

Monday, 10 October 2022

Dear members,

As many of you know, aged and community care services in Australia operate in a rapidly changing and challenging environment.

Royal Freemasons has undertaken a review to assess the impact of these changes and recent government reforms on our future operations, and how we can best continue our commitment to our residents and their families, Freemasons Victoria members, and the Victorian community.

The review identified Royal Freemasons current operations are not of the right scale to remain sustainable in the long term and therefore, we need to make some changes.

The Board is currently going through a process to explore options for the sale of most of our Residential Aged Care facilities and Retirement Living assets.

Our focus is on a transition to service providers who are aligned with the values and mission of Royal Freemasons, and who are experienced in the delivery of quality aged care services.

The care of our residents and clients continues to be our priority, and staffing will remain the same throughout this process. At the appropriate time, we will work through a transition plan to ensure minimal disruption.

Royal Freemasons will still be operating some services in aged care and we aim to continue to provide support and care advice for Freemasons members. The Coppin Centre will be retained, with its services unchanged.

With the funds raised from the transfer of aged care assets, we will establish a new philanthropic organisation. Initially, the organisation will explore innovation and technology solutions in aged care, as well as research and training for the sector.

We will also explore innovative partnerships to enhance and expand this work. We want to ensure high standards of wellness for older Victorians, in line with our values of tolerance, respect, kindness, charity and care.

As valued and extended members of the Royal Freemasons community, we understand many of you have been active Home Ambassadors, volunteers, supporters and residents within our homes and we recognise and appreciate the contribution you have made to each of our Homes over many years.

We want to reassure you that the contributions you have made have been, and will continue to be, vital to the ongoing work of Royal Freemasons.

Throughout this process over the coming months, we will continue to keep you informed with any updates. If you have any questions, we invite you to please contact Laura Swindley on lswindley@royalfreemasons.org.au to discuss at any time.

Yours sincerely,



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