



Freemasons Foundation 2018/19 Annual Report



Chairman's Report



It is with pleasure I present my final report as Chairman of the Freemasons Foundation Board of Management on our activities for the financial year ending 30th June 2019.

Andrew Lathlean JP

Chairman, The Freemasons Foundation Inc.

In doing so, I wish to thank the Grand Master, MW Bro Dr Neil Jensen, for his support for me as Chairman and his huge contribution to Freemasonry in general.

On behalf of the Board of Management, I wish to thank you the members for your ongoing support through interesting times of change.

I am aware that this is the 30th Annual Report to members of the Freemasons Foundation since being established in 1989 as the charitable arm of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory. This was the first charitable body established by a Grand Lodge in Australia and is now replicated in most other jurisdictions. At the time, it was a bold and innovative move and the Foundation has been a leader in this role for others to emulate.

As you are aware, over the last 11 years we as the Freemasons Foundation, on behalf of all Freemasons, have undertaken a huge initiative in the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health. This unique partnership with the University of Adelaide has enjoyed great success and gained an international reputation for excellence in research. Again, the model adopted was the first of its kind in Australia, and indeed in the world.

In accordance with the charitable objects of the Foundation's constitution our ability to provide charitable benefit to the community, while carefully managing our relatively small financial base, continues to be remarkable.

Since inception, the Foundation has overseen the expenditure of some \$8.042 million in charitable assistance. This figure is made up of \$2.710 million in general benevolence, more than \$4.038 million in medical research and \$1.293 million in scholarships and educational grants – all with a volunteer Board of Directors.

The most significant area of charitable funding relates to funding the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health (FFCMH) at \$300,000 per annum, an amount matched each year by the University of Adelaide. While this has made some inroads on our corpus, funding the initiative has always been a deliberate strategy of the Board. Unfortunately, this initiative cannot be continued by the Foundation in isolation. We are hopeful of maintaining this important work beyond December 2019, and indeed broadening the scope, but this will only be undertaken with the financial assistance of Masonic Charities.

As you are no doubt aware, Masonic Charities now holds, or will hold shortly, the proceeds from the sale of Masonic Homes and is considering the future of FFCMH at the moment.

The Foundation ended the financial year with a net deficit of \$115,337 after net transfers from reserves of \$15,103. The fair value gain in financial assets totalled \$165,122.

Illustrative of the careful nature in which we have husbanded and managed our financial affairs, is that the five year aggregate of return on equity is 9.61%. This

reflects the high quality of our investments, along with the assiduous work of the Investment Committee, Chaired by John Behenna with Nicholas Handley as Treasurer.

Our Lodges are very important.

The Freemasons Foundation is a multi-faceted charity. While there has been strong emphasis towards the FFCMH, this has not in any way detracted from the importance we place on our Lodges and assisting them with their charitable endeavours of assistance to the community, along with their many scholarships. Our support to our Lodges is undiminished. Our role is to support them, whenever possible, while seeking to develop in them a sense of pride, relevance and renewal.

Moving forward

For quite some time, and in particular since the sale of Masonic Homes, the Foundation's Board of Management has been looking to the future and looking to engage effectively with both Masonic Charities and the Grand Lodge Board of Management. I am pleased to report the Foundation already enjoys a close working relationship with these bodies, which will continue to grow. This relationship is imperative.

The Grand Master has previously remarked that the Foundation has a wonderful story to tell of quite remarkable achievement. Now in its third decade, the Foundation has a proven record



of endeavour, providing high quality charitable assistance to the community at many levels, with minimal overheads. These include in education; medical research; assisting those in need; and in general charitable support to various causes undertaken by our Lodges.

As mentioned, the funding of the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health over the last 12 years has enabled this world class facility, branded in the name of Freemasonry, to be exceptionally successful. For every dollar invested in the Centre, the Centre has leveraged eight dollars directly to support research through major research grants. Just a few of the FFCMH's many achievements are:

- 414 peer-reviewed scientific papers published, cited more than 13,000 times by researchers/policy makers
- Representation on state, national and international working groups on men's health. This includes invited membership with the Australian Men's Health Forum (Australia's peak body for men's health) and invited membership with the Global Action for Men's Health (based in UK) in 2019.
- Numerous federal and state government health briefings and participation in standing committees on men's health. This includes working with Andrology Australia to draft the proposal to the Commonwealth Government that led to the release of the National Men's Health Strategy 2020-2030 by the Federal Health Minister in April 2019.

- 36 Masters, PhD and honours students successfully graduated
- 13 additional higher degree students currently enrolled
- 17 early career post-doctoral scientists supported and trained, including 12 FFCMH funded Fellows.
- 3 Visiting Fellows
- 55 summer vacation research student placements
- \$38.8Million in grant and contract research funding received

In so doing, the Centre has advanced research, knowledge and influenced national and international policy, practice and education relating to health care for men.

Lodge Sponsored Education Grants & Scholarships

Apart from awarding major scholarships we also support Lodge sponsored education grants and scholarships which amounted to some \$43,352. This provides much needed assistance to young people enabling them to continue and advance their educational opportunities. During the past year this significant charitable activity provided assistance to more than 50 students.

Corporate Governance

The Board met regularly in accordance with the Constitution.

At the Annual General Meeting held in October 2018 Mr Lathlean was re-appointed Chairman, Mr John Behenna, Vice Chairman and Mr Nicholas Handley, Treasurer.

Also, as only one nomination had been received for each of the elected Fellow and Member categories, Dr Marcin Stankiewicz and Mr Nicholas Cooper were both elected unopposed.

In November 2017 Mr Arnie Narayan resigned from the Board and at the Annual General Meeting Joseph Nehme retired. The Board acknowledges and thanks them for their valued contribution.

Conclusion

I am indebted to the members for their continuing thoughtful and frank advice and strong support. I also commend the Foundation's small administrative staff, which consists of only one full time employee in its Executive Director, Mr Robert Clyne OAM, a part-time Secretary Mrs Christine Lock, and part-time Accountant Mrs Gillian Page. Their combined dedication to the task, continued enthusiasm and ongoing commitment to achieve our vision is most commendable.

To all of our many volunteers, freemasons and friends, I extend my grateful thanks for the time which you have given so freely on numerous occasions and in so many ways to support the important work undertaken by Freemasons Foundation throughout the year.

Thank you all.

The Foundation ended the financial year with a net deficit of \$115,337 after net transfers to reserves of \$15,103. The fair value gain arising from revaluation of financial assets was \$165,122.

It is pleasing to reflect that the Foundation has now expended over \$8,042,000 in charitable assistance since inception.

This is made up of \$2,710,877 in general benevolence, \$4,038,095 in medical research and \$1,293,111 in scholarships and educational grants.

During the financial year \$424,795 was expended in charitable assistance, medical research funding and educational scholarships and assistance, as shown below:

Lodge sponsored benevolent projects	\$75,943
Men's health & medical research	\$305,500
Educational scholarships and grants	\$43,352

Lodge Sponsored Projects

We continued to support constituent Lodges and recognised Masonic Organisations throughout the jurisdiction with local projects amounting to \$81,443. The projects supported were as follows:

Women's and Children's Hospital Medical equipment <i>The Lodge of Norwood No 237</i>	\$5,824
Naracoorte Lucindale Community Care Network General assistance <i>Naracoorte Lodge No 42</i>	\$1,000
Brighton Surf Life Saving Club Purchase nipper trailer <i>Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187</i>	\$6,500
Puddle Jumpers Community Food Nights program <i>Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187</i>	\$1,000
Royal Flying Doctor Service Medical care program <i>Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187</i>	\$1,000
Flinders Police Link (Blue Light SA) Safety education resources <i>Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187</i>	\$2,000
Women's Safety Services SA Inc Improved cooking facilities <i>Adelaide Combined Lodges</i>	\$800
Riding for the Disabled Floodlighting for indoor area <i>Witton Lodge No 124</i>	\$10,050
Royal Society for the Blind Guide dog food program <i>Tea Tree Gully Lodge No 218</i>	\$1,000
Epilepsy Association of SA Seizure monitor program <i>Tea Tree Gully Lodge No 218</i>	\$1,200
Foodbank of SA Inc Xmas hampers <i>Millicent Lodge No 88</i>	\$1,000

Foodbank of SA Inc Xmas hampers <i>Lodge Yankalilla No 110</i>	\$920
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SAHMRI Neil Sachse Centre Spinal cord injury research program <i>Edwardstown Lewis Lodge No 207 / Sir Douglas Mawson Lodge No 244 / Masonic Homes Auxiliary</i>	\$5,500
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Beyond Blue Ltd Men's Mental Health, the Way Back Program <i>Lodge St John No 15</i>	\$1,720
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SACWA Emergency Aid Fund Inc GM's drought appeal <i>Freemasonry Community</i>	\$30,000
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Starlight Children's Foundation Starlight Express Room project <i>Earl of Zetland Lodge No 231</i>	\$10,000
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Cancer Care Centre Inc Group Video conferencing system <i>Glenelg Lodge No 117</i>	\$1,479
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Autism SA Assessment program sponsorship <i>Hyde Park Bankers No 193</i>	\$450
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Included in Educational Assistance:

Legacy Club of SA \$3,000
General support
Freemasons Foundation



The Freemasons Legacy Scholarships for 2019 were awarded recently at Legacy House to Tamika Molloy and Madeleine Hibbard by Legacy President Meredith Wyles and Robert Clyne OAM AGM



Dr Neil Jensen GM (centre) presents a cheque for \$30,000 from the Grand Master's Drought Relief Appeal to CWA (SA) President Mrs Rosslyn Schumann with her deputy Mrs Lyn Brew to assist farmers affected by the drought.

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Financial Report

for the year ended 30th June 2019

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
What the Foundation Earned		
Members' Contributions	10	16
Bequests received	22	27
Dividends, Interest and Distributions	291	245
Donations	109	219
FV Movement of Financial Assets	165	28
Other Revenue	90	36
	687	571
Administration Expenses	349	375
Other	13	13
	362	388
Net Income	325	183
Medical, Educational and Charitable Payments		
Charitable Assistance	76	36
Medical Research Funding	306	303
Scholarships Awarded	43	44
	425	383
Net Surplus (Deficit) before transfer to Reserves	(100)	(200)
Transfer (to)/from Reserves	(15)	(65)
Total Change in Equity	(115)	(265)
What we own		
Cash	1,235	463
Other Assets	72	86
Investments	2,926	3,635
	4,233	4,184
What we owe	1,081	932
NET ASSETS	3,152	3,252

Board Members

Andrew Lathlean JP

Chairman

Member of the Board since 2012

Andrew has a long career in Advertising and Marketing spanning some 40 years, commencing with The Advertiser in 1971. He moved to the advertising agency world, working with local, national and multi national clients. He has managed his own advertising and marketing agency since 1984. Andrew is a Justice of the Peace and is also the Honorary Consul for the Dominican Republic in SA. He is a former Chairman of the Walford Foundation and has been active in business, sporting and community affairs for many years. He is a Past President of both Sturt and Forestville Hockey Clubs. Andrew is a Governor member of the Foundation.

Don Sarah AM

Immediate Past Chairman

Member of the Board since 2009

Don joined the Board of the Foundation in 2009. He was appointed Chairman in January 2011. Born in Box Hill Victoria, Don came to Adelaide with his family in 1939 where he attended St Peters College before joining the family building firm in 1961. He has been President of the Master Builders Association of SA and State and National President of the Australian Institute of Building. He was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to the building industry in 1987. He was Charter President of the Rotary Club of Hindmarsh (1972) and a member of that Club until 2000. He was Rotary District Governor in 1990/91. A long standing freemason, he is married to Meredith with four children and eight grandchildren. Don loves fishing.

Nicholas (Nick) Handley

Treasurer

Appointed 2016

A graduate of the University of South Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce degree, Nick commenced his professional career working with his father as a Certified Practising Accountant and Business Consultant with Handley Accounting Services in 2004. This burgeoning practise now has offices at three locations and continues to grow as it provides financial services, business development, coaching and mentoring skills to a wide range of clients. As could be expected, Nick brings to the Foundation the benefit of his impressive record of experience, particularly with major charitable organisations which includes as a Board member of Anglicare SA Finance Committee, Anglicare SA

Housing, a director of the William Wilberforce Foundation and Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Adelaide. For the past seven years he has also been Treasurer and Parish Councillor at St Columba's Anglican Church at Hawthorn. Nick is Treasurer of the Young Freemasons Network and has been Deputy Grand Treasurer since 2013. He is blessed with a young son, Nate.

John Behenna JP MAICD

Vice Chairman

Member of the Board since 2014

John's formative years were spent in Whyalla, studying accountancy while working in banking and local government. Employed in the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Training with heavy involvement in the hospitality industry before commencing work as a political adviser and Chief of Staff in the Brown and Olsen Governments and more recently for Isobel Redmond when she was Leader of the State Opposition. Past key past appointments have included, Chairman of the Local Government Training Authority, Executive Member of the Local Government Association, Vice President of the Regency Institute of TAFE Council and Councillor for the City of Henley and Grange and for the City of Charles Sturt. John is a Justice of the Peace and is a Freemason of long standing. He is Chairman of the Freemasons Foundation Investment Committee.

Richard Flashman AM FAICD

Governor category representative

Member of the Board since 1994

Richard has enjoyed a long career in the motor industry during which he has been involved in dealerships, insurance, manufacture, education and finally the Motor Trade Association (MTA) in SA of which he was the Executive Director from 1980 until his retirement in 1998. Richard was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2000. He has served as Vice Chairman of BankSA Crimestoppers since its inception in 1989. He is a past Chairman of the Foundation having served in that capacity for six years from 1995 to 2001.

The Hon Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO

Patron category representative

Member of the Board since 2017

Lynn Arnold AO is an assistant priest at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral and a Reader [Public Theology] at St Barnabas Theological College. He chairs the board of the Don Dunstan Foundation and is on the Public Affairs Commission of the Anglican Church of Australia.

In addition, he is a Reconciliation Ambassador for Reconciliation SA, Goodwill Ambassador for Sustainable Development Goals for the United Nations Association and Justice Advocate for Second Chances, as well as being patron for a number of organisations. Previously, Lynn had senior leadership roles in World Vision [1997-2007] and Anglicare SA [2008-2012]. Prior to this involvement in community service organisations, Lynn served in the South Australian parliament for fifteen years which included over eleven years as a member of Cabinet (with a fifteen month stint as Premier). Lynn is married to Elaine; they have five children and, at most recent count, five grandchildren."

Nick Cooper.

Member category representative

Member of the Board since 2018

Nick Cooper is a Partner of the Adelaide office of Worrells Solvency & Forensic Accountants. He is qualified as a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Laws. He is an Official Liquidator, a Registered Trustee in Bankruptcy and has worked in insolvency practice for over 25 years. Nick has been involved in a number of charities and not-for-profit organisations, including acting as a founding board member of Sight For All Ltd and as Treasurer of the Royal South Australian Deaf Society Inc. Nick is the current President of the South Australian division of the Australian Institute of Credit Management (AICM).

Dr Marcin Stankiewicz

Fellow category representative

Member since 2018

Marcin commenced his masonic career in New Zealand, being initiated into Awagea Lodge (NZC) before moving to Adelaide where he joined St Andrews Lodge No 19. He is a founding member of Lodge Copernicus and is Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Supreme Grand Chapter. As well as being an active Freemason, Dr Marcin Stankiewicz is also a highly trained gynaecologist who has specialised in fertility for men and women for over 17 years. He is one of only a handful of specialists in Adelaide with a CREI qualification (Certificate in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility). He has been an invited lecturer at numerous medical conferences and has published in numerous prestigious peer review journals. He is also an examiner of candidates for specialist training and accreditation. He and his wife Ewa have operate their own Fertility Clinic which they recently established in Adelaide.

Freemasonry in the community 2018-19



1. Grand Master Dr Neil Jensen congratulates FFCMH volunteer John Rand and partner Rhonda on being awarded Volunteer Group of the Year for work with the FFCMH. 2. Past and current Grand Masters attend Masonic Charities launch. 3. SA Governor and FFCMH Patron-in-Chief Hieu Van Le AC launches The Masonic Charities Trust. 4. Presentation on behalf of Glenelg Lodge No 117 to Cancer Care Centre, Unley. 5. WBRO Jack White (right) with wife Dawn thanked for long service to Freemasonry by Dr Jensen with John Rand (left). 6. Eart of Zetland members with Grand Master make charitable donation to the Starlight Foundation. 7. Reception for MW Bro Lindsay Bowes PGM for services to Freemasonry including launching the Freemasons Foundation. 8. Board members of The Masonic Charities Trust (l-r) Joe Ienco PBOM, Arnie Narayan DGM, Dr Neil Jensen GM, John Behenna (Chairman) and Robert Clyne OAM AGM (Company Secretary). 9. Noel Fairweather Scholarship winner Clayton Parker, from Kingston SE. 10. Local Hero Award winner Lorraine Rayner congratulated by Grand Master. 11. Keith Jones and Philip Thrush recognised by Grand Master at LLOB Masonic Charity Dinner, Marion RSL.



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The Freemasons Foundation exists to ethically and proactively support, promote, fund and drive men's health issues, and to provide charitable works and funding in the community.

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