

Masons believe in a 'Fair Go'



Picture Left to Right: WBro. Rob Richardson, Radio Presenter and Columnist Yvonne Lawrence and Grand Master, Vaughan Werner at 3WBC 94.1 fm radio studio in Box Hill.

Grand Master, Vaughan Werner, was recently invited by 3WBC 94.1 *fm* by radio presenter Yvonne Lawrence and regular program contributor WBro. Rob Richardson to discuss all things Freemasonry.

3WBC is a community based broadcaster serving **Melbourne's Eastern Suburbs**, located approximately 15km to the east of the Melbourne CBD in the Box Hill Town Hall hub. 3WBC broadcasts a mix of local music, news, entertainment and sporting programs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

During the 45 minute interview, Vaughan and Yvonne discussed a range of issues including her family connections to Freemasonry, dispelling myths about the Roman Catholics not being able to become Freemasons, community involvement in charitable work, regalia, 'little black cases', open nights, Facebook, the internet and the continued self-development for young men wanting to join.

Yvonne commented in her regular column entitled '**Masons Believe in a Fair Go**' published in the Melbourne Observer, "I was a bit nervous preparing the interview because there is not much talk about what happens in the Craft but Vaughan was so down to earth and such an interesting and direct man I forgot my nerves in the first minute and enjoyed myself very much."

Classes commencing in March - 'Certificate of Masonic Studies'



The Victorian Lodge of Research will be conducting additional classes in their popular 'Certificate of Masonic Studies' commencing mid March 2011.

Venues include:

- South East Masonic Centre
- Ivalda Masonic Centre
- Gordon Masonic Centre

Note: New classes will commence at the Bendigo Masonic Centre in April or May.

Brethren desiring to make their 'daily advancement' are invited to register their interest with the Lodge Secretary, Alan Jennings, on 9459 9610 or email ajjay@alphalink.com.au

Application forms may be downloaded from www.viclodgeofresearch.com

CBD Quarterly Luncheon kicks goals with 'Freemasons in the CBD'



Over 60 Freemasons and their guests recently enjoyed the second 'Freemasons in the CBD' quarterly luncheon held at Morgans @ 401 Collins Street.

Amidst the colourful array of Freemasons Victoria balloons, streamers and a sea of AFL footy scarves, guests enjoyed a two-course meal whilst guest speaker ex-AFL Essendon footballer Mark Bolton and General Manager of youth homelessness organisation – LADDER took to the lectern and delivered an engaging presentation on his football career, advice received from Kevin Sheedy and the success story behind the rise of LADDER.

Grand Master, Vaughan Werner explained the way in which Freemasonry and sport have shared a wonderful relationship for decades. In 1941 - a group of like minded sportsman got together and formed the Sportsman's Lodge No. 543 at the Malvern Masonic Hall in High Street, Malvern. A larger Lodge called Sportsman Cramone also formed by the mid 70's and between the two Lodges there had been around 200 members, representing sports from horse racing, cricket, VFL, cycling, billiards, car racing, tennis, yachting and golf. Vaughan presented the official Member Register Book that recorded all members from 1941 until 1954.

The CBD luncheon was also attended by New Zealand's Grand Master, MWBro. Selwyn Cooper and his wife, Jan and 3AW's General Manager, Shane Healy and Program Director Clark Forbes. The luncheon was wonderfully MC'd by WBro. David Gibbs PGIWkgs.

Freemason's Book Launch



Pictured Left to Right: The Reverend Ted Gibson (Master of Bairnsdale Daylight Lodge) and Geoff Harwood (Master of the Union Lodge).

The Reverend Ted Gibson recently launched a book on Bairnsdale's Masonic Heritage at the Masonic Hall that coincided with the 141st anniversary of the original Union Lodge of North Gippsland in 1870. Copies of the book can be ordered through the Bairnsdale Daylight Lodge.

2011 Grand Installation Registrations Now Closing.

Registrations for the Quarterly Communication and Installation will officially close by the close of business on Wednesday 9 March 2011. For registration forms:- installation@freemasonsvic.net.au.

Tickets to the Grand Installation Banquet have completely sold-out.

Red Lodge Demonstration Night

One of the mysteries of Freemasonry, especially for newer members, is the world of Freemasonry that extends beyond the Craft. We younger Masons hear stories about the so-called fourth and fifth degrees, Scottish and York rites, Knights Templar, an invitation only 33rd degree and some strange Latin named ones that are hard to remember. Unfortunately, there is not a central place to research these 'other orders' and decide what interests you; what follows what; and when you should take the step beyond the Craft.

To assist in this research, Lodge Amalthea's second night for the year is a demonstration of five red lodges. The meeting is open to all members of the Craft and other lodges from around the district are encouraged to bring their newer members to the demonstration.

The background to each order will be given in detail, as well as a presentation of the regalia or costumes worn by members. There will be time for questions to satisfy potential candidates for these orders about the next step they are contemplating. There will be no one lodge of any order being promoted - the evening is about providing information on the order in general.

Lodge Amalthea tyles at 6.15pm on the third Tuesday of the odd months – this month is 22nd March. We dine out for a fantastic three course South which costs \$75.

RSVP at <http://on.fb.me/h2GU5Y> . Any questions please give Michael Maher on 0416 245 981.