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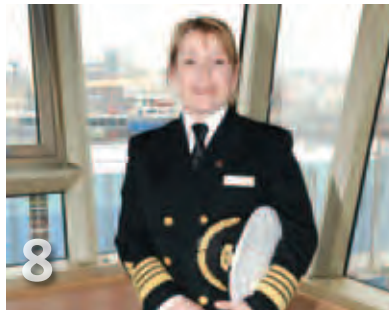


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- To uphold and promote those values, morals and virtues which Freemasonry believes are universal and enduring.
- To foster a better understanding of Freemasonry within the general community.
- To provide a forum for discussion on masonic issues.
- To publicise the charitable works of Freemasonry.
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The pathway to knowledge



Pundits say **the only two certainties in life are death and taxes.** Which means you have to work hard to get or learn anything else.

Another area which is not easy, simple or a certainty is masonic knowledge and that particular road requires a desire to learn, and commitment.

In 2012, the Grand Master made two announcements which were intended to help Freemasons to improve their masonic knowledge when he detailed the formation of a Masonic College and a Literary Award. Both provided an open door for any members with commitment and a little effort to learn more about Masonry, its principles, aims and achievements.

But what do we really mean when we talk about masonic knowledge. Are we talking about ritual, lodge meetings, research, two members talking over a cup of coffee or just general discussion? Could it mean attending a Lodge of Research or just talking with another member at lodge, rehearsal or after a meeting. Simply stated, it could be described as any source through which a mason learns more about his fraternity.

Small discussion groups have been popular in some lodges, informal groups talk about the ritual, charity activities and the lodge's commitment to their community.

Have you ever been asked by a new member 'Why is the Master called Worshipful', or 'Why is it called a "Blue Lodge"' or 'Why do we all wear similar clothing'?

I suppose you could say that these are the first basic steps on the road to masonic education but it is also essential that we have the correct answers for such questions. And that is where the Masonic College will play an essential role in helping to spread knowledge, not only to mem-

bers, but also to the outside world who may pose questions of interest.

Gone are the days when lodges met almost in secret and members never openly displayed the fact that they were involved in that 'secret' organisation. There has been a generation change with young people more inquisitive and openly seeking answers to questions. We must recognise this change and welcome the new generation into our society. In other words, if they want to become a Freemason, they want to know more about the organisation apart from what they can pick up on Google or in the local library.

And this is where the process of learning becomes most important. Great assistance can be given to new or potential members by properly answering their questions or informing them where they can get the answers for further details.

Another area of gaining masonic knowledge is by visiting outside the local circle where there is always something to be learned. Some effort is required to visit a lodge where one is not known but the result can be very rewarding and the benefits lasting. The masonic ritual can provide a remarkable variety of workings and lodge customs may vary according to tradition but the timeless masonic legend is always the same.

Freemasonry has a rich and colourful history and it can be a marvellous expedition for a person seeking to find out its background, whether a member or not.

We can help by providing good, instructive teachers, someone to listen to questions and assist in creating a willingness and desire to learn. Exploration of the masonic world is open to all with the interest and desire to learn.

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Interested in Freemasonry?

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

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

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June Quarterly Communication

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM welcomed those attending the June meeting of Grand Lodge with special reference to each EAF and Fellowcraft, their mentors as well as Worshipful Masters and Wardens.

A special welcome was also extended to the members of Lodge Frenchs Forest United No 249 on what is their normal meeting night and the attendance, for the first time, of a number of brethren of Lodge Ophir No 17 from Orange.

‘The last three months has been a particularly busy period for all of us as we have continued to enhance the name of Freemasonry right across our jurisdiction,’ the Grand Master said.

‘My recent visits to many regional areas, including Tweed Heads, Coffs Harbour, Taralga, Condobolin, Tamworth and Singleton, has shown just how proudly the principles and tenets of the Craft are respected by those cities and towns, and just how freely the city leaders are prepared to openly show their appreciation for our efforts, so readily gifted over such a long period.

‘We have received some wonderful media coverage, some very respectful Civic Receptions, and a great opportunity to openly promote ourselves. From the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, Free-

masonry and Freemasons have been involved in our local communities, they have shaped attitudes and they have made an enormous contribution to the fabric of this nation. As Grand Master, I am happy to report that we continue to have such influence.’

On his recent visit to the Grand Installation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, he said he experienced similar acknowledgement and heard just how much Australian Freemasonry and its activities and influence is appreciated and how important an example this has been.

He said another important point was that it was quite noticeable that the Past Grand Masters there effectively control the Grand Lodge.

‘At each of our Quarterly Communications, I regularly acknowledge the strengths of our own Past Grand Masters, and I will always acknowledge their unbounded support and wise counsel. I note that our Past Grand Masters are all in reasonably good health and we trust that they, and their families, continue to enjoy this wellbeing. Our congratulations go to each of our Past Grand Masters for their magnificent commitment.’

Activity around the Regions was also featured in the report, especially the STEP program under the direction of the DGM. Among the areas mentioned were Berowra

and Mulwala and a call for assistance for the Universities 2015-O Week to help man the stands and distribute information.

Credit was also given to The Freemasons’ Association fundraising dinner to support Neuroscience Research Australia and its research into Alzheimer’s disease, Lodge Sir James Hardy receiving its second Sailability dinghy which is now at Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Lodge Morning Star for continued fundraising in the Woy Woy area, the Freemasons Annual Multicultural Exchange, or FAME, a grouping of seven lodges with a multicultural background who have united to promote the universality of the Craft, and Lodge Coeur De Lion’s support of the Moruya Hospital Oncology Unit with its recent donation of \$12,600.

The Grand Master said he was encouraged by the renewed interest in Masonic Debutante Balls across the Jurisdiction as a wonderful way for Freemasonry to interact with the community. There have been some successful Balls in recent times and he congratulated those Districts for bringing such credit to the Craft.

The 13th World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges was held in Bucharest in May in the Palace of the Parliament, and considered all aspects of the Craft’s relationship with the community through its brethren and the important issues of loyalty, morality and trust. MW Bro Robson said he appreciated the effort of RW Bro Joe Haffner, our Representative of the Grand Lodge of Romania, for taking time from his ‘In the Footsteps of Freemasonry Tour’ to attend.

An appeal was made by the Grand Master for support for the 2014 Grand Installation and 125th Anniversary of the United Supreme Grand Chapter of Mark and Royal Arch Masons of NSW and the ACT, from 19–22 September 2014 in the Sydney Masonic Centre. This historic event will see Most Excellent Companion Ted Keenahan, First Grand Principal &



Grand Master, install his successor, Right Excellent Companion Rob Peattie, Deputy First Grand Principal and Deputy Grand Master.

'May I acknowledge the wonderful contribution made to Freemasonry by RW Bro Grahame Cumming OAM, Past Deputy Grand Master, Carrington Medal of Honour, who was initiated in Lodge Allambie in February 1957. He has held many important positions in the Craft and now steps aside from his Grand Lodge roles for the first time in 36 years.

'I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful service offered by such a gifted mason. Grahame Cumming has been a mentor, guide and friend to many of us over an extraordinary length of time,' said the Grand Master.

With the retirement of RW Bro Cumming, the Executive Council appointed RW Bro Robert Taylor PJGW as his replacement on the Board of the College of Masonic Studies.

Reports were adopted from the Executive Council, Board of Management, Grand Charity Board and the College of Masonic Studies. Elections were held for the position of Grand Pursuivant with W Bro A Landicho elected and W Bro B Albano as Deputy Grand Pursuivant.

The following appointments for the ensuing masonic year were then announced: Senior Grand Warden, RW Bro Peter Ratcliff; JGW, VW Bro Peter


Howlett; Grand Director of Ceremonies, VW Bro John Begbie; DGDC, VW Bro Phillip Miller; AGDC, W Bro Grant Singleton, Bro Dimantha Goonasekara; Senior Grand Deacon, VW Bro Alan Owen; JGD, W Bro George El-Chami; Grand Sword Bearer, W Bro Simon Oliver; Grand Standard Bearer, W Bro Luis Reyes.

Approval was also given for the election of the Grand Stewards and the District Grand Inspectors of Workings.

A motion was approved to alter the Book of Constitutions to prevent an unattached brother, whom the Grand Master has prohibited or deferred from affiliating with a lodge, from circumventing the Grand Master's decision by visiting a series of lodges.

The Executive Council discussed social media generally but especially recent Facebook postings. It was understood there were three categories of conduct to consider: (1) Defamatory comments, which should be dealt with in court, (2) Unmasonic Conduct, which can be subject to a Grand Registrar's Committee hearing and (3) Criticism, which represents the major

ity of comments made. The Council resolved that brethren responsible for postings classed as 'criticism' may be invited to 'post' statements on the relevant Facebook pages withdrawing their comments or alternatively, show cause as to why they should not appear before a Grand Registrar's Committee to explain their actions. The Grand Registrar also confirmed a review would be made of the Masonic Complaints Process.

In its report, the Board of Management expressed concern in relation to the Facebook posting of brethren fully clothed in regalia for their initiation and expressed its disapproval of such occurrence. The Board also advised the book *It's No Secret* may be changed to an eBook format to gain further exposure, the display in the Museum of Freemasonry on Level 3 at the Sydney Masonic Centre will have QR codes included progressively giving more information to visitors, and News Limited has donated a Victorian Deep Buttoned Couch which was reportedly used by the first Parliament of NSW which sat at Government House in Parramatta in 1824. 

Agenda for the Grand Lodge September Communication

The Quarterly Communication for Grand Lodge will be held at 5pm at the Sydney Masonic Centre on Wednesday, 10 September 2014.

Included on the agenda will be:

- Grand Master's Welcome
- Minutes, Correspondence, Apologies
- Reports of Executive Council Board of Management, Grand Charity, College of Masonic Studies
- Conferral of Grand Rank

A brief recess will be held after which ladies and non-masons will be admitted.

- Proclamation of the Grand Master and Investiture of Officers
- Grand Banquet



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The Antients and the Moderns

The name Thomas Dunckerley would not register with many Freemasons as a person of importance but his role in the Craft had **a major bearing on what we enjoy today.**

His action as a man and a mason is not mentioned much, if at all, in our assemblies yet, single handed, he altered the masonic stage in a way that few could ever aspire to. Who was this person? What did he do?

As a mason and a military man, he brought much credit to the cause he was enlisted to fight in and the degree of what transpired as a result of the actions he was charged to play as a major part in the ongoing engagement.

Dunckerley was the illegitimate son of

the then Prince of Wales, later to become King George II. He joined the Royal Navy as a boy aged 10 and served with distinction for some 26 years. He joined the Craft early in life and this became a passion for him in ways which only our masonic history books can reveal (read N Cryers, *The Arch and the Rainbow*, 1996 ed).

His main purpose, as a mason, was to strive hard to have the Moderns Grand Lodge accept some of the ceremonies and ideas then only to be discovered in the Antients Grand Lodge, acceptance which




meant, in reality, they were entertaining and performing many of the degrees then totally unacceptable to the Moderns. In short, amongst these ceremonies was the Mark Degree, the Holy Royal Arch, the Ark Mariner and also some Knight Templar issues.

His engaging personality and forceful undertaking to achieve his ambition eventually did produce the aim of his endeavour and it is largely to his credit that the 1813 Union of the two Grand Lodges in time permitted the introduction and acceptance of the system we today take for granted.

During his service on board HMS *Vanguard*, as a representative of the Moderns Grand Lodge, he had in his possession a Charter which in time permitted him to install the Grand Master of Canada after the fall of Quebec to the English. Dunckerley was a gunner aboard his ship and was recognised as a superb artisan of his weapon. He undertook two commissions on this vessel engaging the French.

On his discharge, he studied law and qualified but there is no record of him ever practising. There were numerous military masonic warrants amongst the regiments in the field and these were known to have been furnished by the Scottish, Irish and English Grand Lodges.

My thoughts turned to Dunckerley while I was marching along George Street, Sydney on Anzac Day when I was struck by the huge number of young and old faces which stretched from the beginning of the march in King Street to the dismissal point in Hyde Park.

It gave me time to reflect on many of the issues which brought this historical occasion to bear and which brought to my memory the name of Thomas Dunckerley. 

Are you guilty?

How often do we see a brother take his three degrees in Freemasonry only to find that shortly after he loses all interest in the fraternity? He doesn't even take time out to consider the advisability of giving it a fair trial, nor does he think his time is worthwhile.

Perhaps a little application by the brother in studying and delving into the principles of Masonry would increase his desire for further knowledge. However, without this attempt at further knowledge, we feel that the brother has not availed himself of the many opportunities offered by the Craft.

We have often wondered what the cause may be. Perhaps we ourselves are somewhat to blame for just such a lack of interest. Maybe we have overlooked some small detail whereby we would have aroused enough interest in this brother to keep him from staying away. What more can we offer than the fraternalism which exists among all brethren and which must be so very evident

to all who partake of Freemasonry.

While we pride ourselves on being members of an outstanding fraternity, we should not forget that those who enter the portals of Masonry may some day be leaders in the Craft. Let us take note of some of the outstanding personalities of the world today and surely we must be convinced of the true value of the principles for which our fraternity stands. Their efforts are undoubtedly directed towards a better place for all to live, so that there may be freedom from want and the freedom to worship as we please.

Should we not as Freemasons make every effort to cement our fraternal ties and friendship and help build for the future a more solid foundation of the true understanding among friends and brothers. To do this, we must join with our fellow Freemasons and partake of the many offerings of our fraternity.

Why don't you join with us and help promote the new spirit which prevails in parts of the world today.



Striving for perfection

As masons we are always striving for perfection. Perfection is achieved by **doing many small things right** and never being satisfied with the mediocre.

One area where improvement could be made is by the nominators of a new candidate for Freemasonry. It does seem that many brethren who are fortunate enough to be a sponsor or nominator of a candidate, do not give much thought on what to say when asked to speak on behalf of the candidate in open lodge.

Here are some helpful hints which will demonstrate to the voting members that you have done your homework.

- 1 Visit his home to meet his wife and children or parents, as the case may be.
- 2 Let them know that you are visiting to see if he is a suitable candidate for Freemasonry.
- 3 At this point, if his wife and/or parents do not wish him to join, ask him to withdraw his application.
- 4 If they were enthusiastic and supportive, then tell the brethren that they were enthusiastic and supportive.
- 5 If the candidate is known to any masons at his place of employment, ascertain who they are and contact them, if possible, to see if the candidate is well regarded.
- 6 If he is not well regarded ascertain the reasons and if sufficient grounds exist, ask him to withdraw his application.
- 7 If he is well regarded and in good standing at his employment, tell your brethren and invite any masons from his employment to attend his initiation and also to attend the ballot to speak for him.
- 8 When you stand to speak on behalf of your candidate, know his full name, his marital status, number of children and mention the home visit.

If there is any doubt about the suitability of your candidate for Freemasonry, then give Freemasonry the benefit of the doubt and withdraw his application.

- 9 Detail the length of time you have known the candidate, where and how you met him and his conduct when you have been together.
- 10 Detail any skills, talents or qualifications that he brings to Freemasonry.
- 11 Mention any hobbies and interests that you are aware of.
- 12 Does he and his family attend church, and if so, which one.
- 13 Is he involved in any community activities, if so, detail them. Is he a charitable man and helps others?
- 14 Is the candidate in business for himself and are his dealings with others done with honesty and integrity? If so, tell your brethren the results of your enquiries.


By taking the trouble to ascertain as much of the above as is possible, you are demonstrating to your brethren that you are sufficiently interested in him as a man



and as a potential candidate, and it makes them feel more confident of your choice.

Remember, you do not want your candidate rejected by the Nominations Committee. Even worse is for him to be black-balled. This is not good for him, for you, or for your lodge. It shows that you haven't done your homework properly.

If there is any doubt about the suitability of your candidate for Freemasonry, then give Freemasonry the benefit of the doubt and withdraw his application. Freemasonry deserves quality, not quantity.

As far as the candidate is concerned, it is not the end of the world as our constitution allows him to reapply after a six months period but he must be honest and advise that he has petitioned previously and was unsuccessful. Circumstances change and he may now be found acceptable in this, or another lodge. Even though we are counselled in every degree to keep our passions and prejudices under control they can still influence our decisions and that is why we are still striving for perfection. 

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The *Queen Victoria*
in Sydney Harbour

Inger takes the helm

As has often been said, **'The times they are a-changing'** and, although once strictly a man's role, these days the position of ship's captain is open to anyone with the right skills.

Once the domain only of men, women are showing their versatility and ability to succeed in what was often regarded as positions too arduous for them.

Captain Inger Klein Thorhaug, captain of the Cunard luxury liner *Queen Victoria*, is a prime example of how hard work, commitment and a love of the sea can lead people to positions only dreamed of as a youngster.

She was born and grew up in the rugged, rocky windswept Faroe Islands and moved to Denmark in 1989. While still at school, Inger took work as a stewardess on a cargo ship during the holidays to earn some money. This quickly revealed a deep-set loathing of cleaning which strongly suggested it was not her vocation.

With no particular career in mind and expecting to eventually settle down as a wife and mother, Inger joined DFDS Scandinavian Seaways as a cadet at the age of 16. She quickly worked her way up through the ranks, achieving her Master's licence in 1994 and spent the years

between 1994 and 1997 on ferries, Ro-Ro ships and a dredger.

Feeling it was time for a change, Inger applied to move to the cruise industry and was delighted to be accepted by Cunard, starting on *Vistafjord* and then travelling the world with Seabourn, Princess and P&O up to 2009. After working with P&O for a period and having successfully overseen *Azura's* maiden season, Inger was thrilled to be asked to return to Cunard and to join *Queen Victoria* in August 2010.

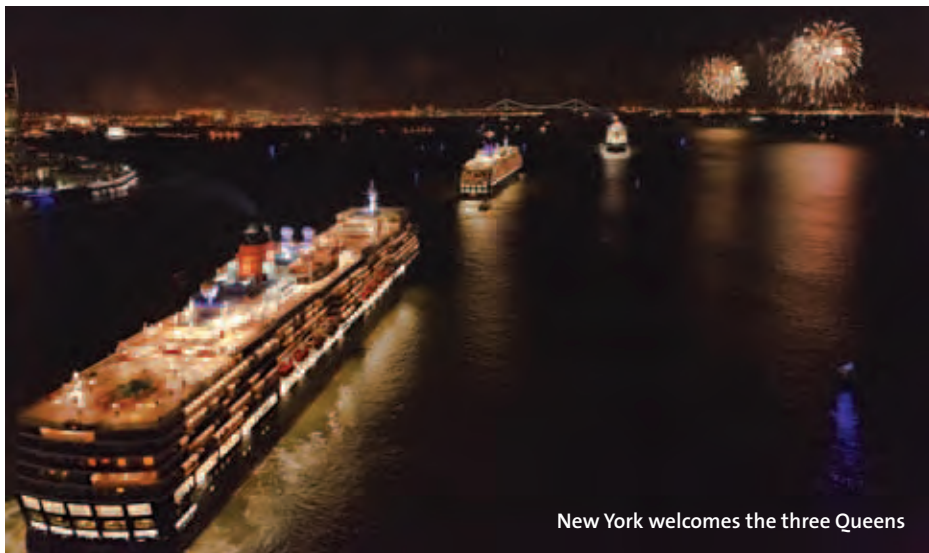
She said that coming back to Cunard was like coming home. One of her main goals apart from of course guests and crew welfare, was focusing on making sure *Queen Victoria* operated as 'green' as possible, using water saving measures and recycling. Inger now lives in Svendborg, Denmark, where she very much enjoys spending leisure days in her lovely house and garden. In any spare time, she likes to play the saxophone, go to concerts and make the most of her husband, family and friends, in particular loving her role as auntie six times over to two of her brothers' children.



Captain Inger Klein Thorhaug

Inger was one of the first female captains to control a ship, which she described as a great honour.

'When growing up in the Faroe Islands, I had to learn other languages, otherwise you would not get very far. In school, I couldn't see much value but now I can speak seven languages and can see the benefits of it,' she said.



New York welcomes the three Queens

‘We were not really a seafaring family – my father was a mechanic. Faroe has 18 islands and I was surprised at the reception I received when made captain. I had my parents with me on the ship when arriving with the rest of the family on shore.

‘I would go off to training school where they had a simulator of the Queens to learn the skills required. In port, pilots have an advisory role and rarely take control. Ships are now very complex and it was my responsibility when on board. The pilot can suggest but it’s my decision. The Panama Canal is one of the few places in the world where a pilot takes control because the Canal has not changed in the last 60–70 years.

‘Two captains are assigned to each ship and spend the same time on board as on shore. I like to go home, cook, clean, relax, do ordinary things. I won’t say I’m a musician although I play the saxophone but only at home.’

Inger has a regular set of commitments. She has a number of meetings to attend and each day she goes to the bridge where she spends 20% of her time. She is always on the bridge when the ship docks or leaves port.


‘The stabilisers are very effective, like an aeroplane, in helping to keep the ship stable. All ports are challenging, some more than others but the biggest challenge and the most difficult crisis requiring leadership is the weather, which is not under my control, especially when entering port. I have to consider wind, visibility and safety. There are times when I have to say we can’t go in because we would never jeopardise the ship or its passengers,’ she said.

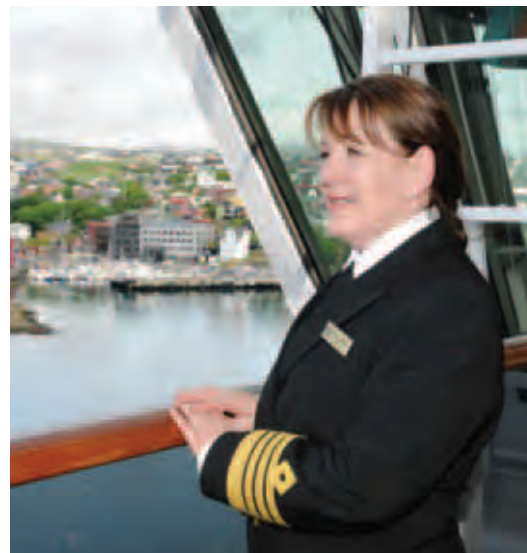
‘If the weather visibility is so far down that the authorities say it is not safe, then they make the decision. At other times, it is my decision and every decision is made based on safety. We never move if there is even the slightest doubt on the safety issue.’

Despite all of the good points about being in control of a major cruise liner, there are still some down periods and her least enjoyable role is when she has to dismiss staff.

‘They get 14 days training and their obvious performance shows loyalty and long service. They have exams and have to perform. Some members have been with Cunard for 40 years and it gives me confidence when they are on board as well as an endorsement of their work.

‘I am lucky that I am not affected by seasickness because I wouldn’t be here if I was. The only other area that requires concentration and knowledge is when questions are asked by the passengers about the ship but I’ve managed to handle well all political and voyage questions.’

Captain Inger has earned the respect of passengers and crew and lives up to the oft-stated creed of Cunard that their vessels are not cruise ships but ocean liners – they don’t have passengers, only guests. 





Sir Edmund Barton

Edmund Barton, **Prime Minister of Australia** from 1901 to 1903, was born in the Sydney suburb of Glebe on 18 January 1849 and was nicknamed Toby. He was educated at Fort Street Model School and Sydney Grammar.

Barton entered the University of Sydney where he graduated BA in 1868 and MA in 1870, studied law and was admitted to the Bar in December 1871. He developed a close friendship with Bro Lawrence Hargrave, the aviation pioneer, became his family lawyer and witnessed some of his experiments.

Toby Barton enjoyed fishing and cricket and married Jane Mason Ross on 28 December 1877.

An England cricket team led by Lord Harris played at the Sydney Cricket Ground in February 1879. They had brought umpire Bro George Coulthard from Victoria, who judged Bro Will Murdoch run out for 19 when he was heavily backed to score a century for NSW. The crowd rioted, police had to provide an escort for the umpire and the England team but Bro Barton remained at the wicket until play was abandoned.



Barton decided to enter politics, was unsuccessful in 1876 and 1877 but won the University of Sydney seat in the NSW Legislative Assembly in 1879. When the seat was abolished, he was elected unopposed for the seat of Wellington and in 1882 won the seat of East Sydney as a Free Trader.

In January 1883, Barton became Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, showing a knowledge of the procedures of the British House of Commons and constitutional law. He resigned as Speaker in January 1887 to take a seat in the Legislative Council.

Barton strongly believed in Federation and supported Sir Henry Parkes speech for 'one great national government for all Australia' given at Tenterfield in October 1889. The following month, Barton gave his support for Federation at a crowded meeting at the Sydney Town Hall and attended the National Australasian Convention in Sydney in March 1891. Parkes' government fell in October 1891 and Parkes, then 76 years old, persuaded Barton to lead the Federal movement in NSW.

In March 1897, Barton was one of the elected delegates for the National Australasian Convention at Adelaide where he was Chairman and the acknowledged leader of the Federation movement in Australia. On 7 February 1900, Barton with his wife travelled to London as leader of the Australian delegation to explain the Constitution Bill to the British Government. The Bill was subsequently passed to facilitate the Federation of the Australian colonies.

Back in Australia, Barton was commissioned to form the first Ministry and named its members on Christmas Day 1900. After a campaign for the first elections, he was declared elected unopposed for the seat of Hunter. In 1902, he accepted a knighthood which he had previously declined in 1887, 1891 and 1899.

Barton was also Minister for External

Right:
Edmund Barton,
first Prime
Minister of
Australia, c1901




Below left:
Statue of
Edmund Barton
by Marc Clark
(unveiled on 11 July 1983), located outside
Barton Offices in Barton, Canberra

Affairs, was largely responsible for the Immigration Restriction Act, the Aboriginal Protection Boards, abolished interstate tariffs, established a range of import tariffs to provide income and protect local jobs and became directly involved in establishing the Commonwealth Public Service.

Sir Edmund Barton resigned as Prime Minister on 23 September 1903 and a few days later became the Senior Puisne Judge of the new High Court of Australia. He died suddenly of a heart attack at Medlow Bath in the Blue Mountains on 7 January 1920 and was survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters.

Barton Street at Sydney's Circular Quay commemorated the name of Australia's first Prime Minister until it disappeared under the construction of the Cahill Expressway. There are 13 Barton streets in the Sydney metropolitan area, Barton is an inner-city suburb on the eastern side of Capital Hill in Canberra and the Barton Highway is an important road in NSW.

Bro Edmund Barton was made a mason in Sydney in the Australian Lodge of Harmony No 556, English Constitution on 13 March 1878, passed on 10 July 1878 and made a Master Mason on 8 January 1879. He was appointed as a Senior Deacon on 9 June 1880. His petition stated he was a barrister-at-law residing at Elizabeth Street, Sydney. 

Excerpts from the book Freemasonry and Australia's Prime Ministers by RW Bro Grahame Cumming PDGM



A reflection on that virtue 'Charity'

In this Grand Chaplain's Message I wish to reflect on that virtue 'Charity' as noted in the illustration below.



In my 66 years as a Freemason, more brethren have discussed with me the meaning of the individual virtues in the illustration and the relationship between each of the three principal moral virtues of **Faith, Hope and Charity** than any other subject.

I believe an understanding of the teachings of the beautiful illustrations of these virtues in the Masonic Book of Sectional Lectures would benefit by involvement in a practicable example of research leading to an expression of charitable support.

A number of years ago, as an attempt to respond to the need expressed above, an initiative was undertaken for a program based on interpreting **The Vision of Freemasonry**: *Our Vision is to have Freemasonry recognised within the community as an organisation of high moral and social standards that benefits its members and the community.*

Extensive research over a number of years involving a team of skilled brethren and a Masonic Region taught many lessons including:

1. The need for a relevant conceptual approach that would help in an understanding of the three principle moral virtues.
2. The need to focus any message relating to the application of moral virtues on one area of research rather than a broad all encompassing approach.

Lesson 1: Relevant Conceptual Approach

As Freemasons we are all charged to follow the moral virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity and to put into practice the Masonic Foundation principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

These are not just words or a statement of creed. These virtues and principles DEFINE US!



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The Moral virtue, Charity, when applied with that Foundation Masonic Principle, Relief, is a social responsibility challenge every mason should demonstrate.

With this understanding of a conceptual approach, termed: The Practice of Social Responsibility, it was possible to concentrate on the selection of a challenging subject in which Freemasonry would be charitably involved with benefits for both its members and the community.

With the example as developed above, in a language more receptive to our current society and in particular our masonic brethren, the Vision of Freemasonry, I believe has gained a new and important perspective in the application of our principal moral virtues.

Lesson 2: The Hope of Passionate Research

The first message in presenting 'The Practice of Social Responsibility' was selected as one of the major health concerns in our society, that of dementia.

The challenge being to find an appropriate means for presenting this disturbing topic in a manner that does not inhibit a response but indeed may encourage our positive involvement.

Not without a degree of frustration and disappointment, the journey has been to find an appropriate means of presenting this topic as an expression of Charity. The obstacles and lack of response indicated the need to define our approach to one which can directly relate to brethren and the community, giving hope rather than a threat.

With a working group from The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sydney South District and with the involvement of NeuroScience Research Australia (NeuRA), an event was initiated and run in March this year, titled 'The Hope Dinner'.

The event proved to be successful both in raising the awareness of the concerns and research into dementia and in furthering a masonic awareness of Charity. The success of this endeavour can be measured by the many positive responses by those attending the dinner and subsequent interest in taking this message to a much wider audience. Of secondary interest are the donations of around \$11,000 made to NeuRA at and after the event, including a Masonicare Interaction Grant.

A conclusion drawn from these lessons: by educating brethren in an understanding of the fundamentals for this Charity and directly challenging them to active involvement, I believe our brethren and the community have gained a better understanding of the virtue 'Charity' and an expression of 'The Vision of Freemasonry'.



Playing the game

The Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution (RFBI) has been providing **practical help to those in need** since its formation in 1880.

Initially formed to provide assistance to masons and their families, the organisation underwent a major policy change in 1964 to enable assistance to be expanded to the community at large regardless of masonic affiliation. The expanded policy has been continued by way of support to Neuroscience Research Australia's (NeuRA) research in stroke rehabilitation. The support will consist of three Postgraduate (PhD) Scholarship candidates for three years commencing in 2015. The scholarships are estimated to cost in the order of \$220,000.

The RFBI's sponsorship was formally announced on Thursday 24 July at a function at NeuRA in Randwick, Sydney. The evening acknowledged Postgraduate Scholarship recipients which NeuRA awards to the next generation of Australian medical researchers. The guest of honour who presented the scholarship awards was the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer Professor Mary O'Kane.

The facts on stroke are disturbing:

- It is the second largest cause of death and disability in Australia after coronary heart disease and kills more women than breast cancer and more men than prostate cancer.



L to R: Professor Peter Schofield, Executive Director NeuRA; Professor Mary O'Kane, NSW Chief Scientist; RW Bro Ken Thompson, President RFBI; Dr Penelope McNulty, NeuRA; RW Bro Alex Shaw, CEO RFBI; RW Bro Peter Ditzell, Deputy President RFBI

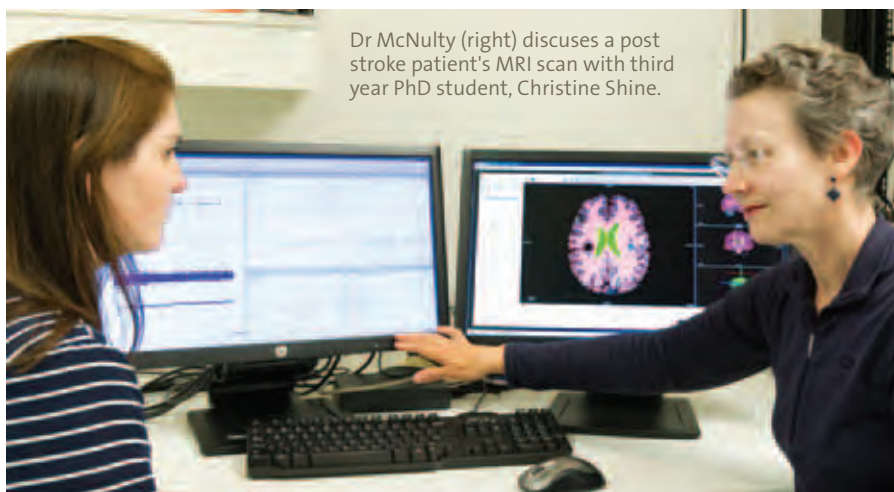
- There are over 420,000 Australians currently living with the effects of stroke. Impaired movement ability is the most common outcome after stroke.
 - More than 60,000 Australians suffer a stroke every year (one every 10 minutes) and this number will only increase with the ageing population and the growing epidemics of obesity, diabetes and physical inactivity.
- Stroke can affect young as well as older people. Some stroke victims aged under 45 years are predisposed to stroke via their genetic make-up while others have strokes

following recreational use of drugs and excessive alcohol consumption.

Rehabilitation following a stroke is slow and extremely tedious and in many cases the results are minimal. NeuRA is working to understand how a stroke alters the body's capacity to produce functional movements and how this changes with recovery and rehabilitation. Dr Penelope McNulty is leading NeuRA's research on stroke rehabilitation and has developed a new rehabilitation tool using the Nintendo Wii game system. The initial results have had some remarkable outcomes for participants aged from 18 to 83 years and from 1 month to 21 years post-stroke.

Participants take part in a 14 day program of Wii-based Movement Therapy which makes therapy fun to the point where they want to do their exercises, something which does not often happen with existing rehabilitation exercise programs. At the six month follow up, many patients have continued therapy activities and Dr McNulty has seen a sustained improvement in the participants' overall movement and confidence. This has significant benefits for the independence of stroke survivors in daily tasks such as walking, bathing and getting dressed.

Dr McNulty has completed Phase I and



Dr McNulty (right) discusses a post stroke patient's MRI scan with third year PhD student, Christine Shine.



Dr McNulty and members of the RFBI

II trials; the planning phase for Phase III (a multi-centre international randomised control trial) is underway.

‘We still need to understand the neuro-physiological mechanisms that are the basis for the program’s success ... this knowledge will allow us to further individually tailor this versatile program no matter what the needs and disabilities of each patient,’ she said.

‘The program has potential for wider rehabilitation use for patients who have lost muscle function. Other areas where Wii-based Movement Therapy may be beneficial include Parkinson’s disease, spinal cord injury and children with cerebral palsy,’ Dr McNulty mentioned.

A summary of the three PhD student research projects which the Royal Freemasons’ Benevolent Institution will be supporting from 2015 are:

Implementation of the novel post-stroke rehabilitation protocol Wii-based Movement Therapy (developed by Dr



Dr McNulty (standing), Laura Harris (Honours Student) and Terry Trinh (3rd year PhD) test placement of physiological sensors to record muscle activity.

McNulty) in different settings. This study will pave the way for translation into routine clinical practice within health facilities across Australia and internationally. Wii-based Movement Therapy utilises the standard Wii Sports video games as a tool for rehabilitation. The research will examine the outcomes after a 14-day protocol of Wii-based Movement Therapy in the acute (in-hospital) setting, in the community setting, and with longer term follow-up. Dr McNulty has shown that this therapy promotes improved functional use of the stroke-affected arm and hand regardless of age, time post-stroke and level of disability. This study will challenge the versatility of the program in different situations so that once Wii-based Movement Therapy has been translated into routine clinical practice it can be tailored to help almost any stroke survivor.

Another of the PhD studies will be looking into **the changes in cardiovascular and motor performance after stroke promoted by Wii-based Movement Therapy** and will follow up Dr McNulty’s recent findings that this novel rehabilitation program improves cardiovascular fitness after stroke.

The third and final PhD student will research **the Sensorimotor neurophysiology of stroke where they will examine the changes in the machinery of sensation and movement after stroke** and how these change with rehabilitation. This research will involve microneurography to make single cell recordings in awake stroke survivors to determine whether the loss of touch and movement sensation is due to the stroke lesion in the brain, the secondary changes in the periphery (due to muscle wastage from disuse of the upper-limb), or changes in the connectivity within the spinal cord. This PhD will address the evidence gaps where there is an astonishing lack of detailed neurophysiology after stroke.

Additional research programs sponsored by the RFBI include a \$90,000 Grant in 1993 to Professor A Braur, Concord Hospital and a grant of \$100,000 in 2011 to the Griffith University in support of research into the treatment of dementia.

The RFBI is proud to sponsor research into these debilitating medical problems.



Left: Dr McNulty with a participant in the Research Program

Below: Playing the Nintendo Wii game



Photos by courtesy of NeURA





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Captain Cook arrives in Farm Cove

A visit to the Tank Stream

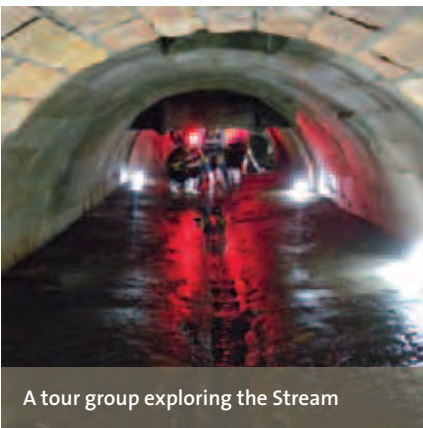
The Tank Stream, another of Sydney's hidden secrets, has played a role in every part of our urban water cycle, from a drinking water source to a sewer and now, part of our stormwater system.



Start of the tour in Australia Square



Sydney Water Engineer Mr Lewis in the Tank Stream in 1962



A tour group exploring the Stream

It was one of the most important factors that determined the location of Australia's first colony on the shores of Port Jackson. It served as the first and main source of fresh water for the settlement for 40 years and was likely to have been of cultural significance to the Gadigal people, the traditional owners of the Sydney Cove area.

Tours are held twice a year by the Heritage Museum and Sydney Water, starting in Australia Square, extending 60 metres across Hunter Street with the other end under the Cenotaph in Martin Place. The Stream is three metres across at its widest points and two metres tall at highest. About 3,300 people apply each year at

odds of 20–1 to be selected. Some have applied as many as nine times.

My first visit was called off and rescheduled after heavy rain made the tunnel area dangerous and unsafe because of the water flow. Organisers said a close check is always kept on the weather as the stream can fill quickly to the ceiling during heavy rain.

On the second visit, the small group of visitors met at Australia Square, were taken to an underground room to put on gumboots, a helmet, harness and a light and listen to a short talk on the Tank Stream. The visitor's room was built in 1988 for the Bicentennial celebrations and it was opened in 2002 for the public.

After completion of the talk, the group descended ten steep steps down into the tunnel. However, before this was possible, air had to be pumped into the tunnel at Martin Place to get rid of the stale and humid air and ensure the quality was breathable.

We splashed through water which was still flowing freely along the stream floor, bending most of the way, head bumping into the ceiling frequently. On this short journey, there was only one area where we could stand upright. Standard maintenance is carried out every week to ensure workings are safe and no worker goes into the tunnel alone; there is always a second or backup man because the stream depth can change quickly.

Phil Bennet from Sydney Water and John Breen from the Sydney Water Heritage Committee and a delegate to the National Trust kept the group informed as we walked.

'Some smaller tunnels can link with the Tank Stream such as the Bondi sewer and the Stream empties into Sydney Harbour but now carries very little pollution. It's mostly rain water,' said Bennett.

'There are marks believed to have been made by the builders which are visible on many parts of the walls. There are man-holes in the ceiling under Hunter Street and you can hear traffic rumbling across.

'The river is a valley going from Macquarie Street to George Street to the Queen Victoria Building, fills and empties quickly down to Circular Quay. It is a catchment area which is now two thirds of its original size. Some building basements still fill with water during rain.'

This Stream only flowed strongly after rain and dried up quickly leading to major water supply problems for the new colony. They dug tanks into the rock to store water and from 1791 the watercourse became known as the Tank Stream. One tank was over 4.5 metres deep in the centre and able to contain about 36,000 litres. The tanks were located somewhere between Bond and Hunter Streets.

Originally, the idea of a tunnel came from England where London had sewer problems and it took eight years of planning before work started on the tunnel. London quickly followed when it realised the idea was successful.

Sandstone is the main structure of the Tank Stream but some areas are brick. The Stream has been in constant use since 1788 and is still needed to take the runoff stormwater otherwise there would be blockages in the city streets.

The original stream was about 1.5 km long and flowed north from a perched swamp on the western side of today's Hyde Park between Market and Park Streets. The swamp was fed by spring water seeping through the underlying sandstone.

In 1830, Busby's Bore was built to meet immediate requirements for water supply. A trestle pipeline was extended to a point at the corner of present-day Park and Elizabeth Streets for water carts and other containers to be filled with water for distribution. The Bore went in many directions but Busby wouldn't go down and sent inspectors instead as it was not always sandstone but sometimes quicksand.

The Stream was also fed by two or three small springs for which Spring Street is

named. Bridge Street got its name from the original wooden footbridge that crossed over the Tank Stream. The Stream also served as a social divide between the governors and officials on its eastern bank and the convicts and soldiers housed on its western side.

Governor Phillip declared Australia's first formal environment law on either side of the stream to protect the colony's water supply by limiting land use on the stream banks. In olden days, washing in or polluting the Tank Stream was a punishable offence by which offenders could lose their home, be flogged or jailed. Now it is a fine which could be as high as \$1 million.

On the footpaths of the city there are glass and metal installations to mark the old watercourse of the Stream. The City of Sydney commissioned a sculpture by Lynne Roberts-Goodwin for its Sculpture Walk in 2000. It has an inscription which reads:

Into the head of the cove, on which our establishment is fixed, runs a small stream of fresh water which serves to divide the adjacent country to a little distance in the direction of north and south.

Captain Watkin Tench 1788

Aboriginal people used the Tank Stream as a source of water, food and raw materials for stone tools. In the 1990s, 54 aboriginal artefacts and other items were found in Angel Place showing the stream had been used for at least 5,000 years before the First Fleet arrived. The white people managed to kill it off in 40 years.





Have your say



Take your choice

Having been around for a fair while I have come to notice there are three distinct types of masons.

Firstly we have the true masons who joined their lodge for what they can give to Masonry not what Masonry can give to them. They always turn up to meetings and lodge social events, take up any position they are qualified for, do any charges or addresses if asked, visit other lodges in their district, accompany the WM on any visit he may make and not expect any thanks as they believe this is what Masonry is all about.

Secondly we have what I call the four wheeled mason. To explain this I go back to when my late father, who was a Past Master, was addressing a young group of people who had made their first communion and he

hoped they would not become four wheeled Christians: (one) wheeled to church to be christened, (two) wheeled to church to be confirmed, (three) wheeled to church to be married and (four) wheeled to church for their funeral service.

We have seen a lot of four wheeled masons over the years who do their three degrees, become a Past Master then disappear.

Thirdly we have the 'show ponies'. They join everything as long as they can get glory for themselves and their lodge only. They rarely visit District lodges but will travel far and wide to visit other Districts and Regions to get glory for themselves and their lodge. They believe there is only one lodge in their District, they do not tell prospective candidates that any other District lodge exists that may suit them, thus losing

prospective good members to Masonry.

So brethren, I ask you what type of mason are you - a true mason, a four wheeled mason, or a show pony?

VW Bro Rodger Bush, PDGIW, WM
The Goulburn Lodge of Australia No 58

How to judge?

It is clear that the average lodge is judged by the number of initiates each year and to a lesser extent by the number of Passings and Raisings. We frequently hear a PM say of a WM, 'He had a great year x Initiations, y Passings and z raisings'.

If we assume that a WM's duty is also to 'instruct the brethren in Freemasonry' should we be acknowledging his prowess in that area and if so how should we judge it?

RW Bro Richard Dawes

Safety in the bathroom


With warmer weather on the way, **the bathroom may see increased use.** These are suggestions to help reduce the possibility of **falls and injury.**



- Avoid slippery surfaces on the floor and don't have mats in the bathroom.
- If you have a slip-resistant rubber mat in the bath or shower, make sure there is good suction between the mat and the surface it rests on.
- Clean mould off mats frequently to keep them slip resistant. Good hardware stores sell textured strips which can be stuck on the bathtub, the shower recess or bathroom floor to prevent slipping. Fix non-slip strips to the base of the shower.
- If you change baths, consider buying a bath with a built-in non-slip surface.
- Consider having grab-rails installed in the bath, shower and near the toilet. An occupational therapist can advise about the correct position for

these aids. They need to be installed properly so that they will take the weight of a person.

- To make washing easier, install a bath seat and/or a hand held shower hose.
- Avoid scalding yourself by running the cold tap in the bath first and test the water temperature before getting in. Turn the thermostat on your water heater down to around 50°C.
- Consider altering the shower access so that you don't need to step over anything to get into it.
- Toilet seats are sometimes uncomfortably low for older people – there are elevated seats available.
- Some hot water out of the tap can be scalding. Mixing taps are available to regulate the water temperature.

- Avoid using electrical appliances in the bathroom eg. hair dryers.
- If you're building or renovating, install recessed soap-holders and toilet roll holders; make sure sliding doors don't open onto a narrow sloping surface; eliminate any little 'step' at doorways to tiled floors by fitting a timber wedge the width of the doorway – it can go underneath the carpet.
- Install hinges on bathroom doors which allow the door to be lifted out in an emergency. 



From the Grand Secretary



Special opportunity

The representative near this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, VW Bro Sam Strykowski, is planning another visit to Fairbanks in February 2015 and to again attend a lodge meeting.

There is an open invitation for any interested masons from NSW & ACT to join him.

If you would like to visit Fairbanks, Alaska and enjoy a unique masonic experience, please contact VW Bro Sam Strykowski (sam@strykowski.com or 0408 174 410) for further information.

Editorial Committee positions

This magazine continues to generate interest and, importantly, very positive feedback with each and every edition. Those who are part of the 'creation' process each issue find it both a fascinating and very rewarding experience.

The Editor of the *Freemason*, RW Bro Ted Simmons OAM has vacancies available on his unique Editorial Committee for masons and non-masons alike who would like to volunteer their expertise and services to the ongoing success of our very special publication.

Bro Simmons would welcome applicants with above average writing skills or with marketing acumen to sustain relationships with current advertisers but also seek new and long term clients.

The Committee meets approximately once monthly and much of the effort required can actually be done from the comforts of one's own home.

Those interested in the challenge of becoming a part of this very special team should make application, with full particulars, to 'Editorial Committee Positions' c/- Grand Secretary, UGL of NSW & ACT, PO Box A259, Sydney South, NSW 1235.

District Grand Inspectors of Workings (DGIWs)

Newly appointed DGIWs will probably have started their two year terms as you read this and lodges will also now be part of a new District structure. The increased membership in each District can only result in stronger organised events for lodges and Districts and therefore enhance the general public's awareness of Freemasonry's contribution to the greater community.

All new DGIWs will obviously look to a strong level of support and, of course, will immediately focus on 'succession planning'. As with the Editorial Committee mentioned above, brethren are strongly encouraged to step forward and offer their assistance to their new DGIW by assuming any role he may wish to allocate to them.

Forthcoming Events and Reminders

NSW & ACT

At the time you read this article the Proclamation of our own Grand Master and the Investiture of Grand Officers will be fast approaching and details of these events (including Quarterly Communication, Proclamation and Banquet) all to be held Wednesday, 10 September, would have been well and truly circulated.

SA & NT

For your diaries you should note that next year will see the Grand Installation of a new Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory.

The celebration will take place from 17-19 April and our Grand Master, as always, will be representing this jurisdiction and would greatly appreciate support

from all brethren and their ladies.

As soon as details are known they will be promulgated through the jurisdiction in the usual manner.

Volunteers

Recently, I attended the funeral of Mrs Gwen Slatyer who some of you may recall worked in the Grand Secretariat in the 1970s and 1980s. In fact, if you were issued with an MM or IM Certificate in that period, chances are it would have been recorded and issued by Gwen.


Hearing of her death, I recalled how strong a contingent of volunteers worked at Grand Lodge in those days and, without any computers of any sort, their efforts were invaluable to maintain the manual system of membership and other records.

Whilst such strong support is not needed these days with technological advances in data recording and record retention, there is still a need for as much volunteer assistance as we can gather in the Museum of Freemasonry.

These days, barely a handful of willing masons, and non-masons, help with the vast array of work to be done in the Museum, Library and Archives – the latter especially is a most time consuming area.

If you feel you may be able to afford the time to assist our most devoted Museum 'team', you are invited to do so by contacting the Deputy Grand Secretary, RW Bro Chris Craven at chris@masons.org.au or by telephone at 02 9284 2800.

No particular qualifications are required but some previous experience in these specialised fields would certainly benefit the Craft generally.

Importantly, non-masons are most welcome to apply. 



The Mint Museum



Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint in 1872



Sydney has **a number of interesting and historical buildings**, many of them with **links to Freemasonry**. In particular, Macquarie Street has played a significant role in **the formation of Sydney** and many of the buildings which are still standing, relate to that history.

Next door to the Hyde Park Barracks in Macquarie Street is the Mint Museum which was built between 1811 and 1816.

It was the south wing of the 'Rum' hospital, so-called because the Governor, Bro Lachlan Macquarie paid the building contractors with a licence for the almost exclusive right to import 270,000 litres of rum into the colony between 1810 and 1814.

The only other portion of the hospital still standing is the north wing which became Parliament House.

The southern building was intended as quarters for assistant surgeons and a medical storeroom.

After the reported discovery of gold in 1851 by Edward Hargraves, who was made a mason on 21 April 1853 in the Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No 266, Irish Constitution, the building became an Australian branch of the Royal Mint from 1853 to 1901 when, at the federation of the Australian colonies, it became the Australian Mint until 1927.


It was used for coining gold sovereign and was later used for government offices and a divorce court. It became a museum in 1982.

The colonnaded verandas have simple, yet elegant Tuscan columns which were cut by the stonemason Bro George Lane



A gold sovereign minted in 1893 at the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint

who became a speculative mason on 2 October 1920 in the Australian Social Lodge No 260 Irish Constitution.

He served the lodge as Tyler for many years and died in 1835. 

Extracted from the book, The Masonic Sites of Sydney, written by RW Bro Grahame Cumming. Copies are still available from Grand Lodge.



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Board of Directors Award Winner for 2014

Since 2007, The Whiddon Group's Board of Directors Award has recognised the contributions of almost 150 employees, acknowledging their commitment to the organisation and our clients, and their initiative of going that extra mile without question. The Board proudly supports this annual event and, while they are of the opinion that all of our employees are valued and important, feel that it is fitting to distinguish those team members who go above and beyond the call of duty and excel beyond means greater than expected. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the successes, commitment and ongoing support of all of our nominees and our congratulations go out to these team members.

The Whiddon Group is delighted to announce that the winner of the 2014 Board of Directors Award is Kerrie Smith from The Whiddon Group Community Care.

Kerrie was presented with the Award at Whiddon's annual gala dinner in late July in the company of the organisation's 20 nominees from across New South Wales, five employees who were being recognised for their 30 years of service to the organisation, the Board of Directors and managers, and special guests MP Dr Andrew McDonald, MP Laurie Ferguson and former NRL player and motivational speaker, Corey Payne.



Acting Chairman Len Kearns with the 2014 Award nominees

Kerrie has been the Co-ordinator for Whiddon's Community Care service in Glenfield for four years now and was nominated for her dedication to 'Client First', her support of her team members and ongoing encouragement to other employees.

Kerrie's 'can do' attitude and team spirit have enabled the service to go from strength to strength over the past few years, with the team introducing new services for clients and their carers, including craft and social groups, movie days, Bunnings' BBQs and other fundraisers, holding Christmas parties and celebrations for seasonal events and Seniors Week. Kerrie embodies The Whiddon Way and our Client First model of care and is dedicated to improving the lives of clients.



I-R: CEO Lee-ann Irwin, Award winner Kerrie Smith, Acting Chairman Len Kearns

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4. Specified items eg. shares, paintings etc;
5. A life insurance or endowment policy.

To discuss these options and their possible ramifications or for any further information, please contact our Chief Executive Officer on 02 9827 6632.



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The plaque commemorating Francis Greenway in East Maitland's Glebe Cemetery

How the apron began



Francis Greenway, the son of a family of highly renowned architects and designers in England, was convicted of forgery and in 1812 was **transported to the colony of NSW** for seven years.

Little is known of Greenway's imprisonment in England awaiting transportation, nor of his fearful and nightmare voyage to Australia in the convict ship *General Hewitt*. One can only assume he was treated like any other convicted felon.

However, Greenway's luck changed when Governor Macquarie read of his qualifications and family background. Macquarie had vast visions of huge stone buildings of ornate design to be built all over the settlement. He had the material, huge supplies of rock and stone, an unlimited supply of labour (hundreds of convicts) but no one to design and oversee the construction of buildings, most of which still stand proudly and majestically today.

Governor Macquarie immediately summoned Greenway and put him to work. Whilst Greenway was an argumentative and quarrelsome man by nature, he quickly saw the advantages against being a member of the 'Chain Gang' and subsequently designed some of Australia's most historic buildings.

In 1814, the 46th Regiment arrived in Sydney Town and two years later, Capt John Piper invited W Bro Captain Sanderson to conduct a masonic foundation stone laying ceremony at his new mansion

at Point Piper, known as 'Elisa'.

A major problem immediately arose as, though most, if not all in the Regiment were masons, none had brought their regalia, laughing at the thought of a masonic service or meeting being held in a convict settlement halfway around the world.

Governor Macquarie immediately saw opportunity and summoned Greenway, demanding that he design and indeed manufacture a unique masonic apron for the occasion. Greenway told the Governor the task was impossible due to lack of suitable materials but the Governor, determined to make his vision a reality, sternly reminded Greenway he was a 'Ticket of Leave' convict and to get on with the job.

Greenway had scant enough material to make aprons for the high ranking lodge officers, let alone the Master Masons and with the date of the stone laying fast approaching, he simply painted the design of the Master Mason's apron on to a white lambskin and thus, the Australian masonic apron, which we love and respect so much, was humbly born.

Knowing well what Governor Macquarie's reaction might be at the makeshift creation and dreading the thought of what would probably happen to the soldier's white trousers and red coats in the hot

Australian sun with the pitch-based paints, he did not divulge his creation until the day of the stone laying.

Greenway's fears were unfounded; the day was a huge success and as a mark of gratitude, combined with all the other contributions to the settlement over the years, the Governor gave Greenway a 'Land Grant' of some 800 acres in the Hunter Valley, near Hexham, where Greenway's son built a home.

In 1837, Greenway visited the family farm and at the age of 59, died of typhoid. On 25 September, he was buried in an unmarked pauper's grave in Glebe Cemetery in East Maitland. The cemetery is easily found as it is at the end of Glebe Street which is a continuation of George Street, East Maitland. Here, somewhere in this grassy paddock in which aging headstones are scattered, is the final resting place of Francis Greenway.

A monument overlooking the cemetery and reflecting the great works and deeds of Greenway has been erected to the designer and creator of the Australian masonic apron, a symbol recognised throughout the world and which has been adopted by many countries in the southern hemisphere, including South Africa and New Zealand.

How is your prostate?

September each year is regarded as 'Men's Prostate Awareness Month'.

With about 20,000 Australian men diagnosed with prostate cancer annually, this equates to about one man in seven being diagnosed with the disease in an average lifetime. On a positive note though, providing diagnosis is made early and treatment given if appropriate, current statistics state the vast majority of men will still be alive ten years after diagnosis and will pass away from some other cause.

However despite that positive news, the mortality rate from prostate cancer is over 3,700 Australian men per year. This statistic tells us that the incidence of deaths from prostate cancer is not only arguably higher than that of women with breast cancer, but it is also the second greatest cancer-related killer of men just behind lung cancer.

Prostate cancer can be an insidious disease because in many cases the patient may have it but not be aware of it simply because there are often no symptoms in its early stage and they have not had a medical check-up for some time. Quite often by the time symptoms develop the disease may have progressed to an advanced stage and so be very difficult to cure or even manage. Detected and treated early, prostate cancer is very curable.

The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA), is the peak national body relating to prostate disease. It has some significant responsibilities in not only providing funds for research into ways to treat, manage and ultimately defeat that cancer but also to promote awareness in the community as well as provide support for men who have been diagnosed, together with their families.

The Foundation's theme of 'awareness', is to encourage men to do something about their own health by annual medical check-ups with their general practitioner. For men over the age of fifty, that check-up should include a blood sample for a PSA test as well as a digital rectal examination of the prostate to check for any irregularities. If prostate cancer already



RESEARCH AWARENESS SUPPORT

The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) is dedicated to reducing the impact of prostate cancer on Australian men, their partners, families and the wider community. PCFA:

- > Promotes and funds world leading, innovative research into prostate cancer
- > Implements awareness campaigns and education programs for the Australian Community, health professionals and Government
- > Supports men and their families affected by prostate cancer through evidence-based information and resources, support groups and Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses

exists in a man's family the risk is greater, so that annual check-up should commence from the age of forty.

As well, across each State and Territory there are dozens of Prostate Cancer Support Groups affiliated with the PCFA which are available for men so they can speak to others who have been through a similar experience and so offer information, compassion and understanding.

Furthermore, the PCFA's trained and accredited ambassadors are readily available to visit lodges and other forums to promote awareness in the community. Should any information be required, the PCFA can be contacted by a **free phone call on 1800 220 099** or a visit to website **www.pcfa.org.au**

Our masonic fraternity has been generous to the Prostate Cancer Foundation in recent years, whether by lodges donating to the Foundation or by individuals who happen to be members of our lodges. That generosity helps to enable continuing research into minimising or defeating the disease as well as the Foundation's other important roles of awareness and support.

To make a donation call 1800 220 099
or visit www.pcfa.org.au

A variety of publications and resources are available free of charge via the website. Hard copies of some may be ordered by calling 1800 220 099.





A member returns

A member of a certain lodge, who **previously attended meetings regularly**, stopped going. After a few months the **Worshipful Master** decided to visit him.


It was a chilly evening and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the lone ember's flame flickered and diminished there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our lodge next meeting.' 

Taken from the journal of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

The Queen's Birthday Honours



Cec Ainsworth AM

Corrimal NSW

For significant service to the community of the Illawarra through a range of not-for-profit, social welfare and health insurance organisations.

Member of Lodge Illawarra No 59

Richard Baxter OAM

Peak Hill NSW

In recognition for service to the community of Peak Hill

Member of Lodge Jersey No 204

Robert Mahaffey OAM

Albury NSW

In recognition for service to the community of Albury and to veterans and their families.

Member of Lodge Farrer No 93

**Edward Mowbray OAM
and his wife
Mavis Mowbray OAM**

Hawks Nest NSW

In recognition of their joint service to the communities of Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest.

Edward is a member of Lodge Port Stephens No 522



John Moore AM

Strathfield NSW

Significant service to the commemoration of Australian military and sporting events as a radio broadcaster and television presenter.

Member of Lodge Wyvern No 813



Grahame Williams OAM

GyMEA Bay

For service to the sport of game fishing.

Member of Lodge Livingstone United No 604

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.

Cairns Masonic Centre

Cairns is a most attractive option to provide **relief from the winter chills**, with an inexpensive and comfortable hotel in Lake Street, just around the corner from the rather **magnificent Cairns Masonic Centre**.

The Centre incorporates the office of the Carpentaria Region of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which occupies an area between Cardwell and Cape York, and Normananton in the west. The other masonic region is based in Townsville, and Brisbane looks after the rest of the state.

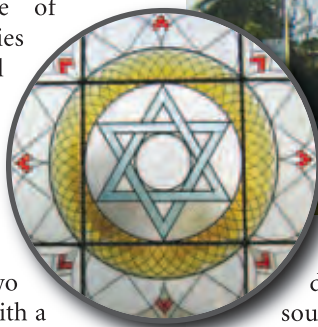
This building is a two storey concrete structure with a gabled roof concealed behind a parapet wall. Its plan is T-shaped with the main section comprising a minimally adorned cube with highly placed steel framed windows. The main entrance in Minnie Street is structurally separate from the main building and comprises a symmetrical façade in an 'art moderne' style with classical elements. The parapet includes a deep cornice immediately above the words 'AD GLORIAM DEI', and is crowned with the square and compasses. An iron fence with concrete posts completes the main façade.

Its entrance includes a flight of stairs leading to a recessed door with a cantilevered awning. It is surmounted by a tall rendered arch with two Corinthian columns each supporting a globe, one on either side. Each column is placed upon a pedestal incorporating a marble plaque. The arch contains a large keystone and surrounds a large ornate circular window above a row of four square windows.

On the main floor is a large general purpose hall, with the office of the Regional Grand Lodge near the main entrance. Between the hall and the front entrance are two staircases on either side of the hall entrance. They lead to the ceremonial lobby and the main lodge room

The Cairns Masonic Centre, dedicated in October 1935

Below: Detail of the ornate circular window



which may be accessed by doors on the northern and southern sides of the lobby. A separate staircase is located at the rear of the lodge room.

The building ventilation was impressive. Ducts from the external walls were constructed under a raised floor section around the lodge room perimeter, with two large exhaust fans drawing the warmer air out at the top of the room. This ensured a continuous flow of fresh, cooler air even under conditions of high humidity.

This building is the third used as a Masonic Centre in Cairns. The first recorded masonic meeting in Cairns was at Hides Hotel in December 1885, and Gregory Lodge No 50 was constituted there in April 1886. By 1925 there were six lodges meeting in Cairns in a building in Lake Street, which was destroyed by a cyclone in 1927. The lodges by then had moved to a building adjacent to the site of the present centre.


In 1923 the Grand Lodge in Brisbane gave approval for the District Grand Lodge of Carpentaria to be formed, which took place in 1924. A recommendation was made for a memorial to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in the First World War and it was agreed a Memorial Temple should be raised in the land adjacent to the existing hall.

The architects for the new building were the North Queensland firm of Hill and Taylor, who had offices in Townsville and Cairns. Both Richard Hill and Arthur Taylor, together with the builder, C E Steadman, were Freemasons. The foundation stone was laid on Armistice Day in 1934, as it was considered most suitable to reflect then the peace and harmony that was hoped to eventuate from the end of the Great War.

The building was constructed during the large scale development of Cairns, necessitated by the destructive cyclones in 1920 and 1927 and following its establishment as an important regional centre in far northern Queensland.

A dedication ceremony for the Masonic Centre was performed by the Governor of Queensland and Grand Master, Sir Leslie Wilson, in October 1935 with more than 700 masons present representing lodges throughout Queensland.

The windows and two pillars at the main entrance were severely damaged by a cyclone in 1956, but were replaced in 1957, and in accordance with masonic tradition, the new pillars were formed hollow. A copy of all available records was deposited within one of the pillars.

Masons visiting Cairns should visit the Masonic Centre any morning, and will be assured of a very warm welcome. 



Heat cameras to the rescue

Fire is **one of the biggest predators and destroyers of lives** and properties in the world and man has fought for thousands of years to find a means to contain the damage and destruction.



Freemasonry and modern technology have combined with the presentation of a special thermal camera, the Dräger UCF 7000, to battle fires and save lives in and around Sydney.

The camera acts as a heat sensor and can accurately pinpoint the heart of a fire and also locate people trapped in a bushfire or a burning building or lost in heavy bush.

The Grand Lodge Charity, Masonicare recently donated three of these special cameras to the Valley Heights Rural Fire Brigade station and is currently making similar donations to Port Stephens, Southern Highlands, Lake Macquarie and Hawkesbury.

After last year's devastating bushfires, Masonicare began a special fundraising campaign which raised \$180,000, and after weeks of research decided on the heat camera as a practical means of assistance to firefighters.

Dräger Safety Pacific Pty Ltd, supplier of the cameras, will provide full training to firefighters on the efficient use of the cameras.

'The RFS has willingly agreed to include the Masonicare logo on the cameras as well as the names of the district lodges which will be a constant reminder to people using the equipment of who donated it to them. It is a very positive way to demonstrate "Freemasons in action" and how we "Proudly help our local Communities" – the very essence of Masonicare's ethos,' said VW Bro Tony Craig, Deputy Chairman, Masonicare.



The Grand Master (left) and Masonicare chairman RW Bro Andrew Fraser (right) welcome Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Roza Sage MP, Member for Blue Mountains and NSW RFS Superintendent David Jones.



Former Valley Heights brigade captain and still active member Steve Price believes the cameras will make a substantial difference in current firefighting methods and saving trapped people.

'It has a number of uses and is easy to handle. It can identify the main source of a fire and will make it easier and safer for us to find hot spots. It is often quite difficult because of thick smoke to locate the main source and this camera will do it for us,' he said.

'Quite often the smoke prevents us from seeing and a firefighter could be placed in danger by walking into the most active part of a fire or become trapped by a direction move. Using this camera will make fighting much more effective.

'Sometimes it's easy to step over or past a body in thick bush and as the camera registers body heat, which is different to a house or bushfire, it will help us save more lives. It will make a similar location if a person is trapped or unconscious inside a burning building.'

Price said it would also be of great advantage when backburning is done, particularly if it takes weeks to complete the operation in mountain areas.

'It will prevent the backburn getting away from us or re-igniting, especially in remote areas, by showing if any hot spots still exist on or under the ground. It will also assist those cameras used in helicopters, information that has not been assessable by people on the ground.

'The camera will be on standby in the Mountains to start with and can be used


for any incidents where required. We need to get to the fields quickly and the camera is simple to collect and so easy to handle. It just projects in digital form what it can see and that's great.'

Well before last summer, Masonicare decided to assist in some way by accessing its Disaster Relief Fund and starting the special appeal to the 330 individual lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

These fundraising activities ran from October until January and included golf days, sausage sizzles, BBQs, garage and car

boot sales and collections amongst the members of the various lodges across NSW and the ACT.

Several Board members spoke to senior members of the Rural Fire Services (RFS) and lodges in the affected areas on the best method of using the money before deciding on the thermal imaging camera.

'All this thanks to the tangible efforts of Freemasons willing to dig deep to help others in less fortunate circumstances than themselves,' said VW Bro Craig. 



Features, functions and advantages of using the Dräger 7000 Thermal Imaging Camera

- > Weighs only 1.4kg – supplied in kit meeting NSW RFS Operational Requirements
- > Enables the operator to 'see around corners'
- > Easy to use with one hand – simple 'touch of a button' application switch enabling easy selection of different operating modes – three additional modes allow better information and decision-making in any situation: Fire (firefighting); Persons (search and rescue); Thermal scan ('hotspots' visible at a glance)
- > Excellent image quality – better overview, more details – 160x120 pixels and 2x zoom
- > Snapshot function provides temporary freeze-frame image analysis
- > Integrated laser pointer simplifies communicating hazard information eg. hotspots, to other team members and clearly defines the path of attack
- > Integrated single image, video and sound recording functions – useful for later analysis – USB 2.0 interface enables images to be transferred to PC
- > Virtually indestructible casing – heat, water and dust resistant
- > Safe in potentially explosive atmospheres - does not provide an ignition source
- > Extended battery operating time of up to 4 hours



A mason in action

Australian Freemasons have **served with distinction on the battlefield** over the past century and have been represented from Master Mason to Grand Master.

In this year, the anniversary of 100 years since the start of World War I, and with Remembrance Day approaching, it is timely to look at a member who has contributed greatly to this country and to the Craft.

Frederick Arthur Maguire was born in Cobar, mid-western NSW, on 28 March 1888. At the age of 15, he entered the Education Department as a pupil teacher, attended Sydney Grammar School in 1906 and two years later moved to the medical school of the University of Sydney, from which he graduated with honours in 1911.

At the outbreak of World War I he volunteered his services. He was made a principal medical officer and given the rank of captain. He sailed with the Naval and Military Division to New Guinea on 18 August 1914 where he served for one year.

Upon being promoted to lieutenant-colonel, he proceeded to France as the

commanding officer of the 9th Field Ambulance (1916–17). As a full colonel, he was transferred to the Australian Army Medical Corps, 3rd Division (1918–20). He served continuously on the Western Front until the Armistice, being mentioned in dispatches on four occasions.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order in 1918. He continued in the army medical reserve until 1933, retiring with the rank of major-general. In that year he became a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George.

On his return to Australia, Bro Maguire took up appointment as Acting Professor of Anatomy at the University of Sydney Medical School, serving for many years at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. He also spent several years at London hospitals before returning to Royal Prince Alfred.

Bro Maguire began to specialise in gynaecology in the 1920s and his book *Anatomy of the Female Pelvis* (1922) became one of the most highly regarded female anatomy books being reprinted in 1929, 1940 and 1949. He was a founder and the first Chair of the Australian Regional Council of the Royal College of



Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Bro Maguire was initiated in the Lodge of Australia No 3 NSW in June 1920, installed as WM in 1927, appointed Deputy Grand Master in August 1930 and elected as Grand Master three years later.

During his period at the masonic helm, he introduced a number of innovations. He made regular visits to country areas to hold discussion groups with senior local Grand Officers and was the prime mover to write a history of Freemasonry in NSW and to upgrade the Grand Lodge library. He also had the foresight to arrange the purchase for Grand Lodge of the land where the present NSW Masonic Centre is situated in central Sydney.

Bro Maguire truly served Australia and especially NSW as a mason and a citizen.

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Did you know ...

An old landmark

One of the most prominent of masonic historical landmarks is contained in the diary of Elias Ashmole, the celebrated antiquary and founder of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford, England, when he wrote: '1646, October 16, 4.30pm. I was made a Freemason at Warrington, in Lancashire, with Col. Henry Mainwaring'.

Bro N Rylands has conducted an exhaustive research into the records of the lodge into which Elias Ashmole was initiated, with the result of finding that there probably was not a single member of the lodge at that time who was an operative.

More rebuilding for Lodge Kiama

Renovations are changing the Kiama Masonic Temple as the members **continue to transform the building** to cope with modern-day requirements.




According to DGIW VW Bro John Cosgrove, the same masons just kept going, not satisfied with the great job they had done earlier to the inside of the building but turned their attention to the entrance of the lodge.

Preparation is of two kinds, internally by the fortitude expressed by these willing masons, externally by the long hours, short coffee breaks, heat guns and paint scrapers used in the preparation of this small uninviting area.

Once the sticky oil-based paint was stripped back, Bro Stemp knew he would be required to purchase many more tubes of gap filler, Bro Cornelius fabricated the new cupboard to accommodate all the

electrical switches in one place and supplied most of the working tools used for the execution of the work at no cost.

The hard working masons of Lodge Kiama No 35 should now be proud of what they have achieved. The beautiful black and white chequered floor is highlighted by the 600 x 600 gold square and compasses which, along with the electrical work and fittings, was the only professional work paid for along with the new furniture.

VW Bro Cosgrove said all that is needed to make it perfect, is a couple of comfortable chairs and a table for Tyler of some 15 years, VW Bro Harry Kaye to sit and entertain the DGIW before he enters the lodge. 

Warragamba Presentations

A huge audience was present at Lodge Warragamba's July meeting to witness a special presentation and an explanation of the First Tracing Board.

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson attended to enjoy an evening with 90 brethren and ladies, families, and 20 Entered Apprentice Freemasons. Bro Terry McCallum gave an extended explanation of the Board to a highly interested audience.

The Grand Master then presented a 40 Years Certificate and Jewel to the Grand Director of Ceremonies, RW Bro Peter Ratcliff with wife Mrs Jean Ratcliff present.



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The story behind some war songs

Soldiers have sung since soldiering began. One can imagine for example the soldiers of Rome tramping the dusty roads and paths of Europe, **keeping their morale up by singing**, and certainly the mercenary armies of medieval wars sang the songs of the countries they fought over.

The American Civil War produced a great number of patriotic and love songs by both the North and the South and many of those songs are still sung today.

In 1914, the War to end all Wars commenced and song writers got busy. Some tunes were a familiar reminder of the recent South Africa war, songs like *Good bye Dolly I must leave you* and *Good bye*. We are familiar with many of the WWI songs but are we familiar with the writers.

One song that has outlived WWI and WWII, a ribald tune of many verses sung in military messes, wardrooms, canteens and pubs, is *Mademoiselle from Armentieres*. Even though the song is attributed to WWI, it was sung by French soldiers in the 1830s, and the original words told of the encounter of an innkeeper's daughter, Mademoiselle de Bar le Luc, with two German officers. Unfortunately, like many soldiers' songs, the writer is unknown.

In 1916, Arthur J Mills, Fred Godfrey and Bennett Scott were passing a music hall in Oxford playing a show called *Blighty* starring the great Florrie Ford. 'What a great title for a song,' one of them said. The song was written in four hours and became an overnight hit. The song is about three homesick soldiers on the Western Front. 'Blighty' is a Hindu word for England and was part of the British soldier's slang. Florrie Ford was born in Melbourne in 1875 and became a famous music hall artist.

In 1914, George Curnock, a *Daily Mail* reporter heard the Connaught Rangers singing *It's a long way to Tipperary*.

He wrote about the song and it was quickly picked up by other army units and became a worldwide hit. *It's a long way to Tipperary* was written in 1909 by Jack Judge and Harry Williams who for many years were in a partnership that produced 32 music hall songs. The song became a celebrated court case in 1917 when Alice Smyth Burton Jay sued the music publishers, Chappell and Company, claiming that she wrote the original song in 1908. The court dismissed her suit in 1920.

There have been many popular songs such as *Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag* written by George Powell as a recruiting song in 1915 and set to music by his brother Felix. Like many WWI songs, it started as a music hall song and became a hit. Another song that has lasted since WWI is the *Quartermaster's Store* but unfortunately the author cannot be found and probably it is just a soldier's song. The verses can be made up and generally refer to the contents and inhabitants of the store. It would be fair to say that both *Pack up your troubles* and the *Quartermaster's store* have been sung by many a Scout or Girl Guide around the camp fire since WWI.

In April 1917, the USA declared war against Germany and in 1918 joined the allies in France and it would be remiss not to include at least two American songs.

In 1913, a young American student, Stoddart King, at Yale University in an idle moment heard some music coming from a dormitory. Liking the music, he put some words to it and with Alonzo Elliott as composer they published

There's a long, long trail. The song became a WWI hit, especially when America came into the war. American soldiers arrived in France in April 1918 and as they marched through French towns and villages they sang a song *Over there, Over there, the Yanks are coming* written by George M Cohan as a patriotic song.

Cohan was born in Rhode Island in 1878 of Irish show biz parents and during a brilliant career he wrote numerous Broadway musicals and plays, at one time having five shows running on Broadway at the same time. In 1942, Cohan was portrayed brilliantly in film by Hollywood actor James Cagney.

With Remembrance Day in November, it would be appropriate to mention a few of the songs of WWI but there are many more. 🪖

Image: *It's a Long Long Way to Tipperary* by Jack Judge (1878–1938) Courtesy National Library of Australia

A good week for the AASR

Members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Australia completed a full week when they attended the **43rd meeting of the Supreme Council** in June.



The nine members of the Supreme Council met in Sydney to complete elections, appointments and social functions with the gathering of 74 Sovereign Grand Inspectors General

(33rd Degree) to elevate six new SGIGs as a highlight.

Among them were local Freemason V Ill Bro Allan Drane PDGIW as District Commander for the District of NSW

Sydney Central following the elevation to Supreme Council of M Ill Bro Ken Mobbs who now becomes Regional Commander for Region 1.

Current AASR Sovereign Grand Commander, M P Bro Peter Rowland from S.A., completed his three year term as SGC and the Lieutenant Grand Commander, V P Bro Ian Tilbury was duly installed as the new SGC during the annual meeting in the Sydney Masonic Centre.

The new Lieutenant Grand Commander, V P Bill Thompson from Victoria was also invested and seven other members of Supreme Council appointed to their positions.

Members of the SC attended the Prince Charles Edward Stuart Sovereign Council meeting to witness V Ill Bro Dominic De Candia, Grand Secretary General of the AASR, installed as the new Grand Commander of the Council.

A special visit to inspect the magnificent Royal Arch Egyptian room at Petersham was included in the schedule to allow interstate members to see the room and hear the explanation of the frieze.

As usual the NSW Masonic Club (Castlereagh Inn) made all interstate visitors welcome and all enjoyed the hospitality of the club, including a special cocktail party welcome by club President Graham Berry.

The week ended with the formal dinner in the Masonic Club's historic Cello's Restaurant attended by over 120 members and their ladies. An unforgettable musical performance was staged by noted tenor Bro Paolo Gulinello from Lodge Garibaldi (Vic) who had flown from Melbourne specially to sing. He had been invited by Dominic De Candia, the Grand Secretary General as a little surprise which he kept to himself and ended the week on a high note.

Knights at Campbelltown

A large gathering of Knights Templar attended Campbelltown in Sydney in July to **witness the Proclamation** of M Em Kt Walter Charlwood as Grand Master of the Great Priory of NSW & ACT for a further year.



Members arrived in a blaze of red and white with banners aloft to welcome a similarly colourful delegation from the Great Priory of Queensland, led by their new Grand Master, M Em Kt Reg Langusch.

A number of longstanding members were recognised for their service to the Order with conferred honours, including Rt Em Kt Ted Griffiths and Rt Em Kt Peter Sinden, who were created Knights Commander of the Temple (KCT).

After the meeting at Ambarvale Masonic Centre, many of the gathering attended a fabulous banquet highlighted by friendship, humour and goodwill.

M Em Kt Charlwood and his Great Senechal Rt Em Kt Richard Pickering (deputy to the Grand Master) said they are looking forward to another successful term. At the Sunday Thanksgiving Service the Great Prelate challenged members of the Order to reinvent their mission of chivalry for today's world.

Master Masons of at least two years standing are welcome to consider enlisting in the Templar ranks which has Preceptories in Sydney, Canberra and in major NSW country centres.

Enquiries can be made to the Great Vice Chancellor by email to g.p.ofnsw.act@bigpond.com.



Too focussed on fat?

For decades, the medical profession has warned against the **dangers of high levels of cholesterol** and diets high in fat content on the grounds that both are contributory factors in cardiovascular and coronary heart disease.

The warnings are supported by statistics published by the Heart Foundation which indicate that in 2011/12 five million Australians 18 years and over were overweight and four million were obese. The statistics also show that in 2010, high cholesterol was the second greatest contributor to heart disease and that in 2011/2012 5.6 million people aged 18 years and older had high total cholesterol.

The villain in these disturbing facts is said to be the amount of fat consumed in our daily diet and a visit to the local supermarket with its focus on 'fat free' or 'low fat' products appears to support the argument. Despite the medical warnings and emphasis on so called 'healthy diets', the proportion of Australians who were obese in 2012 increased by 47% to those who were obese in 1995. According to the Heart Foundation, cardiovascular disease (CVD) is one of Australia's largest health problems and the leading cause of death in Australia. It kills one Australian every 12 minutes, affects one in six or 3.7 million Australians, affects two out of every three families and in 2011 claimed the lives of 45,600 Australians (31% of all deaths).

In an article 'Don't Blame Fat' published in the June issue of the *Time* magazine, the author

Bryan Walsh states: 'For decades, it (fat) has been the most vilified nutrient in the American diet. But new science reveals that fat isn't what's hurting our health.' The article goes on to say that a \$150 million study of 'Dietary Goals for the United States' carried out in the 1980s had a clear message: 'Eat less fat and cholesterol to reduce your risk of a heart attack.'

The nation's eating habits changed accordingly; however, the article further states: '...the experiment was a failure. Americans cut the fat, but by almost every measure, they are sicker than ever. The prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes in the U.S. increased by 166% from 1980 to 2012.' Whilst deaths from heart attacks have fallen, it is thought that this has resulted from improved emergency treatment, a reduction in the number of smokers and greater access to cholesterol controlling drugs – but cardiovascular disease remains the country's No 1 killer.

In the light of the statistics published by the Heart Foundation, and the numerous articles written on the subject, one has to ask – 'Have we become too focussed on fat and do we know enough about fats which are good for us and those that are not?'

To understand fat, we need to understand cholesterol, itself a soft fatty substance found in our blood and produced naturally by our body. Cholesterol can either be our friend or our enemy. Firstly, it is essential to assist in the production of vitamin D and bile acids that help us digest fat. Too much however can result in fatty deposits building up in the blood vessels and causing a restriction in the flow of the blood to the heart. Those with a family history of high blood cholesterol may themselves be prone to the condition. Being overweight and eating too much of certain types of fat increases a person's vulnerability. Regardless of whether you fall into one of those categories, it is advisable to have your cholesterol levels checked regularly.

The story of fat is similar to cholesterol in that the body needs fat to promote energy, help in the absorption of vitamins and nutrients and make food more palatable. According to an article written by Kerry Torrens, Nutritional Food Therapist and published in the *BBC Good Food Book*, '...a low fat diet can impact your immunity, limit the body's ability to heal itself and have an influence on bone health'. That being said, there are fats which are our friends and those that are our enemies.

Friendly fats are unsaturated fats which

are further classed as polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats. Both are essential in a healthy diet and assist in lowering cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Food such as fish and vegetables are good sources of polyunsaturated fats. Foods which provide a good source of monounsaturated fat include olive oil, peanut oil, canola oil, avocados and most nuts.



Unfriendly fats include saturated fats and trans-fats which are found in butter, cooking margarine, lard, meat fats, poultry skin, cheese, cream, yoghurt, full cream milk, commercial biscuits, snack food and many take-away foods. These fats increase the chances of unfriendly cholesterol that result in blockages to the cardiovascular system.

The consensus of opinion since the 1980s has been overwhelming in its advocacy of a low fat diet. The claim is that a reduction in saturated fats will bring about a reduction in heart disease. As a result, animal fats in manufactured foods were replaced with un-saturated vegetable oils which led to the creation of solid or semi-solid fat. Subsequent studies have revealed that the process has resulted in increased levels of trans-fats which are both bad for the heart and cholesterol. The changes included altering the structure of vegetable oil so it could be replaced with solid fats.

The move to low fat diets by food manufacturers is questioned in the article by Kerry Torrens 'The Truth About Low Fats'. The article goes on to say: 'As well as altering the oils used for producing low-fat foods, manufacturers also found they had to increase the amount of sugar in their products so we continued to enjoy their taste and texture. All of this meant that the typical low-fat product tended to be high in carbs, might contain trans-fats and at the end of the day had a very similar calorie count to the original product. In fact when we eat foods high in carbs, especially white refined ones, our bodies digest them more quickly. This can lead to blood sugar swings and cravings making it more difficult to control our overall calorie intake – which means that second or third

'low fat' biscuit starts to look very tempting! A diet too high in these refined carbs and sugars can be as unhealthy as a high-fat diet because it increases the risk of diabetes, heart disease and causes high cholesterol levels.'

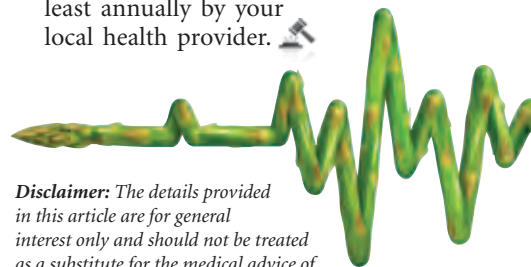
The view is supported in an article on 'Fats and Cholesterol' by the Harvard Medical School which indicates: 'Low-fat, reduced fat, or fat-free processed foods are not necessarily healthy. One problem with a generic lower-fat diet is that it prompts most people to stop eating fats that are good for the heart along with those that are bad for it. And low-fat diets are often higher in refined carbohydrates and starches from foods like white rice, white bread, potatoes, and sugary drinks.'

The article goes on to say: 'When food manufacturers take out fat, they often replace it with carbohydrates from sugar, refined grains, or starch. Our bodies digest these refined carbohydrates and starches very quickly, causing blood sugar and insulin levels to spike and then dip, which in turn leads to hunger, overeating, and weight gain.'

'Over time, eating lots of "fast carbs" can raise the risk of heart disease and diabetes as much as – or more than – eating too much saturated fat. So when you cut back on foods like red meat and butter, replace them with fish, beans, nuts, and healthy oils – not with refined carbohydrates.'

Whilst opinions vary on whether dietary trends based on past research have been in the best interest of those who have adopted them, two things appear certain:

- The focus on fat in our diets has been over emphasised.
- It is essential that cholesterol levels are maintained within acceptable limits and should be monitored at least annually by your local health provider.



Disclaimer: The details provided in this article are for general interest only and should not be treated as a substitute for the medical advice of your own doctor.

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One Brother to Another

Dear Brethren,

The “One Brother to Another” Benevolence Appeal has now wrapped up and we would like to congratulate every one of you who, in many different ways, contributed to the success of this annual Appeal. ALL funds raised will go directly into the Benevolence Fund so that those brethren and their families who may have fallen on hard times can receive financial assistance from their Grand Charity, Masonicare, in their time of greatest need.

Would you now please return any unsold ribbons and pins together with funds raised, to our Administrative Officer, Walleska Coimbra, at your earliest convenience? Should your lodge or any members like to make any final Benevolence appeal donations for the year, now is your chance to do so.

Masonicare appreciates the way in which you have supported this fundraising event which we aim to continue in the years ahead. We trust the Purple and Gold ribbons will come to symbolise Masonic Benevolence and the wearing of these ribbons at Lodge meetings, festive boards and in the community generally during the month of July each year, will create awareness amongst not only Masons but the community as a whole, to show we care as ‘one Brother to Another’.

Thank you for your kind generosity in continuing to promote one of the important roles so close to our heart; that of Brotherly love, relief and truth.

RW Bro Andrew Fraser
Chairman Masonicare



Masonicare Grants

Masonicare belongs to all Masons and all Lodges in NSW & ACT. **The Grand Charity Board represents you as individuals and as Lodges.**

Our role at the Grand Charity is to assist you with charitable works and therefore raise the profile of Freemasonry in your area.

The two major ways in which we can do this is by InterAction grants and Benevolence grants.

At its August meeting, the Board reviewed the system of processing applications received for both InterAction and Benevolence grants.

The Board has always been very keen to assist, in any way it can, those genuine and justifiable cases and whilst the policies have previously been made known throughout the jurisdiction, the Board affirmed the following which is now provided for general information.

InterAction Grants

The InterAction grant application process will be as follows:

- a) Applications for InterAction grants will be made on the current application form but the Grant Application will, initially, only be given an “in principle” status until the funds have been raised;
- b) Only grants payable to Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR) will be approved;
- c) All InterAction Grants will have a time period for the fund raising activity to be completed;
- d) Masonicare will verify the DGR status prior to the release of total funds by cheque;
- e) Once a Lodge has raised the funds these are to be transferred to Masonicare which will remit, by cheque, the amount of the donation – including the grant;
- f) The Masonicare cheque for the total will be forwarded to the Lodge for presentation to the DGR.

Benevolence Grants

Those concerned can be assured that all Applications for Benevolence are treated in the strictest confidence and only a small sub-committee of the Board is made aware of each applicant’s details and circumstances.

The Board has confirmed that all Benevolence Applications will also be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for his comments and review.

As Chairman on behalf of the Board, I thank all the Lodges for their assistance in the recent Grand Master’s Disaster Appeal and reiterate the Board’s intention to assist all Lodges in their charitable fundraising.

Masonicare Charity Jewels

If you would like to recognise someone in your lodge for their contribution to the charitable aspects of Freemasonry, then one of these high quality jewels would provide the ideal way in which to show how the lodge values their constant dedication.

Jewels can only be purchased by the lodge and are not tax deductible in compliance with ATO ‘charity’ regulations. Funds raised from the sale of jewels will go to The Benevolence Fund.



| JEWEL | COST |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1. The Life Merit Award | \$500.00 |
| 2. The Gold Appreciation Award | \$375.00 |
| 3. The Silver Appreciation Award | \$250.00 |
| 4. The Bronze Appreciation Award | \$125.00 |

Have gavel will travel

It is highly significant **for all masons to reflect**, every once in a while, upon a **realistic evaluation** of the present condition of our individual characters in order to truly see where we stand in this **magnificent on-going process of perfection**.

Where we find obvious or subtle degrees of foolishness, weakness or ugliness of character, that is where we will be focusing our future efforts with our common gavel in order to bring our present character, (our Rough Ashlar), more in line with our masonic concept of perfection – The Perfect Ashlar.

In this process of perfection we can, (and should), invoke the blessings of God so that we may have the wisdom to contrive, the strength to support, and the beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings. Brethren, let there be no doubt about it, the perfection of our character is, according to all masonic tradition, a great and important undertaking which we, as masons, are honour bound to ever strive for and achieve.

THE PERFECT ASHLAR

From a block of fine white marble, a wise sculptor created an elephant. Its beauty had an inner strength which radiated the culture of the East. When asked how he had created such a masterpiece, the sculptor replied that he had merely chipped away all that was not the elephant.

Throughout the history of world culture, there have been many sculptors, yet few of these had the insight and the focus to create masterpiece elephants. The quality of what remains after ‘chipping away’ depends upon how discerning the sculptor was. Numerous factors affect this level of discernment. Was he mentally bogged down with money worries? Was he emotionally polarised with family matters? Was he overwhelmed by his glimpse into the human condition? Did he simply have a common cold? Was he having a bad day? All these and many more affect the quality of the finished product. (Is this an elephant that you would want in your living room?)

It is, of course, no laughing matter to the disappointed sculptor who sees all too

The perfection of our character ... we are honour bound to ever strive for and achieve

well that his finished product is far from the wisdom, strength and beauty of his original concept. What went wrong? Who will he blame for his foolish, weak and ugly elephant? Who will he blame for his lack of discernment in wielding his working tools?

The ancient Taoists taught that a beginner stepping onto the Path of Enlightenment blames others. One that is traveling the Path of Enlightenment blames only himself; however, one that has completed the Path of Enlightenment blames no one.

As brothers in Masonry, each of us has been given a concept of imperfection in the symbol of the Rough Ashlar, (that rough stone just taken from the quarry). We have also been given the concept of perfection in the symbol of the Perfect Ashlar or smooth stone. We were admonished to change the present state of our character, (which we were to consider as our Rough Ashlar), into a perfected character symbolised by the Perfect Ashlar.

Not only were we gently challenged to attain this goal, but also we were given the means by which we could achieve it.

Thus we were gradually introduced to the symbolism of our masonic working tools, one of which is our common gavel. The common gavel looks like a small wooden axe head and is used to chip away the unnecessary parts of the Rough Ashlar. We use it symbolically to chip, shape and smooth our Rough Ashlar (our present character), into a perfect Ashlar (our concept of the perfect character). In other words, to chip away all that is not the elephant.

After being presented with our common gavel and other working tools




and given an explanation of their function, we were then set upon a rough and rugged road. During our travels on this road, we would have many opportunities to use all of our working tools, especially, our common gavel.

Most of us are finding that the more we use our common gavel to chip away all that is not our concept of perfection in character, the more we can contemplate and use our other working tools. This is simply due to the fact that our character flaws are distractions from perfection and take up much of our mental and emotional energy. As we consciously remove our character flaws we can then use that freed-up energy to more skillfully and energetically use our other working tools.

On this road toward a more perfect concept and practice of Masonry, each of us will encounter situations and conditions which will cause us to sit back and reflect upon our efforts with our working tools.

We ask ourselves some vital questions such as, ‘How much of an increase in the skillful use of my working tools has my experience on this masonic road of life produced?’ ‘What is the quality of my Ashlar to date? Is it perfect yet?’ (We’re good, but not that good!). ‘Does my Ashlar (my character) exhibit wisdom for all the world to see, or does it exhibit foolishness for the world to see?’

Does my Ashlar exhibit strength for the world to draw hope from, or does it exhibit weaknesses for the world to avoid? Does it exhibit beauty for the world to rejoice with, or does it exhibit varying degrees of ugliness for the world to shrink from? 



Land management

Having just **browsed my husband's copy** of the June edition of *Freemason*, I thought you might be interested in this story about him.

A move to Orange at the end of 1987 was the start of several long periods of study that in May 2014 culminated in the award of Doctor of Philosophy from Sydney University for RW Bro Dr Rob Finlay PJGW.

Bro Finlay, a long serving member of Lodge Central Australia No 88 and Lodge Canoblas Lewis No 806, attributes much of his academic 'success' to his involvement with Freemasonry, along with the support and encouragement of his family and his masonic friends.

As a fifth generation primary producer in Australia, Rob was able to compare and relate his own experience and attitudes towards land management with those of a much wider cross-section of primary producers and their attitudes to the land.

The following extract from Rob's thesis, 'Primary Producer Perspectives on Rural Land Management in Central and Western NSW', provides an insight into his research.

'In light of the on-going environmental challenges being faced by managers of Australia's rural and remote landscapes it has become apparent that change will occur only when policy makers have a better understanding of farmer attitudes towards land management. As a means of understanding land managers' knowledge of, and attitudes toward a range of issues facing primary production, 327 land managers from Central and Western NSW responded to two surveys. These contained questions regarding problems and impediments on the land, external and environmental influences, sustainability and responsibility, the challenges facing primary production, personality dispositions of producers and how such dispositions influence attitudes towards land management issues.

'Survey responses reveal a strong commitment on the part of primary producers to sustainable management and acknowledge a duty of care and responsibility




Above:
A very proud Monique with Rob at his graduation from Sydney University in May – the culmination of many years of committed study.

Right:
Rob in the paddock on his property near Orange examining insect damage to a blue gum sapling.



towards the land they manage in order to benefit future generations, while displaying a dislike at the 'outside invention' of others into their farm management decisions and practices. Respondents strongly support restoration of degraded landscapes, but there is an equally strong

belief that they should not be solely responsible for funding what is essentially a public benefit. Seminal personality factors which define respondents' characters personally and at work were also identified, with agreeableness and openness being the most frequent. 

The Celtic Spirit

It was a celebration of the **best of Irish entertainment** at the Freemasons' Association 'Celtic Spirit' Night held at the St George Masonic Centre, Mortdale on Saturday 7 June 2014.

The night featured Ireland's own 'Silver Baron', Dee Donovan OAM, and provided an intimate showbiz journey in which Dee paid tribute to a

host of well known entertainers with whom he has worked in television, theatre and cabaret shows in the United States, Ireland, Canada, Europe and Australia.

Popular smooth vocals, hilarious impressions, instrumentals that included guitar, banjo, ukulele, and flute were all a part of the performance of this multi award winning Irish entertainer and recording artist.

Adding to the charm and excitement of the performance was a troupe of 'Gold Medal' Irish Dancers, who dressed in traditional Irish costume, presented segments from *Lord of the Dance* and *River Dance*.

It was a night in which the Grand Master, MW Bro Derek J Robson AM and Ms Gael Knox joined an appreciative audience to support the Association's proposed Children's Christmas Party which this year



will be held at the Orchard Hills Masonic Centre on Sunday 30 November 2014. The Children's Christmas Party was a major event in the social calendar of the Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers' Association and was re-instated as a Freemasons' Association event in 2010.

Surplus funds from the Celtic Spirit Night will be used to purchase presents for children attending the Christmas Party. An Event Registration Form will be circulated in October 2014.

How to write for the *Freemason*

So many times, the question has been asked 'Why wasn't this printed in the *Freemason*?' The simple answer is **we never heard about it!**

Many items are received, most are used, some are not considered suitable. But if a story is not submitted, it cannot be printed.

Here are some guidelines on how to get your story printed.

WHAT'S THE STORY?

Every week, a Lodge somewhere does something newsworthy. It may be a meeting with multiple initiations, a father/son/grandfather event, an inspiring speaker or a new program. Your magazine is a good forum to tell others about your success but we need to know as soon as it happens, not months later.

KEEP IT SHORT

Don't submit 1,000 words on a social night, a certificate or jewel presentation or an installation. Read Regional Roundup and get an idea of the word length of similar stories.

PHOTOS

Centre the person in the photo, don't highlight the background. And don't take photos of the backs of people. Good sharp photos are great, out of focus photos are a disaster. Identify every person with name and Masonic rank in the photo but don't write on the back of the photo. Use a 'stick-on'

tag to go with the photo. Try for action photos, shaking hands, presentation, talking rather than posed head and shoulders shots.

DON'T HAND-WRITE

Handwriting can be impossible to read, especially where names are concerned. Either type your article or email it to the magazine. Always put your name and contact details with each article in case a check is needed.

DEADLINES

The magazine deadlines are listed on the inside cover. Try to stay with them rather than sending copy a few days before publication. It won't get in and may be too late by the time the next edition is printed. If there is an important event near deadline time, let us know and we may be able to hold space for it.

COMMENT

All comment is appreciated, even criticism. Remember, it's your magazine and your views are important.



Crystal radio

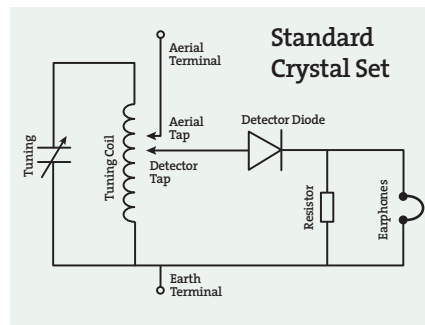
I grew up in Kalgoorlie during the 1950s and had an interest in 'wireless' generally.

This period was before the invention of transistors and integrated circuits that a younger mason would be more familiar with. I would pull valve radios apart just to see what made them tick. I'd put them back together and they would generally still work.

I also used to build crystal radios back then. Many of you may have done the same in your youth.

There is not one agreed type, plan or circuit, for a crystal radio. I would try different circuits with a variety of components. Generally, all you needed was four or five inert components. You put them together in a certain way, tuned in and listened.

I would ride my pushbike about five miles into the bush; string a copper wire antenna between two trees and tune in to local 6KG or 6GF stations. Here I was, hearing voices and music coming out of mere wires and this thing with no valves, batteries or house current. Even back then I knew that Nature doesn't give you something for nothing, so where was the power to create these sounds coming from? I wanted to know all the mysteries behind how this stuff worked.



The tuning coil I made out of ordinary copper wire and it was wound on an ordinary piece of wood or a toilet roll. Originally, I had a 1930s cat's whisker mechanism which was made of ordinary pieces of brass and the crystal was just a shiny piece of rock. (I could later afford a glass bead diode which made things a lot easier.) The headphone was the old hand piece of wall telephone that I had liberated from the Kalgoorlie PMG telephone exchange rubbish heap.

It was immensely pleasing to see (and hear) how I could take ordinary things and make them do something so wonderful. This was the beginning of a fascination with radio and electronics that has continued to this day.



What has this to do with masonry?

I'll tell you what I think: When you start to make daily progress within 'the middle chamber', many things come back to you from your past. You receive your dues. You then try to make sense of them from where you are now in your development.

Always mindful of allegories – Isn't it amazing how I could (and you can) have just three components: a transmitter; a receiver (that you personally built); and 'something' invisible in-between that can result in an enlightening experience. That 'something' permeates the receiving components and if that receiver has been properly prepared, anyone attached to it by a point of entry, becomes 'at one' with what is being broadcast. I could be transported to the studio to be part of the orchestral concert and then return at any time.

Reflecting further, it is a System of three components: the originator; the signal; and the receiver. Without one, it is incomplete. It is a waste of potential.

A crystal receiver needs to be assembled with functioning components utilising time, labour and education. You need a proven design before you begin. You hope the signal will be there because you have faith in the broadcaster.

Often during the life of a receiver, it may need to be taken apart to basics (if there is a calamity or a failure within itself) and it can be constantly improved until there is no more static, and nothing is between you and the message. You are in constant communication. That would be perfect.

This memory takes me back again, to a hot Sunday morning, sitting under a short gum tree, on the edge of the plains of a dry salt lake, engrossed in *Songs of Praise* with something I had built quietly in the shed.

Maybe I need to start rebuilding? 





A remarkable masonic incident

The first masonic funeral that ever occurred in California took place in 1849, and was performed over a brother found drowned in the Bay of San Francisco.

On the body of the deceased was found a silver mark, upon which was engraved the initials of his name. A little further investigation revealed to the beholder the most singular exhibitions of masonic emblems that were ever drawn by the ingenuity of man upon the human skin. There is nothing in the history of the traditions of Freemasonry equal to it.

Beautifully dotted on his left arm in red and blue ink, which time could not efface, there appeared all the emblems of the entire apprenticeship. There was the Holy Bible, square and compass, the twenty four inch gauge, and common gavel. There were also the masonic pavement, representing the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple, the identical tassel which surrounds it, and the blazing star in the centre. On his right arm, and artistically executed in the same indelible liquid, were the emblems pertaining to the Fellow-Craft's degree, viz. the square, the level and the plumb. There were also the five columns representing the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite.

In removing his garments from his body the trowel presented itself, with all the other tools of operative Masonry. Over his heart was the pot of incense. On other parts of his body were the bee-hive, the book of constitutions, guarded by the Tyler's sword pointing to a naked heart; the All-Seeing Eye, the anchor and ark, hour glass, scythe, the forty-seventh

problem of Euclid, the sun, moon, stars and comets; the three steps which are emblematical of youth, manhood and age. Admirably executed was the weeping virgin, reclining on a broken column upon which lay the book of constitutions. In her left hand she held the pot of incense, the masonic emblem of a pure heart; and in her right hand was a sprig of acacia, the emblem of the immortality of the soul.

Immediately beneath her stood winged Time, with his scythe by his side, which cuts the brittle thread of life, and the hour-glass at his feet, which is ever reminding us that our lives are withering away. The withered and attenuated figure of the destroyer was placed amid the long and flowing ringlets of the disconsolate mourner. Thus were striking emblems of mortality and immortality blending in one pictorial representation.

It was a spectacle such as masons never saw before, and in all probability, will never witness again. The name of the deceased was never ascertained.

The above is a remarkable story and was reported as 'Remarkable Masonic Incident in America' in the May 1876 issue of Australian Freemason.

It seems a great shame that a brother who so obviously loved his Masonry died alone and in such tragic circumstances and that, at the end, they did not even know his name.

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A musical feast

I was particularly impressed with your short yet concise article on **masonic musicians** in the March issue.

Being a musician for the past 60 years and a mason for over 50 years, I have always had a strong bond between the Craft and music.

During 1970–72, I served as the DGIW for District 35A (Croydon). I was 34 years old at that time and was thought to be well below the average age for the position which made me adopt a very positive outlook from the onset.

With my deep interest in music, I decided to arrange a combined meeting with the nine lodges in the district and

the new lodges that were relocating due to the demolition of the Grand Lodge building in Sydney.

After many weeks of research and enquiries, I was able to produce a program that involved not only the musicians but all the brethren present. As the program had not been previously presented in a lodge before, I submitted it to the Grand Lodge Librarian, the late RW Bro John Danks who totally approved the submission. The following notice paper of that meeting may increase the

masonic musicians?



brethren's knowledge of one of the seven liberal arts and sciences.

The article on the old Tin Shed also brought back many memories as I was in the orchestra that supported Andy Stewart, the Scottish comedian on his Australian tour in 1961. He performed on two occasions in Sydney, drawing a crowd of 8,000 to each performance.

The Notice Paper for the Combined Meeting at the Croydon Masonic Temple on Tuesday 4 May 1971, in the presence of MW Bro Harry Maas, PGM was held under the Charter of Lodge Cantabrian No 929.

Representatives from different lodges presented the following musical information.

- W Bro W Williams (WM The Victoria Lodge) spoke about Sir Henry Rowley Bishop.
- W Bro J Moir (WM Lodge Edward) on Ludwig van Beethoven
- W Bro J Hannan (WM Lodge Croydon) on Sir Arthur Sullivan
- W Bro H Oliver (WM Lodge Croydon Park) on Jan Sibelius
- W Bro L Gay (WM Lodge Malvern) on George Frideric Handel
- W Bro D Kileen (WM Lodge Welcome) on Dr Thomas Augustine Arne
- W Bro K Whitney (WM Lodge Gowrie) on Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- W Bro F Huxtable (WM Lodge St Paul) on Franz Liszt
- W Bro T Allen (WM Lodge St James of Argyll) on Peter Dawson

Musical items followed each presentation with the final performance being Rudyard Kipling's 'On the Road to Mandalay'.

SOCIAL MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT

The presence of Freemasons on various social networking sites is growing exponentially and it is drawing attention to the fraternity. By participating on sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and others, we should strive to make that attention as positive as possible. When we represent ourselves as members of the fraternity, we become someone's impression of Freemasonry. As such, it is important that we act accordingly and subscribe to the lessons we are all taught as masons in terms of how we communicate and interact with masons and non-masons.

- A mason should conduct his social media activities in a way that reflects a positive image to the world of his membership in Freemasonry.
- A mason's postings are a permanent record and therefore, must reflect to the world a positive opinion about himself personally and the organisation to which he belongs.
- A mason's actions on the various social media outlets must reflect the same high standards of morality and virtue as he would practice and experience within a masonic lodge, always remembering to moderate the ebullitions of wrath.
- A mason must advise another brother if he feels anything he has posted is improper within the framework of our Constitution, Regulations and rules.
- A mason should never identify any other brother to be a member of the Craft unless he has provided his consent, or has already identified himself as such.
- Lodge Notice Papers should not be discussed publicly, especially if details of Lodge Officers or Candidates are included.
- There should never be discussion related to the application, background or investigation of any applicant.
- There should never be discussion regarding the ballot of an applicant.
- There should never be discussion related to the business of a lodge and what is discussed within the lodge.
- The posting of photographs or videos of lodge or other masonic events must comply with the Constitutions, Regulations, rules or other directives that are in existence at any time. Prior consent must always be obtained from the subjects in a photograph or video before it is taken and/or published.
- No official communication with other Grand Lodges or their subordinate lodges may take place online. Contact must be conducted through the Office of the Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge website – May 2012.



Regional Roundup



ARMIDALE DISTRICT

Grand gift for kids

An approach for a possible donation has resulted in the Freemasons of the Armidale District being able to raise funds to help children.

More than \$4,000 was raised from the District with the assistance of the Masonic Centre Support group and Masonicare after an appeal by the Allingham Street Childcare Centre to help build a roof for the outdoor area.

The funding now means that children will be able to play outside when it rains.



L-R: Freemasons Geoff Monley, Bill Hodder, Allingham Street Childcare Centre's Sue Motley with grandson Oliver, president Tania Craigie with daughter Darnika, Madge Williams and June Mortimer of the Masonic Centre Support Group

LODGE FARRER NO 93

Farrer helps needy families

A rise in demand for food relief in the Albury district was met with a quick response from Lodge Farrer No 93 which raised and donated \$1,000 to provide emergency food relief to needy families.

Lodge members Ross Altass and Peter Wilson handed over the cheque to the program with the money raised mostly from the lodge twice-a-year sausage sizzles.

'The Freemasons donation is huge in terms of other donations we get and it will keep us going for two months,' said Mary Sullivan, chairwoman of the St David's Uniting Church relief program.

'There are people out there doing it really tough and a third of our food goes to children.'

The donation was fully reported in the *Albury Border Mail* with a photo of the lodge members helping in the delivery process.

LODGE GOWRIE OF CANBERRA NO 715

An Honour well deserved

Having been voted an Honorary Member, foundation member of Lodge Gowrie of Canberra No 715, W Bro David Dunlop, was presented with a commemorative certificate at an afternoon tea at his home in May, by the Worshipful Master W Bro Roman Cholawinskyj and a number of brethren.

David turned 99 in June and still lives in his own home in Canberra with the support of his family. He is the tenth Honorary Member created since the lodge was consecrated in 1947, the first two being the former Governor-General, the Earl of Gowrie and the foundation Master VW Bro Canon Charles Robertson.

While acknowledging the honour, David entertained the brethren with his clear recollections of early days in Canberra as a Master Mason. He also has very



L-R: Barbara Dunlop (daughter), W Bro Roman Cholawinskyj, W Bro Russell Handcock, W Bro Kevin Prendergast, VW Bro Percy Fleming PDGDC and W Bro David Cook with W Bro David Dunlop seated

accurate memories of the nine brethren who preceded him in this honour.



More help from the masons

Down Syndrome NSW has been the latest recipient of masonic charity when the DGM RW Bro Jamie Melville presented two cheques to the value of \$10,000.

The amount followed the consolidated efforts by masons from Lodge Star of Australia No 200, Lodge Blacktown Kildare No 393, Lodge Woronora No 414, Lodge Beauty of Cabra Vale No 743, and Lodge Jose Rizal No 1045 who raised \$5,000 with Masonicare matching the total.

This initiative was conceived and orchestrated by artist Bro Oliver Gadista of Lodge Jose Riza who brought together a group of masons to record Christmas songs and sell a CD album, titled *True Lights of Christmas*.

Ms Tracy Arestides of Down Syndrome NSW thanked the Freemasons, a fraternity that she was not aware of until that day, and added the donation will help assist and support parents whose child is affected with 'Down syndrome'.

LODGE SUTHERLAND No 585

A Grand Night in the Shire

Lodge Sutherland No 585 provided a presentation of the explanation of the first tracing board at its April meeting, under the direction of VW Bro Shakir Kabbabe.

This significant portion of ritual always makes for an interesting evening, but on this night it was made even more memorable by the attendance of a total of ten Entered Apprentices. Four of the Apprentices were members of Lodge Sutherland and six were very welcome visitors from Lodge Galileo No 1019.

AUSTRALIAN LODGE OF HARMONY No 5

Pagri Night at Sydney Masonic Centre



The candidate, Bro Gurmukh Singh, (centre) with VW Bro Glen Green, DGIW (left) and members of the contingent

On 2 July, the Australian Lodge of Harmony No 5 held a memorable event by initiating a Sikh candidate, where all substitute Officers wore Pagris (turbans) and those presenting the charges were all Sikh brethren with Pagris. The following brethren participated in the ceremony:

- WM: W Bro Harcharan Singh Grewal, Lodge Harmony No 5
- SW: Bro Jagjeet Singh Basant, Lodge Capitol No 612
- JW: Bro Charanjiet Singh Kashmirian, Lodge Capitol No 612
- SD: Bro Mohmohan Singh Baveja, Lodge Ku-Ring-Gai No 1033
- JD: W Bro Pritam Singh Saran, Lodge Wahroonga No 674
- IG: W Bro Bharpur Singh Sekhon, Lodge Capitol No 612
- DC: W Bro Parminder Singh Saini,

Lodge Wahroonga No 674

- OG: Bro Tathagat Banerjee, Lodge Harmony No 5

The Pagri contingent entered the lodge as a Fraternal, to the notes of Raag Shan Kalyan, an evening Raga, appropriate for the time of the day, and then provided a Guard of Honour for W Bro Bharpur Singh Sekhon, of Lodge Capitol No 612, who led the contingent.

The ceremony was very well received by all brethren present, who enjoyed the exemplary work done by the Pagri Team.

The Pagri has been worn across cultures, religions and continents, and in particular is worn by a large percentage of Sikhs as a sign of distinction. It is a sign of submission to the Supreme Being and when exchanged between men it signifies deep friendship.





LODGE RESURGO No 223

Latte Hills

Lodge Resurgo No 223 together with Masonicare has presented cheques totalling \$6,000 to the North Rocks Rural Fire Service to complete building of a training Diorama called 'Latte Hills'.

The Diorama measures 6.5m x 4m and has taken two years to build by members of the North Rocks station under Deputy Captain Chris Moore.

The donation will greatly assist in providing a smoke simulator, winch and other essential station equipment which will be used in the training of volunteers within the Rural Fire Service. It will also assist them with methods of fire fighting in actual situations under workshop conditions.

The Square and Compasses will be attached to the Diorama as acknowledgment of the masonic assistance and offi-



Members and wives viewing the Diorama

cers from country stations were waiting to use the Diorama in their training. Captain John Meredith of North Rocks RFS said the building will improve response times and more effective outcomes when responding to an emergency from the community.

LODGE CONDOBLIN No 185

Lodge Condoblin celebrates 125 years

Two big events enabled Lodge Condoblin No 185 to celebrate in regal fashion at its April and May meetings.

The Condoblin Sing Australia Choir helped the lodge at its ANZAC meeting with a selection of wartime melodies followed by Bro Karl Martin, who joined the Navy in 1987 and gave a detailed description of life at sea.

VW Bro Rodney Farrar had pride of place at the May meeting when he was re-installed by W Bro Robin Sanderson to mark the 125th anniversary of the lodge.

Visiting brethren came from far and wide and the Grand Lodge delegation was led by the Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson.

The first lodge meeting was held on 24 October 1889 at a bank residence and in 1892 brethren resolved to build a lodge hall which was completed in early 1893.

Secretary Bro R J Gavel said although the fortunes of the lodge have ebbed and flowed over the years, it had been only the determination and loyalty of the brethren that ensured its survival.

Grand Master visits dedicated mason

The Grand Master, MW Bro Derek Robson AM, visited RW Bro Lyall Green OAM PDGM, at the Moonby House Tamworth Masonic Homes complex on Saturday 17 May. He was accompanied by the Regional Masonicare Manager, RW Bro David Robertson, PJGW.

Lyall will celebrate his 99th birthday in December this year.

RW Bro Green was initiated in The Peel Lodge No 209, on 2 April 1951. Progressing in Freemasonry he became the Master of his lodge in 1957. He was subsequently to occupy the Chair in Lodges, John Oxley No 879, Barraba No 264, Werriston No 273, Liverpool Plains No 191, St Andrews No 281, Hope No 30 and Cockburn Daylight No 1005. His membership continues in Liverpool Plains No 191, The Peel No 209

and St Andrews No 281.

He was appointed an Official Lecturer in 1958 which appointment he still holds today.

On completion of his formal education he gained entry to Armidale Teachers' College. He completed his training at the Teachers' College in December 1935.

In October 1947, he was appointed as a relieving teacher based at Tamworth Public School and was to remain teaching in the Tamworth area for the remainder of his career, including 26 years at Tamworth High School.

Australia Day 1990 saw Lyall receive the Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to the Tamworth Community.

On Australia Day 2004 The City of Tamworth conferred on Lyall their most prestigious award, 'Freeman of the City'.



RW Bro Lyall Green OAM, with the Grand Master and RW Bro David Robertson, Regional Masonicare Manager, Region One



LODGE ST DAVID ST JOHN

A dream come true

It is an Installed Master's dream that at some time during his masonic career, he will initiate his son, or even sons; it is an even greater dream to initiate his grandson.

So, it was a dream come true for RW Bro Tony Coco when he initiated his grandson Jesse Dean Musgrove at the Lodge St David St John's July meeting, before the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Jamie Melville.

The night was very well supported with around eighty in attendance, including a

twenty-strong contingent of Grand Lodge Officers.

The Worshipful Master of Lodge St David St John, W Bro Lewis Shelton, granted RW Bro Coco the privilege of taking the Chair to fulfil his dream.

After the ceremony, and in his response to the welcome extended to him by RW Bro Coco, RW Bro Melville descended to the floor of the lodge to congratulate the newly initiated brother and acknowledge and encourage the other Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts in attendance.



L-R: Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Jamie Melville; Bro Jesse Dean Musgrove and his grandfather, RW Bro Tony Coco

LODGE WYONG TUGGERAH LAKES No 247

Well done Jan!



Jan Williams receiving her Award in recognition of her outstanding efforts in community service and voluntary work

Lodge Wyong Tuggerah Lakes No 247 staged a successful July night with a fraternal from Lodge Saratoga combined with a Ladies Night.

The WM, W Bro John Cooper welcomed the fraternal, led by W Bro Luke Parsons, whilst the 21 ladies battled out a trivia program in what has been a stand-

out year for the lodge.

During the banquet Jan Williams, the wife of DGIW VW Bro David Williams, received the District Service Medal in recognition of her outstanding efforts in community service and voluntary work within and outside the District for a long period of time.

LODGE MILLENNIUM No 2000

Lodge Millennium

At the May meeting of Lodge Millennium No 2000, a 'Family and Friends' evening lead by the Worshipful Master, W Bro Dilip Nagpal, resulted in the attendance of ten non-masons, three with their partners, and eleven members' partners.

Presentations included the background to Freemasonry, on being the wife of a Freemason and as a new Freemason. A lively Q and A session followed.

After the meeting, brethren and visitors enjoyed a buffet dinner, during which the non-masonic attendees peppered the lodge members with further questions.

Professor Ian Wilcox, eminent cardiologist of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, gave an interesting illustrated talk on the connection between sleep apnea and coronary problems.



Professor Wilcox being presented with a cheque for \$500 in favour of the charity of his choice, The Sydney Peace Foundation, by the WM, W Bro Dilip Nagpal



The Debs are back!



The official party and the debutantes prior to the Ball

The Goulburn and Taralga District Masons have rekindled the tradition of the Debutante Ball after several years' lapse in the tradition.

The Ball was held at the Goulburn Services Club and was attended by 170 guests with RW Bro Graham Charlton PAGM representing the Grand Master.

There were ten debutantes along with their partners.

The President of the Masonic Ball Committee, RW Bro Ron Neate and Mrs Neate welcomed the guests, and the Mayor of Goulburn, Councillor Geoff Kettle accompanied by Sharon Ward also attended.

LODGE ARMY AND NAVY No 517

Roy Morris

At the June meeting of Lodge Army and Navy No 517, W Bro Brigadier Roy Morris AO was presented with his Seventy Years in Freemasonry Certificate by the Worshipful Master, W Bro Lieutenant Jack Stein.

W Bro Morris was initiated in 1944, joined Lodge Army and Navy in 1981 and was for 15 years, until recently, the lodge's Treasurer.

W Bro Stein congratulated him on his achievement in the Craft and thanked him warmly for his longstanding devotion and attachment to the lodge.

W Bro Morris now resides on the Central Coast and still attends lodge for special occasions.

LIVERPOOL PLAINS LODGE No 191

Liverpool Plains Installation

An almost capacity attendance witnessed the installation of Bro Brett Watt in the presence of the Grand Master MW Bro Derek Robson AM on 17 May at the Tamworth Masonic Centre.

Brett was the first Master Mason to be installed in this lodge since 2005.

The Installing Master was RW Bro David Robertson, PJGW, Brett's father-in-law. Brett's brother, Bro Peter Watt, from Lodge William Ross No 76, presented the Second Working Tools during the ceremony.

While the Installation was in progress, a large gathering of ladies was addressed at the Masonic Centre by Ms Gael Knox. The function was arranged by Mrs Nicole Watt, wife of the Worshipful Master.

A sumptuous Installation banquet followed the ceremony at the West Tamworth League Club.



L-R: MW Bro Robson presenting W Bro Brett Watt with his certificate of Installation, and the Installing Master, RW Bro David Robertson PJGW



W Bro Brigadier Roy Morris AO (left) and W Bro Lt Jack Stein



Freemason welcomes new members to the Craft

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| AFSHARI, Sean | The Sydney Lodge 1020 |
| AGHAJAN, John | Lodge Germania 1036 |
| ALDERTON, Sean | Lodge Sylvania 853 Lodge of Excellence |
| ALLINGTON-LODGE, Simon | Lodge Cronulla 312 |
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| ASTAKHOV, Sergey | Lodge Panania 845 |
| BAILEY, Mark | The Queen's Lodge 229 |
| BARRAZA, Ces | Lodge Sydney St. George 269 |
| BAYLISS, Sam | Lodge Middle Harbour 85 |
| BIRD, Adam | Lodge Nepean 29 |
| BITMANSOUR, Eddie | Lodge Dunblane Australis 966 |
| BLEE, Michael | The Sydney Lodge 1020 |
| BOAZ, Matt | Lodge Burnside 729 Lodge of Excellence |
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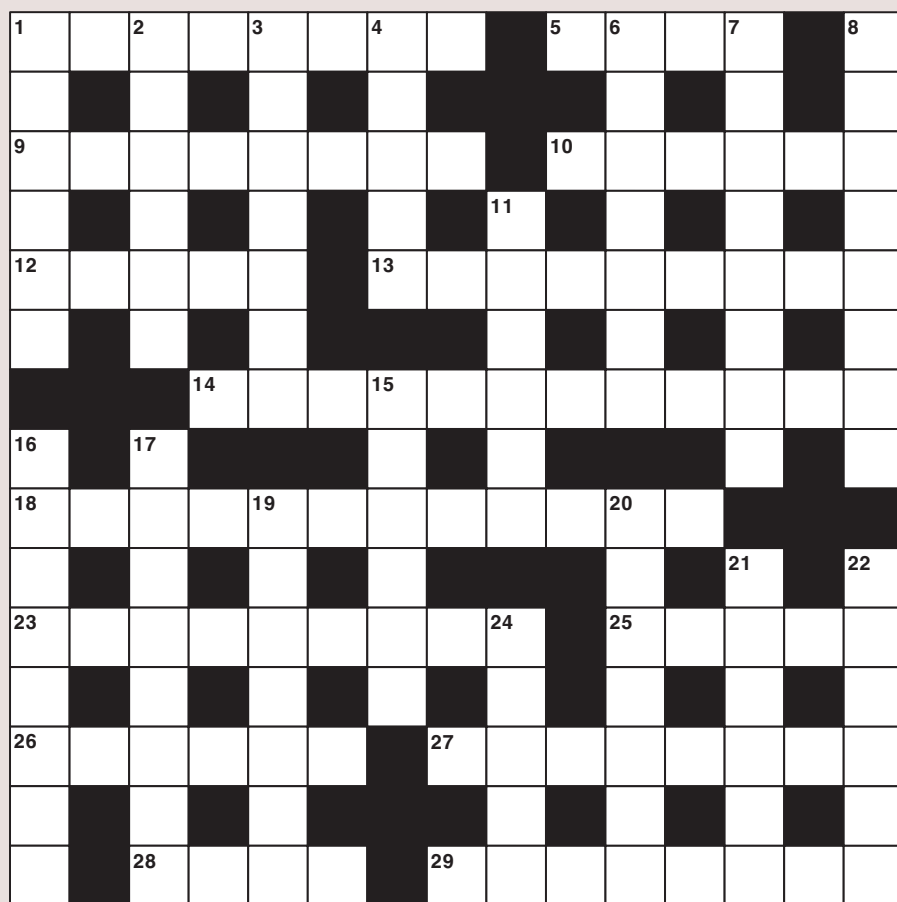
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- ASTRONOMER becomes *Moon Starer*
- THE EYES becomes *They See*
- THE MORSE CODE becomes *Here Come Dots*
- A DECIMAL POINT becomes *I'm a Dot in Place*
- ELEVEN PLUS TWO becomes *Twelve Plus One*
- DORMITORY becomes *Dirty Room*
- SLOT MACHINES becomes *Cash Lost in Me*
- THE EARTHQUAKES becomes *That Queer Shake*
- GEORGE BUSH becomes *He Bugs Gore*
- ELECTION RESULTS becomes *Lies – Let's Recount*





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Left: Firemen using the Drager

Middle: Presentation of cameras

Bottom: The Drager identifies the crisis point

