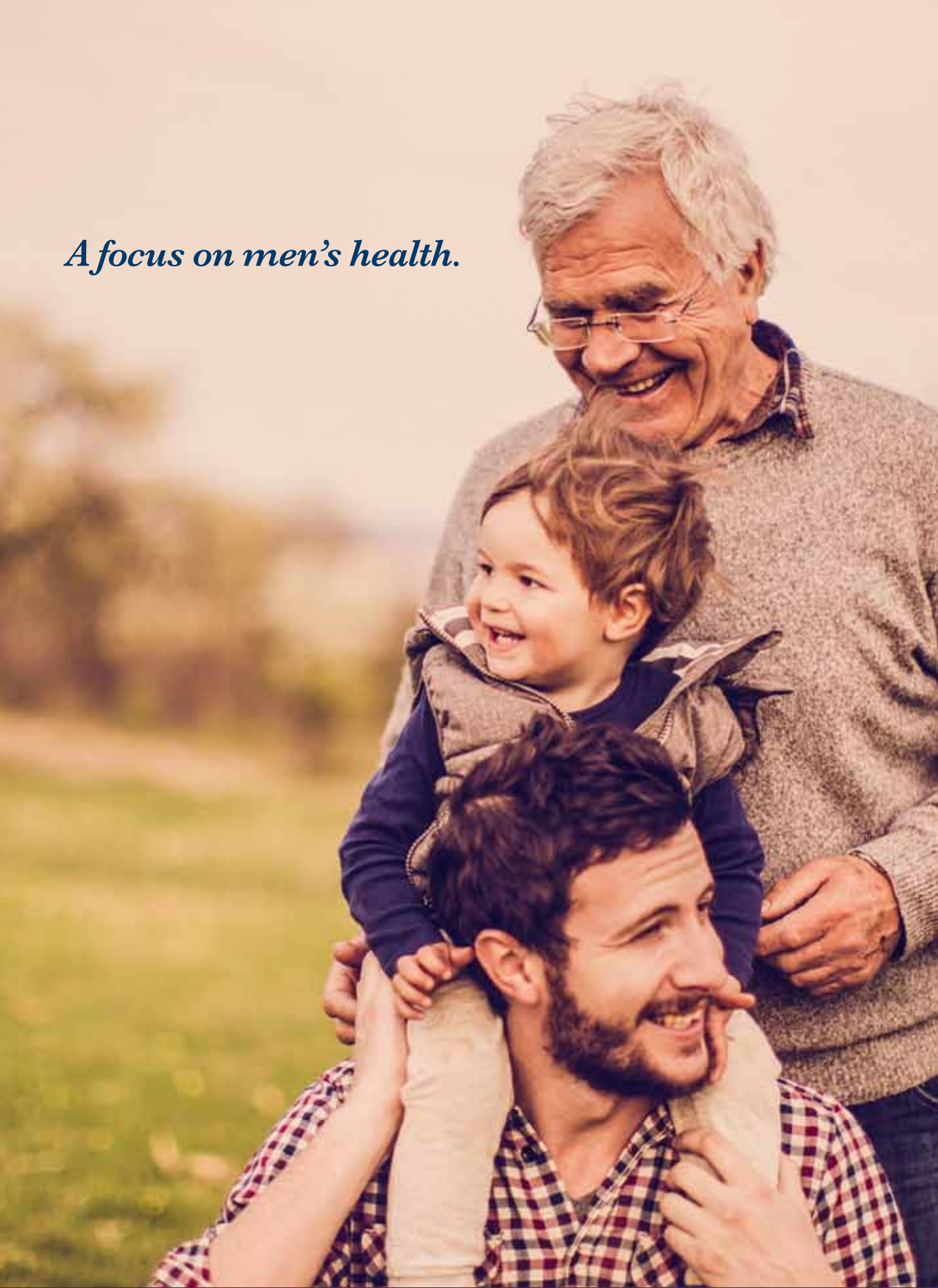


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2015-16

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**FREEMASONS
FOUNDATION**

2016 Chairman's Report



Mr Don Sarah AM

As Chairman and on behalf of the Board of Management I am pleased to present my sixth and final annual report on our activities for the financial year ending 30th June 2016. I do so with a high degree of satisfaction as I reflect on and acknowledge the 27th anniversary of the Freemasons Foundation, established in 1989 as the charitable arm of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory.

It is most gratifying to report that after a long absence the Freemasons Foundation has successfully returned back to its rightful home in Freemasons Hall at 254 North Terrace, Adelaide. I acknowledge the support provided by Sarah Homes in the office fitout and thank Freemasons CEO Peter Symons for his assistance in arranging suitable accommodation and facilitating the move.

As the charitable arm of our Grand Lodge, I am often moved to remark that the Foundation has a wonderful story to tell of quite remarkable achievement. Now spanning more than a quarter of a century, the Foundation has a long and proven record of endeavour in providing high quality charitable assistance to the community at many levels with minimal overheads. These include in education; medical research; assisting those in need; in general charitable support to a myriad of causes undertaken by our masonic Lodges; and particularly in financially supporting the continued growth of world class research undertaken by the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health (FFCMH). This wonderful facility was established in partnership with the University of Adelaide in 2007. In the coming year this unique partnership and equally unique research centre will celebrate its tenth year of existence.

Since being established, the Freemasons Foundation has expended \$6.825 million in charitable assistance. This is made up of \$2.6 million in general benevolence,

more than \$3 million in medical research and \$1.1million in scholarships and educational grants.

The Foundation ended the financial year with a net deficit of \$353,416 after a transfer from reserves of \$42,485. This was largely due to what is commonly referred to as Brexit resulting in a dramatic fall in the value of shares at the end of the financial year. Notwithstanding this aberration, the Foundation's five year aggregate of return on equity has been quite remarkable with an average of 16.40%. This amply illustrates the outstanding manner in which the Freemasons Foundation has managed its financial affairs.

This singular achievement merits high praise. It also reflects the quality of the Foundation's sound investments and the expert advice it acts on. Accordingly, I would like to acknowledge the work of our Treasurer Mr John Behenna, the Executive Director, Mr Robert Clyne OAM, our financial advisors and members of the Investment Committee, now joined by Nicholas Handley for their care and diligence in carefully managing the Foundation's finances in such a prudent manner.

We may all be justifiably proud of our financial husbandry over a long period of time which has enabled such a depth of charitable engagement and contribution to the community at both a local and an international level.

Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health

The major priority of the Board is our ongoing commitment to funding the Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health. The importance of supporting and sustaining this world class facility, established by and branded in the name of Freemasonry, headquartered on the ground floor of Freemasons Hall on North Terrace, one of the great boulevards in the world for the benefit of men's health, cannot be understated. Our co-branding partnership between the Freemasons Foundation and the University as well as our collaboration with many other institutions nationally and internationally, is an exceptional achievement.

I am delighted and honoured that the Governor, His Excellency the Hon Hieu Van Le AC has accepted the position of Patron in Chief and congratulate him on being made a Companion of the Order of Australia in the 2016 Queen's Birthday honours. I also acknowledge the contribution made to the FFCMH by its Principal Patron, Dr Roger Sexton AM, its Director, Professor Gary

Wittert, along with the Management Team, Board of Patrons and Scientific Advisory Committee. I have pleasure also in thanking Ms Marg McGee for her great contribution as Executive Manager.

The wonderful work undertaken by the Foundation at so many levels greatly enriches the welfare and social fabric of our community in countless ways.

In short, I am most pleased to report this has been another impressive and satisfying year of achievement and I have been honoured to have served as Chairman of the Freemasons Foundation for the past six years.

Trevor Prescott Memorial Freemasons Scholarship

The scholarship was inaugurated in 1989 in honour of the late MW Bro Trevor Prescott AM, Grand Master. This is the Foundation's major scholarship and remarkably, some \$636,560 has now been awarded during that time to assist 65 young South Australian and Northern Territory people make the most of their potential. Due to the outstanding standard of the applications received, four scholarships were awarded totalling \$51,000.

Firstly, A Salute to Retiring Chairman Craig Bissland

On announcing his retirement after 25 years as Chairman of the Scholarship Selection Committee, the Foundation pays tribute to Craig Bissland's outstanding contribution over the past 1/4 of a century in this role. During his chairmanship, Craig has presided over awarding scholarships to some 61 young people enabling them to reach for the stars and make a substantial impact and the world a better place. In recognition of his role, Craig was awarded the Grand Master's Order of Service to Freemasonry in 2014. I am equally pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Fred Trueman APM as Committee Chairman. Fred is also Masonic Education Officer for Grand Lodge and we look forward to his contribution.

Mr Benjamin (Ben) Morton \$20,500 to undertake a PhD research project to develop and test a compound called "Biochar" which has the ability to absorb waste fertilisers in waterways and pesticides from groundwater.

Ben is in early stages of his PhD researching the use and development of Biochar, created from waste organic material Biochar absorbs pollutants from within waterways and in effect, is a carbon sink which absorbs pollutants from water sources and thus enabling its removal.

Ms Katharina (Kati) Richter
\$6,000 for PhD research into antimicrobial drug development.

Kati is a third year PhD student working in the field of antimicrobial drug development which focuses on developing pharmaceutical treatments which attack bacteria residing in the biofilms of membrane tissue requiring antibiotic treatment and setting in motion the cycle of antibiotic resistance. The scholarship will enable her to undertake further research at Ghent University, Belgium.

Dr Kate Fennell
\$18,500 for post-doctoral research in the field of general and mental health of men in rural and remote communities.

Kate is in the early stages of a post-doctoral Research Fellowship and is a Scientific Member of the FFCMH. Operating from the discipline of psychology and her expertise is in this field, the scholarship will enable her to employ a research assistant one day a week for twelve months to complete her project "Preparing Australian Farmers for Future Challenges via an online, interactive Acceptance and Commitment Therapy-based Intervention". This ambitious project is also supported by the NAB Foundation with a \$100,000 grant and is the first of its type ever undertaken in the world.

Bahador Assadi-Khansari
\$6,000 grant to undertake voluntary cardiovascular research at Boston University Medical School in the USA for six weeks.

Bahador is a fifth year medical student at the University of Adelaide who has been voluntarily undertaking cardiovascular research in addition to his undergraduate medical studies. Motivated by a father who experienced early onset heart disease, Bahador's research is to identify a novel biomarker that can predict early myocardial thickening. As a result of his research to date, he has presented papers nationally and internationally, which is quite exceptional for an undergraduate.

Corporate Governance

The Board met regularly in accordance with the Constitution.

At the Annual General Meeting held in October 2015 as only one nomination had been received for each of the elected Governor and Patron categories, Mr Richard Flashman AM and Mr Andrew Lathlean were both elected unopposed. Mr Lathlean has been appointed Vice Chairman.

I also thank the Grand Master for his confidence in re-appointing me for a further term.

During the year Deputy Grand Master, Victor Daminato and Mr Grant Law both resigned from the Board due to work and family commitments, while Mr Joe Nehme joined the Board.

The Board of the Freemasons Foundation consists entirely of volunteers and comprise highly committed members from diverse backgrounds who bring a range of skills including legal, finance, business, administrative, community and fundraising.

Staff & Committees

Executive Director
Robert Clyne OAM

Administration Officer
Mrs Christine Lock

Financial Consultants
David Burgess, Macquarie Private Wealth

Auditors
BDO

Trevor Prescott Memorial Freemasons Scholarship Committee
Fred Trueman (Chairman)
Robert Clyne OAM
Ms Marg McGee

Investment Committee
John Behenna (Chairman)
Nicholas Handley
Robert Clyne OAM
Don Sarah AM

Lodge Sponsored Education Grants & Scholarships

Apart from awarding major scholarships we also support Lodge sponsored education grants and scholarships which amounted to some \$45,461. 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.

Charitable Assistance Overview

Since inception the Foundation has expended \$6.825 million in charitable assistance.

This is made up of \$2,569,959 in general benevolence, \$3,130,095 in medical research and \$1,125,138 in scholarships and educational grants.

During the financial year \$456,681 was expended in charitable assistance, medical research funding and educational scholarships and assistance, as shown following:

Lodge sponsored benevolent projects
\$67,410

Estate loan repayment \$1,000
Men's health & medical research
\$304,000

Educational scholarships and grants
\$84,271

Lodge Sponsored Projects

We continued to support constituent Lodges and recognised Masonic Organisations throughout the jurisdiction with local charitable projects.

During the year this amounted to \$67,410.

The projects supported were as follows:

Broughton Art Society \$1,400
Disabled lighting extensions
Mostyn, Goodwood & Loyalty No 18

The Epilepsy Centre \$1,400
General assistance
1985 Masters' Association

Sailability SA Inc \$1,500
Sails for Sailability Project
Corinthian Lodge No 34

Carer Support – Raw Energy \$1,000
General assistance
Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187

Cancer Care Centre Inc \$1,539
Computer printer
Milton Lodge No 99

Legacy Club of SA \$422
General assistance
United Service Lodge No 37

Parkinsons SA Inc \$1,000
General assistance
United Service Lodge No 37

Motor Neurone Disease Assoc of SA \$1,000
General assistance
United Service Lodge No 37

Aust Cranio-Maxillo Facial Foundation \$1,790
Equipment for infants
Adelaide Combined Lodges

Can Do 4 Kids \$1,100
Occupational therapy resource kit
Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187

Cancer Council SA \$5,000
Industrial washing machine
Leonardo da Vinci No 238 / McDouall
Stuart Lodge No 219

Lower Nth Health Adv Council Gift Fund \$5,000
Towards ultrasound machine
Mid North Lodge No 12

Parkinsons SA Inc \$2,000
Library resources
Glenelg Lodge No 117

Foodbank of SA Inc \$1,000
Xmas hampers
Millicent Lodge No 88



1. Grand Master Stephen Michalak makes a donation to Hutt Street Centre CEO Ian Cox.
 2. Craig Bissland OS.
 3. Colin Hallenstein presenting Asim Razzi with the Top End Freemasons Scholarship in Memory of Tom Usher at Charles Darwin University.
 4. Legacy Scholarship recipients Natasia Mitton-Baker (left) and Rachel Skehan with FF CEO Rob Clyne OAM and Legacy Director Richard Knight.



- Tutti Ensemble Inc Art Fund \$1,000
Choir robes
Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187

- Royal Flying Doctor Service of Aust Inc \$1,000
Defibrillators
Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187

- Brain Injury Network of SA Inc \$1,000
Fitness program support
Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187

- Flinders Police Link (Blue Light SA Inc) \$1,000
Paediatric ward assistance
Lewis Lodge of Brighton No 187

- Muscular Dystrophy Assoc Inc \$3,969
New aid equipment
Adelaide Lodge No 2

- Legacy NT \$3,000
General assistance
Lodge Foelsche No 211

- Pinery Bushfire victims \$3,000
General assistance
Freemasons Foundation

- Hutt Street Centre \$1,000
General assistance
Grand Lodge of SA & NT

- Riding for the Disabled Assoc SA Inc \$2,000
Workboots for volunteers
Lodge Reynell No 243

- Royal Society for the Blind of SA Inc \$500
General assistance
Earl of Zetland Lodge No 231

- Foodbank of SA Inc \$900
Xmas hampers
Yankalilla Lodge

- Minda Inc \$6,400
Youth learning equipment
Lodge Seacliff, Lodge of St John & Lewis Lodge of Brighton

- Tailem Bend District Hospital \$3,320
Hospital bed
Lodge of Fortitude No 94

- CFS Foundation Fund \$2,470
Defibrillator
Lodge of Fortitude No 94

- San Filippo Children's Foundation \$2,000
General assistance
St Andrews No 19

- Strathalbyn CFS \$3,200
Lockers for equipment
Lodge of St John No 15

- Le Fevre High School \$1,800
Disadvantaged student training
United Service Lodge No 37

- Orange Tree Quilter / Heart Kids SA \$1,000
Quilts
Mostyn, Goodwood & Loyalty No 18

- St Francis Xavier School \$2,700
Defibrillator
Tea Tree Gully Lodge No 218

- Butterfly Connection \$1,000
General assistance
Combined NT Lodges

- Included in Educational Assistance:*

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

Conclusion

I am indebted to the members for their continuing thoughtful, full 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 of the highest order.

To all of our many volunteers, including ladies, 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.

Don Sarah AM
Chairman

Financial Statement

For the year ended 30th June 2016

	2,016	2,015
	\$'000	\$'000
Members' Contributions	14	21
Bequests received	35	2
Dividends, Interest and Distributions	290	344
Donations	97	55
Profit (Loss) on Sale of Investments	224	441
Hamper Appeal	0	32
Other Fundraising	36	25
	696	920
Administration Expenses	355	367
Other	13	14
	368	381
Net Income	328	539
Medical, Educational and Charitable Payments		
Charitable Assistance	68	79
Medical Research Funding	304	303
Scholarships Awarded	84	93
	456	475
Net Surplus (Deficit) before transfer to Reserves	-128	64
Less		
Transfer (to/from) Reserves	-43	6
Total Change in Equity	-171	70
What we own		
Cash	804	576
Other Assets	73	101
Investments	3,415	4,194
Plant, Equipment And Vehicles	0	3
	4,292	4,874
What we owe	965	879
NET ASSETS	3,327	3,995

Board Members

DONALD SARAH AM

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 Meredyth with four children and eight grandchildren. Don loves fishing.

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.

ARNIE NARAYAN MAICD

Patron category representative Member of the Board since 2014

A legal practitioner, Arnie comes to the Freemasons Foundation Board with substantial corporate governance experience, having been on the Board of Councillors - Law Society of South Australia; a Committee Member of the Country Lawyers Committee - Law Society of South Australia; a Board Member of the Whyalla Hospital and Health Services; and a Board Member and Deputy Chairman of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia (SA & NT Division). Arnie has had extensive experience with the Grand Lodge of SA & NT where he has served as both Deputy Grand Registrar (2004-2006) and Grand Registrar (2006-2012); the Board of Management from 2006 – 20012; Senior Grand Warden in 2013

and is currently the Deputy Grand Registrar once again. Arnie is married to Martine who works with him at their law firm Travancore Legal & Advisory which they established in 2011. They have two children and Arnie likes a round of golf.

ANDREW LATHLEAN JP MAICD

Vice 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 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.

VICTOR DAMINATO MSA

Member of the Board since 2011.

Victor is a legal practitioner with 19 years' post-admission experience. He has provided advice and assistance on major infrastructure and building projects around Australia, including the Adelaide Airport, Cairns International Airport and the new Royal Adelaide Hospital. In 2006, he established the law firm Crawford Legal after being a partner in two other major Adelaide legal practices and is now managing partner. Victor has served terms on the boards of not for profit organisations in South Australia's Italian community, namely Radio Italiana Inc. and The Society of St. Hilarion Inc. Aged Care. He is an active freemason and a former Deputy Grand Master, former Grand Registrar and Ex Officio member. For his contribution to Freemasonry, Victor was awarded the Meritorious Service Award in 2010.

GRANT LAW

Representative of the Board of Management since 2015

Grant is a fifth generation Freemason, a former Past Grand Warden, a Past Director, Community Relations and has served on the Grand Lodge Board of Management. He is a specialist in Public Relations and Corporate Communications where he worked for the past 20 years, for some of the world's leading organisations across

Africa, the Middle East, Europe and now Australia. For six years, he was also a Director of a humanitarian organisation in South Africa that grew to become one of the world's most prolific non-governmental organisations working in the HIV/AIDS treatment and services. Grant migrated to South Australia in 2011 and now runs his own Public Relations consultancy. He also has a business that focuses on promoting and facilitating business migration to South Australia.

JOHN BEHENNA JP MAICD

Treasurer, Grand Master's appointment 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.

JOE NEHME

Member category representative. Member of the Board since 2016.

Joe Nehme is General Manager and a Director of Nehco Pty Ltd a family owned company which operates throughout South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia in the shop fitting, building, waterproofing, plumbing and electrical industry. Nehco employs almost 100 staff members. Joe is also an event organiser and promoter, a DJ in his spare time, as well as being a former radio presenter on Fresh 92.7.

An enthusiastic Freemason, Joe is highly motivated, enjoys new challenges and brings energy and a wide range of skills to the Board of the Freemasons Foundation. He and his wife Kathryn are proud parents to their daughter Niamh.



1. Grand Master Stephen Michalak with FFCMH CEO Marg McGee

2. Brenton Hand and Richard Flashman AM of Lodge Reynell No 243, supporting Riding for the Disabled.

3. Gary Joerin and members of the Annual Freemasons Show N' Shine Motorbike Ride for Men's Health presenting a cheque for \$6,000 to FF Board member Richard Flashman AM.

4. FFCMH Principal Patron the Hon Hiue Van Le AC, Governor of SA.



5. FF Secretary Chris Lock sizes up Bob Giles' pony tail prior to auction which raised over \$3,000.

6. FF CEO Rob Clyde OAM with Clive Eacott from Glenelg Lodge No 117 Social Club supporting Parkinsons SA with donation to Christine Belford.

7. Darion Priori in Tour Down Under action raising funds for men's health research.

8. Pha Nedtubon enjoying the Tutti Fundraising Concert for the FFCMH

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to ethically and
proactively support,
promote, fund and drive
men's health issues, and
to provide charitable
works and funding in
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