detectives among other occupations. Another strip running during the war was *Wally and the Major*, drawn by Stan Cross which appeared in *Smith's Weekly*. In May 1941, the *Sydney Daily Mirror* commenced with *Bluey and Curley* appearing and also a new strip called *Boofhead*.

*Bluey and Curley* was widely syndicated in 53 publications in Australia, New Zealand and Canada but Gurney refused to change the Australian character of the strip and for that reason it was never well received in America. In 1948–49, *Bluey and Curley* was adapted for the radio as a serial on 2SM. Gurney illustrated two small books, *Sickness Without Sorrow* in 1947 and *Life with Laughter* in 1950 and the proceeds went to the Food for Britain Appeal. He also designed emblems for

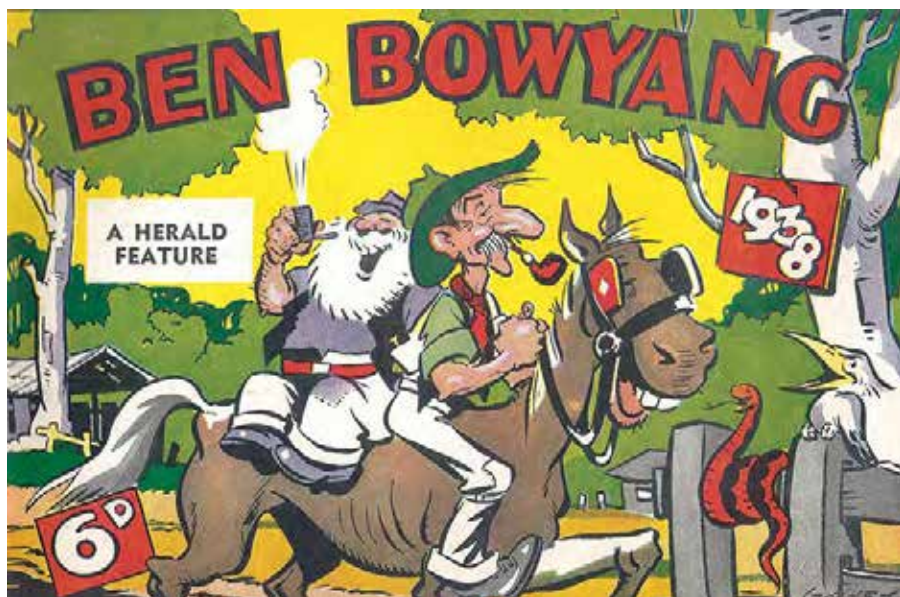


Alex Gurney (second from left) presenting the original art work of a Bluey and Curley comic strip to soldiers in New Guinea.

South Melbourne and Essendon Australian Rules teams.

Gurney has been described as the most Australian of all cartoonists. He belonged to the RSL, the Bread and Cheese Club, the Melbourne Savage Club and the Tee Square Club, comprised of artists and architects. His favourite pastimes were fishing and shooting. Alex Gurney died suddenly from a heart problem on 4 December 1955 at his home in Elwood, Victoria, survived by his wife, son and three daughters. The strip was subsequently drawn by Norman Rice and Les Dixon until 1975.

Alexander George Gurney was initiated in Lodge Pacific No 5 Tasmanian Constitution on 16 August 1923, passed 20 December 1923 and raised 13 February 1924. He affiliated with Lodge Literature No 500 NSW Constitution on 7 July 1932 and called off in October 1936. 🗡️



## POSITIONS VACANT

**Expressions of Interest are invited for positions on the Board of Management of the United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT.**

The Grand Secretary, RW Bro Kevin McGlenn has announced that in compliance with Clause 8.3.3 of the Book of Constitutions, **three** members of the Board will complete their two year term of office in 2015 and these members are eligible for re-election subject to Clause 8.1.17.

In accordance with the current policy of providing an opportunity for qualified brethren to be appointed to the Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge, *Expressions of Interest* are invited from brethren who believe they have the experience and qualifications to serve this Jurisdiction in a senior managerial role as a member of the Board of Management. Election to the position will be for the Term 2015/2017.

Areas of Board responsibility include Masonic Advancement, Lodges, Communication, Masonic Buildings, Regional Operations, and other such skills as the Board may from time to time determine and each elected member to the Board is made responsible for one of these categories. Whilst brethren applying for a position on the Board are encouraged to indicate their personal preference for a particular role, they should appreciate that the final allocation is at the discretion of the Chairman.

Further details of Board responsibilities are outlined in Clause 8.3.4 sub paragraphs (a) to (y) in the Book of Constitutions.

The Board of Management performs a governance role in the organisational structure of the Grand Lodge and works closely with the Grand Secretariat in the implementation of policy and operational direction.

Applicants for the position must be Master Masons or above and be a subscribing member of a Warranted Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

Applications close **3 April 2015** with interviews to be conducted after that closure date. Executive Council recommendations for election to the positions will be submitted to the June 2015 Communication of Grand Lodge.

Application forms and Role Statements for the vacant positions are available from Ms Melanie Scott, who may be contacted by email [melanies@masons.org.au](mailto:melanies@masons.org.au) or telephone **(02) 9284 2800**.





# Finding happiness

Whilst happiness can be found in resilience, gratitude, forgiveness and joy, **it is often overlooked** in the search for it.



**S**ome people from sanguineness of temperament expect more than life has to bestow.

The balance of happiness is prescribed equally in great measure; the high and the low, the rich and the poor, much nearer to each other than is commonly imagined.

Pleasure and pain is also equally distributed. If the feelings of pleasure are more lively in the higher departments of life, so also are those of pain.

If greatness flatters our vanity, it multiplies our dangers. If opulence increases gratifications, it increases in the same pro-

portion our desires and demands.

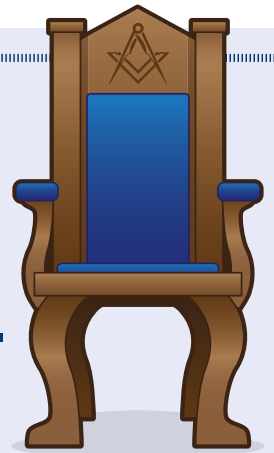
Happiness of mind does not depend upon place; the mind has its own place. Instead of looking for new faces and situations for that undiscovered something, let us make Home the centre of our enjoyment. The small recurring tasks and activities thought by many to be a strange receipt for enjoyment can be the real source of happiness.

The degrees of happiness vary according to the degrees of virtue and consequently that life which is most virtuous is most happy. 🛠️



## From the Master's chair

It has been suggested by a lodge member that each WM **should welcome a candidate** in each Degree. Below is an example of this. **Can you suggest a better welcome?** If so, **please submit your version.**



### To the candidate:

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ Congratulations on being raised to the Third Degree. At this point you are probably wondering about some aspects of the ceremonies you have been through thus far. Some parts will be deeply meaningful to you, others, not so much. This is perfectly normal, and is no cause for alarm on your part. And you are probably wondering why we ask you to go through such ceremonies anyway. After all, ours is the only men's mutual fellowship/support group that asks its new members to do so. You are entitled to ask.

We do it for several reasons, but these are the important ones.

First we do it so that you will remember how you became a Freemason. The process is quite distinctive. Remember it.

Second, we do it because we want to place you in a situation that is unfamiliar to you – to un-nerve you, and to extend you beyond your comfort zone. I commend you on the way you handled yourself tonight. You maintained your composure, your poise, and your dignity, even though you were in a distinctly uncomfortable zone, where you didn't know what was coming next, and the people around you were perhaps making minor errors which may have shaken your confidence.

From this, you should realise that you have abilities you didn't know you had, and remember it in future. Because this much is certain. You are the bloke we need if there is a traffic accident up ahead. You are the bloke we need if there is a house fire in the street. You are the bloke we need if there is a wife beater next door. You are the bloke, because you can handle yourself with clear-headed composure and lead others to safety in a crisis. You are a Freemason.





# The square and compasses

Have you ever wondered about the square and compasses and why they feature so much as the emblem of Freemasonry? RW Bro Rabbi Raymond Apple put together these words as an explanation and as information for all brethren to consider.



They are the characteristic logo of Freemasonry and can be found on masonic letterheads, notice papers, literature, buildings. Even on watch dials, tie pins and cuff links, all bearing the square and compasses.

Middle aged and elderly adults all remember how important their set-square and compasses were as geometrical instruments in their school days. Masons value these two working tools, not only for their prosaic but for their poetical significance.

The general explanation that comes across from the ritual is that the square teaches us to be just and upright, to square our actions; the compasses tell us to keep our passions and desires within bounds. Whatever the precise terminology which the ritual employs, the message is the same – the square and compasses remind us how to think, act and live as fair and decent human beings.

The moralistic explanations are, however, not the end of the story. Daniel Beresniak, in his *Symbols of Freemasonry* (1997), gives the two instruments a still broader significance. Pointing out that they are crucial to geometry, which in turn represents man's concern to understand his world by measuring things, he argues that the square and compasses are symbols of man's capacity for objective thinking.

'In the Middle Ages,' Beresniak writes, 'the teaching of geometry cleared the way for objective thought. Until that time, all knowledge had been handed down from an authority which meant to put a stop to any debate and eliminate doubt or the need for proof. Only one kind of knowledge could not be taught this way:


geometry. A theory about the properties of a shape can only be accepted when it has been verified using reason, and a square and compasses.'

geometricianbuilder measures words with the yardstick of meaning and not according to the social status of the speaker.

The square and compasses therefore are the tools of a free man. They are the tools of a way of thinking which recognises the possibility of making statements about reality, understanding its laws and modifying it in order to better the human conditions.

The Enlightenment thinking of the period when Freemasonry moved from an operative to an intellectual-ethical movement was made possible only because human beings were thinking for themselves, measuring, analysing, reasoning and debating.

In other words, the square and compasses that had once done duty simply as utilitarian instruments of a craft or trade now assumed a higher significance as symbols of a movement which changed everything in the history of human society and civilisation.

Descartes said: 'I think, therefore I am.' In Freemasonry, it is summed up by the square and compasses logo. 



The teaching of geometry implies therefore, the recognition of students as people who are able to think rationally and find meaning on their own. The

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## COOL CUTS WELCOMES ALL BROTHERS

# Let's have a toast

An often-overlooked part of Freemasonry and lodge meetings is the **festive board** where members and visitors mix and **enjoy food and good company.**

Invariably at these functions, the formality of toasts are delivered, usually the formal type and sometimes special examples to welcome the visitors or the ladies. They can be given standing or seated but rarely has time ever been taken to give an explanation on the meaning of the word toast and why members stand or remain seated.

The custom of drinking one's health – many centuries later to be called a toast – was observed in the ancient world although it took the form rather more of pouring a libation and circulating a loving cup. It was natural that the Romans should introduce it into England and once established, the custom was enthusiastically indulged in by other subsequent uninvited guests, sometimes to their

**Drinking the health of the King became such a nuisance in the Restoration period that the King was forced to express his displeasure.**

considerable advantage. Naturally it also spread around the world.

Kent leader Vortigern, who appeared to have learned nothing from the Roman presence and whose director of intelligence was scarcely up to the job, lost a large portion of his kingdom to Hengist owing to being poorly briefed on the customs of the latest tourists to Britain. He fell into the classic trap of wine and women. Too much wine in the form of toasts and too much woman in the shape of Hengist's daughter Rowena. He was literally caught on toast. When the evening – a royal guest night – was well advanced, Rowena entered the hall bearing a loving cup and pledged Vortigern with a toast to which he learned it was proper for him to reciprocate. After a few drinks, Rowena had little difficulty in hooking and landing him and leading him to the altar. If a list of presents had been drawn up, there might have appeared the unusual entry of 'from the bridegroom to the bride's father – all of Kent'.

The origin of the word toast to mean to your health is somewhat confused. One explanation lies in the custom of putting a piece of toast in the loving cup which was being circulated. When the cup had finished its round and arrived back at the originator, he was expected not only to finish the wine but also to eat the toast. Many preferred not to and so 'dunking' went out, and in the strange way that often happens the word toast became transposed and applied to the drink.

Another explanation is given in an account of an incident which happened in the English town of Bath in the days of Charles II. A celebrated beauty of the time was in the Cross-Bath and one of



*A Toast* by August Hermann Knoop.



her admirers took a glass of the water in which the fair one stood and drank a health to the company. A member of the group who had consumed a few drinks offered to jump in and swore 'tho' he like not the liquor he'd have the toast'. He was restrained but the process of drinking a health to your lady love became known as drinking a toast.

Drinking the health of the King became such a nuisance in the Restoration period that the King was forced to express his displeasure. This may be an explanation why so many regiments do not drink the loyal toast at all. It could also be that the loyalty of regiments had never been in doubt but on the other hand the loyalty of certain regiments may have been open to question.

Other more interesting reasons for abstention exist. When George IV was seeking a divorce from the Queen he became very unpopular. When he was attending a theatre in Brighton, a town which was very pro-Queen, rioters became violent and there were fears for his safety but officers of the 85th Foot protected him and he escaped unhurt. Soon afterwards the King dined with the officers and to show his appreciation of their loyalty gave them dispensation from drinking his health or standing for the National Anthem. Other regiments have earned similar exemptions by action on the field of battle.

There are some unusual examples. The 1st Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) adopted a compromise based on religious scruples. The president remained seated and said 'Mr Vice, the King' to which Mr Vice replied 'God bless him.' The wine was then circulated but no toast was drunk. This custom is associated with the origin of the regiment in 1689 when the Covenanting days of the 17th century can never be forgotten in Scotland. In those days there was a strict sect of Presbyterians led by Richard Cameron. After the accession of William and Mary, this sect agreed to raise a regiment from amongst its numbers under certain conditions, such that 'there should be no profane talk, no drunkenness and no drinking of toasts.' The regiment took its title from its founder, whether it still fulfils the other conditions is not known but it does the last – no toasts have been drunk ceremoniously.

A number of regiments which habitually drink the toast do so seated. This almost certainly indicates that the

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regiment was among the number who saw service in the 18th century on board warships and thus started life virtually as marines. In the course of time, they

returned to their duties on land but retained the naval custom of drinking the toast. There are many ingenious explanations to explain the naval custom of staying seated but little support seems to be given to the obvious one – there simply was not enough head room on board ship to stand smartly erect as a crouch was about the best that could have been achieved.

There are many other variations and explanations as to why toasts in regiments are given and drunk. Some once a year, some on the Monarch's birthday, others once a week but all have their origin in the history of a regiment or a country. The usual drinks for the loyal toast in those early days were port, madeira and brown sherry although teetotalers could drink water. Nowadays beer, wine, juice or soft drink are more often used. In public life today, formal toasts are given at weddings, birthday parties, dinners, anniversaries and other special occasions. It is a custom of respect which has existed for centuries and has stood the test of time. Here's to your health! 🍷



## FAMOUS AUSTRALIAN FREEMASONS

**Contributions are needed for a long-term project being prepared by RW Bro Grahame Cumming OAM PDGM CMH.**

RW Bro Cumming has been accumulating information on Australian Freemasons, some of whom are famous and others who are quiet achievers but have not yet acquired fame.

A number of loose-leaf books divided alphabetically have been established in the Masonic Library and when any information becomes available about an Australian Freemason who has performed an extraordinary act, a section will be opened for that man and the information will be listed.

Readers can make a contribution by sending newspaper clippings, articles, certificates, or

any other documentary evidence of this brother's achievements as well as any known masonic membership details.

At present, the Archives and the Library and probably other masonic organisations, receive requests from many avenues for information on various individuals which, with few exceptions, is difficult to supply. In the terms of modern Freemasons, the Library is compiling a central database which will result in benefits for all who support it.

Any move for digital listing will be resolved in the future. For the present time, the Library appeals for your support and contributions which can be sent to the Grand Librarian, RW Bro Robert Taylor.



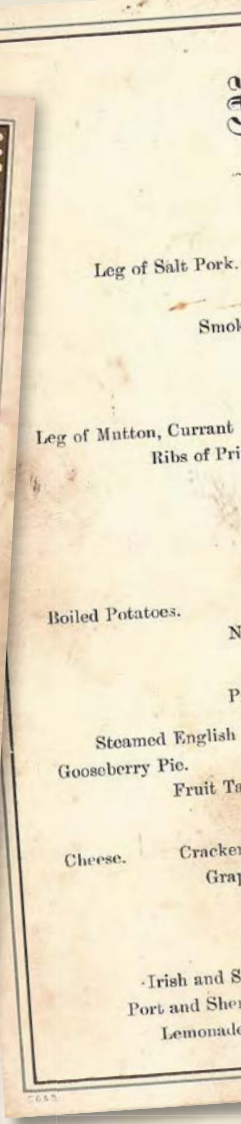
# An ancient south

It's interesting to consider how a masonic program from 1894 in Bermuda, landed under the floorboards of a house in Portsmouth, England, **was discovered by a mason doing renovation work** and was then sent back to Bermuda.

Shown here is the menu card from the 1894 Loyalty Installation. The original card's size (folded) is 4½ x 6½".

In those days Loyalty's installation took place at Ireland Island on the Saturday immediately before Christmas.

And what a Christmas feast to be put before the members and their visitors! 🍷



## THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Among our ancient mountains,  
And from our lovely vales,  
Oh! let the prayer re-echo,  
God bless 'The Prince of Wales!  
With heart and voice awaken  
Those minstrel strains of yore,  
Till Britain's name and glory,  
Resound from shore to shore.

### CHORUS.

Among our ancient mountains, &c.

of Wales which was written in 1862 to celebrate the marriage of Albert Prince of Wales to Princess Alexandra of Denmark. The song was first proposed at the Caernarfon Eisteddfod of 1862. The words were written by the poet, John Ceiriog Hughes and the music by Henry Brinley Richards.

It consists of eight verses and starts and ends with:

*Among our ancient mountains,  
And from our lovely vales,  
Oh! let the praye re-echo,  
God bless the Prince of Wales!*

At the time of Loyalty's installation in 1894 the Prince of Wales was Grand Master of the UGLE so it would have been quite appropriate for the lodge to have sung that popular song in his honour.

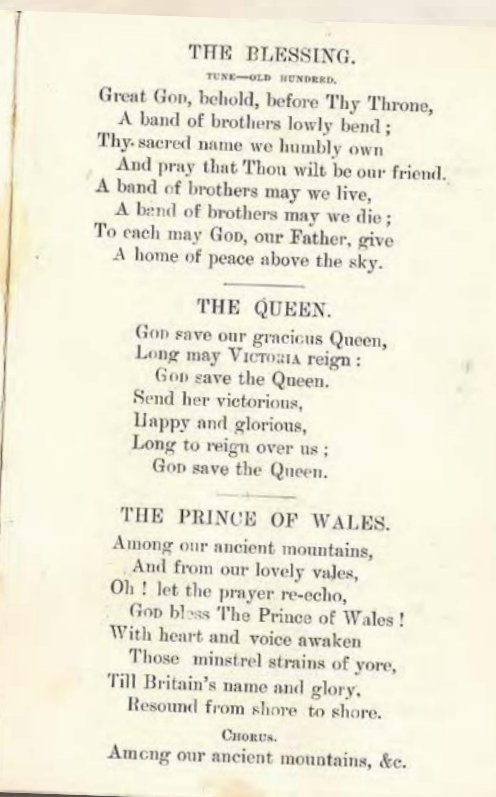
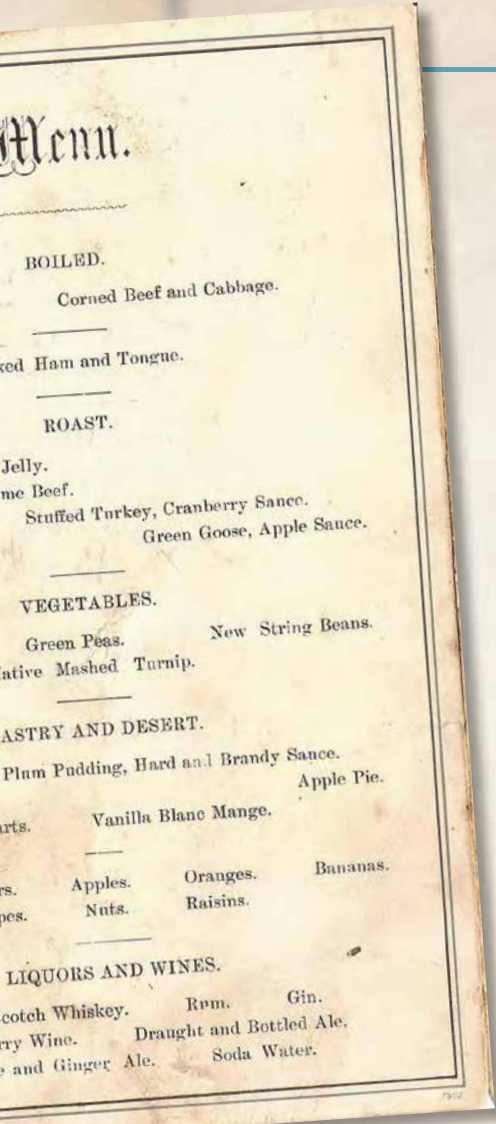
Worshipful Master,	-	Bro. W. F. World.
Im. Past Master,	-	" G. R. Morris.
Senior Warden,	-	" F. G. Speer.
Junior " "	-	" J. F. Burnett.
Treasurer,	-	" W. E. Warder, P.M.
Chaplain,	-	" W. Cann, P.M.
Secretary,	-	" Isaac Hewett.
Senior Deacon,	-	" J. Picton.
Junior " "	-	" C. Porter.
Organist,	-	" R. C. Clapp.
Inner Guard	-	" A. Browning.
Senior Steward,	-	" A. E. Fiddy, P.M.
Junior " "	-	" J. W. Harvey.
Tyler,	-	" J. W. Harvey.

### TOAST LIST.

1. The Queen, - - - W.M.
2. Grand Master and Grand Lodge, P.M. Warder.
3. W.M. and Officers for 1895, P.M. Thomas.
4. Visitors and Guests, - J.W.
5. Retiring Officers for 1894, P.M. Johnson.
6. Sister Lodges, - - - P.M. Fiddy.
7. Stewards, - - - S.W.
8. Tylers, - - - Tyler.

"AULD LANG SYNE"





# Mobile Masons



Mobile Masons is an **incorporated association of masons** and their wives from NSW and the ACT who meet annually **to make new friends and renew longstanding friendships.**

**O**wnership of a caravan or mobile home is an advantage but not essential as some members join the group and stay at an on-site caravan or cabin. The main aim of the association is to have fun.

The association started at Nelligen in 2006 and has met annually since then. It became incorporated in February 2010.


The annual rally this year was held at Harrington's Big 4 Caravan Park where 66 members enjoyed ten days of friendship and games in October. The program consisted of free days where the brethren and ladies could get together to make new friends and renew old ones or simply travel around the district to take in the local sites. Games such as disc bowls, bocce, darts and lawn bowls were played at the local bowling club and golf at the Harrington Golf Club.

There was plenty to do during the nights with entertainment consisting of trivia, bingo, Hoy and Rummikub as well as a night out as a group for dinner in Club uniform at the Harrington Bowling Club.

Never far from a mason's heart is

charity, and during the group's stay a raffle was conducted with the money raised donated to a charity supported by the local masonic lodges. Raffle prizes were donated by association members, local businesses and a number of other businesses. The Manning District Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) was recommended as the recipient charity and representatives were invited to talk to Mobile Masons members. Following the talk by a member of the RDA Board and one of the disabled riders on the aims and achievements of the charity, a cheque for \$1,000 was presented by President Bill Hazel.

During the stay at Harrington, a fraternity of 24 Mobile Masons attended Lodge Greater Taree following an invitation by VW Bro Wayne Broome.

The Annual General Meeting of the association was held on Wednesday 29 October and resulted in RW Bro Barrie Wild being elected president; RW Bro Barry Turton as vice president; Mrs Jacky Wild secretary; Mrs Virginie Norgate assistant secretary and Mrs Anne Brown treasurer. 





# Walking is good for you

**Many times** people have been told to go for a walk and **get it out of their system.**

**I**t has been a well-known fact that walking is good for you, not just the exercise but how it helps keep the mind and the body working at good levels.

People often complain that the physical action of walking, whether for a short or a long distance, is a tiring activity but the truth is that walking is a suitable activity for most people. It can help you lose body fat, improve your fitness and maintain a healthy weight.

It strengthens the body and can also reduce the risk of developing conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and other medical problems. Among the other benefits are stronger bones, improved balance and increased muscle strength and endurance.

But how do you get started? How do you get the energy and willpower to do something which is obviously good for you, especially if you have not been a walker in past years.

As with most other projects, prepare a plan and stick to it. The hardest part of any activity is maintaining the schedule, otherwise the benefits and enjoyment will be lost. Study the methods of warming up and cooling down, the clothing and shoes to wear and then consider how to start.

To begin with, aim for a target of at least 30 minutes three days a week. As in all activities, begin small with maybe ten minutes and gradually increase your routine as you become more confident. A slow walk, for those not accustomed to

the exercise, will be good to begin but if you are in reasonable physical condition, a brisk walk would be better.

Walking presents few health risks but if you are suffering from any illness or physical condition, it's always best to check with your doctor before beginning any program of physical activity. The body quickly gets accustomed to physical activity which means you can increase the intensity of your walking. It is also one of the better methods of losing weight and keeping it off.


Try to walk at the same time each day although you use only the same amount of energy no matter what time of day you walk. Choose the most convenient times to fit in with work and family responsibilities. As your level of fitness improves, increase the challenge by walking up hills, using speed walking, walking with hand weights, increasing the distance and walking longer.

It is best to wear comfortable shoes which give good support to your feet with heel and arch supports. The wrong type of shoe can cause foot pain, shin soreness or blisters. It is also better to choose a grassy area, such as a park, rather than a non-yielding footpath or road. If your walking is in daylight, wear sunscreen, protective clothing in case it rains and drink plenty of fluids before you start and after you finish.

Vary your routine to provide interest and enjoyment and walk with friends or join a local walking club.

Walking slowly is the best way to start. Take light steps to begin, make sure your heels touch the ground before your toes and give your muscles time to warm up. Do some gentle 20 seconds muscle stretches, especially the calves and thighs, but if you feel any pain, stop the stretch. When you get into your walk, don't bounce, don't force your legs because you could damage muscle tissue which can lead to muscle stiffness and tenderness.

Walking, when done properly is good so make it a pleasure. Some walkers wear earphones with music playing, others select different areas each month to vary the routine and some set personal targets and walk variations to add further interest to the program.

But most of all, remember your health is the prime target so give it a try and reap the benefits of having a more enjoyable life. 







# A well justified road trip to Cairns

There **has** to be a reason to drive to Cairns.

My wife thinks it was to **show her some of Queensland** north of Brisbane.

My brother-in-law thought it was to **check out yacht rentals** at Airlie Beach.

My WM thought it was to **show him just how indispensable his Secretary is!**

I knew it was to attend the **Australia and New Zealand Masonic Research Conference.**

A previous issue of the *Freemason* detailed the Cairns Masonic Centre but it is valid to ask, 'Is Cairns a hot-bed of masonic research? Do grizzled researchers congregate under beach umbrellas on the waterfront and decide how many masons can dance on the head of a pin?'

Actually, no.

Two years ago it was Wellington's turn to host the Conference and this time it was Cairns in far north Queensland. But who would go to Cairns for a masonic conference?

Brethren from WA, Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland (no surprise there), North Island, South Island while NSW and ACT sent brethren from Discovery Lodge of Research and Linford Lodge of Research. The keynote speaker was MW Bro Hugh Young, PGM Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The conference proceedings run to 153 pages,<sup>1</sup> but the main feature of the conference was to showcase the work of the top researchers of 2014. Each state in Australia provides a selected research paper and NZ provides two papers. The presenters are known as Kellerman Lecturers in memory of RW Bro Harry Kellerman.

The NSW & ACT Kellerman Lecturer for 2014 is W Bro Ian Shanley who delivered a presentation, 'Origin of the Craft Ritual in New South Wales.'

The aim of the paper was to identify the sources (different 'workings') of the current Craft ritual of the UGL NSW & ACT, and the identity of the masons who compiled it. Ian delivered a compelling presentation which impressed the audience with its

content as much as the excellence of the actual research. In his conclusion Ian writes, 'The NSW jurisdiction is blessed to be in possession of a rich and, in some respects, unique ritual working. It tells a story of the development of the Craft in that state. It gives insight into the politics of

## But who would go to Cairns for a Masonic Conference?

Freemasonry at the time of its writing and the pragmatism of human nature. It preserves some wonderful alternative phrasings of the ritual text and begs the question what other lost gems of ritual working are hidden in the colonial hinterland, frozen snapshots of workings now long lost in the heartlands of the Craft?

MW Bro Young is an accomplished speaker and during the conference he conducted a live demonstration of an online meeting of masonic brethren. This was not a tyled lodge meeting and Hugh emphasised that this was not planned.


The meeting involved brethren at two locations in Alberta, a brother in England and Hugh in Cairns who held a general discussion to demonstrate the online concept. The audience in Cairns observed the concept was mature enough to facilitate the remote presentation of a research paper or the business aspects of a Lodge

Management Meeting. However, it was clear the presentation aspects of the online meeting reflected the comparatively low quality of the equipment and software used. For example the sound quality was a factor of the quality of the microphones on simple personal computers. The visual quality was reasonable but the production quality was diminished by the lack of a technical operator who could have focused on individual speakers at appropriate times.

Some brethren commented on the dramatically higher quality of professional video conferencing which has been available for 10–20 years. The same brethren appreciated that such quality came at a cost which would be out of the reach of general users in Freemasonry.

Approximately 50 masons attended the conference and deemed it a great success. In 2016 the conference will be in Launceston – a date for your diary!

During the 3,500 kilometre drive back from Cairns there was plenty of time to decide what it is that compels masonic researchers from all over Australasia to journey to Cairns for a Masonic Research Conference.

Primarily it is to learn more about our beautiful Craft, to share our findings with each other and finally to develop material so that we can enthuse all brethren with knowledge of the Craft and a desire to search for their individual Masonic Truth. 

<sup>1</sup> For a copy of the conference proceedings, contact RW Bro Richard Dawes, the Secretary of Discovery Lodge of Research, [rmd2@internode.on.net](mailto:rmd2@internode.on.net)



# A World First for the AASR

There have been **twinning ceremonies** between cities, towns, regions and Craft lodges, but to the best of knowledge there has **never before been a twinning relationship between two Rose Croix Chapters** of different Jurisdictions.



This is what happened in Tel Aviv Israel between the Max Polliack Rose Croix Chapter No 4 at The Valley of Ra'anana and Haifa, in the State of Israel, and Sydney Sovereign Chapter No 260.

Much planning was needed because it was necessary to gain the approval of the two Chapters, to approach the Supreme Councils of Israel and Australia to get their approval, organise a suitable Twinning Charter and the arrangement of presentations between the two Chapters. Present at the function were three members of the Sydney Sovereign Chapter and four other members/ex-members of the Order.

All masons on the tour assembled at the Masonic Temple in Tel Aviv for a meeting of the Lodge of the Holy Land No 50 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel. The lodge was opened at 5pm after which we were received as a delegation prior to the Grand Master of Israel MW Bro Avi Baranes entering the lodge. The Grand Master indicated his pleasure at being able to meet with members of a sister jurisdiction and NSW Grand Registrar RW Bro John Armfield suitably replied on behalf of the Grand Master MW Bro Derek Robson.

The Chapter opened at 7.10pm with the MWS and the representative of the MWS of the Sydney Chapter present in the lodge room. The DC then admitted the office bearers. When they were in position the Knights were admitted in order of Degrees held: 18, 25, 30, 31 and 32 and finally members of the 33° with the Sovereign Grand Commander entering last. After welcoming visitors and the Australian delegation in particular, the MWS

commenced the Twinning ceremony including the following words; 'This Alliance straddling a distance of 20,000 kilometres, unites us all, across two oceans and three continents ... to put into practice the goodwill and principles of our fraternity. It allows us to share our knowledge and experience in teaching and learning.'



Delegates at the meeting

A round table was placed in the centre of the lodge room and one by one the four to sign the Twinning Charter were escorted to places around the table: Em Bro Stewart Grant 32° representing the MWS of the Sydney Chapter, then Bro Isaac Maimon 32° MWS, Ill Bro Ilan Segev 33° GSG, and finally MP Bro Yaacov Trostler 33° SGC for the State of Israel. After a prayer the brethren were asked to remain standing during the signing of the four twinning Charters.


The MWS of the Sydney Chapter, Em Bro Stewart Grant 32° gave greetings from the SGC for Australia and explained the development of the Universal ritual in Australia. He presented the MWS of the

Max Polliack Chapter with a Sceptre for his use which had originally belonged to St Paul Chapter Lane Cove and a boomerang crafted by a member of the Wiradjuri Tribe to remind the Chapter that we are from Australia. The MWS then asked Bro David Gassner to present their gift to the Sydney Chapter which was a pyramid sculptured and polished by Bro Gassner out of malachite limestone from King Solomon's Quarry (Tzedikiah's Caves under Jerusalem) and embellished with an 18° Jewel, engraved with a Rose, 18°, and Bro Gassner's signature so that each side of the Pyramid has a different symbol.

The MWS presented Em Bro Stewart Grant 32° with a Jewel as Representative of the Max Polliack Chapter to the Sydney Chapter noting that he had a similar jewel showing that he is the Representative of the Sydney Chapter in the Max Polliack Chapter.

The SGC for Israel, MP & Ill Bro Yaakov Trestle 33° gave well wishes and V Ill Bro Joe Haffner 33° was invited to respond on behalf of MP Bro Peter Rowland 33° SGC of the Australian Jurisdiction.

The Chapter was closed at 8.10 pm and all retired to join the members of the Craft and the ladies present for the festive board which in Israel is called 'The White Table.' What a wonderful night it was for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Universality of Freemasonry, and the start to a magnificent three week tour of Israel and Romania.

On return to Australia the Pyramid was presented to the MWS and other members of the Sydney Chapter by those members who had been on the Tour. 



# Reflections on Initiation

In December 1996 at Hunters Hill Masonic Centre, I was initiated into Freemasonry in Lodge Allambie Gladesville (now Lodge Epping).

I was part of a **'triple first'** and as a nervous neophyte was **struck by the fact that one of my confreres**, also taking the first step in Freemasonry, **was of the Muslim faith.**

On reflecting on my experience in Freemasonry over the years, I acutely remember that we entered Freemasonry as strangers and emerged as brothers.

I recently went to the South in The Leichhardt Lodge 133 and was struck by the fact that there was a member of my other Lodge – Lodge Kellerman – also of the Muslim faith. I was sitting with him in the South and engaged in an animated discussion. Sitting to my left was a brother of the Jewish faith and we were discussing dietary laws. It struck me as significant that I was sitting beside two diverse brothers, eating pork and drinking alcohol!

What united us was our common experience as brothers, meeting on the level and departing on the square. What unites us is our common love of Freemasonry. On the altar in the lodge room were the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Hebrew Scriptures and the Koran.

As a Past Master, I have had the privilege of delivering the final charge to the candidate in the first degree many times, and I always emphasise the fact that the VSL is sacrosanct and therein contains the duties we owe to God, to our neighbour and to ourselves.

What makes a man a mason is the integrity of his heart, not mundane differences. The unique opportunity Freemasonry has is to esteem the internal – not the external – qualities of a man and to extend the hand of friendship and enlightenment to all and sundry.

What makes a man a mason is the internal qualities. It is not enough to be initiated. Like baptism to a Christian, this is only the start of the journey which ends

in that moment when the soul shall take wing to that boundless and unexplored expanse above, where the divisions of time shall cease, and the glories of an endless eternity burst upon the view.

I am privileged to be supported in Freemasonry by my wonderful wife, Rima. I frequently fail in my aspirations to be a good mason, father and husband, but I remain hopeful that I can one day attain what I aspire to in my heart.

It is interesting to note that the word core refers to the Latin *cor*, *cour* and *cord* and means 'of the heart.' Freemasonry is – like all legitimate institutions – focussed on the internal qualities of a man – of the heart. At the end of days, we will all be judged by what is in our heart, rather than our material and secular achievements. Death is the great leveller of human greatness that will reduce us all to the same state.

Freemasonry is the only institution I am aware of worldwide which actually lives a peaceful, cooperative brotherhood among people of different races, religions, cultures and economic circumstances.

Freemasonry is in a unique position to encourage and promote world peace. Freemasonry promotes ecumenicalism, religious tolerance and understanding among different religious traditions. Freemasonry transcends mundane differences of partisan politics or sectarian religion. It is a question of moral leadership in a time of crisis.

I count being initiated into Freemasonry as one of the greatest things I have done freely in my life, and I can only hope and pray that newly initiated, passed and raised brethren can eventually fully appreciate the excellence of Freemasonry.

As a past Worshipful Master, I have had the awe-inspiring privilege of initiating, passing and raising new masons. Upon reflection, it is no doubt the highest honour the Craft can give or the lodge bestow on any of its members. I salute anyone with the courage to 'step up to the plate' and take that first and wonderful step in Freemasonry. It takes guts to take that first step into the unknown and more importantly to continue on the journey.

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# SOLDIER ON

The following is taken from an address given by **Mr Phil Hayes-St Clair**, member of ***Soldier On***, at the Freemasons' Association (NSW & ACT) **Remembrance Day Dinner** at the Sydney Masonic Centre last November.

**M**r Hayes-St Clair said that 'More than 100 serving men and women have taken their lives since 2001, nearly three times the number killed in action. These preventable deaths, and the unmet needs of wounded veterans around Australia, are what *Soldier On* works hard to address.'

More than 64,000 Australians have been deployed to conflict zones across the world since 1990, and according to research in Australia, the US and the UK, eight to twelve per cent will experience negative psychological effects from their service. *Soldier On* was founded to help those affected physically and psychologically to fight their personal battles once they returned home.

Following the death of Lt Michael Fussell, who was killed in Afghanistan by an Improvised Explosive Device in 2010, *Soldier On* Co-founder and CEO, John Bale, witnessed the phenomenal community support stirred by this tragedy.

However for those wounded in the same incident, the reality when they came home was very different.

The soldier patrolling behind Lt Fussell was injured by the blast, sustaining a cracked spine, traumatic brain injury and other sensory injuries. He returned to Australia, unable to work, look after himself or remember the names of his children. His wife needed to step up and support the family, and as they soldiered on silently, few knew of their struggle. Community support was non-existent.

John Bale felt this needed to be rectified. He knew the Australian public were passionate about supporting their veterans, but had no way to channel this support.

Enlisting the help of his wife and a colleague, *Soldier On* was founded with the intent to enhance the rehabilitation of Service veterans, inspire them to seek



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**WOUNDED**  
**WARRIORS**



help, and empower them to live unobstructed by their wounds. It enabled the Australian public to establish a financial, emotional and physical link with those who had served to protect them.

As *Soldier On* has grown, it has also expanded to support the family members of those who have been wounded, and show them that the Australian community is investing in their recovery. These

support networks are so important in the rehabilitation of our wounded, but are often forgotten. *Soldier On* is working to keep family units strong and partners supported through what can be one of the most challenging stages of their lives.

After two years, the charity is now supporting more than 250 people a month and has raised awareness nationally about the physical and psychological effects of war. With thousands more in need, this is just the beginning.

At present, the charity organises coffee catch-ups, group cycling events, regular yoga and PT sessions and other events designed to build communities of support and connect veterans around Australia. After leaving the services, veterans often lose touch with their colleagues and these events give them the opportunity to reconnect with people who have similar backgrounds and experiences.

*Soldier On* also works to enhance the work of government and other support organisations. This is achieved by funding rehabilitative equipment and refurbishment projects at treatment facilities.

Inspirational events form a big part of the charity's work, with veterans participating in an expedition to the South Pole alongside Prince Harry, treks and cycle trips following historical battles and marches from WWI and WWII, and charity cycling events winding their way through the French Pyrenees. These form part of the participants' rehabilitation and serve as motivation for training and treatment.

Finally, *Soldier On* empowers wounded individuals and their partners by connecting them with educational and employment opportunities. Providing a new sense of purpose and direction means that the achievements made in recovery are more likely to be maintained for the long term.



Now with a headquarters in Canberra, *Soldier On* CEO, John Bale, said the early success of the charity and its programs is exciting, but the need for support will only increase with time.

With the delayed onset of the psychological effects of war, such as depression, anxiety and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), it is expected that there will be many who will only seek help five to ten years after their last deployment.

Following on from work done in the USA and UK for those affected by war service, *Soldier On* opened a pilot Reintegration and Recovery Centre in Adelaide in 2013. The approach yielded positive results, increased participation rates and improved service delivery.

Following this success, two more Centres were opened in 2014 to form part of *Soldier On's* Reintegration and Recovery Network – the Michael Fussell Centre in Sydney and the Robert Poate Centre in Canberra. Future facilities are planned for all capital cities in Australia, as well as a Centre of Excellence in NSW. This Network will provide comprehensive and world leading care, with access for wounded and their families in the areas they need most.

The Centre of Excellence is the most ambitious element within the Network. *Soldier On* is looking to work with government and corporate Australia to fund the project. It will also provide an opportunity to get the community investing in their veterans.

The Centre will offer medium to long-term care for veterans throughout Australia, as well as serve as a research hub and link to clinical services. It will also play host to community events, physical challenges, classes, workshops and a whole host of support services.

**He knew the Australian public were passionate about supporting their veterans, but had no way to channel this support.**

The NSW State Manager of *Soldier On*, Ms Sarah Bowe said 'The Centre of Excellence will secure the futures of these brave men and women and also serve as a great way to show our gratitude for the lives we are able to live thanks to the work of these sailors, soldiers, airmen, airwomen and their families.'

*Soldier On* is working with the Australian Defence Force, and more widely

with the Australian community, to dispel the stigma preventing men and women coming forward for help. The organisation is working towards being the first point of contact for ex-service personnel in their time of need and to provide support at every stage of the veteran's recovery.

Perhaps the best way to describe the purpose of *Soldier On* is to quote co-founder and CEO, Mr John Bale who said:

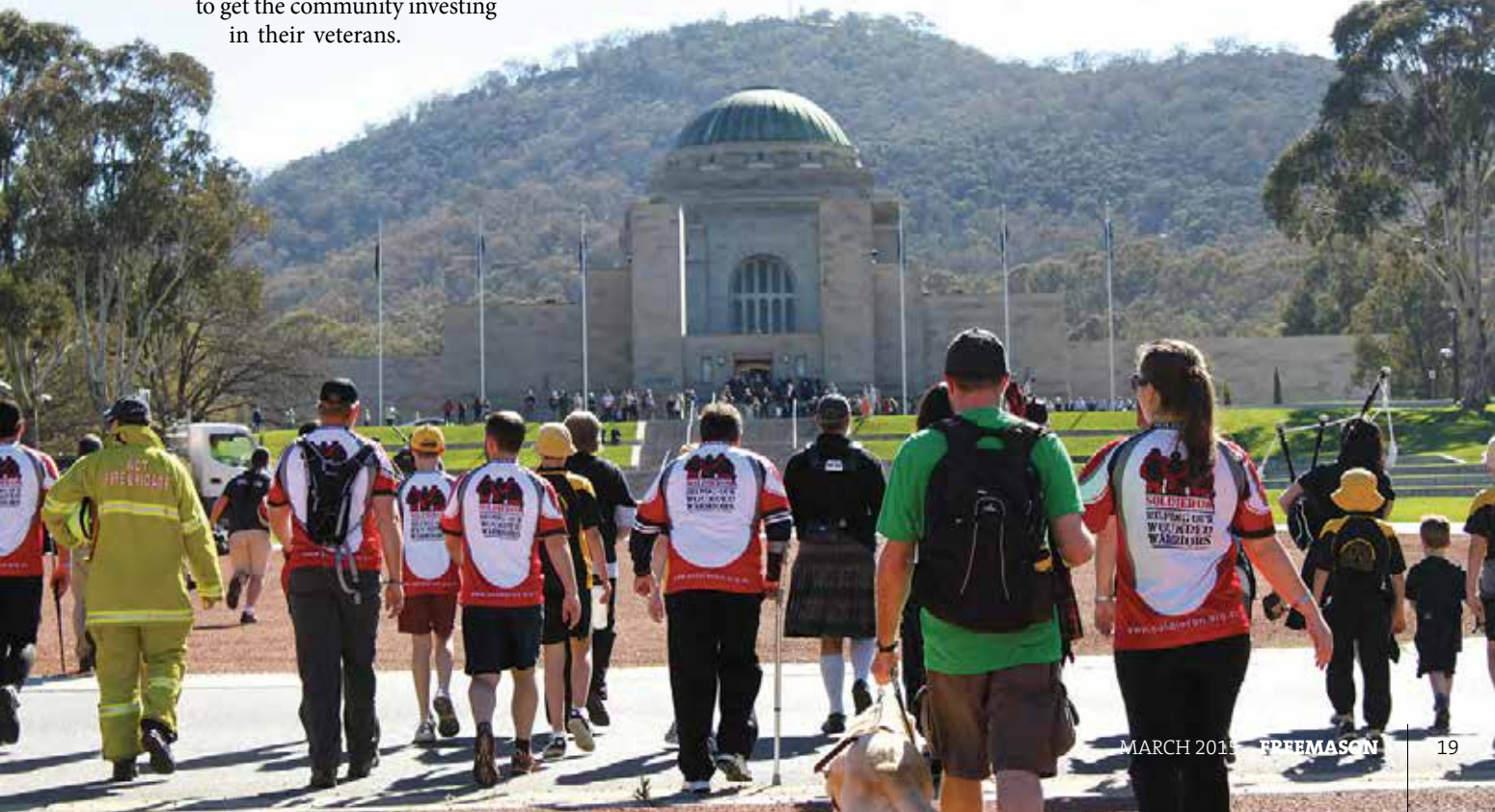
'We're excited to offer opportunities for these men and women to forge a purpose and a life after they leave the Australian Defence Force.'

'We want to ensure that we are honouring the fallen by supporting the living, and that the monuments we build are working to actively provide services to our wounded rather than serving as solely symbolic structures.'

'The best legacy we can leave for those who died for their mates overseas, is to ensure that we keep them alive on the home front. We want every serving man or woman to know that we have invested in their future, and that we will help them succeed following their service.'

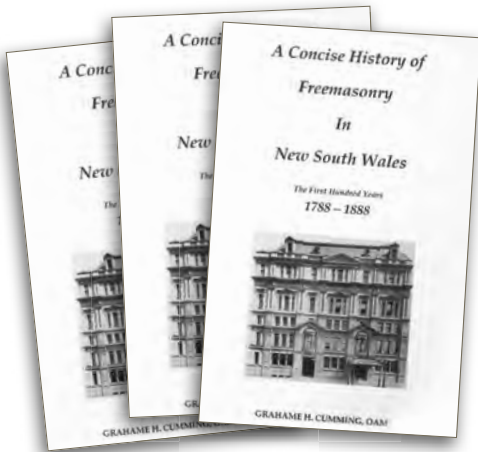
You can find out more about *Soldier On* by visiting their website ([soldieron.org.au](http://soldieron.org.au)) or finding them on Facebook or Twitter.

*Soldier On* is an independent organisation that receives no funding from government.





# From the Grand Secretary



## Our history

I've just had the great pleasure to read the latest publication written by RW Bro Grahame Cumming OAM, PDGM and holder of the Carrington Medal of Honour.

The publication is entitled *A Concise History of Freemasonry in New South Wales 1788-1888* and, in his usual inimitable style, Bro Cumming has made this a very easy book to read. It is not only thoroughly enjoyable but is extremely interesting in telling the history.

I recommend the publication to all who may be interested. Very limited hard copies are available at \$20 each through the Secretariat and it is also available electronically at a reasonable price.

Purchases may be made by contacting the Grand Lodge office (02 9284 2800) or by email (info@masons.org.au).

## Reminders

The Grand Master's Literary Prize for 2014 was another great success with the winners announced and all submissions acknowledged by the Grand Master.

Entries close Friday 17 April 2015 for the 2015 Grand Master's Literary Prize. The competition is for essays of 2,000 words and the theme for this year is 'LIVING FREEMASONRY'

Entries should be sent to: Grand Master's Literary Prize, The United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT, PO Box A 259, SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1235

Nominations for the various Grand Lodge Officers close at 4.00 pm on Friday 1 May.

Also, nominations for District and Regional Awards should be submitted to the appropriate committees by 30 April 2015. Each RGC, DGIW and Lodge Secretary have details.

## Advertising

The NSW Freemason is seeking the services of a member to obtain advertising for the magazine. The position is a voluntary capacity and the successful applicant would have to work in conjunction with the magazine publisher.

Current advertising in the Freemason provides a certain amount of revenue which reduces the cost of printing, publishing and postage distribution. Many areas of state and national interest are often used in Freemason articles and could appeal to different companies or organisations.

If you believe you have the experience, ability and interest to attract sponsors, including lodges, please contact the Grand Secretary or the magazine editor for further information. 📧

DGIWs for the 2014/2016 term







# Expressions of loyalty and support

We have heard on many occasions the newly-installed Master of a lodge offer to the Grand Master or his representative, expressions of loyalty and support **but how often do we ever stop to consider how they should be manifested?**

**T**he expectation is that the representative should communicate those expressions of support to the Grand Master at the first available opportunity.

Loyalty is defined as: 'The state or quality of being loyal, a feeling of allegiance.' That means we should adhere to all and any requests of the Grand Lodge and conform to instructions on what to do, or not to do. Private lodges are established under the governance of the Grand Lodge which has the best interests of all lodges as its main concern.

Support is defined as: 'To give approval to a cause, principle etc., to give strength to, or maintain.' In a practical sense it may be manifested by numbers attending events or meetings, donations to charitable causes, providing assistance when requested.


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Fraternity as they are the rules that govern the Craft, created for the best interests of all Freemasons. The By-Laws are the specific rules applicable to each lodge, created by its own members and approved by Grand Lodge. Therefore, the members of each lodge are bound to conform to the Constitutions and the By-Laws as they are rules laid down in the best interests of all members and cannot be selectively applied.

Finally, there are the Ancient Landmarks of the Order which define what Freemasonry is and if they are removed you

have something other than Freemasonry and the principles laid down in the VSL which are a guide to our relationships with each other.

Loyalty and support is demonstrated by an unequivocal adherence to all of the above, and sharing the joy of brotherly love without reservation. 



## Australia Day Honours

On Australia Day this year, the Australian Government announced the list of people who had been honoured for their services to the country in various ways. Among them were the following masons:

### Bro Howard Fisher AM

LITHGOW, NSW.

For significant service to the community through the health insurance industry, to industrial relations and to local government.

Member of Lodge Independent Lewis 592.

### RW Bro Rev John Hely OAM, CBE, PAGM

KIRRAWEE, NSW

For service to the Uniting Church in Australia and to the community. Doctor of Ministry, Grand Chaplain, active in leadership roles and Sydney Paralympics chaplain.

Member of Lodge Gymea 796.

### W Bro Brian Larking OAM

NORTHWOOD NSW.

For service to a range of cultural, social welfare and educational bodies.

Member of Lodge Wyvern 813.

### Bro Darren McManus-Smith OAM

MORISSET, NSW

For service to veterans and their families.

Member of Lodge Army and Navy 517.

### Special Award

RW Bro Tony Punzet PAGM was named as Cobarr Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day celebrations.



# The brown slouch hat

*'Just a Brown Slouch Hat with the side turned up, but it means the world to me'*

These were the **words of a melody** made popular in Australia especially during World War II and **sung frequently by comedian and actor George Wallace.**

As part from *Waltzing Matilda*, Australian Soldiers are recognised by their headpiece, the Aussie Slouch Hat. Many Australians wrongly believe that the Slouch Hat is purely an Australian Invention.

Actually the name 'Slouch Hat' refers to the fact that one side droops down. This style of hat has been worn for many hundreds of years, especially during the English Civil War during the 17th century when it became associated with the forces of King Charles I, the Cavaliers, but it was also fashionable for the aristocracy throughout Europe during that time until it was superseded by the cocked hat which in modern times has been referred to as the tricorne or bicorne depending upon the depth of the forward peak.

There have been many styles of the slouch hat including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, The Singapore Guard Regiment, and The Royal Gurkha Regiment, the earlier dress of the Boy Scouts and of course the New Zealand Army. In the United States of America in the early nineteenth century cowboys were wearing a style of slouch hat and the



US Civil War General J. E. B. Stuart, shown here holding his signature slouch hat

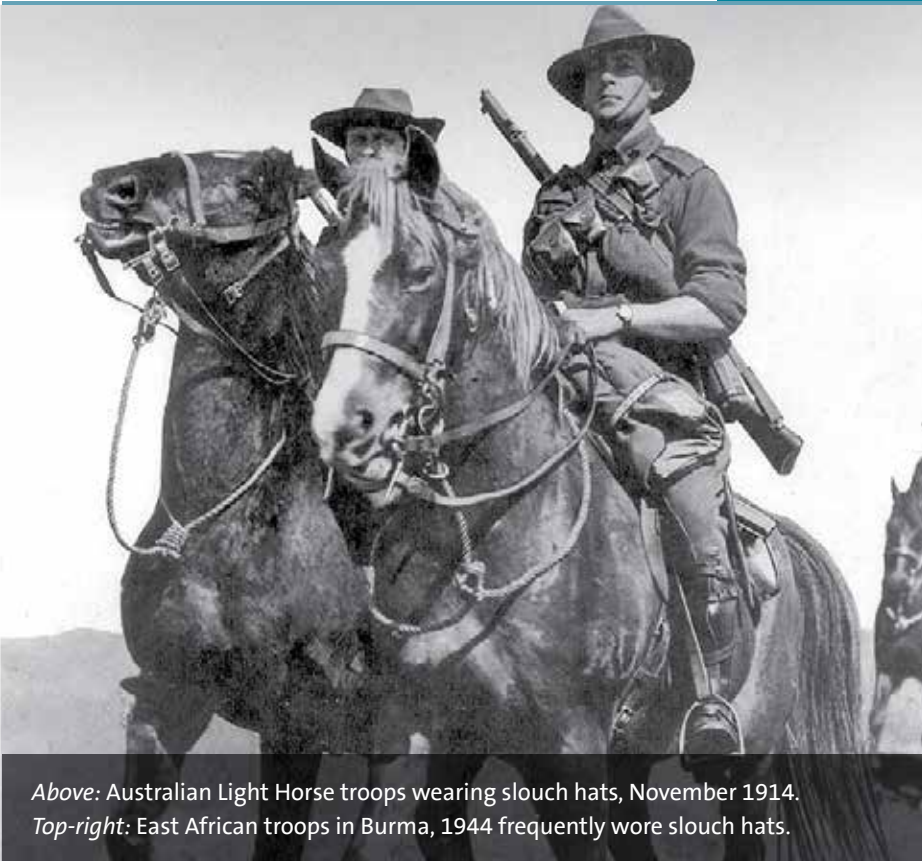
US army issued a form of slouch hat to soldiers serving in the Western Plains in lieu of the shako and both sides during the

Civil War especially the cavalry wore a slouch hat. It is interesting to students of the battle at Gettysburg that General Lee's Commander of Cavalry J.E.B. Stuart who saw himself as a Cavalier and dressed accordingly with a fancy slouch hat may well have lost Gettysburg as he failed to inform Lee about Union Forces in the town of Gettysburg.

In 1865 an American opened a hat factory in Philadelphia; John B. Stetson working from his own design invented what was to be called the 'Boss of the Plains' which was a slouch hat. Stetson hats, like Akubra became internationally known and his hats are worn by US Park Rangers so well known thanks to the Yogi Bear cartoons, the US Army, the Canadian Mounties and a ceremonial hat for the US Cavalry. The Seventh Cavalry rode into history at the battle of Little Bighorn wearing the Stetson and President Teddy Roosevelt wore a Stetson better known as a campaign hat when he stormed San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War.

In 1870 Benjamin Dunkerley (who probably was not a relation to Thomas Dunkerley, a distinguished Freemason in





Above: Australian Light Horse troops wearing slouch hats, November 1914.  
 Top-right: East African troops in Burma, 1944 frequently wore slouch hats.



1768) with his family moved from Stockport, England to Tasmania where he set up a hat factory and later to Sydney opening a new factory and changing the name of the hat to 'Akubra'. Perfecting a system of removing the hair tip from rabbit fur he used the soft hair to manufacture slouch hats. The hats became very popular and in 1885 the hat was adopted by Colonel Tom Price who saw a similar hat worn by the Burmese Constabulary, for the newly-raised Victorian Mounted Rifles. The hat was soon adapted by other Colonial Volunteer Regiments after a conference in 1890 with all Colony Military Commanders who agreed for all forces to wear the hat with the exception of the Artillery. In 1903, after Federation, the slouch hat became the standard army headgear with the left side of the hat turned up and a puggaree round the hat. The puggaree in its present style has seven folds representing the six states and one territory and in earlier days had three folds and a different coloured stripe for each Corps later dropped. In WWI slouch hats had a plain black band.

New Zealand Soldiers have worn their slouch hat since 1911 when Colonel William George Malone issued the hat to the Taranaki Regiment, the style of the hat

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and its four dents shape representing Mount Taranaki and affectionally referred to as the Lemon Squeezer. The hat was

adopted by the NZ Division in 1916 and is the Ceremonial headdress of the NZ Army.

Any history of the Australian slouch hat must include the Rising Sun hat badge which is as much an Australian icon as the slouch hat. There have been seven different patterns of the Rising Sun badge, the first in 1902. In 1901 Australian soldiers were serving in South Africa as part of the British forces in the war against the Boer Republic. The Australian forces were no longer members of the various colonial militia regiments but now were members of the new Commonwealth Defence Force. A badge was desperately needed to identify them as Australian soldiers. Major General Edward Hutton, recently appointed as Commander in Chief of Australian Forces remembered a shield of Martini Henry which had bayonets and swords mounted as a rising sun surrounding a crown. A badge was hastily made and issued to Australian soldiers, to be worn on the left turned up side of the slouch hat. The badge has gone through a number of changes including four different royal crowns and the title 'Australian Commonwealth Horse' to the present 'The Australian Army.'

Australian soldiers (diggers) have worn the Rising Sun in at least sixteen countries since its inception in 1902.

**Looking for a  
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The newly renovated **Northbridge Masonic Centre** has dates available for meetings of Craft Lodges and Other Masonic Orders.



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# We honour their memory


The name **Gallipoli forms part of Australian history** and is said to be the occasion when **Australia truly became a nation.**

This year we commemorate the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli as part of the First World War, a battle in which 417,000 Australians enlisted, 332,000 served overseas, 152,000 were wounded and 61,000 were killed or died from their wounds. All this from a population of less than five million.

This article, from a book by RW Bro Grahame Cumming, concentrates on the Australian masons who took part in World War I and were recognised for their courage with the award of the highest honour that could be won on a battlefield – the Victoria Cross.

The Victoria Cross owes its evolution to the Crimean War when it was realised that within the British system there was no award open to all ranks without any distinction of rank or service. The reports by the Times correspondent William Russell, had brought home to the British public the extraordinary gallantry of the British soldier. At the opening of Parliament in 1854 Queen Victoria, during the speech from the throne, paid tribute to the soldiers of her 'unconquerable army' and expressed her admiration and gratitude.

Unlike most other medals, the VC is cast, not die-struck. The bronze from which all Victoria Crosses are made is supplied from the Central Ordinance depot, Donnington, and all the Crosses made throughout the last century have come from the same source of captured enemy cannon. The metal is of Chinese origin, not Russian and is engraved with the name of the recipient and the date of action for which the medal is awarded.

Each year we honour our Anzacs and we should always cherish their memory. 



Lieutenant William Dunstan was born at Ballarat East, Victoria and his military career began when he joined the Australian Military Forces compulsory National Service Scheme. On 2 June 1915, Dunstan enlisted in the first AIF and two weeks later sailed to Gallipoli. On 9 August, the Turks made a counter-attack at Lone Pine where Lt Fred Tubb, Corporal Dunstan and Alexander Burton with others were defending a recently captured trench. A Turkish bomb exploded in the trench, killing Burton and temporarily blinding Dunstan whose actions resulted in the award of the Victoria Cross. He was initiated on 12 July 1916 into St John's Lodge at Ballarat.



Sergeant John Whittle, from Huon Island Tasmania was with the Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen at the Boer War in South Africa, served as a stoker in the Royal Navy for five years and enlisted in the AIF on 6 August 1915. He exhibited great gallantry by being first into an enemy trench during the advance on Bapaume in France. In April, during a German attack, Whittle, who had seen the Germans moving a machine gun into a position which would give an uninterrupted arc of fire, jumped to his feet, charged the gun, killed the crew and carried the gun back to the Australian position to win his award. Bro Whittle was initiated in Lodge Sydney St Andrew on 13 March 1934.



Staff Sergeant George Julian Howell was born in Enfield, Sydney, became a builder, joined the AIF on

3 June 1915 and went to Gallipoli on 1 November 1915. After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, Howell went with his battalion to France. In the battle for the Hindenburg Line on 3 May 1917, the Germans counter-attacked, using flame throwers, and when Howell reported the battalion to his right was withdrawing, a small group was organised to try to repel the German attack. Howell climbed to the top of the trench parapet and using his bombs, forced the Germans back along the trench until his bombs ran out and he then pursued the retreating Germans with his bayonet in the face of heavy rifle fire. He was severely wounded and was awarded the VC for outstanding bravery. Bro Howell was initiated in Lodge Coogee, NSW on 2 December 1920.



Warrant Officer William Currey was born at Wallsend, NSW, accepted into the AIF on 9 October 1916

and embarked for France in November. At Peronne in September 1917, his battalion began taking heavy casualties from a German 77mm field gun until Private Currey rushed forward under machine gun fire, killed the German crew and captured the gun. He also rushed another post with a Lewis gun, inflicting many casualties. Next morning, he volunteered to warn a company which had become isolated to withdraw. He moved into No Man's Land and after three attempts in which he ignored a torrent of enemy fire and gassing, he made contact with the exposed company safely retiring. His actions won him the Victoria Cross. Bro Currey was initiated into Lodge Carlton in Sydney on 11 March 1930.





Brigadier Arthur Blackburn was born at Woodville, South Australia and enlisted on

19 August 1914. He landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. On the first day, he and Private Phil Robin advanced further than any other Australian soldier during the entire campaign. He was then transferred to France and on 23 July 1916, he led four successive bombing parties against German trenches at Pozieres and although many members of his party were killed, Blackburn captured 350 metres of trench. For his most conspicuous bravery, he was awarded the Victoria Cross. He was invalided back to Adelaide in March 1917 and elected to a seat in the South Australian House of Assembly where he became an advocate for serving and returned soldiers. Bro Arthur Blackburn was initiated in St Peter's Collegiate Lodge, South Australia on 11 November 1918.



Lieutenant George Cartwright was born at South Kensington, London but migrated to

Australia and found work at Glen Innes in NSW. He enlisted at Inverell in the First AIF on 6 December 1915 and left for France in November 1916. After recovering from being wounded and gassed, Cartwright's company was halted by intensive machine-gun fire near Peronne. He rushed forward, killed three German machine-gunners, threw a bomb at the gun emplacement and single-handedly captured the gun and nine prisoners. For his most conspicuous bravery, Private Cartwright was awarded the Victoria Cross. The machine gun he captured is on display in the Hall of Valour at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. He was initiated in Lodge Merrylands, Sydney on 1 November 1923.



Captain Hugo Throssell was born at Northam, Western Australia and enlisted in the AIF on 29 Sept-

ember 1914. He served at Gallipoli against Turkish forces at the Nek and charged forward unscathed with the fourth wave of troops who had seen three others cut to pieces. In late August he was involved in the fighting for Hill 60 where intense struggles took place. Despite appalling losses and terrible wounds, Throssell refused to leave his post until his men were safe and was awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery and devotion to duty. Bro Throssell was initiated in England on 15 June 1917 in the Bulwer Lodge.



Lt Colonel William Joynt, born at Elsternwick Victoria, joined the AIF on 21 May 1915 and was sent

to France. He saw action during the battle for Amiens where there was an enormous number of Australian casualties. He took command of a company which was without officers and led the way through trenches to capture over 50 Germans. When machine guns held up the advance and 20 enemy advanced towards him with rifles poised, he covered the German officer with his revolver and forced their surrender. For his audacity and bravery he was awarded the Victoria Cross. Bro William Joynt was initiated in the Old Melburnians' Lodge on 12 October 1923.



Sergeant Walter Brown was born at New Norfolk, Tasmania before moving to Petersham in Sydney. He enlisted in

the AIF on 26 July 1915, was sent to Cairo and then France. He attended wounded under heavy fire and took charge of the section after his Sergeant had been wounded. He was with an advance group who captured trenches near Accroche Wood where a sniper was causing casualties. Brown, with two Mills bombs, ran directly towards the enemy under a hail of bullets, punched one gunner to the ground, captured the German officer and his 12 men and then escorted them back to the Australian position. His conduct earned the Victoria Cross. Bro Brown was initiated in Lodge Gogeldrie NSW on 7 April 1931.



Major Blair Wark was born in Bathurst, NSW and enlisted in the AIF at the outbreak of the First World War and

sailed for France. He was a Company Commander during the third battle of Ypres. During the assault on the Hindenburg Line Wark dealt with two machine gun posts south of Bellicourt, captured 40 prisoners as they passed through Nauroy and with a few men, rushed a battery of 77mm guns which were causing heavy casualties, capturing four of the guns and ten crew. With two other officers, he then advanced and captured 50 Germans near Magny-la-Fosse. Throughout three days of heavy fighting, Major Wark, regardless of personal risk, led from the front, dashing forward to silence heavy guns to win the Victoria Cross. He was initiated into Masonry at Lodge Lane Cove in Sydney on 8 November 1921.



# ANZAC Girls

As a result of the recent television series *ANZAC Girls* based on the book *The Other ANZACS* written by Peter Rees and screened by the ABC, there has been an increased interest by the general public in the role of the Army Nurses during WWI.

For a television series to be profitable it must appeal to the masses and there have been many series when personal experience often paints a different picture from gently massaged facts. The television series *ANZAC Girls* certainly raised some interesting moments for members of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corp Association.

The majority of the Army Nurses who served overseas (about 2,550) were in their mid-twenties, thirties, and forties. Several were veterans of the Boer War and not quite as glamorous as seen in the TV series. There were strict rules on how the nurses behaved and these were rigidly enforced. Lipstick and rouge were forbidden, as was dancing and drinking in public wearing uniform. 'Fraternalizing with other ranks' (even if they were brothers or cousins) was also forbidden. Male visitors (officers only) were restricted to the nurses' tented sitting room. Nevertheless they managed to circumvent the rules and romance and marriage did occur resulting in many nurses being sent home.

When Australian nurses were finally ordered to wear military badges of rank, they were told: 'Now that you Sisters have been given the rank of Officers and wear stars you are not to go out with NCOs or Privates – or speak to them excepting on duty. And if you do so you will be immediately sent to a British Hospital'. Actually they were Honorary Officers which is why Alice Ross-King was awarded a Military Medal for bravery in the field and not a Military Cross. This rankled with many of

the nurses as they had brothers, cousins, and friends in the ranks. But some Australian nurses simply ignored the rules they found ridiculous and were never discovered.



Sister Alice Ross-King Photo: Marion Sanders

The real Alice Ross-King was not quite as cute as in the series *ANZAC Girls*; however, she was most likely Australia's most decorated woman and could still be. Alice, or Alys as she was affectionally known was born in Ballarat, Victoria in 1891. After training and qualifying as a nurse in Victoria, she enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) at the outbreak of WWI. She saw active service in

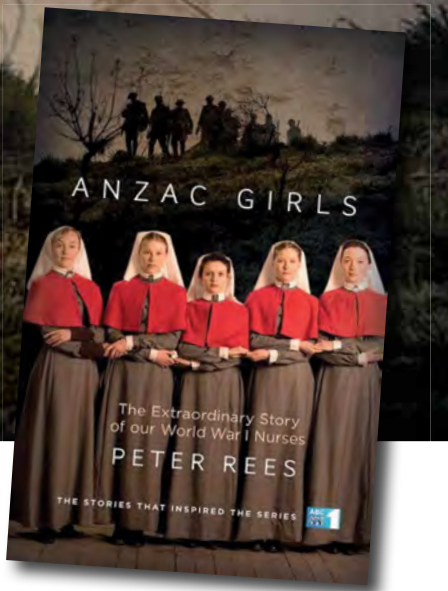
Cairo, Egypt with the 1st Australian General Hospital (AGH) nursing the wounded from Gallipoli. After attending wounded soldiers being transported to Australia, she returned to the front in a troopship carrying reinforcements. In April 1916 she was sent to Rouen France, for the Somme Offensive. Alice was then sent forward to the 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station at Messines. On 22 July 1917 she was awarded the Military Medal for bravery and devotion to duty during an air raid on the unit. On Christmas Day 1917 Alice was Mentioned in Dispatches for her work and in May 1918 she was appointed to the Second Class of the Royal Red Cross instituted by Queen Victoria to recognize the devotion to duty of Empire military nurses.

In 1919 Alice married Lieutenant Colonel Appleford, a former Army doctor and they settled in Gippsland Victoria.

In the years before the outbreak of WWII, Alice Appleford was heavily involved in setting up and training Voluntary Aid Detachments (VAD) and at the start of war she became a full-time VAD Officer. When the VAD evolved into the Australian Army Women's Medical Services (AAWMS) in 1941, Alice was commissioned as a Major and served in Victoria. For her WWII service she received the War Medal 1939-1945 and the Australia Service Medal 1939-1945. In 1949 she was awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal by the International Red Cross.

Alice Appleford died on 17 August 1968 at Cronulla and is buried in Fawkner Cemetery, Melbourne.





What many do not know however, is that seven (7) Army Nurses received the Military Medal (MM) for their dedication and bravery. It is worth noting that if they had been classified as 'Officers' and not 'Honorary Officers' they would have received the Military Cross (MC).

The Nurses recognised were:

**Sister Rachael Pratt**, DOB 18/7/1874 Heywood, Victoria – DOD 23/3/1954 in the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria. MM awarded 11/4/1917 while at 1st ACCS Bailleul, France.

**Sister Clare Deacon**, DOB 13/3/1884 NE Tasmania – DOD 1952 resting place unknown. Awarded the MM, 22/7/1917 while serving with 2nd ACCS near Messines.


**Sister Dorothy Gwendoline Cawood**, DOB 9/12/1884 Parramatta – DOD 6/2/1962 buried Rookwood cemetery. Awarded the MM, 22/7/1917 while serving with 2nd ACCS near Messines and MID 11/1917

**Sister Alice Ross-King**, DOB 5/8/1891 Ballarat – DOD 17/8/1968, buried Melbourne. Awarded the MM, 22/7/1917 while serving with 2nd ACCS near Messines also MID 25/12/1917, awarded RRC 1st Class 31/5/1918.

**Sister Mary-Jane Derrer**, DOB 3/2/1892 Homebush, Central Queensland – DOD 1/1988 buried Brisbane. Awarded the MM, 22/7/1917 while serving with 2nd ACCS near Messines.

**Sister Alicia Mary Kelly**, DOB 1885, Mayo Ireland – DOD 16/4/1942 buried Karrakatta cemetery Perth. Awarded the MM, 8/1917 while serving with 3rd ACCS at Brandhoek and awarded RRC 2nd Class on 1/1/1918.

**Sister Elizabeth Pearl Corkhill**, DOB 11/3/1887 Tilba Tilba, NSW – DOD 1986 buried Narooma. Awarded the MM, 7/1917 while serving with 1AGH near Rouen.

It has been interesting to note that since the screening of *ANZAC Girls* and the publicity for the 2015 ANZAC Centenary, many publications now contain articles about women in the services and particularly the role of nurses. 

*This article is an extract from the January issue of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corp Association (NSW & ACT Branch) NSW News. The author, Major Eileen Henderson, President of the Association, has given permission for this edited version to be reproduced in the Freemason.*

**Reference:** The Other ANZACs – Nurses at War 1914–1918 by author Peter Rees

**Footnote:**

1. The Other ANZACs includes graphic stories and photographs of the conditions under which nurses cared for the wounded and is a recommended read for anyone interested in the role of nurses in WWI. In his review of the book, Peter FitzSimons said: 'The Other ANZACs is a story of extraordinary compassion and courage shown by a group of Australian and New Zealand women whose contribution to the ANZAC legend has barely been recognized in our history. Peter Rees has changed our understanding of that history forever.'

2. Yvonne McIntyre, PhD, is a member of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corp Association having completed two tours of Vietnam with the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corp.



A casualty clearing station near Steenvoorde *Photo: The Australian War Memorial*





# A cruise to remember!



The Grand Secretary **RW Bro Kevin McGlinn** and his wife **Irene** cruised the South Pacific in November. This is her story.

In September 2013, Kevin and I had a wonderful two weeks Mediterranean cruise on board the *Celebrity Equinox*. It was an exceptional ship, with excellent facilities and the perfect weather capped it off as a cruise to remember forever! So, when we read that Celebrity Cruises' oldest lady, *Celebrity Century*, was sailing down under as part of its final season of service, we booked the 12-night cruise to the South Pacific Islands and Fiji.

Starting from Sydney meant no flying or baggage allowance worries, no limit on what to pack including formal wear – no restrictions meant I was able to cram it all in!

Two sea days travelling to Noumea, New Caledonia allowed us to get our bearings, explore the ship, and wind down from busy and mundane routines. Various activities are arranged on sea days, with the choice of whether to participate left to the individual. There are also destination talks, trivia competitions, art auctions,

tempting duty free boutique shops and twice nightly shows at the Celebrity Theatre.

With most shops closed in Noumea on Sundays, we booked a ship's bus tour to the countryside and the world's largest



lagoon, which was well conducted and informative and enabled us to see a side of Noumea we had not seen before. Captain Cook is credited with being the first European to see and chart the island of Grande Terre in 1774 and being reminded

of the jagged, hilly coast of his father's native Scotland, he named the group of islands New Caledonia. In the early 1800s, the South Pacific whaling industry was rapidly expanding. As European sailors came ashore in New Caledonia, they brought diseases, against which the indigenous people had neither immunity nor defence and which had devastating effects on the local population. In 1853, under the rule of Napoleon III, France claimed New Caledonia as a colony and most of the first to arrive were French convicts and political prisoners. During World War II, Noumea became a strategic Allied Army and Navy base which helped lead to an Allied victory and the eventual defeat of Imperial Japan. In the 1980s, a large number of the indigenous people in New Caledonia began to seek independence with a decision to be made on whether to remain a French territory or vote to become free and independent from over a century and a half of French rule.

On Monday morning, we anchored close to Mystery Island, Vanuatu. Access to the island was by tender boat taking approximately ten minutes. Its local name is Inyeug and it was used as an Allied airstrip in World War II. This beautiful patch of swaying palm trees is encircled by soft white sand, calm blue water and a vibrant coral reef, ideal for swimming, snorkelling or just lying on the beach. Mystery Island is uninhabited but locals from the nearby island of Aneityum come over by boat whenever a cruise ship arrives and set up stalls selling a variety of fruits and juices and hand-made crafts.

We didn't worry about the big boiling pot of 'cannibal soup' – this was the leftovers from a previous cruise ship and no-one we knew!

The next day was another sea day and also happened to be the first Tuesday in November, Melbourne Cup Day. We had television coverage, no mean feat in these isolated locations and there was a ship's sweep but unfortunately the horse I drew was scratched before the draw was even made.

Early next morning we sailed into the port of Suva which had a despairing and ugly outlook, not one of the prettiest





ports in the world. Suva is a working port and the capital of Fiji and does not represent Suva itself, which is built on a peninsula jutting out into the sea. The architecture is a mixture of modern and traditional colonial buildings. In 1868, an Australian-based Polynesian company was granted thousands of acres of land near Suva to develop a cotton-farming industry but it was an unfavourable environment. After the United Kingdom occupied the Fiji Islands, the capital was moved to Suva where, years later in 1910, the city acquired municipal status. With limited time, we chose another ship's tour, travelling to the village of Sawani where each group of four was allocated our own Fijian lady to escort us around and explain the life of the villagers. Our guide Terri showed us her house, the church, the Chief's residence, and all the various plants and bushes where everything has its use. The villagers live simple lives but they are a proud and caring community, looking after each other. We also enjoyed a kava ceremony, drank some of the kava offered, which looked like sandy water and tasted like nothing specific.

An overnight sail to the other side of Fiji took us to Lautoka where the official crop is sugarcane but there is much more to see in watersports, placid waters, white sandy beaches and snorkelling, or a visit to the renowned Lautoka markets. When we disembarked we decided to try a local tour and chose one going to the Gardens of the Sleeping Giant, where we saw the most amazing array of exotic orchids and other native flora. We then travelled to Nadi and its temples, and finally to the Sofitel Resort for refreshing Fiji Gold beer. This was supposed to be a 3-hour tour but it was conducted in 'Fiji Time' so the duration was six hours, in a mini bus with no air-conditioning! It was

interesting that our tour guide, who was a jovial lady with a wicked sense of humour, had travelled from Suva to Lautoka with her driver, a four hour journey each way, and she was determined to enjoy herself as much as her tourists on board.

Friday was another sea day, a chance to do as much or as little as we desired, and we enjoyed a relaxing day although there was some rain and the seas were a bit choppy.

Isle of Pines, New Caledonia, was next on Saturday with an early arrival and another trip by tender. This island is connected to the



**Starting from Sydney meant no flying or baggage allowance worries (...) no restrictions meant I was able to cram it all in!**

Pacific Ocean, in the archipelago of New Caledonia. Known as L'Île-des-Pins, it is nicknamed 'L'île la plus proche du paradis', which translates as 'the closest island to paradise'. It has snorkelling and scuba diving around its lagoon, where there are species of tropical fish and corals in the transparent water. The island was discovered by Captain James Cook in 1774 on his second voyage to New Zealand who gave it its name after seeing the tall native pines. In the 1840s, Protestant and

Catholic missionaries arrived, along with merchants seeking sandalwood. After a walk along the beach, we paid \$15 each to travel in one of the many mini-bus taxi services on a drive around the island, stopping at St Joseph Bay, St Maurice Bay with totems, viewed outlets to Brush Island, and visited the glorious Catholic church, before returning to the main part, where we enjoyed local coffees and beers at an outrageous price.

The next two days were sea days as we sailed back to 'the brightest star in the Southern Hemisphere', our home town of Sydney. Sailing into Sydney Harbour is always spectacular and we were up at 5am, ready to take some more wonderful photos of the sunrise but the ship arrived two hours early at 4.30am in darkness. Our disembarkation was very well organised; the only draw-back was a long walk with our luggage to Circular Quay train station to get a taxi to our home in the Northern Beaches. We had a wonderful cruise, enjoyed it all, both the on-board experiences and the lovely islands we visited and soon we will be deciding where to cruise to next! 🍹



# Principles or membership?

Gifted teachers have simple ways of **explaining complex principles** to their students and **even we older chaps can learn a new thing or two** from them.



**A**t my grandson's school assembly recently, I listened as the principal asked two children to place large cards on a table and to hold them vertically. Asked to remove their hands the cards naturally fell flat. 'How do we get the cards to stay upright?' he asked. 'We just lean them against each other for support,' they advised.

The teacher talked of what can be achieved when we work cooperatively; just as the cards stay upright when leaning against each other for support, people can fulfil their objectives in work and social situations easier when collaborating to uphold their mutual aims and values.

I've always believed that one of the unifying principles to follow, particularly in lodge, is the principle of 'inclusiveness', through consultation.

For lodge members to perceive their contributions are valued, shouldn't they feel that whilst attending lodge social scenes and business sessions that they can contribute ideas, offer their talents, feeling business is done in a unified, transparent way? But we hear so often that an individual, or a small group are compelled to push their agendas until the matter is done. It is small wonder brethren feel disenfranchised and stop attending.

If a subtle culture of exclusion, such as this, prevails in a lodge, then of course, decision making will be a dysfunctional process, and so it is imperative the lodge works constantly to remedy that exclusivity by trying to keep members informed and interested, providing opportunities for a broader decision making process. If we all lean together, it is not too hard.

So, it follows that inclusiveness, transparency and a truly welcoming expression

of equality are essential to build a healthy lodge culture.

There is an argument that surveying membership opinions is a waste of time. After all, only a small percentage may reply to a survey. This perception is perhaps a symptom of something not quite right, a sign that members are opting out of lodge discussion, often because they do not feel 'part of the social decision making process.'

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Regardless, I believe that surveying opinions is 'keeping good faith' with all members, showing them the lodge values their ideas and that they are subscribing to an institution that prizes the lessons taught from the compass, the square and the level. It may be idealistic but to act otherwise would be contrary to our core ethical principles.


Reporting back on a decision is just and ethical, completing the process of collaboration. If representing members' opinions faithfully in the voting process is

an integral part of 'keeping good faith', so then is reporting back the reasons for implementing an important proposal that the lodge has deliberated upon.

Many young men join our Order because we profess outstanding social values and actively seek to apply our masonic principles to our daily lives. Perhaps they dream of a better world where they can unite with men of like mind to support and exemplify masonic values for the greater happiness of society as a whole. That is a worthy ambition.

When we pass by the ideas and the input of new masons, they will lose interest and disconnect from our lodges, just as if we talk down to them. A management meeting can be open to all members, especially new members who can learn how the lodge works. Their contribution is vital to understanding the views of the younger generations about the way we do things. Ignore their point of view at the peril of lodge membership and survival!

If you wish to change lodge culture then everyone needs to be on the same song sheet because if only one or two brave brethren are making an attempt to change the culture, they may be destined to fail, and failure can have negative results for everyone.

Just as the teacher's cards demonstrated, our brethren as a whole enjoy the confidence of standing together with a brother, feeling a legitimate sense of comfort in genuine inclusiveness, and practising a common set of values, which we can all discuss and investigate at our own pace. Our duty is to provide these opportunities, over and over again so that like the cards we can remain standing together and achieve our masonic goals. 



# Building brighter futures



Vanessa Prospero, social worker

Social worker and **A Start in Life** Student and Family Management team member, **Vanessa Prospero**, reflects on what has been a busy few months for the Australian charity.


January is the busiest time of the year for *A Start in Life*, which some Freemason readers may remember as the Masonic Youth Welfare Fund of NSW & ACT.

The start of the year sees our small team of social workers and not-for-profit specialists working hard to ensure that disadvantaged students from across Australia are equipped with the back-to-school supplies they need to flourish. For families living below the poverty line and those who are facing crisis, the costs of even the most basic of back-to-school supplies, which can set families back over \$500 per child, are unmanageable. With the support of the community and the Masonic fraternity in particular, however, we were able to relieve some of the pressure on struggling families this year and enable our students to head back to school as an equal with their peers, unburdened by poverty and disadvantage.

*A Start in Life* also becomes flooded each January with school report cards, university transcripts, end-of-year student updates, and parent and carer feedback for the preceding year, which we are delighted to receive even if it does make for some long days in the office. With my training as a social worker instilling in me a deep commitment to delivering measurable social outcomes, I consider the information contained in these documents to be invaluable. This information gives *A Start in Life* necessary insight into the students' progress throughout the year – not only academic

progress, but also social, emotional, psychological and physical progress. All in all, it lets us know that what we are doing actually does work, that it does in fact engender positive educational and social outcomes for those who would otherwise be left behind.

I am excited to report that we observed widespread improvement in students' performance, attendance motivation, and sense of wellbeing at school and university over the 2014 academic year. We also got to understand better any persistent barriers to their education, as well as any areas within our program that we can work on to provide our students and their families with the best support possible. All of this helps us to tailor our assistance for the year ahead to further improve the educational outcomes of our students, which are dependent as much on students' experiences outside of the classroom as they are on the equity of access to educational essentials.

Kat is just one of over 200 students who we supported last year and who benefited from a well-rounded education, which, without our support and by no fault of their own, would have otherwise been denied to them. I am honoured to be in a position where I can help these students to overcome the individual barriers to their education, and to work for an organisation like *A Start in Life*, which appreciates the complexity of young people's needs and, year after year, works tirelessly to address them with the expressed aim of 'building brighter futures'. 

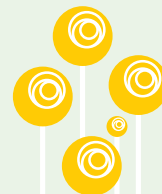


## Kat, aged 10

Last year, *A Start in Life* assisted 10-year-old Kat, a masonic referral from the New England region of NSW, with the costs of school uniforms, shoes, stationery and textbooks. We also provided her with opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities and school camps and excursions, given that her struggling rural family was not able to afford these.

With our support, Kat improved in all areas of her academic work in 2014. She received a Gold Award in the Reading Challenge and was also awarded a Swimming certificate. She thoroughly enjoyed participating in a dance group, winning a trophy at an Eisteddfod in which she competed last year.

For Kat, the highlight of her year was performing in the school play. Her biggest challenge, however, was learning her twelve times table and battling low self-confidence and self-esteem issues earlier in the year, which, according to Kat's mother, has improved through her participation in dance.





# Chairman's message

I wish all masons and their families a happy and healthy 2015 and I thank you for your ongoing support of your Grand Charity Masonicare.

In 2015 the Board would like to see more active participation from all lodges in relation to charitable activities within their local communities.

As you have been advised previously, Masonicare is your charity and any money raised by local lodges for Deductible Gift Recipients (charities) within their jurisdiction will be matched dollar for dollar by Masonicare under their Interaction Grants.

Applications can be made by individual lodges or Freemasons organisations direct to the Masonicare Board, which will then approve the grant, as long as the recipient is a designated recipient under the Federal Government's Charities Act.

Once the lodges, or organisations, have raised the desired amount of money there

is a requirement they forward a cheque for that amount to Masonicare and Masonicare will then return, within 48 hours, a cheque made payable to the Deductible Gift Recipient on a dollar for dollar basis.

During the New Year, the board will also distribute to all lodges, via the District Grand Inspectors of Workings, a Masonicare banner, which the lodges can use when they are fundraising.

Benevolence is also an important part of Masonic charity and applications for benevolence can be completed and forwarded by the Lodge Secretary to Masonicare. The Board greatly appreciates donations from individuals and lodges for benevolence matters.

The Grand Master and Board are very supportive of relationships with your local Rural Fire Services, which are Deductible Gift Recipients, and we would encourage all lodges to contact their local Rural Fire

Service to see if they can assist them in raising money for much needed and vital firefighting and emergency services equipment.

Remember Masonicare will match any of these grants on a dollar for dollar basis.

It is my belief that by utilising the opportunities of Interaction Grants available from Masonicare, lodges can better promote Freemasonry within their communities and at the same time assist charities.

We look forward to working with you to this end over 2015.



Andrew Fraser  
Chairman

## MUSIC AND MASONS



Left: The Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra receives a \$5,000 cheque to form a new children's group.  
Right: The presentation of the cheque to the Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra.

W Bro Lauri Ball said, 'Four years ago, in the Shoalhaven at a concert by the Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra, there was a plea for funds to help the Orchestra. The SYO had been going for about 10 years

and they needed funds for instruments and trips away to play music with other groups. Lodge Nowra Unity 60 thought we could help by becoming a supporter with a yearly donation of \$250.

Then the idea of the SYO putting on a concert at Currarong for the locals raised \$1,000 with Masonicare matching the amount. We have done this for the past three years and last year we commenced the "Masonic Challenge" in which both Lodge Nowra Unity 60 and the general community raised \$5,000 in one year which was matched by Masonicare.

This funding has allowed a new section for the SYO to be formed called "Tuning In" where two to eight years of age children will learn percussion and rhythm, also funding the instruments needed for these classes.

So now with the kids group, the Junior Strings group 8 to 12 years of age, and the SYO 12 to 18 years of age, they are going from strength to strength

They are doing very well in membership and we have brought the Masonic name to the attention of the members, their parents and the community in general thanks to the good publicity in the local papers.'





# InterACTION Grants

## Flame Tree Dancers

On Saturday 4 December RW Bro Brian Willis, Regional Masonicare Manager with the WM of Lodge Kiama W Bro Chris Huer presented a cheque of \$3,000 to the Illawarra Flame Tree Dancers.

The Lodge Secretary, W Bro Rusty Shore said, 'Lodge Kiama 35 has for some years been supporting local communities. In 2013, we gave financial support to a local indigenous boys football group to help them purchase kit. They had the Freemasons' logo embroidered onto the kit to advertise Masonry.

In 2014, one of our brethren approached us about possible support for a group of indigenous girls who needed dance kit, travelling tracksuits and bags. The idea of the troupe is to take several young girls of indigenous background and to help them assimilate in diverse ways.

The girls are taught dance, especially in their own cultural ways, and public speaking, business and cultural awareness.

The aim is to give the girls a better connection to indigenous culture, help them to advance within society and to spread the awareness of their culture to the wider community. The group's leader, Jodi Edwards envisions they will soon be able to enlarge their group to include boys.

They are also being helped in their development by an association with the University of Wollongong.

The lodge decided this was a worthy cause to support and we invited Jodi to talk about the group one night at the lodge. We also had one of the girls attend, as she is a daughter of the member who proposed the sponsorship. After spending some time with these wonderful girls, we were very impressed with their aims and horizons and with the great possibilities that could be explored. We realised they needed proper kit to lift their spirits and look more professional.

Brethren decided, with the support of Masonicare, to give them the \$3,000 they needed for the dance kit and travelling gear. They have also embroidered the square and compasses of Freemasonry into their travelling tracksuits.

The lodge has agreed to maintain support in the following years so these talented young ladies will flourish and spread their cultural identity and hopefully become good ambassadors in creating community awareness of what Freemasonry and Masonicare do in the local and larger areas.'



L to R: W Bro Chris Huer and RW Bro Brian Willis with the Illawarra Flame Tree Dancers

## Hope Dinner for NeuRA

The Freemasons' Association of NSW & ACT in partnership with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia, and Masonicare presented cheques on 19 November 2014 to NeuRA at their Randwick Research Centre. The amount of \$6,000 was raised at the 'Hope Dinner' held at the St George Masonic Club where Dr William Brooks was a guest speaker. NeuRA Researchers are dedicated to curing diseases such as Dementia, Parkinson's disease and many others.



L to R: Professor Peter Schofield, Pamela Miller, Research Assistant, Dr William Brooks

## Motor Neurone Disease

The presentation of a cheque to the Motor Neurone Disease Bank was held on 13 September 2014. The presentation took place at the Macquarie University in the Motor Neurone Disease Research Centre preceded by a tour of the facility.

Professor Dominic Rowe accepted cheques totalling \$11,000 from the WM of Lodge Burnside, W Bro Frazer Smith and Masonicare's representative Mrs Pamela Miller.



L to R: RW Bro Bill Driver, WM Frazer Smith, Professor Dominic Rowe, Pamela Miller



# Greg takes the chair

**RW Bro Greg Mason PDGM was recently appointed** by the Grand Master to become the **new Chairman of the Board of Management** of the United Grand Lodge of NSW&ACT.

**G**reg Mason was born in Albury NSW the second son of Samuel and May and the family moved to Campbelltown when he was five years of age where he grew up. He attended Lidcombe Marist Brothers primary school and when the new High School was completed at Campbelltown he became one of the many foundation students.

Married to Barbara they have two children Glenn and Kim, one grandson and four granddaughters. Greg became very involved in local sport including judo and rugby league and his prowess in these two sports earned him many honours including representative selection in group six Country Rugby League.

He gained an apprenticeship in the dry cleaning industry, rising to become plant and shop manager but after ten years he sought a career change and left to join the coal mining industry where his brother and cousins were working. In this new area he attained the position of Workplace Trainer and Assessor, Risk Assessment and Control as well as being asked to write many Safe Work procedures before retiring from this industry.

Greg Mason was introduced to Freemasonry through his workmates and became a member of Lodge Blackheath. He was installed as Worshipful Master in 1998, then became the lodge secretary, later joining Lodge Lithgow Kilwinning where he

was also elected as Worshipful Master as well as becoming secretary.

Lodge Kilwinning and Lodge Independent No 8 joined together to become Lodge Lithgow Valley No 8 only to surrender their Charter due to lack of members. He is now a member of Lodge Burnside No 729.

He was appointed DGIW for the term 1992–1994, RGC Central West Region 9 for the term 1999–2001, 2001–2003, 2003–2005, a total of six years, completed the Masonic Leadership Course and Caring Officers Course, and then completed the course for

Mentor Training and was recognised as an Accredited Masonic Trainer.



After completing his duties as RGC, Greg joined the Royal Arch Grand Chapter Ceremonial Team, working his way through to become the First Grand Principal and Grand Master in October 2005–2009.

Appointed as a member of the Board of Management for Grand Lodge in 2013, he was asked to Chair the Operational Review Committee of the Grand Lodge before his appointment late last year as Chairman of the Board.

## Strange but true

**His name was Fleming and he was a poor Scottish farmer.**

**O**ne day while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog where he found a terrified boy, mired to his waist in black muck, struggling to free himself.

Farmer Fleming saved the boy from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scot's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you because you saved my son's life," said the nobleman.

"No I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that you son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time graduated from St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin.

Years afterwards, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time ... penicillin.

The name of the nobleman was Lord Randolph Churchill.

His son's name .... Sir Winston Churchill.

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# A special jewel

**Masonic jewels** are generally worn as a symbol of **service, rank or for an outstanding act.** They can be plain or ornate and an **auction in England** last year attracted interested buyers from many parts of the world.



The jewel exhibited on this page is described as a 'Golden Globe and Cross Fob' and represents the pinnacle in geometric design and craftsmanship for masonic jewellery.

In its closed position it looks very much like a ballot ball that one would use during masonic voting. However, by an ingenious arrangement of hinges which are imperceptible from the exterior, it may be opened out in the form of a cross.



Each section is shaped like a pyramid with a spherical base. Typically the base is gold and the pyramids are often oxidized silver, almost black, with the emblems being engraved into pure silver, showing up white.

A paper is usually sold with these charms explaining the symbolism and they have become very sought after.

Many of the early pieces were English made but collectors were warned to beware of prices. An early 1900s Ball Fob will bring \$2,000 or more while it will cost \$800 or more for a newly made reproduction.

At the London auction, masonic jewels proved to be the most popular lots with a 100% selling rate.

The Golden Globe and Cross Fob shown here is currently held by a Sydney family and could become a prized possession of a masonic collector (see accompanying advertisement).

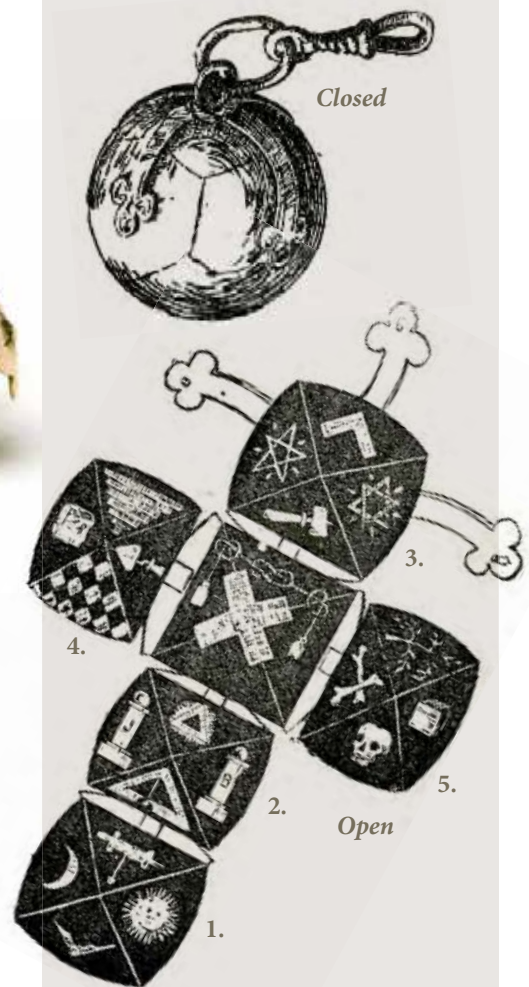
## For Sale

**One masonic globe and cross fob, hand made circa 1910 in 9ct rose and yellow gold.**

Total weight 8.3 grams.

The globe (pictured) measures 16.6mm in diameter, includes four arms soldered to the ball to close the cross and has a polished and textured finish.

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## The Symbols

Shown above is a diagram of a common type of masonic orb taken from Bro C. Clark Julius's book *Masonic Timepieces, Rings, Balls and Watch Fobs*. It must be noted that the explanations of this particular set of symbols is Christian, and therefore not applicable to all systems of Freemasonry.

**1st Square:** compasses, sun and moon and plumb-line.

**2nd square:** level, two columns and delta.

**Centre square:** cross and cabletow.

**3rd square:** gavel, blazing star, hexagonal star and square.

**4th square:** rough ashlar, tessellated pavement, seven steps and trowel.

**5th square:** skull and crossbones, acacia and perfect ashlar.



# Children's Christmas party

A major activity of the former Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers' Association was to arrange a Christmas party for the children from the William Thompson Masonic Schools at Baukham Hills.



The visit to the Taronga Park Zoo in December 1938 is worthy of mention. The Trustees of Taronga Park agreed to allow the children free entry to the Zoo and quotes were obtained to provide lunches. The quote was subsequently accepted at the following prices:

- Sandwiches ..... 2/7 per dozen
- Cakes ..... 11 pence per dozen
- Ice Creams ..... 2/9 per dozen
- Ginger beer/lemonade .... 1/9 per gallon
- Milk ..... 2/- per gallon

Approximately 280 children attended the Christmas Party and it was necessary to involve additional brethren and their ladies to ensure that the children were properly looked after.

It is not sure when the Children's Christmas parties under the Present & Past Grand Lodge Officer's Association

ceased; however, in 2009, RW Bro Ron Webb who at that time was the Membership Officer of the Freemasons' Association, revived the tradition by

...the day was enjoyed  
by more than 200  
children and parents...

organising a Christmas Party at Fagan Park, Dural. It was an immediate success and has been held annually by the Freemasons' Association.

The most recent Children's Christmas party was held at the Orchard Hills Masonic Centre on 30 November 2014 and

was organised by RW Bro Manny Maniago, PAGM and Mrs Remy Maniago on behalf of the Association. The venue was outstanding and the Association wishes to acknowledge the support of the Orchard Hills Masonic Centre Hall Committee in making the premises and its facilities available. A BBQ, live music, games and a visit by Santa ensured that the day was enjoyed by the more than 200 children and parents in attendance. Food, refreshments and presents for the children were provided by the Association free of charge.

The Association also acknowledges the army of supporters who gave their services voluntarily to ensure a successful and happy family gathering. 🧑‍🎄

## Freemasons' Association

Membership of the Freemasons' Association is open to Freemasons, their wives or partners and the widows of deceased masons. In addition to arranging social functions, the Association raises funds for charity and has over many years presented a Past Grand Master's Jewel to the outgoing Grand Master. Membership dues are paid annually and are currently \$15 pa for City members and \$10 pa for country members.

For further information contact the Secretary, RW Bro Alan Farrell CMH, PDGM, PCBM on afarrell@bigpond.net.au or PO Box 210 Caringbah, NSW 1495

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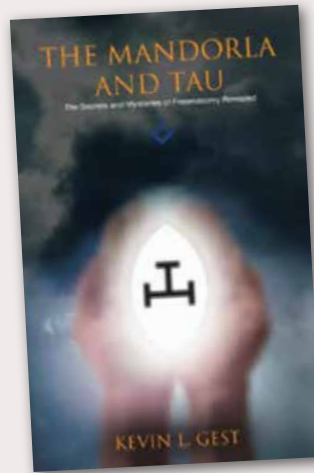
# The Mandorla and Tau

The secrets and mysteries of Freemasonry revealed

Author Kevin L Gest has been a member of a masonic lodge for over twenty-five years, travelling extensively and lecturing on a range of topics. In *The Mandorla and Tau* he delves into the origins of the movement with which he is so closely involved. An invaluable guide for both the novice and the veteran initiate, this book traces the historical and etymological roots of Freemasonry – from the formation of the first lodges to the original meaning of the word ‘Freemasonry’. In a logical progression

from the author’s previous books, *The Secrets of Solomon’s Temple*, and *Chivalry*, Gest casts a masonic historian’s eye over the ceremonies and the regalia of Freemasonry. The rituals, the apparel, the meanings and the origins are all authoritatively explored in this definitive work – expanding the knowledge and awareness of both active and aspiring Freemasons.

Qualified in engineering-related studies, Kevin Gest’s professional career was in senior management in the electronics industry and he lectured on various



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management issues. Management studies later qualified him for admission to the Chartered Institute of Marketing, the Chartered Management Institute and the Institute of Directors in the United Kingdom. Gest lived in Australia for ten years and has travelled extensively throughout the Far East and Indian sub-continent. He began writing seriously with the approach of retirement from corporate life, taking particular satisfaction in background research, problem solving and international travelling to visit ancient sites and cultures to gain firsthand experience.

Your Grand Lodge Library has a copy of *The Mandorla and Tau* available for borrowing.

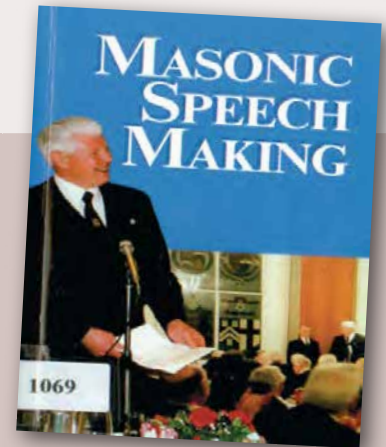
# Masonic Speech Making

Amongst the many various lists of things that people dislike to do at the top of the list is making a speech.

For some speaking in public or at the Festive Board is either a pleasant task or something to be dreaded. Generally in many lodges the candidate is asked to reply to the toast given in his honour and later at his raising he is once again expected to reply to a toast.

Although programs on the internet offer articles on speech writing they are not always suited to masonic speeches. Amongst the many books in the Grand Lodge Library is a small publication that will answer a budding speech writer’s prayers.

*Masonic Speech Making* by J W Hobbs will provide all the answers for any masonic occasion. The book covers the early days of Freemasonry when lodges met in taverns and how they dined after the meeting including the bill for an Installation Night of the Old Dundee Lodge which makes the present Installation Banquet of two courses look parsimonious. There are chapters on speech making, after dinner speaking, Visitors Toasts, Installations, the correct modes of address for brethren and Grand Lodge officers in the Craft Lodge and The Royal Arch.



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# Regional Roundup



ORCHARD HILLS MASONIC CENTRE

## New organ for Orchard Hills

The Orchard Hills Masonic Centre has just purchased a new Parvus 11 organ to replace the previous instrument which literally blew up mid last year.

After shopping around, the Grand Director of Music RW Bro Ian Cox was called to give his opinion on a suitable replacement and his recommendation was the Parvus 11 Pipeless Pipe Organ, which gives the sounds of a full pipe organ without the costs involved.

The organ is fitted with a 500 watt amplifier and if turned up can wake the soundest sleeper who may have nodded off during the meeting. The sweet sounds have to be heard to be believed and organists are astounded by what it can do.

On a cost basis the organ, which is imported from Sweden, will set you back less than \$4,000 and the amp another \$500.

It is a delight to listen to, well worth the money invested and the wait for it to arrive.



VW Bro Victor Brangwin from The Queen's Lodge No 229

LODGE CENTRAL AUSTRALIA No 88

## Benefits

Lodge Central Australia held a morning tea at Diggers on the Darling prior to making a donation to two worthy local organisations with money raised from the Masonic Charity Ball.

The WM, W Bro Chris Morrall handed a cheque for \$500 to Rivergum lodge representatives Sue Burns and Vera Gray and then donated another cheque for \$500 to the Hospital Auxiliary president Trish Taylor and treasurer Gwen Davis.

## Central Coast funds slipway

Freemasons on the Central Coast stepped up once again when funds were needed to assist the Marine Rescue Central Coast volunteer boat crews and rescue vessels.

After an appeal to the Masons, a cheque for \$3,373.96 was raised and donated to pay for an upgrade to a slipway trolley which brings vessels from the water for maintenance and service.

The volunteer crews and vessels are 'on call' 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide emergency assistance to the boating community on the Central Coast and last year assisted 93 vessels with 260 people on board.

In 1992, a slipway was built to enable work on the rescue vessels but it was decided late last year it required replacement and updating. A local company at West Gosford, TMC Trailers, had the requisite specialist expertise and completed the work on the slipway and trolley.

Marine Rescue Central Coast sought a grant for the balance of the funds from the Central Coast masons and the cheque was subsequently presented by Ian Todd and Bert Clarke from Lodge James Kibble.

Regional notice board



UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015

### March Grand Communication

To be held at the Sydney Masonic Centre, at 7.30pm. To include the **election of the Grand Master.**

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND NORTHERN TERRITORY  
17 TO 19 APRIL 2015

### Grand Installation

The Grand Master wishes to remind you that the **Grand Installation of SA & NT, and associated functions**, will take place from 17 to 19 April 2015, and he would welcome support from NSW and ACT brethren and ladies.

## Advertise your lodge events

Freemason is extending a special offer to lodges to advertise in our new Regional notice board column.

Many lodges worry about the absence of members and visitors but rarely think of using advertisements to let people know what the lodge has planned.

In an effort to assist attendance, we are offering four advertisements per year (one in each issue), all for just \$50, where lodges can detail coming meetings, functions or special events.

For further information, contact Simon Pierce at (02) 4344 5133.



LODGE BALLINA UNITED No 250

## Ballina helps drivers

During the past year the members of Lodge Ballina United No 250 became involved in raising money for Southern Cross LADS, a local charity on the Northern Rivers.

The name stands for Learn About Driving Skills – a driver education facility born out of tragedy, when the lives of four young men were cut short in October 2006 as a result of a motor vehicle crash in northern NSW.

Lodge Ballina United embarked on a fundraising venture mainly consisting of the sale of sausage sandwiches outside the Bunnings store at Ballina. The sum of \$3,000 was raised, which joined with the Masonicare contribution of \$3,000 enabled the presentation of a cheque for \$6,000 to promote their activities to further young driver education in the district.

This year Lodge Ballina's new charity will be the local Rural Fire Service.



W Bro Keith Spurway WM with Peter Lockett, a representative of the Southern Cross LADS

LODGE MORNING STAR No 410

## Woy Woy gets help

Lodge Morning Star has donated a Pad 500 Defibrillator for use by police at Woy Woy. The emergency equipment will enable police on the Peninsula to have mobile access to the lifesaving device.

The donation followed an incident when police rushed to the aid of a person

who had collapsed but had to return to the station to collect their own defibrillator when one was not available near the scene or in the police car.

Inspector Lockett expressed appreciation for police now being able to have immediate access to the life saving device.

DISTRICT 44

## Masons help local radio

District 44 Masonic Charities stepped forward brilliantly to assist the local Community Radio, Great Lakes FM101.5 with the District president Greg Scott-Pacey presenting a cheque for \$15,654.50. This money will be used to fund a new transmitter to be installed at Cabbage Tree Mountain, near Bulahdelah.

Masons of District 44, organized by Don Andrews, conducted a raffle with prizes of a \$1,700 voucher at Harvey Norman for first prize, and vouchers worth \$500 and \$300 respectively at Woolworths for second and third prizes. The winning tickets were drawn by local MP, Steve Bromhead with the prizes going to Mrs Joyce Riley, of Taree (1st), Mr Peter Russell of Cobram, Victoria (2nd) and Mr Kevin Mitchell of Laurieton (3rd).

District 44 Charities was very grateful for generous donations from the Advance Service Club of Forster/Tuncurry, St Johns Park Bowling Club and the ETC Organisation of Coffs Harbour. The huge contribution by Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club is sincerely acknowledged, with use of facilities and staff for a Trivia Night, which raised more than \$2,000, with thanks also extended to ticket sellers from the local lodges.



VW Bro Greg Scott-Pacey presents the cheque to Great Lakes FM treasurer Ms Rudd





LODGE KIAMA No 35

# Seventy years on

**W** Bro Davey Hatton was presented with his Seventy Years Certificate by the DGIW of District 31, VW Bro John Cosgrove at the October meeting of Lodge Kiama No 35.

W Bro Hatton was initiated into Lodge Lidcombe No 462, on 26 October 1944 after deciding that he was going to find out for himself what Freemasonry was all about. He affiliated with Lodge Kiama No 35 in 1997, shortly after which he took on the role of organist, a position he still holds.

W Bro Hatton put on a display of jewels, awards and year book which he has received during his masonic career. The award he is most proud of is the RFBI Life Governor's Certificate he received in 1950.

Having relocated to the Southern Highlands, Davey visited Jubilee Southern Highlands Lodge No 162, where the achievement was again celebrated.

At the December meeting of Lodge Kiama, Davey's services to this lodge and Freemasonry in general was again recognised by his being awarded honorary membership.



W Bro Hatton, receiving his 70 year certificate from VW Bro John Cosgrove, DGIW, District 31

LODGE CARLTON KOGARAH No 305

# Lodge Carlton Kogarah celebrates

**O**n 16 November 1954, the Worshipful Master of Lodge Carlton Kogarah No 305, W Bro Stanley Edge, graciously invited W Bro Burslem Gwilliam, a Past Master of that lodge, to occupy the Chair for the evening and initiate his son, Graeme Burslem Gwilliam.

This event was celebrated at Lodge Carlton Kogarah No 305 on Tuesday 10 December 2014, when VW Bro Dr Graeme Gwilliam, PDGIW, was presented with his 60 year membership certificate and jewel. Also on the same evening, W Bro Ray Pickard, of Lodge Carlton Kogarah, was presented with his 40 year jewel.

Both of these presentations were made by RW Bro Reginald Davis, PAGM, who himself holds a 70 year membership award.

The District Education Officer of the former District 28, RW Bro Robert Hughes, PJGW took this opportunity to present VW Bro Dr Graeme Gwilliam with his Past DGIW jewel and annual records of his term of office.



L to R: VW Bro Dr Graeme Gwilliam, W Bro Warren Dunn and RW Bro Robert Hughes

All present then accepted the invitation of W Bro Warren Dunn, WM, and the Junior Warden, VW Bro John Pretty, to accompany them to the South where the annual Christmas seafood feast was enjoyed by all.

LODGE UNITED ST ANDREW SINGLETON No 34

# Help for cancer patients

**L**ate last year W Bro Mark Cederblad, Worshipful Master of Lodge United St Andrew Singleton No 34, and VW Bro Neville Clements PDGIW presented a cheque for \$4,357.90 to Kay Sullivan and Sue Fox from the Singleton Cancer Appeal Committee.

This was money raised from a Raffle and Charity Bowls Day held earlier in the year.

The Bowls Day and Raffle was organised by VW Bro Neville Clements, assisted by members of the lodge.

VW Bro Clements arranged for local businesses to contribute prizes for the raffle, and Club Singleton (Bowling Club) donated the use of their facilities.



L to R: Sue Fox and Kay Sullivan from the Singleton Cancer Appeal Committee with VW Bro Neville Clements and W Bro Mark Cederblad, from Lodge United St Andrew Singleton, at the presentation

The money raised will go towards the refurbishment of two wards in the Singleton hospital for the use of cancer patients.



## MASONIC LODGE SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

# Supporting the RFS

Having achieved a surplus in 2013, the Masonic Lodge Secretaries Association's Management Committee discussed making a donation to a charity. As the membership of the Association comes from across the jurisdiction, it was decided that the donation be made outside the metropolitan areas; and with the guidance and assistance of local lodges.

After the disastrous bushfire which started in the Lithgow area in late 2013, a \$1,000 donation was made to the Clarence Dargan Rural Fire Brigade through the Lithgow lodges.

In addition, an Association member, VW Bro Peter Carton PDGDC provided a 2KVA generator which he had surplus to requirements.

The money was used to purchase walkie talkies, which are not provided by the RFS, and the generator is being used primarily to provide backup power at the brigade's base.

With another surplus in 2014 the Association looked towards making another donation. Contact was made with RW Bro Allan Brown PAGM the Secretary of Lodge Coeur de Lion – Narooma No 84, who pointed them to a local RFS project.

The Eurobodalla Catering Brigade's project is to outfit a van as a mobile canteen to cater for RFS volunteers on duty.



L to R: RW Bro Allan Brown, RW Bro David Herring, Barbara Smith (Brigade Captain), Alison Herring, Jen Pearson (Catering Unit) and Bruce Charles (Brigade President)

The van is provided by the RFS and fitted out locally

Association members agreed to a donation of \$1,000 to assist the project. Support was also received from the Bankstown District Freemasons, who donated \$400, with a further \$1,100 being received from the Sutherland District

Freemasons.

A dollar for dollar InterAction Grant from Masonicare was applied for and received as the Eurobodalla Catering Brigade had obtained a Deductible Gift Recipient Status. This resulted in a total of \$5,000 which was presented at the RFS Regional Headquarters in Moruya.

## LODGE CHELMSFORD No 261

# Queuing for the cue

The Lodge Chelmsford Inter-Lodge pool competition has been held for three years now, with increasing interest shown from younger masons, as the afternoon is a lot of fun.

Bro Mick Barratt of Lodge Chelmsford won the shield back from Lodge Thespian at the Newton Inn, with Lodge Horizons and Lodge Kirrawee also competing.



Bro Barratt, of Lodge Chelmsford, with the Inter-Lodge Pool Shield, and participating brethren





LODGE INVERELL No 48

# Lodge Inverell looks back to the future

In December, Lodge Inverell No 48 held an 'Unattached Masons Night'.

The lodge invited a number of their unattached brethren who had drawn clearances over the past 10 years to join the brethren at the Christmas Meeting.

Seven past members of the lodge took the opportunity to join in the evening, which included a 1st Degree

Exemplification.

Some of them had not seen each other for several years and took the chance to get reacquainted and enjoyed the work conducted by the current young officers of the lodge.

The evening was a great success and the lodge is hopeful that some of these masons may reapply for membership.



Past and present members of Lodge Inverell No 48 at the Christmas meeting

LODGE SWANSEA BELMONT 1030

# A night to remember

More than 120 masons and ladies including the Grand Master attended Lodge Swansea Belmont's Burns Night at Belmont Masonic Centre. They were entertained with some fine Scottish music by the Classic Trio plus One.

VW Bro Tom Shaw PDGIW and VW Bro Stephen Brown DGIW presented a cheque for \$8,000 to *A Start in Life* represented by the President, RW Bro Olly Bergstrom and CEO Paul Robinson on behalf of District 42 Masons. This was

followed by the Grand Master presenting a cheque for \$5,000 to Belmont 16's Sailability on behalf of the members of Lodge Swansea Belmont and Lodge Chelmsford.

In his response the Grand Master thanked the many Grand Lodge officers in his delegation including the Grand Master of The United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of NSW and the ACT, RW Bro Robert Peattie PDGM.

The Haggis Ceremonial Team in high-land dress consisted of: Piper W Bro Len Stoker; Stag Master Bro Barrie Cushway; Whisky Master W Bro Keith McCord; Sword Bearer VW Bro Kevin Allen; Haggis Bearer VW Bro Bob Postlethwaite; and the Address to the Haggis was given by VW Bro Tom Shaw.

LODGE BEECROFT No 359

# Santa brings smiles

Tradition continued for the members of Lodge Beecroft when they held a happy and informal Ladies Christmas South at their December meeting.

Lodge members, their partners, children and friends together with visiting masons enjoyed an evening of Christmas cheer, carols and light entertainment.

The main event was however, the arrival of 'Santa' in the guise of W Bro Lance Williamson, the Immediate Past Master who gained many instant friends, both young and old, as he spread goodwill and cheer to everyone present.



Santa with children of lodge members

LODGE FARRER No 93

# Food relief donation

Lodge Farrer No 93 has continued its assistance to the needy with the presentation of a cheque for \$1,000 to the Uniting Church Emergency Food Relief.

It is the second cheque for \$1,000 donated to this charity by Lodge Farrer.





# Freemason Welcomes New Members To The Craft

Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge	Name	Lodge
ABDELNOUR, Eli	Lodge Hastings 69	GARDINER, Philip	Lodge St James 45	MOHAMED, Omer	Lodge Woollahra 341
ABDULHALIM, Aladdin	Lodge Ionic 65	GLANVILLE, Tim	Lodge Jose Rizal 1045	MORGAN, Rick	Lodge West Epping 731
ABI-MERHI, Louie	Lodge Merrylands 479	GREEN, Tom	Lodge Harold Herman Unity 428	MOUNTFORD, Rod	Lodge Balgowlah 392
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CEH, Adrian	Lodge Southern Cross 91	JORSHANI, Mehdi	Lodge Balgowlah 392	RICHARDS, Keith	Lodge Gowrie Of Canberra 715
CHALONER, Shane	Lodge Seymour 945	KENNEDY, Drew	Lodge Perfect of Canberra 951	SEHNEM, Sam	Lodge Balgowlah 392
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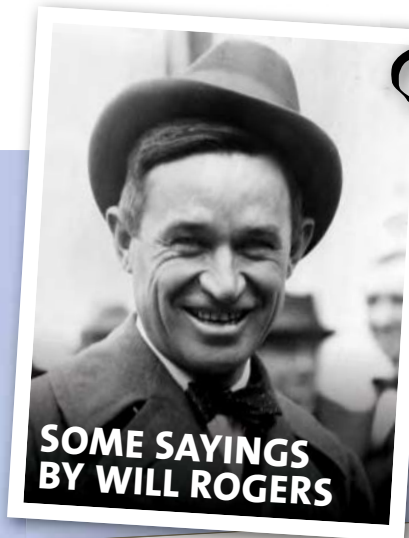
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### SOME SAYINGS BY WILL ROGERS

There are two theories about arguing with a woman. Neither works.  
 Never miss a good chance to shut up.  
 The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.  
 Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.



#### ON GETTING OLDER

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.  
 The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.  
 When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.  
 One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.  
 Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.  
 Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

#### AND FINALLY

If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.





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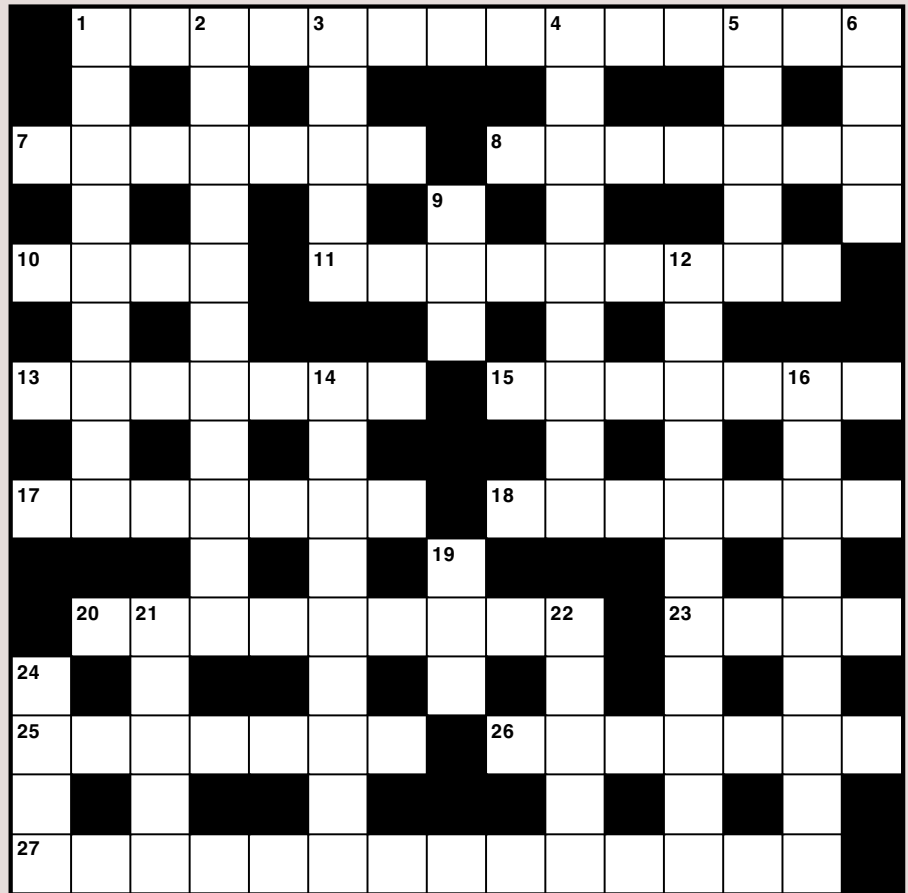
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## ACROSS

- 1,2 down, 4 down and 11 across** The blank spaces are filled in this (12,2,9,2,3,6,9)
- 7** Knee loses final direction, so with luck find another joint. A pressure point perhaps? (7)
- 8** Claimed mix up as a reason for non attendance at lodge (7)
- 10** Writing tips for abbreviated toasts to initiates (4)
- 11** See 1 across
- 13** Brotherhood of stone? (7)
- 15** Fuel ran out somehow following a Lodge of Sorrow (7)
- 17** Compactness of stupidity? (7)
- 18** Extol virtues of girly characters (7)
- 20** Ned had somehow arranged to follow a cricket side in a very casual manner (3-6)
- 23** Where the Koran may well be seen in a lodge, it's first class in South Australia (4)
- 25** Initially describing illness of this insane character (7)
- 26** Scottish Johnny leaves this order of architecture in a Greek city (7)
- 27** Where bishops, clergy and laity meet a top brass governing body (2,7,5)

## DOWN

- 1** Antacid Ed mixed up for one of 10 across (9)
- 2** See 1 across
- 3** Acid of Vitamin B complex from leafy greens, liver etc. arranged forcibly by right being removed therefrom (5)
- 4** See 1 across
- 5** It is missing from certain upset characters like Pearl's mum (5)
- 6** Trip in the U.S. before winter (4)

- 9** Jalopy made initially in the Bavarian motor works (1,1,1)
- 12** His untimely death occurred three thousand years after this, according to the third T.B. (3,8)
- 14** A slur tie up pertaining to the way we perform our ceremonies (9)
- 16** Suffering was caused by the initial fast forwarding of strange dialect (9)
- 19** Every other goodie hides something sung in lodge (3)
- 21** First and last full characters mixed gin and are about to have one (5)
- 22** Tylers' charges are measured somehow in roods (5)
- 24** Sounds like some old bloke at ancient Egyptian site, hidden with some characters in a zigzag (4)

## Solution December 2014

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# 60 Years Service

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LODGE ARMY AND NAVY No 417

## Lodge Army and Navy

On Wednesday 12 November, Lodge Army and Navy No 417 celebrated its 1000th meeting, 90th anniversary, and Remembrance Day.

The open meeting was attended by over 80 members and guests, and the Remembrance Day Address was given by the Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM, who attended on his own behalf and attired as an Entered Apprentice; a token of Equality which was appreciated by all present.

W Bro Lt Col Don Shearman, a Past Master of the lodge, now resident in Victoria and a Past Master of Lodge Army there, retrieved the Travelling Gavel and was later presented with a ceremonial gavel made by Bro Sam Cox; one of several.

The South was marked by much hilarity and, more seriously, a brief presentation of the history of the lodge and its notable members over the years, given by Bro Major Roland Millbank.



Above: The GM receives a commemorative piece from Bro (Craftsman) Sam Cox



Above: W Bro Greg Lockyer returns the travelling Gavel to W Bro Don Shearman.



Left: W Bro Greg Lockyer accepts a commemorative gavel from Bro (Craftsman) Sam Cox.

LODGE ARMIDALE No 641

## Armidale welcomes Scouts



Lodge Armidale No 641 was delighted with a splendid turnout of scouts, cubs, leaders and families from the 2nd Armidale Scout Group, Armidale Naval Cadets and other community representatives at their special Remembrance Day Service.

The lodge has always supported the Scout Group, particularly when their hall was lost to arson, and with the ongoing plans for rebuilding.

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Royal Freemasons'  
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Each March, April and May the Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution conducts its **APPEAL QUARTER**. This is the time of the year when the RFBI appeal to Masons to support our work.

The RFBI **APPEALS** to Masons to assist in continuing the caring work begun in 1880.

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The RFBI is keen to seek assistance from volunteers.  
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Likewise the RFBI is able to organise speakers for lodge meetings or any like minded masonic function. Please contact Alex Shaw.

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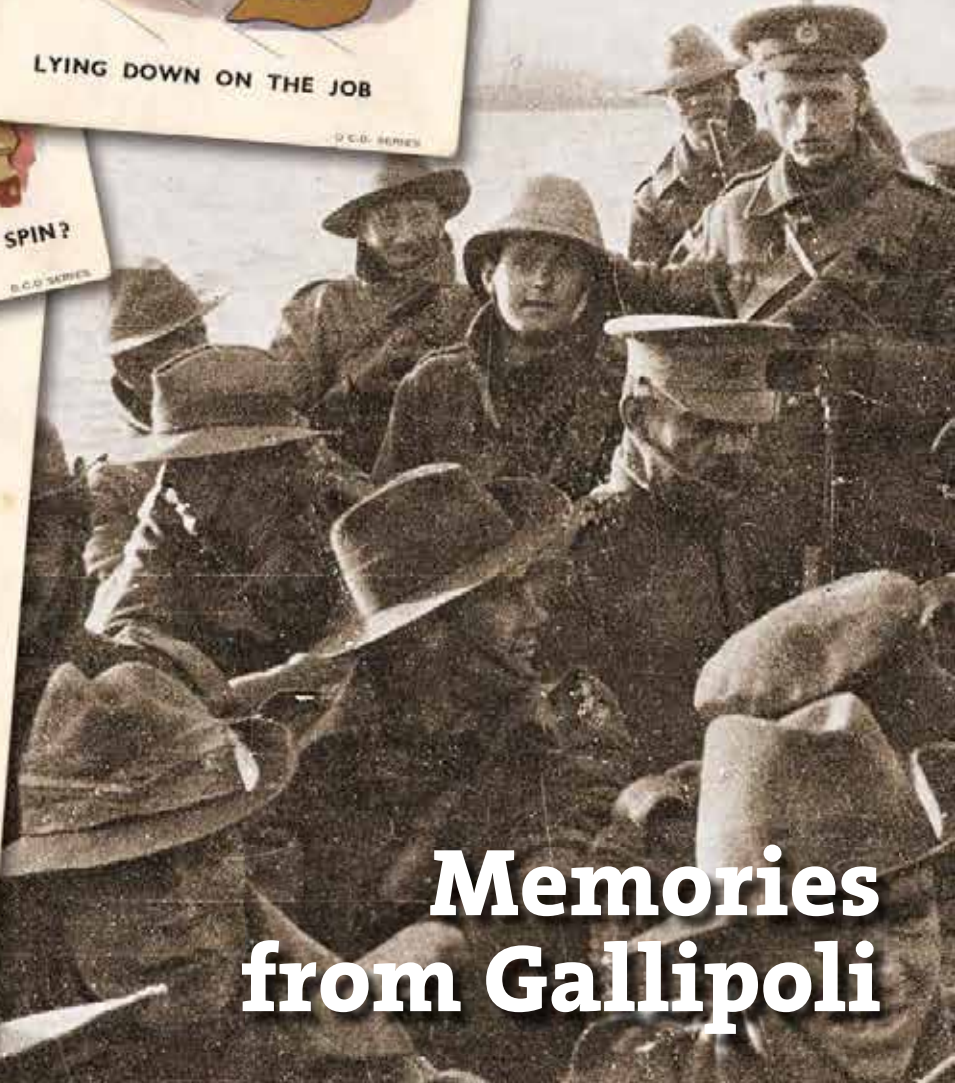
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