



Freemasons

Foundation Victoria

Contributing
to a better
Victoria

OUR VISION

To contribute to a stronger and healthier Victoria through thoughtful and purposeful charitable support and community involvement.

OUR MISSION

To invest in programs and initiatives that are expected to provide stronger and healthier communities and by supporting individuals through access to education.



HISTORY

Freemasons Victoria Benevolent Fund was established in 1889 with a donation from Sir William Clark, Baronet.

The first student scholarship was awarded in 1912.

Freemasons Foundation Victoria Limited was established in November 2014 after the combining of Freemasons Victoria Benevolent Fund and The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation. It is now the trustee of these two funds.

The Foundation made its first grant in 2014. As of January 2021 it has made over 2,200 grants totalling just over \$12.7m.

Your Foundation will continue to make grants to assist those in need, those with potential and to support excellence.

GRANTING INTO THE COMMUNITY

Applications to support not-for-profit organisations can be made by organisations directly to the Foundation or in conjunction with a local Masonic Lodge.

The Foundation provides grants in the following areas

- health projects & medical research
- community development
- youth development
- Indigenous programs
- disaster/emergency relief



Disaster/emergency relief recipient at the presentation



EDUCATION SUPPORT

The aim of our support is to aid the youth of Victoria to achieve their education goals.

The Foundation provides assistance to students via

- education awards to secondary and 1st year tertiary students
- bursaries to post-secondary students
- masonic education

Further information about our grant programs can be found on our website.

Scholarship recipients at their presentation



I am so grateful to the Freemasons Foundation Victoria for choosing me to receive the 2019 scholarship. This grant has helped me so much in regards to the relocation process from Horsham to Melbourne and to get settled properly without many financial difficulties. This grant was the beginning of my uni journey and I am so thankful that I was able to be part of this great blessing.

— Sharon Ruth

Receiving a scholarship from Freemasons Foundation Victoria has helped me a great deal during my first year of Uni. The money I received helped me buy my nursing uniform, textbooks and helped me get through my placement. Studying nursing involves numerous items such as: a stethoscope, blood pressure cuffs; a uniform and textbooks. I live in a rural town, so I often have to travel for nursing placements and pay for accommodation and travel expenses. My university is two hours away from my hometown and so this scholarship has really helped me with all the added costs of living away from home, studying full time and driving home for my part-time job.

— Erin McConnell

I am now completing my 3rd year of Speech Pathology and am the first person in my family to enrol at a university. The scholarship has helped me pay for uniforms, text books and travel to get to placements as part of my training. The support from Freemasons has made a big difference to my life. Thank you.

— Chelsea Cooper

NAMED SUB-FUND

You can create your own named sub-fund to provide support for a cause close to your heart.

A named sub-fund can be established in either of the two charitable trusts

- The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation
- Freemasons Benevolent Fund

How does it work

- Establish with an initial donation of \$2,000
- Grow via donations and pooled investment returns
- Grant once balance reaches \$11,000

Benefits

- Donations to The Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation are tax deductible
- Long term gifts to your chosen charities
- We manage the investment, governance, and administration
- Low fees – 0.5%
- Lodges, families, friends, and businesses can contribute to your fund or establish their own
- The Funds are Income Tax Exempt
- Can create a legacy in perpetuity

Please contact our office for further information about named sub-funds or if you require a copy of the application form or named sub-fund agreement.



1889 BEQUEST SOCIETY

Garry Sebo AM
Patron

Rosemary Evans
Patron

The 1889 Bequest Society was established to thank people in their lifetime for making a bequest.

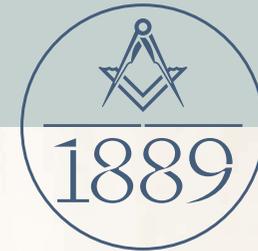
Making a bequest is simple; you can add a codicil to your existing will, there is no need to re-write your will.

Every bequest will be managed by the Foundation in perpetuity.

You can direct your bequest to support the following

- student/education awards
- disaster/emergency relief
- health projects & medical research
- Indigenous programs
- community development
- youth development
- trustee discretion

Appropriate wording to make a bequest, or to add a codicil can be found on our website



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FOUNDATION SUPPORT

One of the most important tenets of Freemasonry is Charity, as learnt at the beginning of our Masonic career.

Your Foundation is the philanthropic face for all Victorian Freemasons.

To Freemasons, greatness in life is measured by deed, character, charity, trust and the positive effect one leaves on this world through generosity of spirit.

We are an organisation of good men, supporting each other, our families and communities.

DISCOVER MORE

You can obtain further information about **Freemasons Foundation Victoria** or the **1889 Bequest Society** by contacting our Executive Officer on:

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