

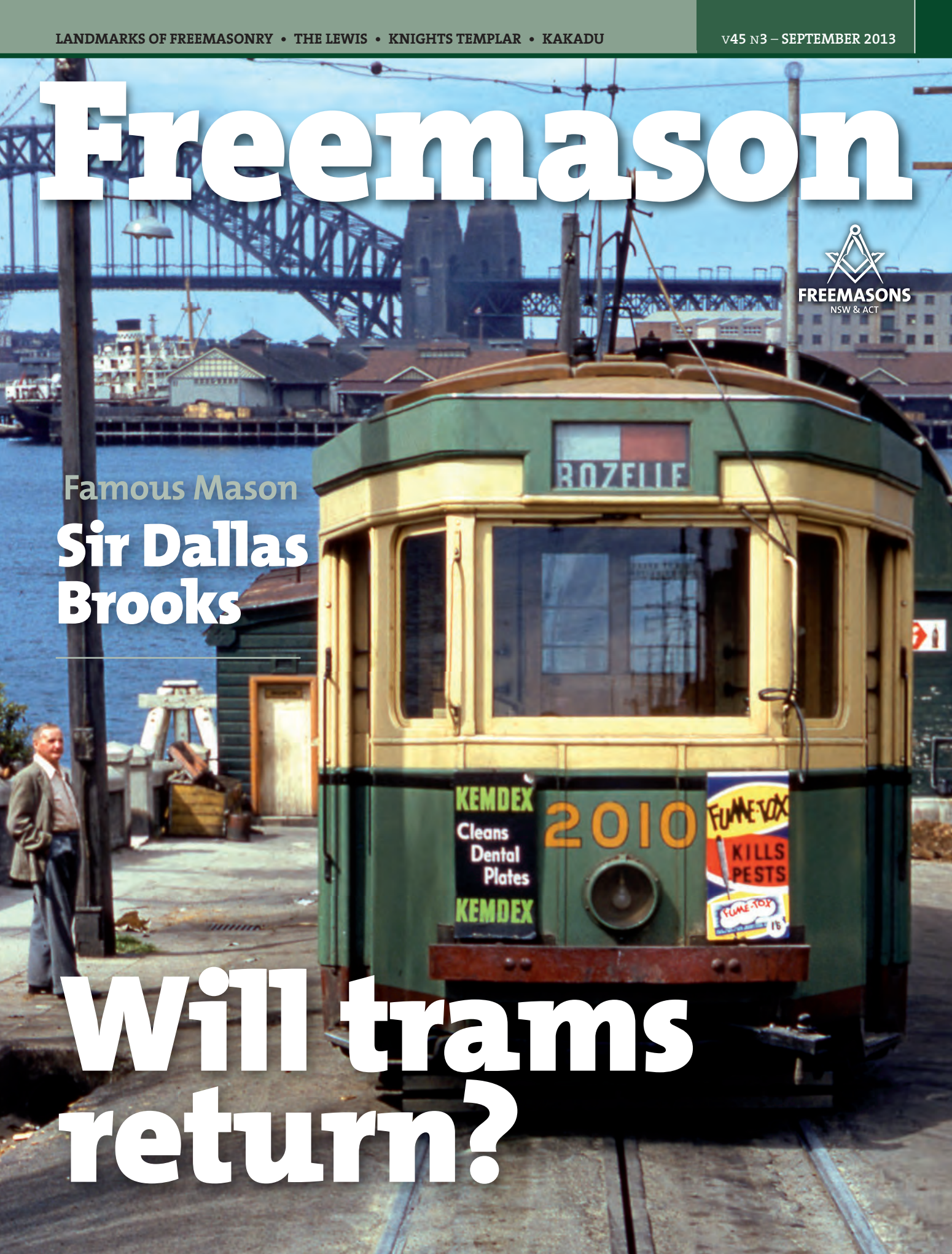
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# How has your building grown?



Sometimes a speech can be boring, without interest and stays in memory no longer than 30 seconds. And on occasions, something from the past can be found to be **just as relevant today** as it was when it was originally said.

In a previous issue, we traced the background of Bro John Gorton, Prime Minister of Australia. In 1970, this magazine carried an article describing the Tenth Annual International Night held at the Northbridge Temple on 22 May and attended by 180 brethren, including 22 from Sister Constitutions throughout the world.

The overseas delegates came from England, Scotland, the Netherlands, India, Lebanon, Argentina, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and various Australian States.

Whilst it is difficult to recapture the spirit and humour of the spoken word, the response by Bro John Grey Gorton was remarkable in its application to today's world. This is an edited version.

'Brethren ... It was only when I came into this room that I was told that a promise that I wouldn't have to make a speech tonight had been withdrawn. Consequently whatever you hear now will be literally off the cuff or if not off the cuff, off the serviette,' he said.

'But before I launch into that, I do want to congratulate the lodge for its business sheet on which it has recorded its thought for the month, one which obviously has been very carefully chosen: "Every nation has the Government it deserves." You obviously regard yourselves as very deserving persons – but I do thank you for the evening that you have given me tonight.

It was an evening of quietness and relief, it was an evening when it was a pleasure to be in a room when only one person spoke at a time and what they had to say was expressed in lucid and beautiful words.

'We did hear something which I thought of quite movingly, of the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and of Truth. There is perhaps another distinguishing mark of Freemasonry, and it is not only because of some of the symbolism of it. Could we not say Brotherly Love, Truth, Relief and Building?'


**Have you done much building lately ... Good buildings can stand for centuries. What has been your contribution?**

'Building is something worthwhile. Something which will endure if it is built on the proper foundations of the first three principles and if it is built on the square and will stand four square. This is some-

thing that brethren do not just do for themselves, not just for the community in which they live but, as I think, because this movement transcends national boundaries and because it has nothing to do with the worldly possessions of a man, here or in any other country.

'Because of these things it builds or can build, not only for itself, not only for the community but for all the communities which at some time must become cemented together throughout the world if we're to be able to progress and build in peace and brotherly love, seek truth and give that relief of which we heard.

'That is why I think it is so important. That is why coming here tonight was to me, as it were, a desert traveller coming to a crystal clear spring of water and being refreshed for a while before he goes back to the desert.'

Have you done much building lately or even started to build? Have you worked on a foundation, decided what you want to achieve or are you waiting for others to make a move? Good buildings can stand for centuries. What has been your contribution? 

## 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?

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# June Communication

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM extended a warm welcome to all attending the June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge with special reference to Past Grand Masters.

‘Brethren, I regularly acknowledge the presence of our Past Grand Masters, and I am honoured once again to be able to do so tonight. Like all of us, Past Grand Masters have health moments and wobbly knees from time to time and they can’t all be with us on every occasion we meet. What is assured of course is that they all continue to be our richest resource and we should always be grateful that they offer such support as they do,’ he said.

‘Of course, age can also be the catalyst for happy times. One of these occasions occurred recently when I had the enormous pleasure of presenting esteemed Past Grand Master, MW Bro Noel Dunn OAM, with his 60 Year Jewel and in the presence of another Past Grand Master, MW Bro Ron Johnson AM. These occasions give us the opportunity to acknowledge the great service offered over so many years by these most revered masons. I thank all the Past Grand Masters for everything they do.’

The Grand Master also acknowledged that the Board of Management had approved the final schedule of Regions and Districts and the four new Regions

will come into effect in September this year. The new Districts will follow the next rotation and appointment of new DGIWs.

The Board has also moved to enhance the high profile of the Masonic Centre by committing to a ‘Plan of Management’.

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This will address all areas of appearance, maintenance and any ongoing structural change. It will also ensure the original principles behind the design are not lost, and the high reputation the building has in architectural circles and the CBD will be maintained.

A further appeal was made by the Grand Master to support the Masonicare Disaster Relief Fund Car Raffle which will be drawn in September. He also spoke of the ‘One Brother to Another’ Benevolence campaign which will begin in July with the sale of gold ribbons for a donation of \$2 to raise funds to assist needy brethren

and their families. Praise was also extended for the tremendous effort made by Masonicare Chairman, RW Bro Greg Redfern in keeping the Grand Charity at the forefront of our activity.

The Grand Master’s Literary Prize was announced with the first prize of \$1,000 awarded to Bro Hunter Wolf, second prize of \$500 to Bro Damian Donovan, and third prize of \$100 to RW Bro Bob Nairn. The Award will continue next year on the subject of ‘Masonry – moving forward’. Entries are to be less than 2,000 words with a closing date of 16 April 2014.

The Grand Master gave details of visits during the previous three months, including a civic reception at Parkes, laying the Foundation Stone at the Urunga Masonic Village, dedication of the Wol-longong Masonic Centre, attending meetings with Associated Orders and the International night at Frenchs Forest.

The Executive Council reported the resignation of MW Bro Bob Hammond as a Trustee of Grand Lodge because of health issues. His replacement will be MW Bro Rev Ray Green, PGM. The Council also approved the revised ‘Principles of Recognition’ document submitted by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence relating to any Grand Lodge seeking recognition from the UGL of NSW/ACT.

In its report, the Board of Management approved Certification of Masonic Buildings, the 2013 Membership Strategy, the release of Building funds and the DGIW mid-term conference on 12 September.

In voting on the night, Bro Peter Bujak was elected Grand Tyler, W Bro Simon Oliver Grand Pursuivant, W Bro Alan Owen Deputy Grand Pursuivant and RW Bro Norman Symon on to the Ritual Committee.

## Agenda for Grand Lodge September Communication

The Quarterly Communication for Grand Lodge and the Re-Installation of the Grand Master will be held on Wednesday 11 September at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

The Quarterly Communication will start at 5pm, followed by the Proclamation (Brethren only) and then followed by a Reception.

### Included on the agenda will be:

- > Grand Master’s Welcome
- > Reports of the Executive Council, Board of Management, Grand Charity, Grand Lodge Trustees
- > Conferral of Grand Rank and recipients of Grand Master’s Awards
- > Constitutional changes
- > General business

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# The Landmarks

In early times, prior to the development of modern surveying techniques, and the recording of the position, shape and size of land areas, it was very difficult to establish **the permanent boundaries** of a farm, estate, or other piece of land.

**A**lmost the only known way was to fix upon some prominent feature, such as a hill, a stream, a rock, or even a tree, and draw a line from it to some other feature, and thus establish the limits beyond which a man's property could not, or should not, go. Later, more or less permanent stone markers, with identifying marks cut into them, were set up. Their self-explanatory name was landmarks.

Throughout history, we see evidence that the destruction or removal of landmarks was considered a serious offence, as without them, there was no means of measuring the encroachment by one person on the property of another.

In the Craft of Freemasonry there are certain principles, practices, traditions, usages and laws, which are considered to be significant to the essential identity and nature of Freemasonry. These things, which are spoken of as the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry, cannot be changed by any Freemason, lodge, or even a Grand Lodge.

It is not intended to make an exhaustive list of the things that constitute the Ancient Landmarks. However, the following are some examples of the things Freemasons see them to be – the things which make Freemasonry different from other organisations.

## Belief in God

An important feature of a lodge room is a pedestal, upon which is an open Volume of the Sacred Law. As Freemasonry holds the concepts of the Brotherhood of Man, under the Fatherhood of God, belief in a Supreme Being is a fundamental requirement of Freemasonry. If this spiritual belief were removed, Freemasonry would degenerate, and cease to exist. A belief in a Supreme Being is therefore accepted as being a Landmark in Freemasonry.



## Respect for the Civil Law

Freemasons are good citizens, and may not engage in riots or rebellion. Political discussion is not allowed in masonic assemblies, in order to avoid controversy, and to preserve harmony.

## Secrecy

There are certain confidences revealed in our ceremonies which are considered private to ourselves, and which we do not share with the outside world. These confidences relate only to certain parts of our ceremonial ritual, and the means of recognition between masons. These confidences stem from the operative masons' desire, in times past, to protect their reputation for sound work and good conduct, thus ensuring that their work continued at the highest standard.

## Sound Qualifications

Each candidate for Freemasonry must be well recommended, of good character, and

of mature age. These qualifications are required so that we may be assured that a candidate will be capable of living a masonic life, in all its aspects. The principal tenets of Freemasonry are friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

## Friendship


Man is a social creature and, usually, cannot find happiness by himself, but seeks the companionship of others of like mind. To be accepted by a lodge is evidence that the lodge believes the friendship of Freemasonry will appeal to you, and that your friendly spirit will be acceptable to it. Sincerity, loyalty, tolerance, sympathy, interest, devotedness, and unselfishness, are some of the ingredients of true friendship.

## Morality

Good morals are the accepted standards of behaviour by which any action is measured and form the exercise of those accepted standards. There is no such thing as a masonic morality which indicates a separate or exclusive code of conduct. Our standards are those contained in the Volume of the Sacred Law, and adherence to those principles is strongly developed amongst Freemasons.

## Brotherly Love

This tenet can be described as impartial friendship, and shows mutual respect and understanding between men. Each respects the other as a friend, a companion, an associate, and a neighbour. To work with that person is one of life's pleasures. Freemasonry builds on brotherhood, and provides opportunities to share true fellowship. It encourages us to practice brotherly love, and to make it part of our existence.

**These then, are the principal tenets or foundations or Landmarks of Freemasonry.** 



# Bob Hammond

## – a great mason

Freemasons of all ranks have mourned the passing of the senior Past Grand Master, MW Bro Robert Hammond in July at the age of 88 and **showed their respect** when close on 300 people attended a special Masonic Tribute at Grand Lodge to **honour his life and achievements**.

It was fitting that the ceremony was held in the Masonic Centre, a building first proposed by MW Bro Hammond during his term of office as Grand Master from 1969–1972.

The family, led by Mrs Cath Hammond, Freemasons, business colleagues and friends as well as the Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson and all of the Past Grand Masters, filled the lower floor of the Grand Lodge room with an overflow in the gallery.

His son Peter delivered a eulogy on behalf of the family, a senior member of the Drummoyne Rowing club regarding his sporting achievements, and the Grand Master presented details of his masonic service from his initiation in 1945. It was a long remembered tribute to a wonderful mason, a devoted family man and a good friend to all who knew him.

An early indication of his potential was given by then Grand Master MW Bro Eric Primrose who said of his successor at his installation in August 1969:

*'Bro Bob is a man of exceptional character. His ability as an administrator and businessman is almost legendary, as is his integrity. He is a fine family man, and he stands ever ready to aid the disadvantaged and the unfortunate. The tremendous help and advice he has given over the years to those many whose life he has touched will ever be his living testimony.'*

Robert Arthur Hammond was born in Sydney on 9 March 1925 and educated at Sydney Church of England Grammar (Shore School) 1936–1943. His quick intelligence and brilliancy of scholarships enabled him to confidently adopt the practical demands of business life.

Robert's schooling abruptly ended with his father's sudden death. Like many men



Bob and Cath Hammond at the presentation of the inaugural Cath Hammond Award in 2011

who face this grievous loss, he made himself immediately responsible for family affairs. The change from happy schooldays to the practical demands of business life was quite abrupt and most demanding; but the obligation to support a mother and two sisters was accepted and discharged without question.

Condensing sleep into waking hours Bob studied wool-classing, completed a five year course in four in accountancy and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of New South Wales.

After the war, at the age of 23, Bob steered the family firm into wool-trading, fast becoming a pre-eminent trader, advancing several years later to President

of the Woolscourers Association. He became general manager of Agris Ltd, a company formed to buy under-developed pasture properties ripe for improvement, each ranging from 2,000 to 5,000 acres. From this experience he became a successful trust fund director, property developer and stockbroker.

In 1978 Bob was appointed chairman of the Commonwealth Government Superannuation Investment Trust, Australia's largest pension fund. Under his leadership the fund spread its investments into equities and property, areas which had previously been untapped.

Moving on to chairman of Grosvenor Place Pty Ltd, Bob became responsible for designing and building the largest and most technically advanced single-tower office block in Australia.

Space precludes much of his masonic background attainments but it was not a surprise when on 3 August 1966 he was appointed Assistant Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master in 1968, and then Grand Master.

His progress in Freemasonry commanded both interest and respect. In September 1945, Bob exercised his privilege as a Lewis and petitioned for membership and initiation into the Balmain Lodge No 23. Ten years later he was installed as Worshipful Master. Affiliation was later sought and given in 1962 with his old school lodge, Lodge Torchbearer No 638.

Bro Hammond's broad extension of masonic fellowship and opportunity began



Bob and his teammates in action



# Masonry from the past


**D**r Charles Ulic Carruthers, OStJ was invested as the ninth Grand Master of New South Wales before a packed gathering of 3,600 Freemasons in the Sydney Town Hall in August 1913.

Born in 1853 and bred in Dublin, this outspoken but highly principled and intelligent Irishman wanted nothing more in life than to become a physician, later graduating to surgeon in 1876.

Dr Carruthers briefly served as army surgeon in the Afghan War, where he received the Queen's silver medal, but after military service in Kandahar in 1878 he decided to try his luck in Australia.

Settling in Newcastle, Dr Carruthers met his 'true love' Miss Allev Evans, eldest daughter of Dr Owen Evans, an established medical practitioner in Balmain who influenced him into local general medical practice and Freemasonry. Dr Evans was a member of the Balmain Lodge No 23.

Initiated into the Duke of York Lodge No 25 Dublin, where he was made a MM in 1877, Bro Charles later joined the Balmain Lodge in 1881, graduating to WM in 1888. As a professional carer to all people of every age throughout Balmain, he felt it his civic duty to become alderman of the Balmain Municipal Council, a responsibility he held from 1887 to 1891.

In 1890 Dr Carruthers was elected JGD of the United Grand Lodge of NSW, followed by membership of the Board of General Purposes, a position he held for the next 24 years. In 1892 he was elected SGD, and a year later SGW. In 1911 Lord Chelmsford appointed him Deputy Grand Master. RW Bro Dr Carruthers became Grand Master of New South Wales in August 1913 through to 1914. 




with a two year appointment in 1960 as DGIW in District 31. He never neglected his community pursuits; helping disadvantaged people occupied much of his time, including becoming chairman of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust in 1969.

At his installation as Grand Master, MW Bro Hammond said: 'Brethren, in our Craft we hold the secret which has eluded so many leaders, our belief in the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, and the practice of that truly masonic virtue, brotherly love ... With this in mind, I quote the words of Lew Wallace, who wrote, "The happiness of love is in action, its test is what one is willing to do for others".'

No measure of a man would seem complete without brief reference to his leisure occupations and the human pleasures that beguile those rare private hours. As a qualified pilot and small plane owner, it gave him opportunity to visit lodges Australia-wide, and later used to pursue his varied sporting interests from golf, snow-skiing, sailing, and much later competitive crew rowing.

Rowing played a big part in the sporting activities of Bro Bob and over the years he was the winner of many trophies. Two of his more memorable occasions were at the Australian Masters Championships in Melbourne when he was a member of the coxed eights and finished second in the Over 75 Division over 1,000 metres and then competed again the next day to win the Over 80 race to claim the Australian title and also set a world record.

MW Bro Hammond contributed much to Freemasonry. He will be long remembered by all who knew him. 

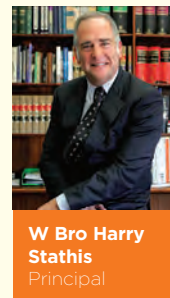
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# Will trams return?

The proposed introduction of a **light rail system**, similar to the trams of yesteryear, has prompted many memories of the days when trams provided the major means of **transportation in Sydney**.



Sydney trams in front of QVB, 1920

**T**rams were first introduced in Sydney in 1879 with various improvements over the years until the State Government ordered their removal in 1961. The final runs in that year were attended by huge crowds to farewell a system which had overseen major changes to the city of Sydney.

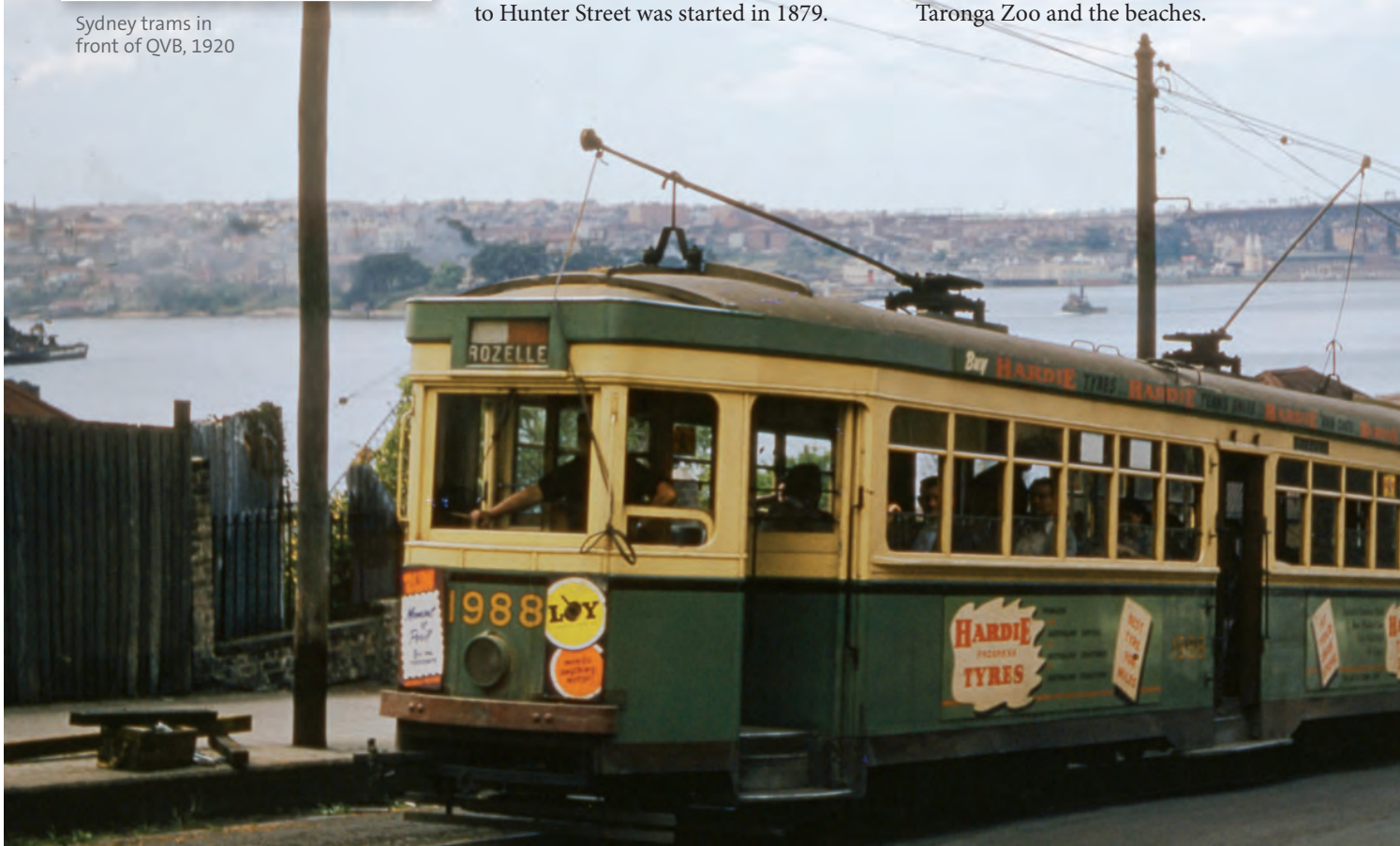
There were many variations of trams – the horse drawn, the steam, the toast racks with the hard seats, the corridor type with the soft leather-padded seats – all added to the glamour of travel and competition was often fierce among the drivers. In fact, the expression ‘shooting through like a Bondi tram’ came from just such competition as drivers battled to be first to a particular point on their express trams.

Horse-drawn trams operated in the city’s Pitt Street for a short period before steam trams took over in Elizabeth Street in 1866 and the first line from Devonshire Street (Sydney’s original railway station) to Hunter Street was started in 1879.

Because the tram tracks were laid in the middle of the road, special boarding areas were created for passengers on the road, producing problems for horse-drawn carriages and then motorists with traffic confusion and congestion often the result.

But there was little argument about the capacity of trams to move the public. The toast racks types, each with eight compartments seating ten and standing ten, were capable of carrying more than 150 passengers. A double tram would take the loading to more than 300, far greater than today’s buses which are generally capable of carrying an average of 70 passengers.

The trams, after their successful city introduction, were then extended to various suburbs including tracks on the Sydney Harbour Bridge to service the north side. They were used to take spectators to major sporting events at such venues as the Sydney Cricket Ground, Randwick races, the Royal Easter Show, Taronga Zoo and the beaches.







April 1957 – Randwick Racecourse

In the early days, the only concern for the trams and their passengers was other modes of traffic. It was simple to walk to the passenger zones and board without worrying about dodging cars, while timetables were generally adhered to because of the lack of traffic lights. Nowadays, with traffic lights on nearly every corner and a non-stop stream of motor vehicles, it could be a far more time consuming journey and a need to be aware when boarding or alighting.

The old toast rack trams with their hard seats had other interesting features. The conductor would need to be able to balance himself on the running board on the outside of the tram while collecting fares and giving tickets in return while members of the younger generation would show their skill by their ability to hop on and hop off while the tram was in motion.

Paper boys would also use the running board to sell their editions as workers made their way home. There was a big network in the city with the busiest area located at Circular Quay for trams from the eastern, southern and western suburbs to pick up or drop off ferry passengers. In addition, Bennelong Point was a major depot until the service was terminated to accommodate the world-famous Opera House.

The expansion to the suburbs allowed residents to make regular visits to the city for shopping, entertainment or just lunching with friends, and helped tourists have better access to prime attractions. North of the harbour brought North Sydney, Chatswood, Ryde, Neutral Bay, Mosman and Cremorne into the loop as well as extending to Manly and Narrabeen.

Sydney was not the only city to have a tram network. In NSW, Newcastle, Broken Hill and Maitland also operated trams while interstate, every major capital had

its own network. A visit to Melbourne will enable prospective passengers to ride to most suburbs by tram, complemented by a bus and train service.

In Sydney, the suburb of Loftus hosts the Sydney Tramway Museum while Bendigo in Victoria also has a major tram museum. Following the introduction of the controversial Monorail system around the central city area, the NSW Government reintroduced a light rail system in 1997, after an absence of more than 50 years. The new service began operating from Central Railway to Wentworth Park and was later extended to the suburb of Lilyfield.

A number of Sydney councils are now examining the possibility of introducing a light rail system to improve transport facilities. Studies are being made of modern, space-age trams which operate in overseas countries, capable of carrying passengers in comfort and with less of the problems incurred when trams first started.

The last trams to officially run in Sydney were the services on 25 February 1961 to La Perouse and Maroubra Junction, jammed with passengers and watched by thousands. Many of the tram fleet were scrapped and burned, some were used as sheds, some were made into motels in country centres, others were donated to museums while others were sold overseas.

Sydney originally had the privilege of having one of the largest tram services in the world with up to 1,500 trams in operation to more than 70 suburbs and carrying more than one million people daily. With a city now boasting more than four million people, a transport service to capably handle such a big population is an essential part of life.

**Can the residents of Sydney now look forward to a 'return to the future?'**



All colour photography in this article courtesy Noel Reed



# The Golden Rule

No philosophy has improved upon the Golden Rule and the most gorgeous tapestry of trickery looks like a rag alongside **the simple beauties of a square deal.**

**P**lato, in *The Republic*, grips us with the story of men who lived in caves with their backs to the light and came to interpret all manifestations of life in terms of shadow. That was three thousand years ago.

Since then, the Adam family has evolved from the period of the cave man to the nuclear age, and still we have shadow-men with us, men who are unable to distinguish between reality and unreality in certain vital issues in life.

There is one stupidity that seems to cling more tenaciously than the rest; one shadow that is always distorted by the substance from which it is cast – the shadow of gold. It is in the great national pastime of gold-gathering, which we politely call commerce, that we find the largest army of shadow-men, and yet commerce is a dignified and honourable calling. Without commerce we would have not had any history; the wars of the world are just phases of commerce.

But in the day of barter, selling got under the domination of Shylock methods, merchandising came to be a game of wits, and into our common law crept the shameful admonition 'let the buyer beware.'

With every generation there came a fresh group of shadow-merchants thinking they could beat an orderly universe,

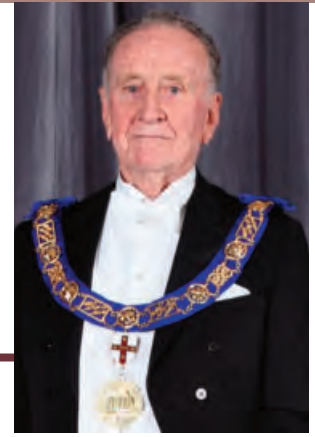
conceiving themselves immune from the eternal laws. All down the ages we have deceived ourselves by thinking it possible and profitable to cheat. We have tried to get something for nothing.

But finally came the modern philosopher telling us that a man can really only cheat himself, that there is a silent partner to all our bargains, the nature and soul of things taking unto itself the fulfilment of every contract. The growing recognition and acceptance of this truth has brought about a renaissance in the modus operandi of business.

The Golden Rule has been recovered from the Sunday school room and incorporated into the tenets of big business with startling success.

Under its transforming influence, peddlers have become merchant princes and shops have been converted into international institutions with personalities as distinct as the men who produced them.

Taylor, with his task and bonus system, which was one of the greatest efficiency plans ever devised, led us over the bridge that had long separated knowledge from habit. Before his time, the Golden Rule was having an increasingly wide individual application. Taylor recodified the law and christened it 'task and bonus'



thereby translating it into a practical, profitable working formula, the Sermon on the Mount. His efficiency principles restate in a more practical way the philosophies and laws set forth in the teachings of Socrates, Confucius and Christ.

Socrates and Confucius were not theologians, they were philosophers. But this particular philosophy squared with every great religion since their day and incidentally it squared with the law of cause and effect.

Recently, the vice-president of a great American business enterprise sent a three-page letter to 500 of his salesmen. In bold script just above the salutation was the text of the letter – Matthew, Chapters V, VI, VII. The letter was a masterpiece of sales philosophy, but the following paragraph was particularly significant.

*'This Hebrew carpenter went up on a mountain two thousand years ago with a handful of followers and laid down a new plan for doing business, and it has been working better every year for two thousand years since he made it and each year more people believe in it. There isn't a big success in the world today that isn't based on it. And just as a final point, remember this: the very best and finest thing about the sermon of the Hebrew carpenter that has gone down through the ages, is that it pays!*

*'It is right because it pays, and it pays because it is right.'*





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# A golden year for Kensington

The **celebration of 100 years** is a big event in any part of society and the Kensington Masonic Centre this year has joined that illustrious group with its centenary.

**T**wo masons, Bro Edward Whitelaw and Bro John T Jennings, thought of forming a lodge in the new suburb of Kensington located amongst the sand dunes and in September 1910, 20 masons met in the Kensington School of Arts to discuss the proposal. The first documented evidence found is a plan prepared on 18 October 1910 by the Grand Architect and signed by William John Walder who was to become a foundation member of the lodge.

The lodge and other rooms were to be set up on the second floor of a brick and weatherboard house 'Bon Amie' in Doncaster Avenue, Kensington occupied and owned by a Mr William Brown. It is understood the lodge was above a 'stable loft and stable' and although the stable was deemed 'quite sound proof' one wonders what sounds could have emanated during lodge meetings.

The lodge room was very small at 23 ft 6 inches by 22 ft and Lodge Kensington quickly outgrew these premises, holding its first installations at Paddington Town Hall. The room was too small for proper working of degrees and was unbearably hot in summertime.

By the time the Temple was built the membership had already risen to 100 and in May 1912, a 'Ways and Means' Committee was formed to consider what could be done.

After much negotiation, on 11 September 1913 a proposition was presented to and agreed with Mr George Todman who was the owner of the Kensington Estate, and Mr Edward Moore (who was in 1919 to become the Master of Lodge Kensington), and who was manager of the Estate. The terms of this proposal were very generous and it is believed the land cost just £464.



Top: Kensington Masonic Lodge Above left: Laying the Foundation Stone on 6 November 1913 Above right: George Todman, owner of the Kensington Estate


Although George Todman was not a mason (Todman Avenue in Kensington is named after him), the existence of the Kensington Temple is owed to the very generous sale of land from the Kensington Estate, an extensive area between the Kensington and Victoria Park racecourses. Bro Reginald George Todman who was initiated, passed and raised in Lodge Kensington in 1928 was believed to be his son.

There are some small discrepancies in the records but the best estimate is that the building and land (principal and interest) cost a total of £4,435 16s 11d (the budget less interest was for £1,360). The minutes on 10 March 1927 note that in the Original Contract of Sale for the Kensington Masonic Temple for Lot 63, Section 14, the original cost was £2,989 (including Land Purchase for £464) but this does not include interest paid on the loan.

As W Bro Frank O'Grady stated in a minute to the lodge members: 'I felt it was highly expedient to choose a site on the main road midway between Kensington and South Kensington, and in deference to my desire, that gentleman (presumably George Todman) placed under a site of land 45 ft x

either 132 ft or 148 ft depth on the south side of Bunnerong Road immediately opposite Tomlinson's property (now the Doncaster Hotel), or about 225 yards from our present lodge room along Doncaster Avenue, with the tram stop right at the door.' Note that Anzac Parade was not named at this stage and the road in front of the Temple was still called Bunnerong Road.

By September 1913, the plans were accepted by Grand Lodge and on 6 November 1913 the Foundation Stone was laid by RW Bro William Thompson GSW, UGL NSW. A large number of the lodge members signed a document which was buried with the Foundation Stone.

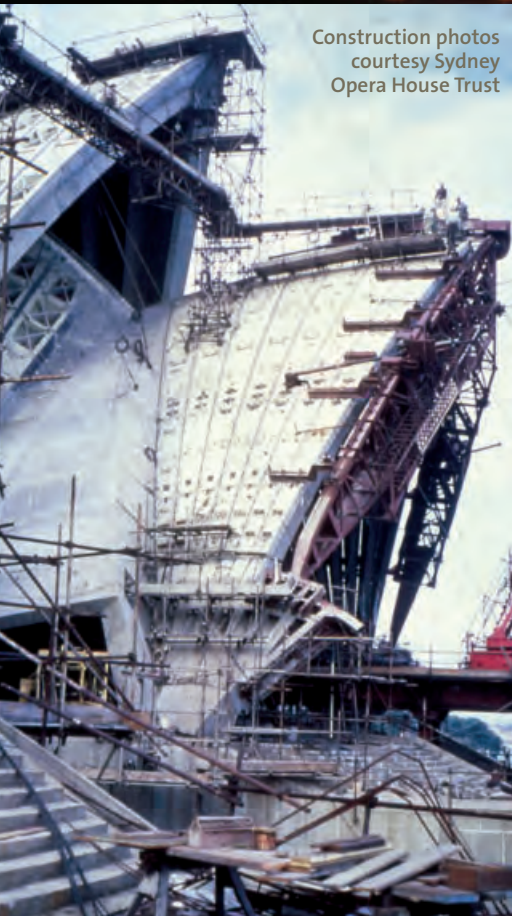
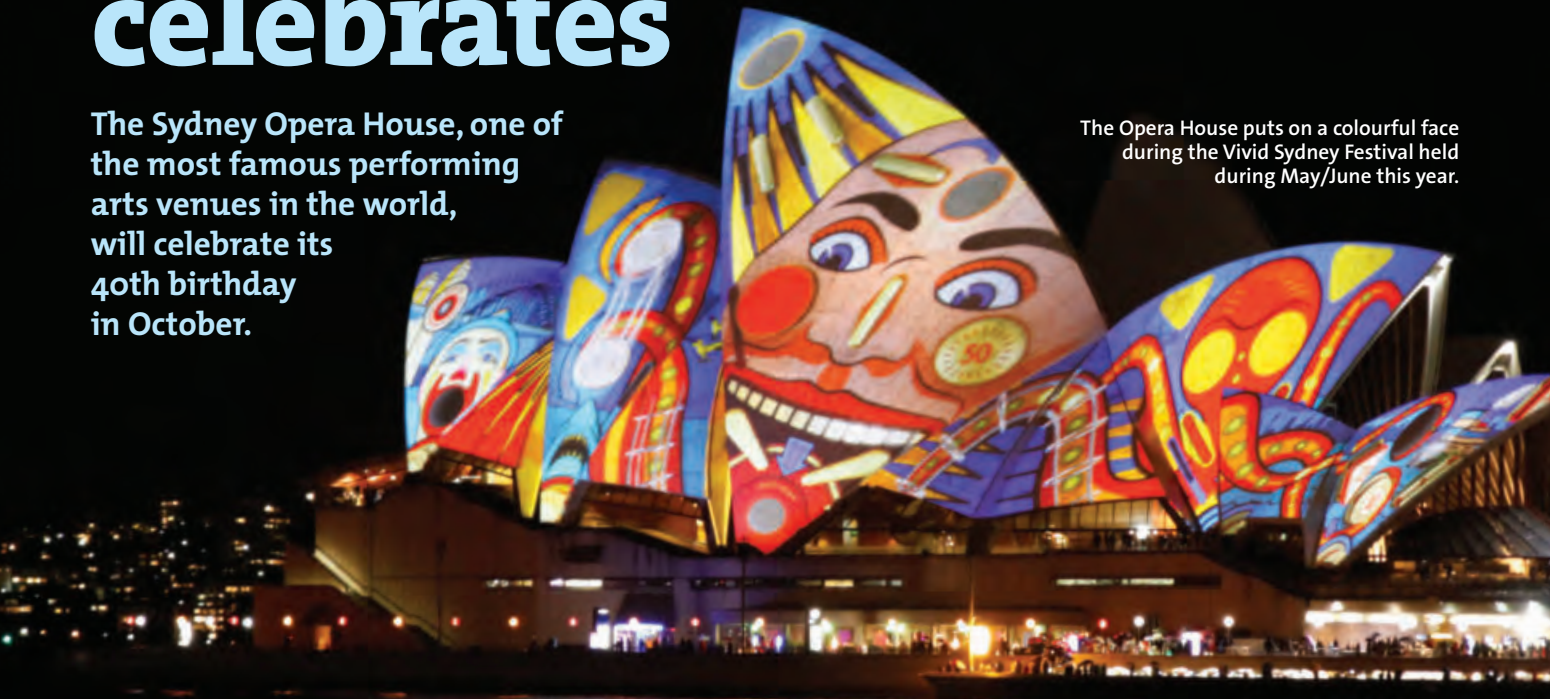
The first lodge meeting held in the new Temple was on 16 February 1914, followed by a gala dinner to celebrate the dedication. On 14 December 1980, a Notice of Motion was considered by the lodge, 'That the Trustees be authorised by Lodge Kensington to enter into an agreement with Lodge John Williams and Lilyville-Hereward to amalgamate the three Masonic temples at Kensington'. The newly renovated Centre was opened by the Grand Master, MW Bro H G Coates on 12 March 1981. 



# The Opera House celebrates

The Sydney Opera House, one of the most famous performing arts venues in the world, will celebrate its 40th birthday in October.

The Opera House puts on a colourful face during the Vivid Sydney Festival held during May/June this year.



Construction photos courtesy Sydney Opera House Trust

Located at Bennelong Point in the Circular Quay area and close to the equally famous Sydney Harbour Bridge, the building attracts tourists and visitors in their thousands every week.

This Australian icon with its roof of shell-like sails has about 1,000 rooms, including five theatres, five rehearsal studios, two main halls, four restaurants, six bars and numerous souvenir shops.

It was designed by Danish architect Joern Utzon and opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 20 October 1973 at a cost of \$102 million. The Opera House conducts 3,000 events each year, has an annual audience of two million for its performances, is 185 metres long and 120 metres wide, its roof sections are held together by 350 kilometres of tensioned steel cable, has over one million tiles on the roof and uses 6,225 square metres of glass and 645 kilometres of electric cable.

The main theatre is the Concert Hall with a seating capacity of 2,679 while the Opera Theatre has 1,547 seats. The Concert Hall contains the Sydney Opera House Grand Organ, the largest mechanical tracker action organ in the world with over 10,000 pipes. Large free public per-

formances have often been staged in front of the Monumental Steps that lead up to the base of the main sets of shells.

The Sydney Opera House can be said to have had its beginnings during the late 1940s in the endeavours of Eugene Goossens, the director of the NSW State Conservatorium of Music. He had lobbied to have built a suitable venue for large theatrical productions and by 1954, had succeeded in gaining the support of NSW Premier Joe Cahill, whose call for designs attracted 233 entries. Goossens also insisted that Bennelong Point be the site for the Opera House.

Utzon arrived in Sydney in 1957 to help supervise the project. The Bennelong Point tram depot, occupying the site at





the time, was demolished in 1958, and formal construction of the Opera House began in March 1959. The project was built in three stages. Stage I (1959–1963) consisted of building the upper podium. Stage II (1963–1967) saw the construction of the outer shells. Stage III consisted of the interior design and construction (1967–73).

Major structural issues plagued the design, most notably the sails, and by 23 January 1961, work was running 47 weeks behind, mainly due to wet weather, unexpected difficulty diverting storm-water, construction beginning before proper engineering drawings had been prepared, and changes of original contract documents.

The shells were originally designed as a series of parabolas; however, engineers Ove Arup and Partners had not been able to find an acceptable solution to constructing them. In mid-1961 Utzon recommended the shells be created as ribs from a sphere of the same radius. This satisfied the engineers, cut down the project time drastically and also created the wonderful shapes so instantly recognisable today. Stage III, the interiors, started with Utzon moving his entire office to Sydney in February 1963 but in 1965, the new Askin government took power and declared the project under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Public Works.

Clashes between Utzon and the Minister for Public Works, Davis Hughes, eventually forced Utzon to leave the project on 28 February 1966. Hughes offered him a reduced role as ‘design architect’, under a panel of executive architects, without any supervisory powers over the House’s construction but this was rejected by Utzon.

There were four significant changes to the design after Utzon left – the cladding to the podium and the paving, the construction of the glass walls, use of the halls and the interior designs. The Opera House was formally completed in 1973, with the



cost having risen to \$102 million after an original estimate in 1957 of £3,500,000 (\$7 million). The original completion date set by the government was 26 January 1963.

By 1975, the construction bill for the Opera House had been finally paid off, largely through a public lottery system. The House has been subject to some additions and improvements since its opening in 1973. The pipe organ in the Concert Hall was not completed until 1979. In 1988, a two-level walkway along the western side of Bennelong Point was added as part of Australia’s bicentenary celebrations. In 1999, a fifth theatre, the Playhouse, was added.

The Opera House also received attention in many different ways. In 1997, French urban climber, Alain ‘Spiderman’ Robert, using only his bare hands and feet and with no safety devices of any kind, scaled the building’s exterior wall all the way to the top.

The building during the Sydney 2000 Olympics was included in the Olympic Torch route to the Olympic stadium, and involved Australian swimmer Samantha Riley standing on top of the Opera House waving the Olympic torch. It was the backdrop of some Olympic events, including the triathlon – which began at the Opera

House – and the yachting events on Sydney Harbour.

Security at the Opera House was increased because of the likelihood of it attracting attention of terrorists through the Australian Government’s support of the invasion of Iraq. This security did not prevent two climbers painting a ‘No War’ slogan at the top of one sail in March 2003. The repair bill for this was later revealed to be over \$100,000.

Following an arrangement made in 1999, plans were made to change the revised internal design of the Opera House to that of Utzon’s. The redesign involves the house’s reception hall and opera theatre, and was supervised by Utzon. As Utzon was too old to travel by plane, he undertook the supervision from his home in Majorca. In September 2004, the redesign of the reception hall of the Opera House was completed.

The Sydney Opera House remains a major attraction, rivalling the more established world icons and the subject of thousands of photographs. It is the centre of attraction for passengers on cruise liners leaving and entering Sydney Harbour, a highlight of passengers on flights to and from Sydney and a recognised meeting place.

Joern Utzon can justly be proud of his creation which has made the city of Sydney a major world landmark.





# Freemasonry – Going forward

This is a summary of the article by Bro Hunter Wolf which won the **Grand Master's Literary Award**.

**T**he greatest threat to Freemasonry today is the ageing population of members and the steady decline in membership. To combat this threat, we need to focus on inviting new members into Freemasonry and retain those new members through changing the way we function. The steps taken in the past have not worked and a step in the right direction is now desperately needed.

I will attempt to highlight the problems I feel contribute to the low membership, low retention rates and lack of younger members as well as recommendations which can contribute to increasing our membership and keeping our members, creating a lifetime of value for both Freemasonry and Freemasons.

## The Issues

Time has brought about many changes that I feel masons have ignored. The lifestyle of many young men today has changed drastically compared to many of the older Freemasons. Below are some of the issues of today's modern man:

1. In society today, most young men are very time-poor.
2. In the past, men were forced to grow up early and become responsible family men. This is not so today.
3. It is now normal for a man to have more than three job placements a year.
4. The majority of the working population today will put more effort into business networking than into building a community of meaningful friendships.
5. Convenience is now king. If it can save time and it's easy, let's get it.

So what do these changes in men's priorities mean for Freemasonry? Freemasons must realise that in this day and age, when a man considers joining Free-

masonry, he will be asking himself silently 'What are the tangible benefits of joining Freemasonry? If I am to find time in my already busy schedule for masonic activities (time that could otherwise be spent on a spouse or kids or work), what can Freemasonry do for me?'

## Offer Tangible Benefits

I believe that we should offer a benefit of some kind to members. Life, vehicle or medical insurance white labelled as own. Free courses, business networking seminars or workshops could also be offered. These don't have to be costly or expensive. They just need to be seen as real value by all members, young and old.

The benefit offered would send the message of: 'We understand the sacrifice our members have made to join a men's only fraternity. We appreciate it and, in return, we want you to have this. Welcome to the oldest, most respected organisation in the world.'

## Increase Engagement

It's common sense in the business world that if your employees are not engaged, they will not stay for long. Although it is understood an EAF is expected to absorb knowledge as he sits quietly on the bench, many simply just are not there. Their mind is at home or on work. If a place could be found for the EAFs and Fellowcrafts within the lodge ceremonies, the retention of new members may go up.

## The Dress Code

It sends the wrong message to those Freemasons who work for a living to expect them to drive home after work and change into another suit to attend lodge. For those just coming from work, new




EAFs or those that simply do not have the funds for a black suit, the dress code should be relaxed and they should not be made to feel any different simply because they are not in the right attire.

## Recruitment and Promotion

Each lodge, district or region should assign a Human Resources Committee whose job is to look after recruitment. The committee should be made up of younger members, not older Freemasons. The committee should be aware of the younger members' interests, help promote Freemasonry to the general public, hold special events and assign mentors to new apprentices.

## Conclusion

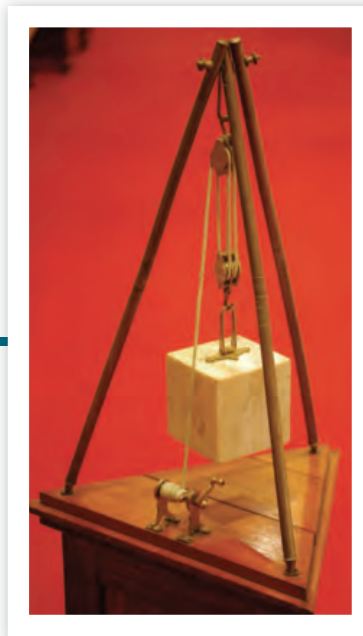
The current ad-hoc, out-dated approaches to obtaining and retaining membership within Freemasonry do not work. I believe that we must continually examine our organisation and take a more proactive approach to membership.

Freemasonry has survived wars, natural disasters and depressions. We will survive the issue of obtaining new members and keeping them. We are the strongest and the greatest fraternity in existence. There is nothing we cannot overcome. 



# What is a lewis?

The stonemason's lewis is a device used in **raising and lowering stone blocks** in the course of building construction as exemplified by the **smooth ashlar in the tripod** usually found on or by the Senior Warden's chair.



**T**he Romans, in their day, are thought to have used it in the building of the Flavian Amphitheatre and the Saxons in the building of Whitby Abbey in the seventh century.

There is evidence for believing that the device was employed in putting into place some of the more massive stones of Hadrian's Wall or Roman Wall (AD120–209) for what appears to have been lewis holes can still be seen in parts built by the Roman Emperor Severus, who heavily repaired the wall in AD209.

The stonemason's lewis is a grapnel, for which a specially shaped socket needs to be cut in the top face of the blocks of hard, strong stone to be lifted. Two opposite sides or ends of the socket are undercut, not all four as often portrayed. Two wedge-shaped tapered steel pieces are inserted into the socket and between them is inserted a parallel steel spacer, which spreads the wedges into the undercut parts. A shackle pin, or bolt, is passed through the upper extensions of all three and provides a hold for the lifting chain. (The illustration shows how the device works.)

The precise purpose of the lewis is to allow the hoisting chain of the tripod, derrick or crane, to raise the stone and then lower it into its exact final position into the structure, which would not be possible if chains, or ropes passed underneath the stone.

When the stone is in its exact position, the metal key and shackle bolt is removed, thus allowing the spacing piece to be withdrawn and then the two wedges.

Thus the lewis not only provides the stonemason with a convenient method of attaching the hoisting chains to the stone, but also the ability to lift the heaviest

stones with the minimum expenditure of physical effort.

Clearly the lewis may be regarded as an appropriate symbol of STRENGTH – a double symbol, in as much as its name has been given to the son of a mason, his duty being to bear the burden and heat of the day so that his parents may rest in their old age, thus rendered the 'twilight' of their lives peaceful and happy.

The double symbolism is mentioned in some old catechisms but the normal Craft ritual does not refer to it, although the device has a place in Mark Masonry.

From a late 18th century catechism, comes the following:


What do we call the son of a Freemason? *A lewis.*

What does that denote? *Strength.*

How is a lewis depicted in a mason's lodge? *As a cramp of metal.*

What is the duty of a lewis to his aged parents? *To bear the heavy burden etc.*

His privilege for doing so? *To be made a mason before any other person, however dignified by birth, rank or riches, unless he, through complaisance, waives this privilege.*

There is good ground for believing that the lewis was originally the first son born to a man after that man had become a Freemason. 

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# From the Grand Secretary



## Something different at the Sydney Masonic Centre

There are some very keen brethren in Sydney who collectively feel it is time to have a Daylight Lodge meeting at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

There are a number of Daylight Lodges throughout the jurisdiction to accommodate those brethren of advanced age who wish to continue to enjoy their Freemasonry. These Lodges considerably ease the difficulties of attending evening Lodge such as having to drive at night or where no other members can offer them transport.

Now it is time to see if there is enough interest in forming a daylight Lodge at the Sydney Masonic Centre. The vision is meeting under the Charter of the second oldest Lodge in this jurisdiction – Lodge Leinster Marine – but this would need substantial support from prospective members for this idea to be progressed.

It is suggested that the best day for the Lodge to meet would be Friday at 10.00 am but this and which particular Friday of the month and the frequency of meetings will be determined once enough numbers show interest.

Brethren interested in being part of this unique venture are invited to provide their details (name, address, lodge, email, other contact details) to RW Bro Brian French at [bafinoz@gmail.com](mailto:bafinoz@gmail.com) or by writing to him c/- PO Box A259, SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1235.

## Grand Installation of New Zealand

What a wonderful sight it was to see 47 brethren from this jurisdiction support the Grand Master at the Grand Installation of the UGL of Queensland held in Brisbane in July. Pleasing too was that almost 20 ladies accompanied these brethren and enjoyed the vast array of social events that were part of the weekend of festivities.

It was by far the largest of the Australian and New Zealand delegations visiting the "Sunshine State" and obviously made our Grand Master very proud.

The Grand Installations of our Sister jurisdictions are wonderful occasions which have seen many friendships formed over the years and these are often renewed at these events.

The next Grand Installation will be that of New Zealand from 15–17 November at Wellington. The Grand Master would obviously welcome similar support to that he received in Brisbane. Details are available and Registration should be done direct through the Grand Lodge of New Zealand at its website: [www.freemasons.co.nz](http://www.freemasons.co.nz).


## Overseas Travelling

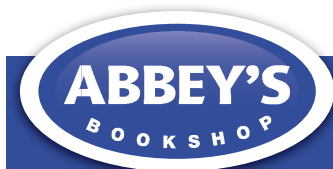
For many interested brethren, overseas travel affords them the opportunity to visit Lodges in other countries and to enjoy the fellowship of brethren and to experience the differences in the way Freemasonry is practised elsewhere.

In this jurisdiction of NSW & ACT, we always welcome the opportunity to host brethren from other parts of the world at various Lodge meetings and social events and to offer them our hospitality. These brethren invariably look forward to being able to reciprocate that hospitality in their own country.

However, brethren travelling elsewhere must be aware that there are Lodges around the world that operate under Grand Lodges that are "irregular" or for other reasons may not be recognised or be in amity with our Grand Lodge. In these cases, brethren of NSW & ACT are not permitted to visit these Lodges as to do so would be in breach of the Constitution which we have all pledged to uphold.

When venturing overseas, it is possible for subscribing members to purchase a "Travelling Certificate" from the Secretariat which serves as an introduction to Lodges they may visit and supplements other documentation that should be taken as well (e.g. membership Certificate).

Brethren who may not be totally certain, are also strongly urged to clarify the status of those lodges they may wish to visit so as to ensure they will not be in contravention of any decisions on recognition that may be in place. 



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# The Formula

## A Masonic Thriller

by Bert Bijl

**'One evening an unknown man is found dead in the lodge building of the Freemasons in Amersfoort, The Netherlands' ...**

The book *THE FORMULA, A Masonic Thriller* is an entirely fictitious story; an audacious attempt by the author Bro Bert Bijl, Dutch by birth, a Freemason of long experience, a former Detective Inspector of Police and a commercial pilot.

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# The Good Life

## What Makes a Life Worth Living?

by Hugh Mackay

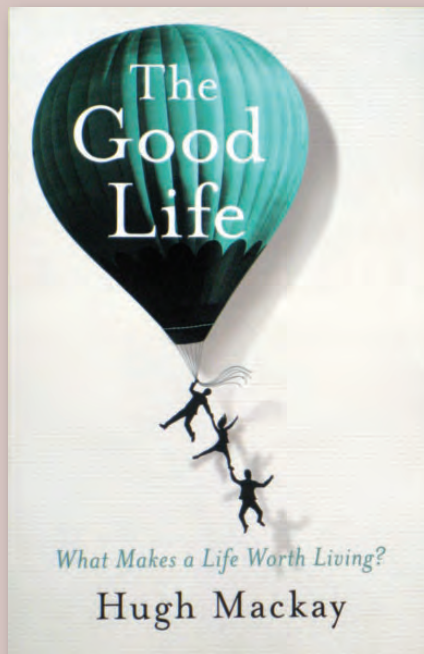
**'Y**ou hear that insistent message, echoing through the philosophical traditions of East and West: treat other people the way you'd like to be treated. The basic message never alters, whether your moral heritage is Socratic, Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, humanistic or anything in between...'

Social researcher and psychologist Hugh Mackay has spent 40 years asking Australians about their lives, loves, hopes, ambitions, fears and passions.

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A good life, says Hugh, is determined by our capacity for selflessness and our willingness to connect with those around us in a meaningful and useful way.

*The Good Life* is a book that will start conversations, ignite arguments and possibly change the way we live our lives.



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about the role Freemasons could have played in World War II if that role had been given to them.

*The Formula* grabs the reader from the first page, and does not let go until the end, but in between it teaches the true masonic moral values.

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# Aussies plant 20-millionth tree

People across the country dug deep on Sunday 28 July for Planet Ark's **National Tree Day**, Australia's largest tree planting and nature-care event.

**S**chools Tree Day, which was held two days earlier, was the dedicated day for Australia's younger generation to play their part and students from over 2,000 schools and preschools across Australia escaped the classroom to plant out their playgrounds.

Each year over 200,000 people take part in National Tree Day events at 3,000 sites nation-wide and this year was a milestone event with the planting of the 20-millionth seedling since the event began in 1996.

As well as planting trees and grass at new sites, participants greened their communities by planting vegetable and bush

national tree day

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tucker gardens and visiting former National Tree Day sites to undertake weeding and maintenance, as well as planting in their own backyards.

At Sydney Park there was a symbolic ceremony when a native sapling was

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planted by City of Sydney Mayor Clover Moore, Aboriginal elder Uncle Chicka Madden and a young Australian, seven-year-old Gracie Merriman.

'National Tree Day is a great opportunity to connect with your community or family, help the environment, have fun and contribute to a legacy for future generations,' said National Tree Day Manager Debbie Agnew.

'Planet Ark would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who got involved this year, from those who volunteered their time and organised sites to the people who came along and helped with the practical planting. You made it the biggest and best Tree Day ever.'

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### Whiddon Employee honoured with Board of Directors Award

The Whiddon Group's Board of Directors Award has been running for seven years and was recently awarded to an employee from The Whiddon Group Temora. The Award was created as part of FOCUS (For Our Committed Unique Staff).

Whiddon's services are invited annually to nominate a team member who best demonstrates our mission and values, continual learning, supports the needs of clients, and shows a commitment to Whiddon's philosophy of care. The 20 nominees and their guest are invited to travel to Sydney to attend the gala dinner and awards ceremony.

The winner of the 2013 Award was Heather Piefke, an Endorsed Enrolled Nurse from The Whiddon Group Temora. Heather was nominated for her work supporting and mentoring other team members, her commitment to client wellbeing, and her implementation of quality improvement projects. In addition to being a great team member, Heather's work with clients has demonstrated her passion for assisting older people to maintain their independence, epitomising Whiddon's client first philosophy of care.

The gala dinner was attended by Whiddon's Board of Directors, executive and senior managers, and special guests Laurie Fergusson MP and George Greiss, Deputy Mayor of Campbelltown.



Heather receiving her award from Board member VW Bro Leonard Kearns PDGIW

### Supporting our communities – Community Volunteering with the Exodus Foundation

Eight employees from The Whiddon Group recently spent their day volunteering at The Exodus Foundation, serving lunch to homeless and disadvantaged people as part of our Community Volunteering Program. The Exodus Foundation is a charitable organisation providing meals, social and health services, and educational support to homeless and disadvantaged people in Sydney.

Employees from Easton Park, one of Whiddon's residential aged care services, and Corporate Office were joined by clients from the Glenfield independent living units, and together they learnt about Exodus' history, how the organisation has grown, and that their Loaves and Fishes restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch 365 days a year, serving 1000 free meals every week.

One of the most moving parts about volunteering with Exodus was the people. The team of volunteers who were so humble about what they were doing; those who travelled near and far for lunch, some homeless, some older and some as young as two. Loaves and Fishes was a hive of activity. Bubbling with chatter and laughter, the clatter of knives and forks, the renovated church filled with warmth and an atmosphere of overwhelming positivity, despite the obvious hardship in the room. The Whiddon team felt privileged to have experienced the work that Exodus does and explained that it was easy to see the difference that The Exodus Foundation makes in the wider community.

### Name Badges

The Whiddon Group can provide name badges, black and white writing only, as follows:

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# Lord Carrington Commemorative Dinner

If you weren't amongst the 142 ladies, brethren and members of the public who attended the Lord Carrington Commemorative Dinner held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on 24 June 2013, you missed **a night which combined formality and informality** in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere reminiscent of bygone days.



Organised by the Freemasons' Association (NSW & ACT) Inc., the dinner was held on the date when, 125 years ago, lodges meeting under the Constitutions of England, Scotland and New South Wales unified to become 'The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales'. The Articles of Union of this historic event are contained in the Book of Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

The Dinner was the first of a number of functions to be organized by Grand Lodge and the Museum of Freemasonry to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Grand Lodge.

The night started with pre-dinner drinks at 6.30pm and entertainment by harpist Belinda Pring whose playing and selection of music set the tone for the evening to follow. It was a time to renew acquaintances and to make new friends. At 7.00pm precisely, the Grand Master



MW Bro Derek Robson, partnered by Ms Gael Knox, were piped into a candlelit Ionic Room by VW Bro Pipe Major Sam Young DGIW, and received by the President of the Freemasons' Association, Dr Yvonne McIntyre.

A three course meal, accompanied by wines specially selected by the Association for the occasion, appropriate masonic toasts, a Commemorative Address by W Bro The Honourable Lloyd Waddy AM, RFC, QC, and a number of presentations, made for a memorable night. An abridged copy of W Bro Waddy's Address titled 'Our First Grand Master – Lord Carrington the Man' will be included in a later issue of this magazine. The complete Address will be presented to the Grand Lodge Library for future reference.

VW Bro Roy Horrocks JP, PDGDC, a long-term friend and former colleague of the Guest Speaker, moved a Vote of Thanks which highlighted some not-so-well known background information of a man who has achieved success in a variety of fields. VW Bro Horrocks was a Master at the Kings School, Parramatta from 1956 to 1985 at the same time that W Bro Waddy was a member of the Board of Directors.







# Queen's birthday honours

Four Freemasons and the wife of a mason have been honoured in the announcement in June of the Queen's Birthday Honours list.



Don Eyb

**W Bro Don Eyb** of Lodge Kingsford Smith No 1028 received the Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to equestrian sports.



James Glissan

**Bro James Glissan** from Oyster Bay, a member of Sir James Hardy Lodge No 1046, was awarded an Emergency Services Medal.



Ian Cavanagh

**Bro Ian Cavanagh** from Cherrybrook, a member of The Raleigh Lodge No 241, was also awarded the OAM for service to youth, particularly through the Australian Army Cadets.



Suzanne Medway

**Mrs Suzanne Medway** of Brighton-le-Sands, wife of RW Bro Patrick Medway, AM, PAGM, received an AM in the General Division for significant service to wildlife conservation.



Mervyn Brill

**Bro Mervyn Brill** of Temora, a member of Lodge Temora No 168, was also a recipient of an OAM for his service to the community of Temora.

**The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson extends his congratulations to all recipients on the honour they have received and knows that each will accept the Award with justifiable pride.** 🏆

## College of Masonic Studies

At the June Communication, College Governor RW Bro Andrew Brown reported the College web page is operational and all forms and course details required for the College's educational activities will be posted on that page. Current forms and course details are already posted.

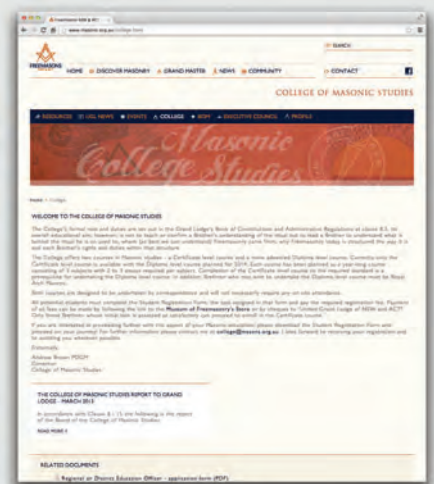
As the College does not adhere to semesters or terms, interested brethren can apply to be registered as students at any time.

The College's regulations are now in draft form and it is hoped they will soon be placed on the website.

The College has now commenced undertaking its other roles and all lectures and presentations held in the Grand Lodge library will be reviewed and appropriate lectures and presentations accredited for use. All accreditation as a Regional Education Officer, District Education Officer and Accredited Masonic Speaker will cease on 31 December 2014.

Any brother wishing to occupy such a role will have to apply and be accredited. Appropriate forms are on the College web page and the closing date for applications is 31 December 2013.

The College web page can be found at [www.masons.org.au/college.html](http://www.masons.org.au/college.html)







# The Argyle Centre and Park

Continuing the series on **Sydney's masonic history** from the book by RW Bro Grahame Cumming. Copies are available from Grand Lodge.

The old bond stores and warehouses in the Argyle Centre take their name from the Scottish home county of Governor Macquarie. The centre was built in stages beginning with the East Store at the corner of Playfair Street in 1828 by the port naval officer, Bro Captain John Piper, who was a member of the Lodge of Social and Military Virtues No 227, Irish Constitution, attached to the 46th Regiment.

The West Store was built during 1840–76. The North Shore has the inscription 'Ives 1881' on the keystone over the entrance. It refers to Bro Isaac Ellis Ives, Mayor of Sydney in 1896–97 and a member of the Unity Lodge of Sydney No 32 and a founder of Lodge Samaritan No 50.

He purchased Argyle Stores in 1876 and sold them to the McMahon family in 1880. A descendant was Bro Sir William McMahon, Prime Minister of Australia 1971–72 and a member of Lodge University of Sydney No 544.

Playfair Street was named after Bro Robert Thomas Playfair, a member of the Robert Burns Lodge of Australia No 1119, English Constitution. Opposite is Harrington Street, named after Earl Harrington, Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire during 1810–14.

Just down the hill is Greenway Lane and the site of the home of the convict architect, Bro Francis Greenway.

Between Argyle Street and Argyle Place there is a small triangular park at what was once the Miller's Point tram terminus. It is the city's only village green.

At the eastern end is an ornate sandstone drinking fountain inscribed 'Walter Renny, Mayor 1869'. There is a similar inscription on a pair of sandstone gateposts at the Bridge Street entrance to Macquarie Place Park. Bro Walter Renny



was foundation treasurer of the Unity Lodge of Sydney No 1169, English Constitution at its inauguration on 27 December 1866.

Opposite the fountain is the Holy Trinity Church, known as the Garrison Church since the 1840s when the 50th Queen's Own Regiment attended morning service. From 1763 to 1830, the regiment had held warrant No 112 from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Bro Robert Campbell, the first Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution for NSW, was a member of the church building committee. Next to the church is a sandstone hall which was the school attended by Bro Sir Edmund Barton, Australia's first Prime Minister.

In the surrounding streets, Bro William Bede Dalley and Bro Sir George Reid, Australia's fourth Prime Minister, spent their childhood.





# A land with a BIG story

Watch out for crocodiles!

**T**hat is the most frequent sign in the Northern Territory area known as Kakadu which hosts tourists all year round seeking to see and learn more about this ancient land.

And the warning is not unfounded. Crocodiles are the world's largest living reptiles and have existed for nearly 200 million years. Two of the 26 species exist in Australia, the freshwater and the estuarine, and both can become aggressive if disturbed.

The estuarine or saltwater crocodiles have attacked and killed people in Kakadu and surprise tourists with their ability to travel just as fast on land as they do in the water. The freshwater type is only found in Australia, living in freshwater rivers and creeks and are usually shy animals.

Between the 1940s and 1960s, crocodiles were hunted to near extinction for their skins but by 1971, both species were fully protected and their numbers have increased. But the danger still remains and tourists are told that if you do not see a warning sign, do not assume a pool or creek is crocodile-free and stay out of the water.

The name Kakadu comes from an Aboriginal floodplain language called Gagudju which was one of the languages spoken in the north of the park at the beginning of the 20th century. Kakadu is a cultural landscape and a Commonwealth reserve covering almost 20,000 square kilometres. It is jointly managed by its Aboriginal traditional owners and the Commonwealth organisation Environment Australia.

It is one of the few World Heritage areas

that have been listed for both cultural and natural heritage. The Park is home to 68 mammals, more than 120 reptiles, 26 frogs, over 300 tidal and freshwater fish species, more than 2,000 plants, 290 varieties of birds and over 10,000 species of insects. Some of these species are threatened or endangered, many are not found anywhere else in the world and there are still others yet to be discovered.

The park protects one of the finest and most extensive collections of rock art in the world and is a tangible reminder of the Aboriginal people's long and continuing association in the area.

Access to the Park is generally from Darwin, either by coach or by car with coach tours lasting from one to 10 days and there is plenty to see. There are seven



Covering nearly 20,000 km<sup>2</sup>, Kakadu is one of the few places World Heritage listed for both its cultural and natural values.





main regions to visit and most of them are included on the tours. Rangers give cultural talks, there are plenty of guide maps available for those wanting to walk and visitor safety is stressed with the advice to wear comfortable loose clothing, hats and use sunscreen. The sun can be very destructive.

East Alligator region hosts Ubirr, an impressive part of the magnificent Arnhem Land escarpment. Travelling from Darwin on a good road, the coach stops to allow passengers to become acquainted with Ubirr. On alighting, a one kilometre track goes past several fascinating rock art sites followed by a 250m climb to the top of a rocky lookout which offers superb views of the Nadab floodplain. The East Alligator river forms the boundary between Kakadu and Arnhem Land and a tour boat travels slowly along the river while a guide explains aspects of local Aboriginal culture.

On to Jabiru, the main township in Kakadu and a gateway to all parts of the park. The first stop is the Bowali Visitor Centre which is stacked with a wealth of information about Kakadu, including videos, a library and a display. Many tourists use the camping facilities at each stop although hotels and motels are available. Commercial flights provide a bird's eye view of Kakadu and there are several walks through woodlands and floodplains.

The Nourlangie area takes a visitor past an ancient Aboriginal shelter and several outstanding art sites. A moderately steep climb to Gunwarddehwardde Lookout gives impressive views of the escarpment and Nourlangie Rock and the billabong.

For swimmers, a visit to the Mary River area which has a clear plunge pool and waterfall while the beautiful Jim Jim Falls entrance the tourist with a deep plunge pool surrounded by 150m high cliffs. The water is delightful, especially after the

short walk through monsoon forest and over boulders.

But to get a good look at wildlife, the Yellow Water Region is a must. A boardwalk provides good views and when the waters recede, a 1km walk takes you across the floodplains to a viewing platform on Home Billabong. The varied bird life is on constant view and for those there at the right time, crocodiles are easy to spot, especially close to feeding time.


Tourists will notice the woodlands in Kakadu, especially the ghost gums. These woodlands make up nearly 80 percent of the park and consist mostly of eucalypts and tall grasses which support a greater variety of plants and animals than any other habitat in the park. Monsoon forests have fruit-eating birds and flying foxes, there are 500 square kilometres of coastal and estuarine areas lined with mangrove forests forming an important nursery for fish, and the Arnhem Land plateau ranges in height from 30 to 300 metres.

In certain areas, visitors will observe that fire has affected some sections of the bush. The Aboriginal people have burned country for tens of thousands of years and fire was used to signal others, for cooking, to make hunting easier, to attract animals, to protect foods and to 'clean the country' before the hot, dry weather comes. Signs in nature tell them of the time to burn, a time when minimal harm would be done to country but huge benefits would be gained.

Non-Aboriginal people are now starting to realise the value of this age-old Aboriginal knowledge. In some areas where burning did not take place, noticeable harm was done as fire destroyed anything in its path. Now that traditional burning is back, the landscape is once again abundant with native flora and fauna.

As an Aboriginal spokesman said: 'This earth I never damage. I look after. Fire is

nothing, just clean up. When you burn, new grass coming up. That means good animal soon, might be goanna, possum, wallaby. Burn him off, new life all over.'

Tourists can't help but feel impressed by the land, the rock art, the billabongs and the wildlife of this ancient world. The traditional owners welcome visitors to Kakadu and are happy and proud to share this special place. They ask the tourist to take the time to look, listen and feel the country, to experience the true essence of the land and to return safely to share the memories and stories learned from their visit to Kakadu National Park. 





# Benevolence Month

The Masonicare Benevolence Fund **contributes to the assistance of many brethren in need** each year and is indeed one of the privileges we have as Freemasons. To know that you are helping a brother means a lot and provides a strengthened bond between you and the fraternity.



Bro Alex Slater, Bro Gary Duff and Bro Andrew Duff

On 7 July 2013, Brother Alex Slater arranged and participated in a Benevolence Fund fundraiser motorcycle ride between Brisbane and Sydney, in conjunction with the Grand Installation of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, held in Brisbane on the night before.

The intention of this event was to promote the Benevolence Fund and provide a means to contribute to it. July is Benevolence Month and it is something that each one of us, as masons, should be aware of.

The Benevolence Fund provides a working example of how masons activate their charitable emotions and exemplifies the idea that charity does start at home.

On Monday 8 July 2013, brother Alex met up with brothers (father and son) Gary and Andrew Duff. Both Gary and Andrew are members of Lodge Toukley on the Central Coast and Gary is currently the president of the Masonic Motorcycle Association Australia (MMAA) (Central Coast Chapter) and holds the position of National Road Captain. Andrew is also a member of the MMAA.

There is every intention between the three brethren that participated in the

Benevolence Fund fundraiser to continue to hold such events for the contribution to the Benevolence Fund and the people it supports.

Alex has been touched by the many responses to the initiative and stories told about the support the brethren in this jurisdiction have received from the Benevolence Fund, all the way from contributions to medical expenses for masons or family members, to accommodation of family as a result of medical treatment and also contributions to funerals and other unexpected expenses.

**Please contact Walleška Coimbra at Masonicare if you require any information on how to send your donation to Masonicare, via email [info@masonicare.org.au](mailto:info@masonicare.org.au) or phone on 02 9284 2838.**

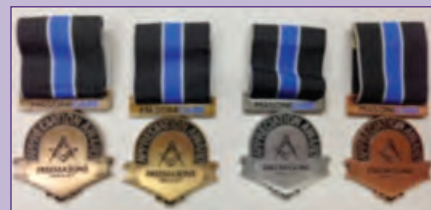
## Masonicare Charity Jewels

Last month the Lodge Laurieton Haven United presented a Masonicare Charity Jewel to W Bro Jim Allen for his exemplary commitment to charity.



RW Bro Kevin Mitchell presenting the Masonicare Charity Jewel to W Bro Jim Allen

Brethren please remember the Masonicare Charity Jewels are an ideal way to show your lodge's appreciation to a brother, or brethren, who have been exemplary in their charitable efforts within the lodge and the community. Surprise an unsuspecting brother and thank him for his contribution to Charity and Freemasonry in a most appropriate masonic manner. **All profits go to The Benevolence Fund.**



Life Merit Award	\$500.00
Gold Appreciation Award	\$375.00
Silver Appreciation Award	\$250.00
Bronze Appreciation Award	\$125.00





## Interaction Grant cheque presentation



Kylie Sherwood-Kelly, Public Engagement Co-Ordinator for the Garvan Research Foundation; RW Bro Brian Willis MRR Region 11; Rosemary Atkinson, Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court of NSW of the Order of the Amaranth; and S. K. Alan Gover, Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of NSW of the Order of the Amaranth

**D**uring the past month The Grand Court of NSW – Order of the Amaranth raised \$5,000 to donate to the Garvan Research Foundation which Masonicare matched through their Interaction Grant program,

dollar for dollar. The cheque was presented by RW Bro Brian Willis, PJGW, Masonicare Regional Representative – Region 11 to Kylie Sherwood-Kelly from the Garvan Research Foundation, who was overwhelmed by this kind donation.



# Disaster Relief Car Raffle

The Disaster Relief Car Raffle is **still in full swing** and there remain some venues left where raffle tickets will be sold.

**W**e would really appreciate your assistance in selling the tickets to the public and at the same time raising awareness about Freemasonry in general. Why not grab a few of the brethren from your lodge and make a day of it?

**Please make contact with Walleska if you can spare some time to ‘man’ a stand?**

The dates still available to sell the car raffle tickets in the Sydney Region are as below. Please let us know if you are available on any of these days to help us.

Saturday 7 Sept	St George Masonic Club
Sunday 8 Sept	St George Masonic Club
Thursday 12 Sept	St Ives Shopping Village
Friday 13 Sept	St Ives Shopping Village
Saturday 14 Sept	St Ives Shopping Village

## Profile of our new chairman

### RW Bro Andrew Raymond Gordon Fraser PDGM

#### General

- Initiated 1984 into Lodge Coffs Harbour No 962
- Master of Lodge 1988
- District Education Officer 1989
- Current Member of Lodge Fitzroy No 248 and Castlereagh No 72
- Chairman of Museum of Freemasonry 2008–2013

#### 2013 and Prior Community Service

- Member of Apex for 19 years from 1973
- Member of Coffs Harbour Apex Board for 10 years, serving as President, Youth Director and Community Service Director
- Past President of Tyalla Primary School P and C Association
- Past Trustee of Coffs Harbour Showground
- Past Chairman of Coffs Harbour Australia Day Awards Committee from 1986–1990



#### Parliament Services

- Member for Coffs Harbour since 1990
- Past Deputy Leader of NSW Parliamentary National Party
- Held numerous shadow portfolios since 1998, including Road Safety, Forestry, Primary Industry, Local Government and Housing just to name a few.
- Member of the Executive of the NSW Nationals
- Assistant Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

#### Personal

- Married to Kerrie since 1974 with 3 children, Alexandra, Elizabeth and Angus.





# 25 years and counting!

The sound of music rang out on the evening of Tuesday 4 June on the ground floor of the Sydney Masonic Centre when **the Masonic Ensemble celebrated 25 years** of this special choir.

**R**W Bro Ian Cox, the Grand Director of Music arranged the special event at which present and past members with their partners met to sing, eat and join together to remember past presentations which brought back many happy memories.

The Ensemble has presented choral music at many Grand Installations, lodge meetings and special masonic events during this period and still continues with this important contribution to Freemasonry. Although small in number, the Ensemble is strong in presentation and will welcome new members. If you are interested, contact the Grand Director of Music.

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson, attended the function and congratulated the group.

‘With many names from the legendary past, and other names now but a memory, this was a wonderful night of Freemasonry



and fellowship. I ask RW Bro Cox that he accept thanks for all that he, his predecessors, and the many masons who have passed through this very talented Ensemble,

have contributed to this Grand Lodge, and for all the absolute enjoyment you have each given over so many years. We honour you all! 🎵

## Music for the lodge

Many lodges are **facing a problem** in getting an organist and providing **appropriate music** during their ceremonies.

VW Bro Barry Hocking, the secretary of Lodge Sir Joseph Banks was both surprised and delighted at a solution which has made his meetings more enjoyable.

He said maybe members would like some feedback on a recent email circulated regarding organ music in the lodge room.

His lodge failed to secure the services of an organist at their last elections and the ceremonies have been lacking the dignity that the appropriate music provides. Following an email regarding recorded music from the Grand

Director of Music, RW Bro Ian Cox, he made contact resulting in his attending a Management meeting at Fairfield and demonstrating his equipment. The Management Committee was so impressed that VW Bro Hocking was authorised to purchase the necessary ipad and speaker.

‘We have been using this equipment since our January meeting with great success. At Ian’s suggestion, the speaker was located under the secretary’s desk, out of sight and the ipad placed flat on the desk,’ he said.

‘Visiting brethren were not warned

and the surprise and amazement on their faces, trying to see where the music was coming from and who was operating it, was very entertaining. The organ music added the necessary dignity to our proceedings and it is extremely easy to operate.

‘As a result of my contact with Ian, a number of other lodges within and outside the district have also obtained copies of the music and are using it in their respective lodges.

‘I have thanked and congratulated RW Bro Cox for his efforts in preparing the organ music for an ipad and his dedication in visiting us at Fairfield, three visits to my home and accompanying me to Chatswood and Turrumurra to make the necessary purchases. His commitment to his responsibilities is commendable.’



# Time to rebuild

Lodge Kiama is **more than 100 years old** and its masonic building has been showing the wearing of time. This promoted discussion among the members on how to **renovate the building** to bring it to modern day standards.

**T**reasurer VW Bro John Cosgrove was present at the start and the finish and gives this description of what occurred.

‘It started with a thought, then came the business of obtaining quotes to paint this wonderful Masonic Temple (it is heritage listed so we retain the name Temple).

‘The heritage listing won’t allow us to change the wording on the front gable and it is mentioned on an earlier RBO building that the word temple would be retained. Quotes were received from between \$20,000 to \$60,000! Totally out of the question, but this wonderful building had to be refurbished and respected for the good of Freemasonry.

‘We had talked about painting, refurbishing, making it a better place to be in for a long time, then the Worshipful Master, W Bro William Gillespie said ‘let’s do it’. The WM and his band (the ‘we can do it’ masons) set out a simple plan: work long hours for no pay, enjoy the company and keep going until it’s finished.

‘These wonderful masons did it. Seven and a half metre timber ceilings with gaps you could see through, in came the scaffolding, no wonky ladders in sight, out came the “gap filler”, about 40 tubes. The working bee for the monumental task was started mid February 2012 and essentially finished for the July installation. The WM led by example, the workers changed from time to time but in the main Bro Peter Conelius and Bro Peter Stemp spent most of their daylight hours sanding, filling, scraping and finally the undercoat. And bear in mind all the scaffolding, paint tins and equipment had to be removed before each monthly lodge meeting for four months.

‘I think some additional names should be mentioned at this point – those other helpers including W Bro Rusty Shore (secretary in waiting) and Chaplain W Bro Ron Edwards, because of his patient and steady hand who got stuck with a lot of



the fine detail scraping and burning away the very hard to get off oil-based paint.

‘The District Grand Inspector of Workings exchanged his apron, collar and gauntlets for the heat gun, paint scraper and broom and brought his (work force) grandsons Lachlan aged 9 and Tom aged 6, who along with all the other workers enjoyed the Sausage Sizzle put on by our DC, RW Bro Ted Herring.

‘After a couple of months break it was suggested to continue with the ante room. “Why not” was the answer, “after all it’s only a quarter the size of the lodge room”. So again work started in November 2012 and was completed by February 2013.

‘After having removed the wall of the ante room) the entry now makes a wonderful showcase for all who come in, with its beautiful black and white chequered floor, the centre piece being the symbol of everything good in a Freemason’s heart.’

These wonderful masons did not consult an interior decorator; there was no need. Once the final coat of paint was on and the electrical work completed, they had every reason to stand back and think to that amazing time in history when King Solomon and all the Princes went up to view the Temple and they in one simultaneous action threw up their arms and exclaimed “Oh wonderful masons”.

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# Investing in the future of young Australians

At the recent No 42 District Meeting held in June, under the Charter of Lodge Morriset No 441, which celebrated its **90th Anniversary** at the same meeting, a cheque on behalf of the District for over **\$8,000 was presented** to representatives of A Start In Life, formerly The Masonic Youth Welfare Fund, which is also **celebrating its 90th Anniversary** this year.

The amount represented the efforts from many hours of sausage sizzles and other efforts by members of the District over the previous 12 months in fundraising and their desire to assist the work of the Charity.

RW Bro Olly Bergstrom, President Emeritus, responded to the presentation with some background on the work of A Start in Life.

'Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere,' he said.

In 1923 MW Bro William Thompson realised that there was a need to assist youth who were either too old or had graduated from the Masonic School and he established the Masonic School Fund. But he could not have envisaged that the Fund would in its 90 years assist some 9,000 students with a total cost of over 14 million dollars.

'When one considers these figures and reads the letters of gratitude from those who received assistance, it has been an investment in Australia's future. One could say an investment far better than the banks.

There have been a number of notable masons who have held the position of President over those ninety years, namely MW Bro Frank Hodgson who served the position for thirty one years and RW Bro Harold Ctercteko, who as a student of the school was a very talented athlete.

The Fund throughout its ninety years, with the accent on the education of youth receiving its assistance, has been devoted to that special cause of masonic benevolence concentrating on youth because of its vigour, enthusiasm and optimism.

Over the years the Fund has applied



L-R: RW Bro Allan Elliott, President, VW Bro Clive Lipscombe PDGIW 42 District and RW Bro Olly Bergstrom President Emeritus of A Start In Life at the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation.

the well-loved principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We rely on the voluntary contributions of many masons which over the years have been magnificent and continue today.

'When one looks back over the past years, it is realised we have invested in the future of our country with many of those assisted taking up positions in business and trade as well as law, agriculture, medicine, nursing, police, engineering, military, commerce and teaching professions, many achieving positions of distinction.

**"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere"**

'One of the most pleasing duties of being part of this wonderful organisation is meeting the students and their parents and hearing the delighted responses to the assistance they receive, their academic results, plus the marked difference in their home and school life. Comments heard are: "Now I can go on school excursions", "Thank you, Mum can now buy some groceries" and very often the always unsolicited "Thank you for the opportunity to better myself".

It is worthy to note that the results achieved by the students are well in excess of the average with the Tertiary Student pass rate of 94.4%, and 64.5% obtaining 1st Class Honours and Distinctions.

'What type of investment we can produce in the next ten years is largely dependent on our resources and your contribution will assist in those endeavours,' RW Bro Bergstrom said.

'The Charity has adapted and changed over the 90 years, but at the core its mission is still 'to assist youth in Australia who are in necessitous circumstances and to overcome the barriers to their education enabling them to reach their potential.

'We aim to continue to do this by ensuring the provision of adequate early, primary, secondary, tertiary or other education for those youth referred to "A Start In Life". We will continue to give them support by providing financial aid for education essentials, necessary clothes, text books, tools of trade, professional equipment and assistance with costs for medical, hospital or dental treatment where required.'



# Celebration, colour and choreography at the Templar Festival

Yes, those three words – celebration, colour and choreography – well describe this year's **Knights Templar Grand Installation** held at the SMC on Saturday 27 July.

In fact, it was a big weekend that started on Thursday night, with a meeting of Rawson Preceptory (City) where a new Knight was created using an updated, modern ritual in the presence of visitors from interstate, Britain and New Zealand!

A 'meet and greet' was held on Friday evening so that all our Knights from across NSW and the ACT could mingle informally with guests – but the centrepiece of the weekend was a splendid Great Priory ceremony held in the Grand Lodge room the following afternoon.

Solemn pageantry and military precision marked the installation of our new Grand Master, M Em Kt Walter Charlwood by his immediate predecessor, M Em Kt George Palmer. His proclamation was followed by the appointment of Rt Em Kt Richard Pickering as Great Seneschal (effectively the Grand Master's deputy).

The banquet that evening was a most convivial affair with the dining room filled to capacity, and members of the Order mixing with friends and visitors well into the night.

Sunday morning saw Sydney bathed in unseasonably warm sunshine – a perfect day for our annual church parade at the Garrison Church, Miller's Point. As usual, many local residents and tourists paused to admire the striking scene of Knights in full habit as they formed a guard of honour outside the gothic west doors at the end of the service.

The weekend's festivities were brought to a relaxed conclusion over a delightful lunch at the Hero of Waterloo Hotel – conveniently across the street from church!

On a practical note, we were pleased to donate our recent alms collections to the Macular Disease Foundation. Generously augmented by Masonicare, this worthy cause received \$11,000.

The Knights Templar have a well-earned reputation as a Masonic Order of unmatched camaraderie. Membership is



The Grand Master with his senior officers in the Order of Malta

open to all Master Masons of two years' standing, and there are Preceptorates throughout Sydney and in many regional centres. The Great Vice Chancellor (Peter Sinden) is always happy to hear from a mason wanting to embark on Knight-hood: [g.p.nsw.act@bigpond.com](mailto:g.p.nsw.act@bigpond.com)



Knights and official visitors assembled in the Great Priory

## Blue Mountains lodges combine

There was a new togetherness on the Blue Mountains when Lodge Springwood No 409 and Lodge Blue Mountains No 279 combined to create a new entity named Blue Mountains Unity No 279.

The first meeting of the new lodge was held in July when the new Charter was presented to the WM, VW Bro Perc Wylie

by the Regional Grand Counsellor, Region 3, RW Bro Bill McBey.

It was a night where memories of the two consolidating lodges were delivered as well as positive comments on the sound future of the newly invigorated lodge.

The new lodge will hold its inaugural installation on the fourth Saturday in October.



# The Blue Mountains

The excerpts below from the poem 'Australasia' written in 1823 by William Charles Wentworth describe the **terrain faced by explorers** Gregory Blaxland, William Lawson and William Charles Wentworth in their crossing of the Blue Mountains in May 1813.

The first use of the name Blue Mountains is thought to be a 1789 entry in an account by Captain John Hunter of Governor Phillip's exploration of the Hawkesbury River. The range had initially been called the Carmarthen Hills by Governor Phillip.

Whilst the range was considered impassable and a safety barrier against escaping prisoners, the need to provide for the growing needs of the newly formed settlement necessitated an urgent need for increased pasture and farm land.

Wiki-encyclopedia reports that '... the native Aborigines knew two routes across the mountains: Bilpin Ridge, which is now the location of Bells Line of Road between Richmond and Bell, and the Cox River, a tributary of the Nepean River. It could be followed upstream to the open plains of the Kanimbla Valley, the type of country that farmers prize.'

Attempts to cross the mountains to the west of Sydney had been made from 1790 by convicts seeking a way of escape and adventurers keen to explore the region. Most tried to follow the rivers upstream only to be stopped by rapids or sheer cliffs. Others became lost in deep gorges or were turned back by the thick scrub.

The need for expansion soon became evident to Lachlan Macquarie fol-

*Hail mighty ridge! that from thy azure brow  
Survey'st these fertile plains, that stretch below,  
And look'st with careless, unobservant eye,  
As round thy waist the forked lightnings ply,  
And the loud thunders spring with hoarse rebound  
From peak to peak, and fill the welkin round  
With deaf'ning voice, till with their boist'rous play  
Fatigued in mutt'ring peals they stalk away ...*

*Vast Austral Giant of these rugged steeps,  
Within whose secret cells rich glitt'ring heaps  
Thick pil'd are doom'd to sleep, till someone spy  
The hidden key that opes thy treasury;  
How mute, how desolate thy stunted woods,  
How dread the chasms, where many an eagle broods,  
How dark thy caves, how lone thy torrents' roar,  
As down thy cliff precipitous they pour,  
Broke on our hearts, when first with vent'rous tread  
We dared to rouse thee from thy mountain bed!*



lowing his appointment as Governor of NSW in 1810, and in 1813 he agreed to a petition by Gregory Blaxland to form an exploration party to find a way over the mountain range and report on the land beyond.

On 11 May 1813, Gregory Blaxland (35) landowner, William Lawson (39) surveyor and William Charles Wentworth (21), son of surgeon D'Arcy Wentworth, set out with four servants, five dogs and four horses laden with provisions from Blaxland's farm at South Creek. It was to be a remarkable struggle over rugged

terrain and dense scrub and with the fear of possible attack by Aborigines.

Eighteen days later, on 29 May 1813, the small party reached the foot of the western side of the range.

Having achieved their objective and after two days of further exploration, the party commenced their return on 1 June and arrived at Blaxland's Farm on 6 June, clearing the way for the development of the Colony and the lands to the west of the Great Divide.

Celebrations of the crossing by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth are being organised over the next three years by the Blue Mountain Crossing Bicentenary Committee and cover some of Australia's most significant milestones including:

- **1813** – The first recognised European crossing of the Blue Mountains and the subsequent survey of the terrain by George Evans.
- **1814** – The building of the road from Emu Plains to Bathurst by William Cox and convict labourers.
- **1815** – Governor Macquarie's expedition along the 165-kilometre road and his founding of the colony's first major inland settlement of Bathurst.



In commenting on the significance of the crossing, Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker FRAHS FRHistS, President, Royal Australian Historical Society, Chair, Western Crossings Committee said:

*It is acknowledged that the areas associated with the Bicentenary of the first recognised European Crossing of the Blue Mountains, are primarily the traditional country of the Darug, Gundungurra and Wiradjuri Aboriginal language groups. All stakeholders involved in Bicentenary events and activities, including Aboriginal participants, offer their respect to ancestors and descendants of these language groups, both past and present.*

An article in the *Blue Mountains Gazette* on 27 February and written by Damien Madigan best describes the official launch of the Bicentenary by NSW Governor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO, Patron of the Bicentennial Celebrations. The article reads in part:

‘Delivering her address in a marquee only metres from a mist and rain-obscured Three Sisters, Professor Bashir had no doubt about the significance of the three year celebrations of which she is the official patron.

‘I cannot help but think that of all the wonderful events and celebrations I’ve attended this will stand in my memory as one of the most memorable, one of the most real and one that has brought everyone together. I wish the whole of Australia could see what is happening here today,’ said Professor Bashir.

‘The crossings celebrations had the potential to be a unifying event. May the next three years, the next three hundred, the next three thousand be as they are today: all of us together going forward as one people.’

Earlier, Darug elder Aunty Carol Cooper said in her Welcome to Country it was important the crossings celebrations showed respect for Aboriginal culture.

‘It’s a great thing [the bicentenary] ... Without them [the explorers] crossing, we would not have today so please don’t let me take anything away from it. All I’m asking is for a little bit of respect,’ she said.

Blue Mountains MP Roza Sage said the 1813 crossing was a crucial turning point for the young nation.

‘As we all know the crossing of the Blue Mountains by explorers Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth in 1813 was the pivotal event for the new colony of New South Wales at that time – and for Australia as we know it today,’ she said.

‘It was the foresight, vision and leadership of that other great governor, Lachlan Macquarie, that opened up the west with the building of the first road, Cox’s Road, soon after the crossing by the three explorers. This enabled the struggling colony to survive and thrive.’

Blue Mountains Mayor Daniel Myles acknowledged that European settlement brought difficulties for the indigenous population but stressed the positive potential of the crossings bicentenary.

‘The history of our nation is incredibly important. It needs to be understood, acknowledged, respected – all parts of it – and together we can use that to create the future. We can’t change the past, but we can understand it and work together to make a much better future,’ he said.

‘I think it’s terrific that occasionally in our lives we get an opportunity to share in or contribute to something that makes a positive difference in our lives and the lives of others,’ said Blue Mountains Lithgow and Oberon Tourism chairman Randall Walker.

The celebrations included a fly-over of more than 70 aircraft described by Sandra Chipchase, chief executive officer of Destination NSW as ‘... Australia’s largest ever civilian flyover and the first ever of the Blue Mountains.’

The Australian Post Office has produced a number of stamps to mark the crossing by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth.

The last two stanzas from the Poem *How Far Have We Come* by the Australian bush poet Greg North provide a sobering thought to the effectiveness of our stewardship of this great country.

The poem below was specially commissioned for the Bicentenary Celebrations.

*The Three Explorers’ crossing caused a freedom of the mind for Sydney Europeans who no longer felt confined. And now I wonder have we made ourselves another trap – locked-in to sap resources and ignore the looming slap.*

*So let’s reflect on what’s been lost – both beautiful and strange but like the Three Explorers, have a vision things can change. Our vision, like an ancient culture, never should succumb. Let’s ask ourselves the question: really, how far have we come?*



1963 Australian stamp to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Crossing



Australian stamp issued 3 July 2012 – Inland Explorers Lawson, Wentworth, Blaxland



Australian stamp issued 3 July 2012 showing the explorers and their support team gazing into the distance from the top of an escarpment

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- Wikipedia – The Free University



# Have your say



## Bro Harry Collins

Re the article on my late uncle Bro Harry Collins (March 2013 Freemason), I have been involved with this project for many years, particularly since 1996 when his name was inducted into the Newcastle Sporting Hall of Fame.

The printed report of his achievements was not correct, stating he won the Australian Welterweight championship in 1924 and the Australian Middleweight title in 1925. In fact he won the Australian Welterweight title FOUR times, twice in 1924 then 1925 and 1926, also winning the Middleweight title in 1925 while still a welterweight.

When the new Newcastle Museum was opened in 2012 his Welterweight championship belt was displayed with the same wrong information; this has now been removed.

It is over 70 years since I have handled the belt, but my brother Bruce and I often had it around our waist as children. My recollection was that it was big and heavy and I still have more research to complete about the belt.

**RW Bro Richard F Bell, PJGW**  
Lodge Enterprise No 400

## Maitland Cemetery

RW Bro Kevin Short's last paragraph in his fascinating article on Maitland's Jewish History in the June Freemason, had particular resonance with me.

The last interment in 2010 was indeed controversial, involving as it did my stepmother who had just reached 100 years. Not long beforehand, several public interests privately approached me to see if I could induce her to be buried elsewhere, as the cemetery had not been 'geared' for funerals since the 1930s.

The end result, mainly arranged by my son Phillip, was my stepmother was buried in the Maitland Cemetery, which indeed provoked wide interest.

**Bro Warwick Abadee PGT**

## Join the tour

Following the success of the 'In the Footsteps of Freemasonry Tours' in 2010 and 2012, a new tour covering two continents is being organised for May 2014 which will be an all-inclusive tour covering meals and accommodation at deluxe hotels. No surprises and no hidden costs.

This tour will lead us to discover the symbolical sources of our masonic traditions and rituals through the Holy Land. It will travel to the borders of Lebanon and Syria, discover Golden Holy Jerusalem and will also visit Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus and his ancestor, King David.

The Dead Sea awaits the tour to offer an unforgettable experience of floating or sitting, yes – sitting on the water. Enjoy a unique dinner on a magical night at the Camel Ranch in the desert, hosted by the Bedouins.

Continue to Romania to coincide with the International Grand Lodges meeting in Bucharest 13–18 May 2014 with lodge meetings scheduled for Israel and Romania. For details contact RW Bro Joe Haffner PDGM, email: [cosimex@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cosimex@bigpond.net.au)

## Bring back social activities

Whilst my husband waited for me at our local GP's rooms, he picked up the March copy of the Freemason to read and finished it at home. He has been an active member over the years and suggested I might like to read the article on John Gorton which I enjoyed and even saw a photo of a cousin at a 100th birthday celebration at Wyong.

The article by W Bro Roger Broadbent stirred my memory to the days when my Dad was very active in the Duke of Kent Lodge at Petersham, followed by my brother Alan Rea who received his 60 Year medal in 2010. We used to attend numerous social events, including debutante balls and ladies nights which were a lot of fun and interaction with wives and lodge brethren.

I'm so glad we brought the magazine home and regardless of the hard work, I hope social activities become part of lodge programs in the future.

**Mrs Betty Hargreaves**  
Albion Park

# Wollongong Install



On Saturday 6 July, Lodge the City of Wollongong No 1049 celebrated the Installation of W Bro Anton Zuzic as Worshipful Master.

The ceremony was conducted by RW Bro Ted Herring and the Grand Master was represented by the Regional Grand Counsellor, RW Bro Brian Potter.

L-R: RGC, RW Bro Brian Potter, Installed Master, W Bro Anton Zuzic, Installing Master, RW Bro Ted Herring and Immediate Past Master, W Bro Ray Vickers





# Tip Card #16 The Cringe Factor

**AIM:** To explain this new masonic 'buzzword', and its implications for your lodge.

### Target

Every member who cares for Freemasonry and his lodge.

### Reasoning

This Grand Lodge has recently recommended we attend a presentation of 'Order in the House' with the intention that we will re-establish order within our lodges, where it has been lost, or at the very least, critically examine how our lodge is functioning with a view to making changes and improving how and what we do so that our lodge operates efficiently, sensibly and in a truly masonic tradition. Harmony is the cement that holds it all together!

The 'Order in the House' presentation provides all the information we need to achieve harmony including how to resolve the Cringe Factor.

### Methodology

Cringe is one of those beautiful words we have scattered throughout the English language, which can have entirely different meanings in diverse situations. For example we can cringe and grovel or bow and scrape

in servitude or submission before certain persons or we could cringe and flinch or avoid and retreat in reaction to situations or places where we feel uncomfortable.

It would appear to be the latter definition that is being referred to in our lodges.

### Conclusion

It is necessary that we address any and all cringe factor elements within our lodge BUT it is crucial that we do it right.

Only a person, or persons, can create a cringe. Is it a brother who is the cringe, or is it an outsider, a wife or some other person? Dealing with people is always a delicate matter generally requiring great skill and diplomacy. Consider, very carefully, the costs to your lodge and possibly to your membership of any wrong decisions made to rectify your cringe factor, especially as your lodge is already suffering from the effects of a Cringe.


Don't escalate the problem and make it worse.

The lodge should review carefully and objectively all the facts and reasons why these people make us cringe before taking

action to resolve the matter. The lodge must ensure no one is asked to leave or modify their behaviour just because 'we' don't like them, or because they do or do not support change or have differing opinions to ourselves. We should also establish if they have had a recent traumatic episode in their life or are suffering from an illness.

On the other hand, those amongst us who may be 'the cringe' need to take a step back and examine the behaviour which led to their fellow brothers having to consider restrictions and to talk with them. Nobody wants to lose members, for whatever reason and every member should be seeking harmony and happiness within their lodge.

Don't be a one-man band in making cringe factor decisions, At the least, put them to the management committee. There may be more at risk than is evident on the surface. Be cautious, as taught, and be fair to any persons under question and to the lodge itself.


And have but one aim, meeting in the grand design of being happy and conferring happiness. 

# Masonic explorers and their marks

According to the Masonic Service Association of North America, many world-renowned explorers have travelled to new and distant places throughout history and many of them were masons.

A few took their allegiance even further, leaving masonic markers in some of the most remote areas of Earth – and beyond.

- Polar explorer and pioneer aviator Richard Byrd and his pilot Bernt Balchen are said to have dropped a masonic flag on both Poles.
- When astronaut Leroy Gordon Cooper Jr famously orbited the earth 22 times, he carried a blue masonic flag and a masonic coin with him. He later presented the flag to his lodge in Colorado.

- Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin supposedly brought a masonic flag to the moon in 1969. Aldrin, a member of Clear Lake Lodge in Texas, is even rumoured to have carried a special deputation from the Texas Grand Master, claiming the moon as a territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. 

**Do you know of any Australians who have made similar acts?**

**If so, please forward details to the Editor for publication.**



# General Sir Dallas Brooks

**Reginald Alexander Dallas Brooks** was born in Cambridge, England on 22 August 1896, the only child of Dallas George Brooks, a chaplain in the Royal Navy, and Violet Ruth.

**H**e was educated at Dover College, excelling at sport, and joined the Royal Marines where he was commissioned on his 18th birthday.

He was severely wounded during the Gallipoli landing in 1915, mentioned in despatches, and awarded the French Croix de Guerre. Sent back to England to recover, he served in the Grand Fleet from 1916 and specialised as an artillery officer. For his direction of the howitzer on the exposed quarter deck of HMS *Vindictive* at the assault of Zeebrugge in Belgium on 23 April 1918, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order. Promoted to Brevet Major on 7 May 1918, he was again mentioned in despatches.

On 3 December 1924 he married his cousin Muriel Violet Turner Laing at St Paul's Church in Knightsbridge.

Brooks graduated from the Royal Navy Staff College in 1934, and from 1943 served as Deputy Director-General (Military) of the Foreign Office's Political Warfare Executive. In 1943 he was appointed Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG), Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (CB) in 1946, promoted to Lieutenant General then General, and Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (KCB) in 1948 ensued. He retired from the Marines in May 1949.

Brooks made his first class cricketing debut in 1919 for the Royal Navy against Cambridge University as a right-handed batsman and right-arm medium pace bowler. In the same season he made his debut for Hampshire, representing them in nine first-class matches, and making 107 against Gloucestershire. He scored 244 runs for Hampshire at an average of 16.26.

His second first-class century (143) came in 1920 against the Army. In 16 matches for the Royal Navy, Brooks scored 690 runs at an average of 23.00, and took 38 wickets for an average of 27.63. His



best bowling performance was 8/90.

Following the retirement of Sir Winston Duggan in February 1949, Sir Dallas was appointed Governor of Victoria. His Gallipoli service and his sporting background helped his acceptance by the press and the public with the only objection from the Australian Labor Party, which wanted an Australian, but Premier T. Holloway preferred an Englishman who would have no ties with State politics. This would also preserve the link between the throne and the Victorian people.

Sir Dallas arrived in Melbourne in October 1949 during post-war shortages and unrest, together with 25 years of political instability. He had height, a commanding figure and an imposing dress uniform but also a genial and approachable manner, removed from any hint of reserve or snobbishness. He opened the gates of Government House to the Victorian public, and adapted the discharge of his duties to meet the needs of a changing society.


He was an honorary member of the Victorian Operative Bricklayers' Society and the No 1 ticket holder of the Richmond Australian Rules Football Club. He

appeared regularly at the Shop Assistants' Union Christmas party and was the first Governor to attend a meeting of the Trades Hall Council. With the election of Sir Henry Bolte's Liberal government in 1955, Sir Dallas became an advocate for a new developing industrial economy and Bolte offered him a third term as Governor in 1956.

Promoted Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) in 1952, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO) in 1954 and Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George (GCMG) in 1963, he served as Administrator of the Commonwealth three times. He retired as Victoria's longest serving Governor and perhaps, the most popular, in April 1963.

Sir Dallas had expressed a desire to become a Freemason while in England, but stated he would prefer to join in Australia. Following a meeting with the Grand Master of Victoria he was initiated in the Clarke Lodge No 98 on 6 February 1950, passed and raised in the following two months, installed as Master five months after his initiation and elected Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. He held that position from 1951 to 1963, the longest serving Grand Master in that state. He was also the only serving State Governor initiated into the Craft.

In 1969 the United Grand Lodge of Victoria built a concert hall in East Melbourne. The Hall was renamed in 1993 from the Dallas Brooks Hall to the Dallas Brooks Centre and is still a major events venue in Melbourne. The Melbourne suburb of Dallas was named after Sir Dallas, as well as Dallas Brooks Drive in Kings Domain.

On retirement, Sir Dallas Brooks elected to remain in Victoria, and built a home in Frankston where he died on 22 March 1966. He was the grandfather of journalist and television presenter Jennifer Byrne. 





# Supreme Council Week

**Five new District Commanders** were appointed to take charge of different areas around Australia at the annual week-long meeting in June of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR) for Australia.

The meeting on Thursday evening witnessed the elevation to the 33° of V Ill Bro William French to commence his five year term in the District of NSW North Coast and V Ill Bro Clement Long in NSW Mid-Western Plains. New District Commanders were also appointed for Tasmania – Bass, Gold Coast – Tweed Valley, and Brisbane – Central.

M Ill Bro Rod Powel the retiring GDC (Qld) was farewelled and welcomes extended to three new Regional Commanders for Region 2, 4 and 6 (Qld, WA and NSW) but there was no change in Sovereign Grand Commander or Lieutenant Grand Commander this year as both enter the final year of their three year term of office.

Wednesday morning saw all visiting 33° and local members, join the nine Supreme Council members to attend the meeting of the Prince Charles Edward Stuart Council to witness a 30th degree ceremony and the Installation of V Ill Bro Ken Mobbs as Grand Commander and the investiture of his team of officers.

On Wednesday evening, NSW Masonic Club President RW Bro Graham Berry welcomed visitors and their partners who were staying at the Castlereagh Inn by hosting a Welcome Party with drinks and food. It was a great chance to renew old friendships and make new ones with many thanks to Graham!

On Thursday an Exchange of Views session allowed attending 33° members a chance to discuss Rite issues and to

**“...an ‘Exchange of Views’ session allowed attending 33° members a chance to discuss Rite issues and to interact with the Supreme Council.”**

interact with the Supreme Council. A new initiative this year allowed non-attending members to send in questions for inclusion in the discussion session.

As usual the NSW Masonic Club was the centre of activity with 33° members from all States of Australia staying at the Castlereagh Inn and being well cared for by the Club. Interspersed with formal meetings of the Supreme Council were many masonic gatherings.

Whilst the men enjoyed their masonic evening the ladies dined at City Tattersall's Zest Restaurant and report that they had as good a time as the men. Sydney shops always welcome our interstate ladies and the winter sales encourage serious shopping.

On the Friday night our end of conference dinner was held in Cello's Restaurant at the Masonic Club, where we were magnificently entertained by E&P Bro Victor Valdes, a renowned professional musician,



Victor Valdes entertaining the guests at the Annual Gala Dinner on Friday 21 June 2013.

singer and solo harpist who has performed in concerts in 25 countries and four continents around the world. Not often do you see standing ovations at masonic dinners, but Victor's performance was spell-binding. 🎵

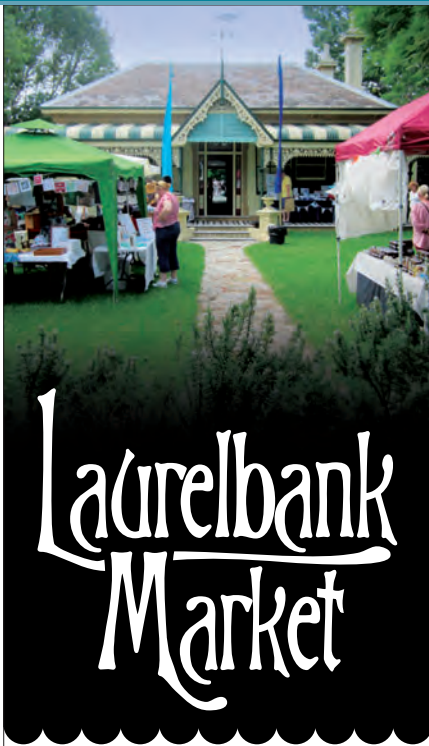


  
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# Words aren't what they used to be!

It is obvious that most English speakers don't live in England, North America or Australia, and if the UK and the US are already 'two great countries divided by a common language' we can expect the impact of 'Indian-English' to do weird and wonderful things to our language.

**S**o what! Look back at the English of 300-500 years ago. And imagine what English will be like in 2500! Uncommon common English like she once was.

**Achievement** Not something to put in your CV - a full display of an entire coat of arms. An achievement of arms.

**Allure** It's now something that makes you stop and stare but it was once a walkway on the battlements of a castle.

**Banker** Not an employee of the ANZ Bank but an embroidered cover for a bench or chair.

**Barker** A worker of, and dealer in, leather. Not a fairground spruiker.

**Blancmange** See blank-manger.

**Blank-manger** Unlike the sweet pudding of today, this was made from pounded poultry or other white meat boiled with rice and almond milk and sweetened with honey.

**Childwite** A fine paid by men to the lord of the manor for illicitly impregnating his bondswomen. We dare not think of a modern parallel!

**Garderobe** A toilet in a castle. As was a 'jakes'.

**Gathering** Nothing to do with people. A collection of pages forming part of a book before binding.

**Pole** A measurement of land. The distance between the back of the plough and the nose of the ox. Essential knowledge for ploughmen and land surveyors.

**Trencher** A large slice of hard bread used as a platter for food. Later became the term for wooden or other platters. If you were really poor or really hungry you could eat your trencher at the end of the meal. (Boarding school lads would understand this!)

**Vice** A spiral stairway. Whether of 3, 5, 7 or more steps is not specified.

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# Regional Roundup



LODGE OF TRUTH BRAIDWOOD

## Braidwood masons in Southcare Fundraiser

Last year the Grand Master launched an appeal across Southern NSW and the ACT to support the aeromedical and rescue helicopter service Snowy Hydro Southcare. This is a joint effort of the State and Territory governments and the community. Freemasons are now established as a community supporter and the square and compasses logo recognized.

The Snowy Hydro Southcare Fundraiser held by Lodge of Truth Braidwood on 11 May was an absolute success. A crowd of 125 gathered in the warm and inviting atmosphere of Garan Vale Woolshed, everybody enjoying each other's company with entertainer Tony Haley playing favourites in the background. After a great supper which included wonderful Australian lamb and chicken, local bakery breads, homemade sausage rolls, meat pies, sandwiches, fresh fruit, coffee, slices and cake, the auction got underway.

Auctioneer Phil Shoemark and MC Geoff Bunn entertained the crowd with a

live auction and various raffles and door prizes. The Lodge of Truth Braidwood as host of the evening is justly proud of the result which netted over \$20,000 for the Snowy Hydro Southcare Aero Medical and Rescue Service. Thanks to the Braidwood Redback Rugby Union Club for their donation of \$6,000 and through an interaction grant, Masonicare added a donation of \$5,000. CEO of the Southcare service, Owen Finnegan, thanked the Braidwood community for their support and reiterated the work this service provides and funding necessary to keep it operational.

The Lodge of Truth Braidwood and Snowy Hydro Southcare extend their appreciation and thanks to the many local businesses who sponsored this wonderful event and to the local community and individuals for their support. Convenor of the Freemasons Appeal, Ray Newcombe, says events in other regional centres in the south will hopefully continue to show tangible support of masons for relief in disasters.



Auctioneer Phil Shoemark, Owen Finnegan CEO Snowy Hydro Southcare, and Geoff Bunn at the fundraiser. Photo courtesy of Braidwood Times

LODGE STAR IN THE WEST SEDGWICK No 189

## Fifty years

On the evening of 23 May, at Lodge Star in the West Sedgwick No 189, two brethren, W Bro M. McMillan and W Bro M. Saunders, who were Initiated, Passed and Raised together in 1963 in Lodge Sedgwick No 125, were together again to receive their Fifty Year Certificates and Jewels.

W Bro K Payne, who was himself a member of Lodge Sedgwick and an associate of theirs for many years, made the presentation at the request of the Worshipful Master, VW Bro C Lipscombe, PDGIW.



L-R: VW Bro C Lipscombe, W Bro M McMillan, W Bro K Payne, RW Bro R Kay, DC, and W Bro M Saunders

Both of these brethren are still active in the Craft.

GLEN INNES LODGE No 44

## Father and son double

The Glen Innes Lodge No 44 had a double reason to celebrate its July meeting with a father and son night.

Jim and James Donald went through together as a double Raising in what proved to be a very successful night.



L-R: Bro Wayne David (JD), VW Bro Bill Hodder (DGIW), Bro Jim Donald (Candidate), W Bro John Bellette (WM), Bro James Donald (Candidate), Bro Bob Arthur (Acting SD)



LODGE PARKES No 40

# Parkes says welcome



L-R: The Grand Director of Ceremonies RW Bro Peter Ratcliff, the Grand Sword Bearer W Bro Grant Singleton, the Town Crier VW Bro Tim Keith, the Grand Master MW Bro Derek Robson AM, the Mayor Councillor Ken Keith, and the Acting Grand Standard Bearer VW Bro Charles Wattle

The Town Crier of Parkes ensured that a Sydney delegation was made welcome when they arrived to attend a special meeting of Lodge Parkes No 40 in May.

Grand Master Derek Robson, members of the Ceremonial Team and members of The Sydney Lodge No 1020 were in attendance and were given a civic reception before the lodge meeting which passed three candidates, Bros Yogi Matsien-dranakh and Chen Jiang from the Sydney Lodge and Bro Stephen Manning from Lodge Parkes.

VW Bro Tim Keith, who is the Town Crier and the WM of Lodge Parkes and his brother, Councillor Ken Keith, who is the Mayor of Parkes led the welcome to the Sydney visitors.

LODGE TIMOR No 274

## Timor Installation

The 102nd Installation at Lodge Timor No 274 on Saturday 11 May, was a family affair, at the request of the Worshipful Master.

VW Bro Greg Donovan was Re-installed as the Worshipful Master and the Installing Master was RW Bro Peter Trow.

RW Bro Fred Trow, PJGW was requested to be the representative of the Grand Master and RW Bro Henry Trow was requested to be the Grand Director for the night. Both requests were granted by Grand Lodge.

Twenty four masons, including a Fellowcraft were present to witness the ceremony, and visitors travelled from Tamworth, Baradine, Gilgandra, Dubbo and Geurie for the occasion.



RW Bro Peter Trow PAGM, Installing Master, RW Bro Fred Trow PJGW, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, V W Bro Greg Donovan PDGIW WM, RW Bro Henry Trow PJGW, Grand DC at the Installation





# A century for Joe

Two centuries were rolled together when 100 people attended the 100th birthday party for W Bro Joe Miller at Berry Masonic Village in July.

Numerous speakers stood to offer congratulations to a tenacious and remarkable mason who has given so much for the Craft and his country.

Joe served in the merchant navy during World War II and survived twice being torpedoed. At the birthday function, he was presented with a life membership award

from the Merchant Navy Association, congratulations from the Seamen's Union and a special plaque from Lodge Hurstville which was also celebrating 100 years.

In previous awards, he was given a 70 Years Medal by MW Bro Ron Johnson, PGM and also received the Grand Master's Distinguished Service Award. Joe regularly drove from Nowra to Sydney to attend lodges in the eastern suburbs as well as being involved locally.

'I have been very lucky with my life and after the war decided to spend as much time as I could helping other people. I owe a lot to my family and give special thanks to my daughter Pauline who helped organise this party,' Joe said in front of proud children, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

During his campaign of help, Joe raised more than \$130,000 for the NSW Masonic Hospital and the Berry Masonic Village



W Bro Joe Miller cutting his cake

Auxiliary, whose members provided a wonderful afternoon tea. Joe also has the distinction of being the only male member of the Auxiliary.

BANKSTOWN DAYLIGHT LODGE No 996

## Bankstown Daylight

Bro Phillip Orchard, a member of Bankstown Daylight Lodge No 996, was chosen to represent the Merchant Navy at the Commemorative Mission to the United Kingdom celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Phil was one of only eight members chosen by the Commonwealth Government to be the official Australian representatives at celebrations in Sydney, London and Portsmouth during May this year.

Phil enjoys attending masonic events, especially the meetings of Bankstown Daylight, at which he is the Inner Guard.



Bro Phillip Orchard, right, with W Bro Fred Maestrelli, Worshipful Master of Bankstown Daylight Lodge No 996



VW Bro Bill Hodder DGIW 63 presenting VW Bro Ray Wynn from Lodge Unity No 6 with his District Medal at the meeting of Lodge Unity held recently in Armidale.



LODGE IONIC No 65

## Back to mother sixty years on

When RW Bro Roy Rhodes PJGW, contacted W Bro Ian Worton, Secretary of Lodge Ionic No 65, a few months back and asked if he might rejoin the lodge, he was completing a circle which began in 1951 with his Initiation in that same lodge.

At the age of 92 he finds travel to lodge too demanding, but after a long and eventful masonic career he is delighted to be once more a member of his Mother Lodge. He has attained a high rank in both the Craft and Royal Arch, as First Grand Principal in NSW & ACT, in lodges and Chapters meeting in Australia and New Zealand.

To mark the major milestone of Roy's 60th year in Freemasonry, the WM of Lodge Ionic, W Bro Phillip Byrum, visited him at home with W Bro Worton and presented him with his sixty years certificate, and brought a smile to his face!



L-R: W Bro Phillip Byrum, RW Bro Roy Rhodes PJGW, and W Bro Ian Worton

LODGE ARMY AND NAVY No 517

## Army and Navy Install

On Wednesday 10 July, Bro Lt Jacob Stein (Ret'd) was installed as the Worshipful Master of Lodge Army and Navy No 517, in the presence of MW Bro Derek Robson GM, by the Installing Master W Bro Major Craig Youll.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies was RW Bro Peter Ratcliff GDC.

Following the Installation Ceremony, the Grand Master presented W Bro Stein with his Installed Master's Certificate and his Fifty Year Jewel and Certificate.

After congratulating W Bro Stein on this milestone in his masonic career, the Grand Master said, 'I am always impressed with the parallel sense of unity as a body

## The Coronation

Memories can sometimes be hard to remember accurately but for VW Bro Gordon Robson of Lodge Woden Valley, one memory will stay forever in his mind – the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 60 years ago.

And the reason is because on that day, a 20-year-old Gordon Robson was marching through the rainy streets of London as a member of an Australian Coronation Contingent taking part in the Queen's Coronation procession.

In a recent feature in the *Canberra Times*, Gordon explained how he 'floated' for 20 kilometres during the procession and said he didn't think any of the marchers even noticed the distance.

He was selected from the 1951 intake of national servicemen to represent Queensland and joined hundreds of other troops on the aircraft carrier HMAS *Sydney*, leaving in March 1953 and returning in August.

But there is nothing wrong with his memory. He can still recall Coronation Day, the great precision with which it was organised, the presentation of medals to the participants in the gardens of Buckingham Palace and the myriad of photos in which he could re-live the moment.

VW Bro Robson at that time had never before been overseas or even outside Queensland but said he would be more than happy to return if there was another Coronation.



The Grand Master presents W Bro Stein with his Fifty Year Certificate, with the Installing Master, W Bro Craig Youll.

that exists in both the services and in Freemasonry, so it is always a great pleasure to attend a lodge such as Army and Navy.'





LODGE THE RALEIGH No 241

# Lodge The Raleigh lends a hand

Lodge The Raleigh, No 241, is a small but enthusiastic lodge always ready to help out in their community in Bellingen, on the Mid North Coast.

When their local hospital was upgraded, lodge members jumped at the chance to join a community effort and supply two much needed ROHO Mattress Overlay Systems with covers and a special seat cushion.

These pressure relieving mattress overlays help prevent bed sores and heal advanced stage ischemic ulcers. Brethren raffled a lawn mower and with the help of a Masonicare Interaction Grant of \$2,000 were able to make the purchases. They also repainted internal walls of the Unit.

Bellingen Health Campus management and staff hosted a morning tea to express their thanks to the community volunteers who helped give the hospital's medical ward, Hartley House, a makeover. Bellingen Health Campus Executive Officer/Director of Nursing, Kathleen Boman said, 'We are so very fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and supportive community and we are extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication of our volunteers.'



Members of Lodge The Raleigh No 241

LODGE CARNARVON No 172

# A powerful fraternal visit

At Moss Vale on Saturday 29 June, Lodge Carnarvon No 172 celebrated its 125th Anniversary by working the Second Degree on Bro David Baker from Lodge Nowra Unity on his birthday. The work was carried out by members of District 115, followed by an enjoyable banquet.

The Inner Guard was W Bro Mark Baker, the candidate's father, who was pleased with the proceedings as the degree on his son David meant that Lodge Carnarvon has now conferred degrees on four generations of the Baker family.

To add to the celebrations, the bond between Lodge Carnarvon and Lodge Nowra Unity was made even stronger by a donation to the Nowra Masonic Centre lift appeal. The cheque was received by VW Bro Tom Blackmore of Lodge Nowra Unity, presented by VW Bro Craig Ramsden, secretary of Lodge Carnarvon



Smiles all round for a very memorable night in the Highlands.

to complete a very memorable night in the Highlands.

# Benefit for Blaze-Aid

Volunteer organisation Blaze-Aid was the recipient of a recent masonic charity drive when presented with a cheque for \$4,000.

The donation, which was publicised in the *Coonabarabran Times*, came from lodges meeting in Orange, Taree, Forster, Geurie and Coonabarabran.

Blaze-Aid is a volunteer charity which works with rural families and individuals after natural disasters. Its volunteers do not receive any money for donating their time but willingly assist anyone requiring help.



# Freemason welcomes new members to the Craft

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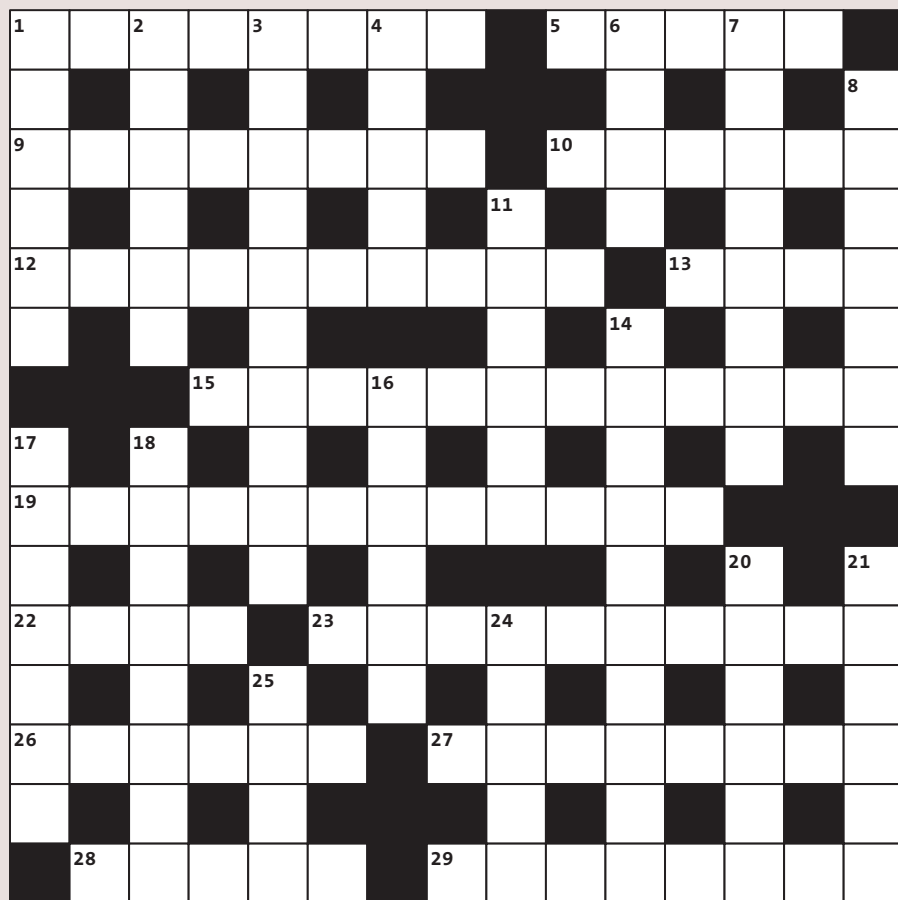
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*He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up. (Paul Keating)*  
*Some cause happiness wherever they go, others whenever they leave. (Oscar Wilde)*  
*I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it. (Groucho Marx).*  
*He has Van Gogh's ear for music. (Billy Wilder)*  
*Thank you for sending me a copy of your book. I'll waste no time reading it. (Moses Hadas)*  
*His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork. (Mae West)*  
*I have never killed a man but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure. (Clarence Darrow)*  
*I didn't attend the funeral but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it. (Mark Twain)*





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