This list began as a short list of Famous Australian Freemasons in an edition of our Lodge Newsletter “Devotion News” and has grown to include over 600 notable and/or famous Australian Freemasons.

There are many lists readily available of famous Freemasons on the internet, but when this list was started in 2007, no extensive list dedicated to just Australian Freemasons existed. Never keen to simply duplicate web content from other web sites on our site www.lodgedevotion.com I set out to compile a list concerned with only Australian members of “The Craft”. My list is now widely used by others – please cite our web address when using our content.

This list has been compiled over years. For some time, references were not recorded, but as the list grew, it was realized it could become an authoritative and comprehensive record of Australian Freemasons. It is now the most authoritative and comprehensive list of Australian Freemasons on the web and a useful resource for researchers. References are now being progressively added, but readers should note names have only been included when the source of the same was considered reliable. Unfortunately, not all of those named have reflected the greatest credit on our Craft, but the test for inclusion is reasonable proof of membership, not subjective opinion on their actions or the lives they led. For want of other phrase, I’ve included the bad apples.

It is hard to organize such a list – where do you put a Governor General who won a Victoria Cross? An Archbishop with a Military Cross? An actor who was Grand Master and a State Politician, or a “military man” who was a doctor, humanitarian and community leader? We suggest if you are looking for something specific either peruse the list or hold the Ctrl key and press “F” to search it, or if you have a hardcopy version – use the index. I do not (knowingly!) duplicate many names in the list with the exception of those under the first heading.

Some inclusions are not Australians – but such men have been added for their strong link and influence on Australia; early Governor Generals who were not “Australian” being a good example. Keep in mind this is a list of names, not a biography, I try to keep entries short but some details have been added for context and/or interest.

The real future value of the list might be to social historians examining how membership of the Craft influenced some of the great men recorded below, especially how being Freemasonry may have affected how they interacted with each other and society. This topic is yet to be meaningfully examined in an Australian context. With this view, there are now many on the list that may not seem very notable or famous, but the list is now being used as a starting point by many researchers, so we include such names with these researchers in mind.

Note - If you reproduce all or part of this list, you MUST cite the source. Good manners and the Law aside, my internet research is being greatly slowed by Google searches returning my own list quoted but not cited on other sites, especially lodge web sites. We do not knowingly add a name unless the person is deceased or agreed to be in the public eye as a Freemason.

A note on footnotes; Almost all footnoted sources mention the Masonic Membership of the individual in conjunction to the specific item footnoted.
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Famous Freemasons; Australian Prime Ministers

- Sir Edmund Barton GCMG, KC (1849-1920), 1st Australian Prime Minister (1901-1903). 1 2 3 4 Initiated into Australian Lodge of Harmony No 555 English Constitution on 13 March 1878. 5 6 7
- Sir George Reid GCB, GCMG, KC (1845-1918), 4th Prime Minister of Australia 8 9 10 11, Lodge Centennial No. 169, UGL of NSW on 16 Nov 1896 12 13
- Sir Joseph Cook GCMG (1860-1947) 6th Prime Minister of Australia 14 15. Initiated into Lodge Independent No 8 UGLNSW 12 Feb 1892. 16 17
- Sir Robert Menzies KT, AK, FAA, FRS, QC (1894-1978), 12th Prime Minister of Australia 33 34 35 36 37, Initiated into Austral Temple Lodge No. 110, UGLV on 10 March 1910. 38 (Initiated 1920?) 39 Received a 50 Year Jewel 40
- Sir Arthur William Fadden GCMG (1894-1972) 13th Prime Minister of Australia 42 43 44 45 46 47. Initiated into Freemasonry at Caledonia Lodge No 737 Scottish Constitution in Queensland on 20 July 1915 48 49 50
- Sir John Grey Gorton (1911-2002) 19th Prime Minister of Australia 63 64 65 66 67. Initiated at Lodge University of Sydney No 544 UGLNSW on 22 March 1974. 68 69 70
Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers

The list of Premiers has been expanded enough to warrant subsections. There are several below which generally do not appear in lists of Freemasons yet have reliable sources for inclusion.

Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – NSW

- Sir Robert Askin GCMG 71 72 73 74 75 76, (1907 – 1981) 32nd Premier of New South Wales, member Boree Lodge 335 & Prince Edward Lodge 349. In 1973 Askin became the first premier of New South Wales to win a fourth successive term. 74
- Sir Eric Willis KBE, CMG (1922-99), 75 76 Premier of New South Wales 77
- Sir Charles Cowper KCMG (1807-1875), the Premier of New South Wales five times, was initiated in The Lodge of Australia in 1862 78

Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – Queensland

- Sir Samuel Walker Griffith KCMG(1845-1920), Chief Justice and Premier of Queensland (twice), Grand Master 79 80 81 82 83 84 85
- Sir Robert Philip KCMG(1851-1922), businessman and Premier of Queensland, 86 87

Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – South Australia

- Sir John Alexander Cockburn KCMG (1850-1929), 18th Premier of South Australia, Federationalist and medical practitioner. 90 91 Initiation in 1876, helped establish the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and served in several high offices within it 92 93 94 initiated Friendship Lodge 423 South Australian 1876 95
- John Greeley Jenkins (1851-1923), 22nd Premier of South Australia 96 97
- Robert Stanley “Bob” Richards (1885-1967), 32nd Premier of South Australia. 98 99 100 101 102
- Justice Sir James Boucaut KCMG (1831-1916) MLA. Premier South Australia three times 103 104 105
- Sir Richard Davies Hanson (1805-1876) 106 107, solicitor founding member of the South Australian Literary Society in August 1834, initiated Lodge of Friendship in 1834 108 109. 4th Premier (1857-1860) South Australia, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (from 1861) and as acting Governor (1872-1873). 110 Hanson St & Road Adelaide are named after him 111.
- Sir Thomas Playford IV GCMG (1896-1981), Premier of South Australia 112 113 114 (not to be confused with Thomas Playford II (1837-1915) who was also a Premier of South Australia and grandfather of Sir Thomas Playford IV 115) Premier of South Australia from 5 November 1938 to 10 March 1965, the longest term of any elected government leader in the history of Australia 111.
- Archibald Henry Peake (1859-1920), 25th Premier of South Australia 116 117
- Thomas Price (1852-1909), 24th Premier of South Australia, reformist, trade unionist 118
- Sir John Hart CMG (1809-1873), SC Provincial Grand Master SA 119 120 Premier of South Australia three times , MLA MLC 121 122 123 Hart's Mill (1855) and the Adelaide Milling Company flour mill (c.1890) are prominent landmarks adjacent to the southern wharf of the Inner Harbour at Port Adelaide. 124

Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – Tasmania

- Sir John William Evans CMG (1855-1943), seaman, businessman and politician, 21st Premier of Tasmania 125
Sir Neil Elliott Lewis KCMG (1858-1935), lawyer and 19th Tasmanian Premier three times. MLA. Attorney General. Federalionalist. Lieutenant-Governor of Tasmania 1933-35. Chancellor of the University of Tasmania 1924-33.

Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – Victoria


Sir Henry Edward Bolte GCMG (1908-1990), was the 38th and longest serving Premier of Victoria. Initiated into Lodge Meredith No 163 UGLV 9 October 1946.

George David Langridge (1829-1891), Victorian politician and public figure. Premier of Victoria. His public meetings at Collingwood were gala occasions: he never lost the common touch, and artisans and labourers mourned his death in impressive numbers.

Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – Western Australia

Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE (1911 –2007), 21st Western Australian Premier.

Major General Sir Newton James Moore KCMG (1870-1936), 8th Premier of Western Australia, soldier and businessman, President of the Western Australian Municipal Association in 1904.

William Forgan-Smith (1887-1952), 24th Premier of Queensland 1932-1940, initiated into Prince Albert Lodge No 248 UGLQLD.

Famous Freemasons; Australian & State Governors

Lachlan Macquarie (1762-1824), Governor of NSW. Served as the last autocratic Governor of NSW (1810 to 1821) and played a leading role in the social, economic and architectural development of the colony. Initiated January 1793 at Bombay, India in Lodge No 1.

Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs (1855–1948), Governor-General, Attorney-General, High Court Judge and politician. Elected to the first Federal Parliament of Australia. Initiated Antrim No 349 Irish Const, member of Australia Felix, first Grand Register (1889-1890) of UGLV.

Sir Ernest Clark (1864-1951), Governor of Tasmania, installed Grand Master of Tasmania in 1935.


Sir Robert William Duff GCMG, PC (1835-1895), Governor of NSW, Grand Master of NSW.


George Edward John Mowbray Rous, 3rd Earl of Stradbroke CB CVO CBE KCMG ADC (1862-1947) KCMG CB CVO CBE VD TD (1862-1947), Soldier & Governor of Victoria(1920-?) Initiated Household Brigade Lodge.

Major-General Jeffery General Jeffery General 1925-1930, Grand Master UGLNSW 10th Grand Master Mason of Scotland (1949-54) initiated in Apollo University Lodge No. 357 (E.C.) in 1908.

Sir William Ellison-Macartney KCMG (1852-1924) Governor of Tasmania (1912-1917), Governor of Western Australia (1917-1920), Grand Master WA 1918-?, Grand Master Tasmania Initiated 1 June 1898 in Lodge of Amity # 137 EC.

Sir Gerard Smith KCMG (1839-1920), Governor of Western Australia (1895-1900) initiated into Freemasonry on 4 May 1880 in the United Studholme Alliance Lodge # 1591 EC.

Frederic John Napier Thesiger, 1st Viscount Chelmsford GCSI, GCMG, GCIE, GBE, PC (1868 - 1933) British statesman served as Governor of Queensland (1905–1909), Governor of NSW (1909 -1913), Viceroy of India. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of NSW 1910-1913, initiated 1 June 1898 in Lodge of Amity # 137 EC.

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Lord Kintore, Algernon Hawkins Thomond Keith-Falconer (1852- 1930) Governor of South Australia and Grand Master South Australia 1889-1895.

Lord Carrington, Charles Robert Carrington KG GCMG PC DL JP (1843-1928), Governor of NSW and District Grand Master NSW in 1888 to 1890 initiated 28 October 1861 in Sir Isaac Newton Lodge # 859 EC.

Sir Thomas Mellis Napier KCMG (1882-1976), Judge, Lieutenant Governor (1942-73), Grand Master of South Australia 1928-1930, initiated in Royal Sussex Lodge # 501 EC in November.
Lord Brassey. Thomas Brassey KCB (1836-?), first Governor of Victoria to be elected Grand Master (1896-1900). Help found Volunteer Naval Reserves. Initiated Oxford University Lodge 1850. In Melbourne he joined the Clarke Lodge #98.

Sir John Goodwin KCB, CMG, DSO, Queensland Governor and Queensland Grand Master.


Sir Victor Albert George Child-Villiers, 7th Earl of Jersey GCB, GCMG, PC, DL, JP (1845-1915), Governor of NSW, Grand Master UGLNSW (installed 1891). Initiated into Apollo University Lodge #357 EC, on 25 October 1865 affiliated with Lodge Ionic #65 NSW.


Lord Carmichael, Thomas Gibson Carmichael, GCSI KCMG (1859-1926) Governor Victoria (1908-?) Governor of Madras, India, Governor of Bengal, Grand Master UGLV 1909-1912. Initiated 1895 in Lodge Dramatic and Arts # 757 SC.


Frederick John Prichard (1851–1920), journalist. During WW1 wrote under the name of 'Union Jack' to keep readers informed of developments on the front.

Sir George Cumine Strahan KCMG. (1838-1887), Governor of Tasmania. British High Commissioner to Australia 1841. Governor of Tasmania 1951.

Lt Col George James Molle (1773-1823), soldier and Lieutenant-governor NSW, commander 46th Regiment in February, 1814 Sydney. Took part in the first public Masonic ceremony in Australia, at the laying of the foundation stone of Captain John Piper's new house on what is now Point Piper Lodge of Social and Military Virtues in late 1816.

Hercules George Robert Robinson, 1st Baron Rosmead GCMG PC (1824-1887), was a British colonial administrator who became the 5th Governor of Hong Kong and subsequently, the 14th Governor of New South Wales.

Col James Erskine CB (1765-1825) fought at the Battle of Vinegar Hill (Ireland) in June 1798. Lt. Governor Port Jackson & NSW. Presented silver trowel to Australian Social Lodge No.260.

John Hutt (1795-1880) Governor of Western Australia. Presided over first Masonic Meeting in WA. Foundation Master of Lodge of Saint John No 712 EC first Lodge in WA. Persuaded first Freemason (Francis Lochée (1811-1893)) to be initiated in Western Australian Colony.

Lieutenant-General Sir John Lavarack, Grand Master QLD Governor of Queensland from 1946-1957.

NOTE – Two Governors not noted above appear in the Premiers lists.
Famous Australian Freemasons; Australians of the Year

- Major General Alan Bishop Stretton AO CBE (1922-2012), Australian of the year 1975. Evidence of his membership is tenuous and I would love more information.
- Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop, Australian of the year 1976 (see military men section for footnotes)

Famous Australian Freemasons; Australian (and Foreign) Explorers

- Captain Matthew Flinders (1774-1814), explorer
- Hamilton Hume (1797-1873), first Australian explorer to be born here. Initiated at Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No 266, Irish Const on 12 Sept 1825.
- William Wentworth (1790-1872), explorer, poet, journalist and politician. Member Lodge Amis Incorruptibles of Orient de Paris in 1818. Member The Lodge of Australia No 3.
- John McDouall Stuart (1815-1866), explorer. Member Lodge of Truth No.933 E.C. North Adelaide on 1 August 1859. Stuart claimed he recognised a Masonic greeting when he encountered a party of traditional owners in northern Australia.
- Charles Karius (?-?), Explorer in PNG. Initiated New Guinea Lodge (292 UGLQ) 29 Nov 1926.
- Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820), “Father Of Australia”, botanist. Member Inverness Lodge, No. 4.
- Inspector-General Belgrave Edward Sutton Ninnis CVO (1837 – 1922), Royal Navy surgeon, surveyor, Arctic explorer, and leading Freemason. Served as part of a surveying expedition to the Northern Territory of South Australia, helping to chart the area to the west of the Adelaide River and returning biological specimens to Adelaide for study. Initiated 1872 in Zetland Lodge No 515 Malta. Died by accident Antarctica in December 1912 aged 25 years.
- Arthur Todd Holroyd (1806-1887), physician, explorer and jurist. Fellow, Zoological Society of London. First European to cross the Bayuda desert to Khartoum and the first Englishman to visit Kordofan. Fellow Royal Geographical Society. MLC MLA. First mayor municipality of Prospect and Sherwood (Holroyd). District Grand Master of the English constitution (1867-77).
- Albert Frederick Calvert (1872-1946), author, explorer, traveler and mining engineer. Initiated 1893
- Edmund Albert Colson (1881-1950), explorer and bushman. “...understood the rites, customs and dialects of several Aboriginal tribes”. Crossed of the Simpson Desert accompanied by Eringa Peter of the Antakurinya tribe (1936).
- Michael Terry (1899–1981), explorer and author. In 1923 he and his companion Richard Yockney drove from Winton, Queensland, to Broome, Western Australia, in a 1913 T-model Ford.
Famous Australian Freemasons; Actors, Entertainers & Musicians

- Graham Kennedy AO (1934-2005), entertainer and "King of Television". Lodge No 500 UGLNSW in 1957.
- Ken G Hall (1901-1994). Australian film producer and was the first Australian to win an Oscar. Initiated into Freemasonry at Lodge Anima No 421 on 12 Dec 1922.
- George Seth Coppin (1819-1906), politician, comic actor and entrepreneur. An energetic Freemason he became the first Grand Master of Victoria (Grand Lodge Victoria later dissolved when United Grand Lodge Victoria was formed, Coppin presided over the first (and last (1889) meeting of the GL). Coppin has been credited with fathering the Australian theatre. Initiated St Johns Lodge No 346 IC.
- " Roy Rene Mo" (born Harry Van Der Sluys) (1892-1954) better known as 'Mo' the clown. Thespian No.256, NSW Australia.
- Nathan Phillips better known as “Stiffy” the clown.
- Philip Peter Jacob Wirth (1864-1937) bandsman and circus proprietor, with his brother, founded Wirth Bros Ltd Circus (1913-1963).
- Friedrich Wilhelm August Klauer (1829 -1906) Band musician, composer, arranger, publican, gold miner, played at the Eureka Stockade. Oldest publican in Adelaide. He was a prominent Freemason, having been a Past Master of the Duke of Leinster Lodge Member of the Adelaide City Council.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Sport

- Sir Hubert Opperman, OBE (1904-1996) world's fastest bicyclist in 1930s; Government Minister; High Commissioner to Malta. Initiated into Stonnington Lodge No 368 UGLV on 23 Dec 1925.
- Bill Ponsford MBE (1900-1991), test cricketer.
- Charles Brownlow (1861-1924) football Unity and Prudence Lodge initiated in 1885.
- John Treloar (1928 –) one of the fastest sprinters in the world of his time, winner of three track sprint gold medals at the Auckland 1950 Empire Games. Initiated at Lodge Frank McDowell No 362 on 4 March 1948.
Jack Plummer, sprinter, Australian 1500m track champion and also at Auckland 1950 Empire Games.

Ray Land, who competed in sprints and relays at Melbourne Olympics 1956.

Vic Patrick (1920-2006) "the best Australian boxer never to have won a world title". Australian Lightweight Title in 1941. Initiated at Lodge Fellowship No 623 on 28 Jan 1942.

Mickey (Roy) Tollis. (1927 – 2007), boxer.

Jimmy Hill, boxer.

Henry Messenger (1883-1959), Rugby player. Initiated at Lodge Thespian No 265 in 1915.

William John Truscott 'Nipper' (1886-1966), footballer inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 1996.

Deverick John (Mick) Cronin (1911-1979), Australian Rules footballer and commentator.

William Hender Hellings, swimmer one of the founders of the NSW Swimming Association.

John Hill (b1925?), member Victorian Boxing Hall of Fame, 50 Year Jewel holder.


William (Bill) M Lawry AM (1937-) cricket initiated Manangatang lodge 705 UGLV in 1962.

Wally Grout (1927-1968), test cricketer.

Charles George "Charlie" Macartney (1886 – 1958) cricket known as "The Governor-General".

Stanley Rupert Rowley (1876-1924), Olympic Sprinter Paris 1900, member Lodge Austral.


Glyn de Villiers Bosisto MBE (1899-1990). Lawn Bowls, “created so many records that he was dubbed the (Sir Donald) ‘Bradman of bowls’.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Military Men – Victoria Cross Winners

Lt William Dunstan VC (1895–1957), Victoria Cross Winner.

John Hutton Bisbee VC (1869-1930), first Australian soldier to be awarded the Victoria Cross (in Boer War, South Africa). Initiated Lodge Bulwer No 1068 England on 6 Jan 1917.

Lt Neville R Howse VC (1863-1930), Australia's first Victoria Cross Winner and only medical member of the Australian Forces to be awarded the VC. Initiated Lodge Ophir on 29 Aug 1901.

Captain Albert Jacka, VC, MC with Bar (1893-1932) Australia’s first WW1 VC.

John Hurst Edmondson (1914-1941) Victoria Cross Winner. Initiated into Lodge Liverpool No 197 on 3 April 1935.


Walter (Walley) Brown VC (1885-1942) Victoria Cross Winner. Initiated Lodge Godeldrie No 558 on 7 April 1931.

Blair A Wark VC (1894-1941) Victoria Cross Winner. Initiated at Lodge Lane Cove No 338 on 8 Nov 1921.  
James Gorman VC (1834-1882) Victoria Cross Winner initiated at The Leinster Marine Lodge Of Australia in 1878.  
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Famous Australian Freemasons; Military Men of Rank or Note

- Col Dr Sir Weary Dunlop AC, CMG, OBE (1907-1993), War Hero & Doctor WW2 Japanese POW, Changi Railway - saved hundreds including Sir William Clavel (author of Shogun)  
  Initiated in Lodge Liberation, No 674 in 1954 UGLV  
- Major-General Harold Edward "Pompey" Elliott CB, CMG, DSO, DCM, VC (1878–1931), a legend among 1st AIF soldiers, and later a Senator for Victoria  
- Sir Frederick Rudolph William Scherger KBE, CB, DSO, AFC (1904-1984), air force officer, airline commissioner and company chairman. Australians highest known Military ranking Freemason. He served as Chief of the Air Staff, the RAAF's highest-ranking position (1957 – 1961) and as Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (1961 -1966), forerunner of the role of Australia's Chief of the Defense Force. He was the first RAAF officer to hold the rank of Air Chief Marshal (the equivalent of 4 Stars). MMM of Werribee Mark Lodge No.98 (Craft Lodge currently unknown – was WM Adastral Lodge No. 397, 1939-1945),  
- Jack Lockett OAM (1891-2002) was Australia's oldest man and oldest war veteran when he died at the age of 111 and was honoured with a State Funeral in Victoria  
- Air Commodore Rex Taylor CBE, John Knox Lodge  
- Brigadier Sir William Hall KBE DSO ED  
- Major-General Sir Robert Risson DSO CBE CB OStJ Kt(1901-1992), Chairman Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board  
  Initiated Baden Powell 24 July 1961  
- Major-General Frank E. Poke (?-2015) AO, RDF ED PDGM Victorian Grand Master  
- Major-General Sir Alan Ramsay (1895-1973)  
- Major-General R Kendall  
- Major General John Keatly Forsyth CMG (1867-1928) commander Fourth Light Horse Regiment  
  Arrived Gallipoli May 1914  
- Major-General RE Jackson  
- Major-General AG Wilson
Major-General RE Wade CB CBE (1924-1995) 662

Major General (CMF) John Rowlstone Stevenson DSO CBE (1908-1971), parliamentary officer and soldier. Battalion & Brigade Commander. Served on the Kokoda Track. accepted the surrender of the Japanese forces on Nauru and Ocean islands 663

Major-General Paul Alfred Cullen AC, CBE, DSO & Bar, ED (1909 – 2007) 664 Battalion commander on the Kokoda Track, founder and first chairman of Austcare and a noted philanthropist (born Paul Cohen to Judah Cohen, a member of a long standing Australian Jewish Family) 665

Allan Gordon Cameron DSO and Bar (1909-1960), bank officer and soldier was awarded the DSO with Bar in New Guinea 666 667


Lieutenant-General Sir Carl Jess CB, CMG, CBE, DSO (1884-1948)

Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Morshead KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO, ED (1889-1959), Commander Rats of Tobruk and New Guinea and Borneo Campaigns 681

Brigadier The Hon MWJ Bourchier CMG, DSO, VD, MLA (1881-1937) 682 led his Regiment, the 4th Australian Light Horse, in the Charge at Beersheba 683

Lieutenant-General Sir Frank Berryman KCVO, CB, CBE (1894-1981) 684

Lieutenant-General Rudolph Bierwirth CBE (1899-1993) 685 Commander in Chief, British Commonwealth Forces Korea (BCFK),

Major-General EJ Milford CB, (1894-1972) Divisional Commander (5th & 7th) WW2, noon on 8 September 1945 Milford accepted the surrender of all Japanese troops in Borneo 687

Rear-Admiral Guy Griffiths AO, DSO, DSC, RAN 688 He was on the HMS Repulse, which was hit by a bomb and five torpedoes on December 10, 1941. It went down with the loss of 513 lives.

Brigadier General Sir Walter Ramsay McNicoll DSO, KBE (1877-1947), schoolmaster, politician, soldier and administrator. MLA. Led the 6th Battalion in the landing at Anzac Cove on 25 April, and received one of the first awards of the Distinguished Service Order in the A.I.F. administrator of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea in August (1934-1942). 689

General John Jackson Paine (1864-1936) CBE VD Soldier and solicitor Mayor of Windsor for 9 years 690 691 692 693

Lieutenant-General Sir Horace Robertson 694

Lieutenant-General Sir Stanley George Savige KBE, CB, MC, ED (1890-1954) soldier and founder of Legacy. Landed Gallipoli 6 March 1915 695 696 697

Lieutenant Colonel B.R. (Barry) Tinkler, MBE 698 Australian Army Training Team Vietnam 699 700

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Harold Luxton, former Lord Mayor of Melbourne 701 (1888-1957)

Lieutenant-Colonel George Francis Murphy CMG DSO with bar, (1883-1962) soldier, teacher and administrator. DSO with Bar 702 foundation member of Sydney Legacy 703

Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Edmund Hutchinson Cass CMG (1876-1931), soldier and commandant. brigade major of the 2nd Brigade, A.I.F. that took part in the landing at Anzac Cove but unit was transferred to Cape Helles to advance against the Turks at Krithia on 8 May. Battalion Commander. 704

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Harold Stokes CBE (1899-1977), engineer, company director. in 1952-74 President of the Austin Hospital and chairman of the board of the Cancer Institute 705

Lieutenant-Colonel Dr Howard Kynaston Denham DSO (1883-1972), soldier and medical practitioner. Battalion commander. Initiated 1911 706

Lieutenant-Colonel Dr Arthur Ross Clayton DSO (1876-1963), medical practitioner mayor of the Moonta 1924-26 & 1939-40 707
Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert William Lloyd, CB, CMG, CVO, DSO (1883 - 1957) MLA
Fought at Gallipoli where he earned his DSO

Lieutenant-Colonel Theodore Gordon Walker DSO (1900-1971), army officer and businessman. 24th Battalion Commander. POW

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Hazell Elliott CMG, DSO and Bar CMG (1882-1956), soldier and clerk. Within hours of the landing at Gallipoli on 25 April took command of the 12th battalion following the wounding of other officers. Commanded in France and received the Légion d'honneur. Initiated 1911

Lieutenant-Colonel George Henry Dean (1859-1953), soldier, stock and station agent and grazier. July 1912 appointed to command the 8th Light Horse Brigade, 1915 as a Lt-Colonel commanded the 13th Light Horse Regiment which served, unmounted, at Gallipoli from early September

Lieutenant-Colonel William Charles Nightingale Waite MC (1880-1973), soldier and auctioneer. Served in Boer War, WW1 &2 (home). Landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 and served there until the evacuation in December, first commanding the 7th Field Artillery Battery and then the 8th, MC at Gallipoli. member of the Burnside Town Council for seventeen years. The Colonel Waite Memorial Oval at Kensington Gardens, Adelaide, honours his service to the council. At 90 he presided over the last memorial meeting of Boer War veterans. Especially well known as chief marshal on Anzac Days in Adelaide; proudly mounted on a dapple-grey charger, he led the parade on twenty-nine occasions.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest Arthur Kendall CMG (1876-1938), veterinary surgeon. First Chair Victoria’s Milk Board

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Byrne Hart MC, CBE (1895-1989), soldier, accountant and company director. From January 1943 commanded the 2nd Australian Water Transport Group

Wing Commander William Lloyd Brill DSO, DFC with Bar (1916-1964), RAAF officer

Colonel Sir Thomas Charles (Tom) Eastick DSO, CMG, ED (1900-1988), engineer and army officer. Regiment Commander. RSL State president. Took the Japanese surrender at Kuching Borneo in 1945


Colonel Terrance (Terry) Raymond Bates (1934?- 2015).

Colonel James Campbell Stewart DSO with Bar, CMG (1884-1947), soldier and public servant, acting battalion commander Gallipoli. Brigade Commander France

Colonel Leslie Walker (?-?), member first South Australian Lodge, Hand of Friendship EC #613. Walker Street Adelaide is named after him

Colonel Burford Sampson DSO (1882-1959), soldier and politician. Platoon commander at Gallipoli, MLC

Major Alexander Thomas Paterson MC (1886-1950), soldier and businessman.

Major William Adolphus (Bill) Chaffey (1915-1987), farmer and politician MLA. Served in Z’ Special Unit 1944-45. Initiated in 1940

Major George Bland Humble (1839-1930), teacher and Fremantle town clerk

Brigadier Raymond Walter Tovell CBE, DSO and Bar, ED. (1890–1966) MP. Chief Patron of the Rats of Tobruk Association. MLA


Captain John Edwin (Jack) McKeddie MC and Bar (1902 -1980), army officer and stockbroker, aide-de-camp to Major General (Sir) Leslie Morshead in 1941 and served with him during the siege of Tobruk.

Captain James Croker Ferguson, JP (1830?-1891), “ONE of the most expert riflemen in the colony”  "44 745 746 747

Bruce Ruxton (1926-2011), former President of Victorian RSL.
Lieutenant William Sinclair MM MC (1887-1959), soldier, boxmaker and sales representative.

Captain Robert Russell Fullarton (1829-1895), naval officer and public servant. Naval Commander (all Naval Reserves) Melbourne Harbour Master.

John Alexander Watson DSO (1891-1980), grocer, insurance agent and army officer. Logistics officer during the siege at Tobruk.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Inventors & Business People

James Boag (c.1822-1890), brewer, founded “J. Boag & Son” in February 1883.

Thomas Mayne (1901-1995) developed the drink "Milo" still sold today. Initiated into Lodge King Edward No 189 UGLV.

Harry Melbourne (1913-2007) invented the "Freddo Frog" chocolate. Initiated into Freemasonry at Victoria Park Lodge No 388 UGLV on 24 April 1944.

Frederick Peters (1836-1937) founded Peter's Ice-cream. Initiated into Terre Coupee Lodge No 204 Grand Lodge of Indiana on 27 Dec 1890.


Cecil Albert Gregory (1894-1974) Founder of "Gregory's Street Directory of Sydney and Suburbs". Initiated Lodge Arcadia No 177 UGLNSW on 12 May 1922.

Mervyn Richardson (1893-1972) invented the Victa Lawn Mower. Initiated Lodge Wentworth no 89 on 6 Feb 1945.

Joseph Best (1830-1887) and Henry Best (1832-1913), vignerons, founded the vineyard that today trades as “Seppelts Great Western Wines”.

Sir James Gilbert Hardy (1932-) winemaker and businessman noted for his yachting achievements. Initiated Lodge City of Sydney 952 on 21 November 1962.


William Albert Flick (1890-1980), pest exterminator, founded W. A. Flick & Co., Australia's largest pest control company, and one that was among the largest in the world.

William Knox (1850-1913), businessman and politician. MLA, MLC. 1885 secretary Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd “Generally regarded as the brains behind B.H.P” Sat on board of Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Co. Ltd & BHP. President Melbourne Chamber of Commerce. Malvern Shire councilor & President. Declined a Knighthood.

Sir Alfred Henry Ashbolt (1870-1930), notable businessman fostered economic development, particularly in Tasmania. Consul for Russia in Tasmania until he resigned on the outbreak of the revolution. President Royal Hobart Golf Club.

John Crann (1848-1935), sugar refiner, one of the Cranns of Robert Cran & Co.

William James (Bill) Proud (1871-1931), jeweler founded “Prouds the Jewellers”.

Frank Whiddon (1877-1947), With this brother, founded Whiddon Bros Ltd. Initiated into Lodge Neutral Bay No. 267. Grand Master UGLNSW 1945.

Henry Perdriau (1845-1935), pioneer rubber merchant and manufacturer. Director Dunlop-Perdriau Rubber Co. Ltd.

Sir George Victor Lansell (1883-1959), businessman, politician and philanthropist. Director of the Sandhurst Trustees' Co.

Sir Gordon Burns Rolph CMG (1893-1959). Businessman and Newspaper Owner. President of the Australian Provincial Press Association, Launceston Chamber of Commerce, Federated Chambers of the British Empire, Honorary Justices' Association of Tasmania,
National Agricultural and Pastoral Society, Launceston War Memorial Community Centre Association, Royal Society of St George, Royal Commonwealth Society, Launceston Rotary Club & the Australian Federation of Commercial Broadcasting Stations. Chairman of Australian Provincial Daily Press and delegate to four Imperial Press conferences. Chief executive of the Tasmanian Executors and Trustees Association Pty Ltd, Equitable Building Society, Walpamur Co. (Aust.) Ltd, Cleanquick Pty Ltd, Tip Top Paints (Aust.), Tamar Services Pty Ltd, Tasmanian Softwoods Pty Ltd and United Dairies and Cool Stores of Tasmania. 793

- Charles Andrew Ord MBE. (1905-1977), banker and stockbroker. Philanthropist. Co-founded Ord & Minnett, later acquired other businesses and developed into one of Australia's leading brokerage businesses. State Chair National Heart Foundation of Australia 794


- William Holyman (1833-1919), master mariner and ship owner. In 1911 bought automobiles to carry mail from Launceston to Beauty Point, the first regular mail service by motor car in Tasmania 800 801

- Thomas Swallow (1823-1890), 802 businessman, manufacturer, mechanical inventor, member of the first municipal council Sandridge (Port Melbourne) (1860) and was mayor for several terms before retiring in 1875. Major Volunteer Artillery 803 SWALLOW ST Port Melbourne was named after him, noted for founding the Swallow & Ariel biscuit factory which at the time (1850's) was the 5th largest steam biscuit factory in the WORLD. 804 Swallow's Landing & Swallow Rd & Swallow Street Cairns also named after him. 805

- Sir Roderick William Miller CBE (1911-1971), company director, transport pioneer. Pioneered the coal trade with Japan (and later with Europe) 806

- Joseph Taylor (Joe) Coffill (1841-1919), teamster, livery stable proprietor and funeral director 807 In 1912 Coffill merged with A. C. J. Wood to form the largest funeral-directing enterprise in Sydney. 808

- John Vans Agnew Bruce (1822-1863), road and railway construction contractor 809 810. By 1857 was well known as one of the largest employers of labour in the colony. 811

- Leo Susman (1832-1903), 812 German Jew, Merchant & Freemason, 813 one of Hobart's wealthiest shop-keepers. Initiated Tasmanian Union Lodge, presented with the first Past Master jewel ever given to a Past Master in Tasmania, 25 year chair (?-1898) Tasmanian Masonic Benevolence Fund. 814 815 816

- Herbert Taylor (1885-1970), accountant and company director, conservative party organizer. President Melbourne Chamber of Commerce. Treasurer and President RACV. 817 (check this he was life governor of freemason hospital but no mention of initiation.. )

- Thomas Alison Scott (1777?-1881), father of the Australian sugar and banana industries, 818 819 820

- James McFarlane Lapsley PM (1856-1931), fire brigade officer & inventor. Invented Lapsley condenser 821. Grand Master WA SC 1906 to 1931 822. 823 824 825 Lapsley Street Dunlop ACT is named in his honour for is invention. 826

- James Freeland Leacock - inventor of the "ute" in 1929 827 application to register a convertible body for motor vehicles was submitted to the Patents Office on behalf of inventor James Freeland Leacock, and accepted in 1930. Leacock’s invention pre-dated the launch of the first official Australian ‘ute’ by five years. 828
Famous Australian Freemasons; Architects & Builders

Famous Freemasons; Architects

- Sir Francis Howard Greenway (1777-1837), colonial era architect. His image was on the old Australian $10 note. (Also under convicts)
- John Petrie (1822-1992), architect, politician, first Mayor of Brisbane, active member of the first Masonic lodge in Queensland. 845
- Percy William Harrison (1864-1951) notable architect, President of WAIA from 1907-1909.
- Lieutenant-General Sir Talbot Hobbs KCB, KCMG, VD (1864-1938), soldier, notable architect, involved in many community organizations such as Surf Life-Saving, RSL, Boy Scouts and Rotary and Legacy.
- William Charles Vahland (1828 – 1915) City of Sandhurst councilor, Chairman and Managing director of the Bendigo Mutual Permanent Land and Building Society, Freemason and acclaimed architect, Bendigo’s Alexandra Fountain, Town Hall, Capital Theatre and the Anne Caudle Centre were all designed by Vahland who is credited with designing around 100 buildings and landmarks throughout the region. Initiated Golden Lodge of Bendigo in 1857.
- George Thomas Temple Poole (George Thomas Temple-Poole) (1856-1934), architect, Western Australian superintendent of public works. Thirty-four of the approximately 200 for which he was responsible had been classified by the National Trust of Australia by 1980 as 'essential to the heritage of Australia and must be preserved'; most important of these are Treasury Buildings & the Lands Department in Perth. Founder of the Western Australian Institute of Architects (1896), four times its President.
- Robert Flack Richards (c 1866-1938, 72 when he died), Hobart architect.
- Lange Leopold Powell (1886-1938), architect.
- Cuthbert Claude Mortier Whitley (1886-1942), architect and public servant, played Australian Rules football with the Hawthorn Football Club in Melbourne and won several golf trophies in Canberra.
- Joel Eade (1823-1911), builder, architect and educationist, magistrate and mayor of Collingwood in 1870-71. Life governor of the Melbourne Hospital. Mayor of Collingwood (1870-71)

Famous Freemasons; Builders

- Clements Langford (1853-1930), master builder, Anglican lay leader. Built many buildings in Melbourne and Victoria, built spires at St Pauls Cathedral at cost, many conspicuous buildings, such as Scott's Hotel, Centre Way Arcade, Astor Theatre the Comedy Theatre, the Myer Emporium, the Colosseum at Prahran, and Ball and Welch's building, were constructed under his direction.
- Ernest Alfred Watts (1893-1979), builder, built building in Bourke Street for G. J. Coles & Co. Pty Ltd, and additions to the National Gallery of Victoria. He built many large structures, including the Chevron Hotel (1934), the southern stand at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (1936).
and the Hotel Australia (1939). Elected, unopposed, as president (1938-39) of the Master Builders Association of Victoria

Famous Australian Freemasons; Artists

- Sir William Alexander Dargie CBE (1912-2003) artist, portrait painter, holds the current record for the most Archibald Prizes won (eight). Official artist during WW2. Initiated June 1951 Lodge Arboreal No 641 UGLV, received a 50 year Jewel of Service in the Craft.
- Henry William Mobsby (1860-1933), artist, photographer and motion picture pioneer, took the first moving picture footage in Queensland in 1898 using Lumiere cinematograph.
- Carl Magnus Oscar Friström (1856-1918), professional painter, President New Society of Artists.
- George Frederick Harris (1856 - 1924), artist.
- Harry Pelling Gill (1855-1916), painter, art curator and teacher.
- Philip Blashki, born Favel Wagczewski (1837-1916) Silversmith. Initiated Lodge Judah circa 1865, received a 50 year Jewe l of Service in the Craft.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Aviation

- Air Commodore Sir Charles Kingsford Smith (1897-1935), aviator who was first to cross the Pacific from the US to Brisbane in about 1928. He was a MM of a Brisbane lodge, and, as a matter of interest, it is his MM apron which is perambulated in the memorial service each Anzac Day in the Brisbane Memorial Masonic Centre. Initiated at Gascoyne Lodge on 9 April 1925.
- Lawrence Hargrave (1850-1915) aviation pioneer. Initiated at United Service Lodge of New South Wales No 937 English Const on 2 April 1877.
- Allan Robert Stanley Vickers, flying doctor, see the Medicine section.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Chinese of the Ninetieth Century

While it is “unmasonic” to discriminate on race, it strongly appears that discrimination did occur, especially in the 1800’s. Incidents such as the Lambing Flat Riot and Anti-Chinese legislation evidences this. Chinese Australian Freemasons of the Nineteenth Century are therefore of particularly of interest. In the Twentieth Century, diversity is commonplace, especially after WW2. Please don’t confuse “Chinese Masonic Society” with “Freemasonry” – these are often two different things and in the Chinese context “Masonic” is applied to varied organizations such as Tongs, Huis Triads, Kongsi, some being criminal, some fraternal, others co-operatives or political.

- Mei Quong Tart (Mei Guangda) (1850–1903), philanthropist, first Chinese Initiate in Australia in 1885. "was one of Sydney’s most famous philanthropists and well-loved personalities" initiated into the Lodge of Tranquility in 1885.
Way Lee, Yet Soo War (c. 1853–1909) Chinese businessman & philanthropist, leading Chinese figure in Adelaide in the late nineteenth century United Trademen Lodge SAC

Sun Johnson Chinese Freemason

WRG Lee and his son William Lee

William Robert George Lee was initiated on 18 August 1890

James Chuey

William Ah Ket (1876-1936), barrister & Chinese Community Leader. co-founder and president of the Sino-Australian Association, the first Australian-Chinese club. acting consul-general for China in 1913-14 and in 1917

Famous Australian Freemasons: Convicts

(It is worth noting that Freemasons are generally be expelled from the Craft on serious conviction, while men with criminal convictions can find it difficult to become a Freemason.)

Sir Henry Browne Hayes (1762-1832), convict, transported to New South Wales for kidnapping Mary Pike, heiress to a fortune of £20,000. Attempted in 1803 to found a Masonic Lodge for which he incurred the displeasure of Governor King. It is doubtful if Hayes had a warrant to establish a lodge, though he claimed he did, but his meeting on 14 May 1803 is regarded as the foundation day of Freemasonry in Australia. The very first St Patrick's day ceremony held in New South Wales was on the 17th March 1810 at Sir Henry Browne Hayes's Vaucluse home.


Richard Fitzgerald (1772-1840), convict, public servant and settler. One of the early proprietors of the Bank of New South Wales. “..one of the earliest Freemasons in the country and is said to have played a considerable part in establishing the craft in Sydney; this is supported by a strong tradition, but his name has not been found in early Masonic documents.”

James Alexander Thomson (1805-1860), architect, engineer and building contractor. Emancipist transported for theft. Superintendent of the church building at Richmond Tasmania (St Luke's 1834-37). Conditional pardon in Jan 1835 - immediately set up a business in Liverpool Street, not only as architect, engineer and surveyor, but also as valuer, estate agent, map printer and dealer in machinery. His spectacular buildings were few, unquestionably the most interesting and important work is the Hobart Synagogue (1843-45), the most comprehensive example of the Regency Egyptian style in Australia. Whatever his merits as architect, and they are relatively minor, Thomson provides a remarkable case of a former convict establishing himself as a successful businessman and was respected in many circles.

Dr William Bland (1789-1868), medical practitioner, surgeon, and politician. Sydney's first full-time private practitioner. Naval surgeon who was sent to Australia as a convict after killing a shipmate in a pistol duel. Philanthropist. MLA. First president of the Australian Medical Association formed in 1859. Accored a state funeral.

Samuel Clayton (?-?, 1783?-1853?) portraitist, engraver, art teacher and silversmith, a Past Master of Lodge No.6, Dublin. The Master of Ceremonies at the earliest lodge in Australia and without whose guidance the new lodge might not have survived. Transported to NSW, reputedly for forgery, engraved the banknotes for the Bank of New South Wales when it opened its doors on 8 April 1817, also engraved the first banknotes for the Van Diemen’s Land Bank. Received his ticket of leave on 1 October 1824.
Francis Howard Greenway (1777-1837), colonial era architect. Greenway appeared on the old Australian Paper $10 note (Aslo under architects).

Famous Australian Freemasons; Females (irregular)

(Although “irregular” Freemasons, these women were almost certainly influenced by their membership in a Masonic Order.)

- Edith Cowan (1861-1932) (Co-Freemason), first woman elected to Australian Parliament, women's activist, Member of St Cuthberts Lodge Perth Australia (Le Droit Humain)
- Bessie Mabel Rischbieth (née Earle) (Co-Freemason), OBE (1874-1967) was an influential and early Australian feminist and social activist
- Fanny Furner (1864–1938) (Co-Freemason) activist who worked to further the rights of women and children in the early 1900s in Sydney.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Medicine

- Col Dr Sir Weary Dunlop is listed under “Military Men”
- Dr Allan Robert Stanley Vickers CMG , MB, ChM (1901-1967), flying doctor
- Dr George Bankin Bearham OBE (1899-) leading Melbourne surgeon, gynecologist and obstetrician. Past Grand Master. Initiated Clarke Lodge I June 1927
- Dr Walter Balls-Headley (1841{1842?}-1918), gynecologist, Grand Master Victoria in 1905-07; initiated Sir Isaac Newton Lodge 1161 14 June 1861
- Caleb Soul (1817-1894), druggist and chemist,
- Sidney Firth Lumb (1893-1988), professor of dentistry, House surgeon and superintendent Melbourne Dental Hospital. Dean Dental faculty at University of Queensland, Fellow Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England
- Dr Isaac Aaron (1804-1877), medical practitioner. Royal College of Surgeons. Editor Australian Medical Journal which he purchased in 1847.
- Dr John Maund (1823-1858), physician and analytical chemist. He and Joseph Black were appointed founding editors of the Australian Medical Journal. Co-founded Melbourne’s Royal Women's Hospital
- Dr Handasyde Duncan (1811-1878), medical practitioner. An original member of the Medical Board of South Australia (1844), and served on it until his death; his name was third of the original seven on its medical register. Initiated 1853.
- Dr Joseph Steigrad CBE (1902-1971), surgeon and soldier. Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Military Hospital Commander. Jewish Community Leader
- Dr Arthur Richardson, (1844-1927) doctor pioneer in Kalgoorlie member Kalgoorlie Council, temperance advocate
- Dr William Hull Lewis (1806-1875) Doctor, surgeon and magistrate in Gawler
- Dr John Harris (1754-1838) , formerly surgeon of the New South Wales Corps; Early Sydney Settler.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Other Politicians

Sir George Strickland Kingston (1807–1880) engineer and politician, First speaker South Australian House of Assembly Kingston Terrace Adelaide is named after him


Herbert James Mockford Payne (1866-1944), draper and politician MLA Member Royal Commission into Wages and Wage Earners (1906–07), Gov Minister noted for his introduction in the Senate in July 1924 of a measure for compulsory voting in Commonwealth elections, becoming only the second private senator’s bill since 1901 to carry Parliament. This was the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1924.

Arthur Hardy (1817-1909), pastoralist, barrister and quarry-owner, MLA. He built the colony's first country Mechanics' Institute. First District Grand Master of the English Freemasons in South Australia 1867-84. Initiated Lodge Judah 5 Nov 1879

Ebenezer Cooke (1832-1907), accountant, parliamentarian and public servant. MLA. Commissioner of audit. Established audit officials as a distinct branch of the civil service. First President Public Service Association

John Sutherland (1816-1889), builder and politician. MLA, MLC. Major of Sydney 1861.

Alexander Wilson (1889-1954), farmer and politician

Sir Henry Briggs (1844-1919), headmaster and politician, Federalist. President of the Legislative Council

Sir John Quick (1852- 1932) Federationalist, lawyer and politician Member first Parliament of Australia. Initiated Lodge Judah 5 Nov 1879

Joseph Wearne (1832-1884), flour-miller and politician. MLA, Orangeman, Temperance advocate.

William Dartnell Johnson (1870-1948), carpenter and politician. MLA. Labor Party Leader. One of the first State parliamentarians to oppose conscription and consequently lost his seat at the 1917 election. Speaker and Chair Parliamentary Party.

David Robert Hall (1874-1945), lawyer and politician. Solicitor-General, Attorney-General, MLA MLC

Sir Edwin Thomas Smith KCMG , brewer, philanthropist and politician, mayor of Kensington and Norwood in 1867-70 and 1871-73, member of each house of Parliament (MLA, MLC) initiated East Torrens Lodge of Faith No.408 I.C. (later the Lodge of Faith No.9) Sir Edwin Smith Avenue, Adelaide is named after him,

William Francis Schey (1857-1913), union leader, Orangeman, politician and public servant, MLA

Vincent Pyke (1827-1894), politician, public servant, magistrate and writer, MLA, MLC

John Wheeler (1853-1915), accountant, Orangeman and politician

Stanley R. Whitford (1878-1959), politician, unionist, anti-conscriptionist.


Henry Roberts Williams (1848-1935), mining director and politician MLA, miners rights

John Arthur Wright (1841-1920), politician, engineer and railway commissioner

Thomas (Tom) Armstrong (1885-1955), businessman and politician

Leslie Frank Louis (Les) Diplock (1899-1983), schoolteacher and politician, member of the DLP

Aubrey Slessar (?-1972) served 3 terms in QLD parliament

George Kerr (1853-1930), blacksmith, politician and grazier. MLA. Leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party & Minister for Railways

Andrew Hendry Ross (1829-1910), medical practitioner and politician. MLA

John Riddoch (1827-1901), pastoralists parliamentarian MLA

George Riddoch (1842-1919) pastoralist parliamentarian MLA

George Graham (1838-1922), farmer and politician, MLA. First President of the Shepparton Shire Council. Minister of several federal departments.

Alfred Elliot Chandler (1873-1935) nurseryman, MLC, one of the first three initiates at Peace and Loyalty UGLV and the Chandler Highway is named after. With father's backing began 47-acre Everson Nursery 1895 in area which he later named Boronia, specialized in daffodils and boronia;

Sir Herbert Horace (Bert) Olney (1875-1957), manufacturer, politician and philanthropist. Chair of: Victorian Hospital and Charities Board, Dental Hospital of Melbourne, Zoological Board of Victoria, Yarra Bend National Park Trust and chair of the Rhyll and Phillip Island Koala Reserve trusts. In 1942, when knighted, he was a member of twenty-five committees, being president, chairman or convener of twelve of them. MLC

Frank Augustus Chaffey (1888-1940), farmer and politician. MLA. colonial secretary

Walter Peden Joyce Skelton (1883-1979), railway officer and politician, unionist, prohibitionist MLA. Founded & Presided over the Protestant Independent Labour Party.

Edward Fitzgerald Russell (1867-1943), trade unionist, Port Melbourne Mayor, president of the Trades Hall Council, Melbourne

James Tolmie (1862-1939), newspaper proprietor and politician, MLA

George Hugh Alexander Mackay (1872-1961), politician and Speaker of the House of Representatives, MLA


Emanuel Steinfeld (1828-1893), furniture manufacturer and retailer, politician, MLC, President Chamber of Manufactures. Mayor Ballarat East Council. Friend of Redmond Barry


Sir Reginald Victor Wilson (1877-1957), businessman and politician. MLC. Member of the royal commission inquiring into Cockatoo Island dockyard (1921). President Motion Picture Distributors' Association (1927-39). senior vice-chairman (1938-57) of the Royal North Shore Hospital board, a member (1938-46) of the National Health Research Council and chairman (1939-57) of National Press Pty Ltd
Keith Dodgshun (1893-1971), farmer and politician. Karkaroc Shire Council, MLA.

Sir David Storey (1856-1924), businessman and politician. Defeated fellow mason Edmund Barton in Randwick 1920 election. MLA, MLC.

Tom Cleave Stott CBE (1899-1976), wheat-farmer and politician. MLA sat in parliament for an unbroken thirty-seven years. Speaker, post 1962 held balance of power.

Ninian Melville (1843-1897), cabinet maker, undertaker and politician. MLA. Mayor Newtown. Mayor Ashfield and Summer Hill. Orangeman.

John Hurley (1844-1911), mining speculator and politician. MLA. Orangeman.

Francis Augustus Wright (1835-1903), carrier and politician. MLA. Mayor of Redfern. postmaster-general. Deputy District Grand Master EC.

Samuel Edward Lees (1843-1916), printer and politician. MLA MLC.

George Cann (1871-1948), politician. President of the Western Miners' Association. MLA.

William Byrnes (1809-1891), MLC. At his death on 25 October 1891 at Parramatta he had the distinction of being both the oldest member of the Legislative Council and the oldest Freemason in the colony.

Edwin Joseph Mackrell (1878-1965), politician MLA.

Andrew Tennant (1835-1913), pastoralist and politician. MLA MLC.

Arthur Herbert Whittingham (1869-1927), grazier and politician.

Edward Alfred Anstey (1858-1952), builder and politician, pro-conscriptionist. He resigned from the A. L. P. in 1916 over conscription, became a foundation member of the National (Labor) Party.

Robert Fowler (1840-1906), pottery manufacturer and politician, philanthropist. Member of the royal commission on intoxicating drink, chairman of his district Public School Board. Director of Sydney Hospital and the Benevolent Asylum and a Governor of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for twenty-four years MLA MLC.


Robert Hollis (1851-1937), engine driver, trade union leader and politician. Director of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in 1913-33. Member of Australian Socialist League (1894). Mayor of Launceston.

Richard Cleburne (1799-1864), merchant, politician, anti-transportationalist. MLC.

James Fletcher (1834-1891), Coal Miner and mine owner, newspaper owner & politician, First President Miners Union (1861), First Mayor of Wallsend. In 1876, he became proprietor of the Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate. "The Largest Funeral Newcastle Had Ever Seen, 25,000 People Lined the Streets".

Frederick William Coneybeer (1859-1950), trade unionist and politician, Speaker of the House. Minister of education MLA.

John Gibson Farleigh (1861-1949), manufacturer and politician, Orangeman. MLC.

Sir John Cowan (1866-1953), grazier and politician. MLC. Government whip for twenty years, and when he retired in 1944 had the longest continuous service of any member in both Houses. Member Mobilong District Council for 20 years, and its chairman for 15 years. Government Minister.

John Estell (1861-1928), coalminer and politician, Labor Party Whip 1904-1913, anti-conscriptionist, minister for railways, trade unionist. alderman on the Plattsburg Municipal
Council in 1887-1900 and mayor in 1891, 1897 and 1899, President of Wallsend and Plattsburg Fire Brigade, patron and president of Plattsburg Mechanics' Institute and a member of the committee of management of the Wallsend Mining District Hospital. MLA MLC 1188

- William James Beckett CBE (1870-1965), politician. MLA MLC 1187
- Thomas Henry Brooker (1850-1927), salesman, wood-merchant and politician. Mayor of Hindmarsh (1891) MLA 1189
- Theodor Johannes Scherk (1836-1923), teacher, agent and politician. president of the German Club Adelaide first honorary member of the United Daughters of Australia. MLA 1190
- Joseph Henry Lewis Turley (Henry Turley) (1859-1929), anti-consciptionalist, Trade Union Official, MLC, MLA 1191 1192
- George Robert (Bob) Nichols (1809-1857), lawyer and politician. MLA MLC 1193.

- Sir Joseph Palmer Abbott KCMG (1842-1901), solicitor and politician, federationist, MLA 1194 1195
- Sir Alexander Lyell McEwin (1897-1988), Wheat grower & Politician, Chief Secretary MLC 1196 represented the SA (1925-27) in rifle-shooting. Minister for Mines & Health. Lyell McEwin Hospital is named for him 1197
- John Warburton (Jack) Pennington CBE (1870-1945), storekeeper, grazier and politician, MLA, Bet Bet Shire Council in 1900-07, Party Whip in Lawson Government 1918-23, Education Minister. 1204
- Robert Steel Byrnes MBE (1899-1979), Presbyterian administrator, poet and writer 1205
- Nathaniel Barclay DCM (1894-1962), soldier settler and politician, ex-servicemen leader. MLA 1207 1208 1209
- Ephraim Henry Coombe (1858-1917), journalist and politician, MLA. South Australian town of Coombe is named after him. 1226
- Cecil Thompson (“Charlie”) Oliver AM (1901-1990), trade union official, politician, MLA. ALP State President, NSW Secretary AWU. Initiated 1962 1238
Thomas Davies Mutch (1885-1958), journalist, socialist, trade union official, reformer, politician and historian. MLA, \textsuperscript{1239} Minister for Education \textsuperscript{1240}, Trustee of Public Library of New South Wales 1916-1958 \textsuperscript{1241}

James Tobias (Toby) Ryan (1818-1899), butcher, pastoralist, politician and sportsman. MLA \textsuperscript{1242}, First Master of Queen's Lodge 982 EC in Penrith NSW, \textsuperscript{1243}

Sir Maurice Charles O'Connell, (1812-1879), \textsuperscript{1244} soldier, public servant and politician President and member MLC \textsuperscript{1245} First provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution, in Queensland, Queensland Pioneer \textsuperscript{1246} \textsuperscript{1247} \textsuperscript{1248} O’Connell Town (now Newtown NSW) is named for him or his wife. \textsuperscript{1249}

Sir Frederick Palgrave Barlee KCMG (1827-1884), WA Colonial Secretary 1855-77 \textsuperscript{1250}, Magistrate, & MLC \textsuperscript{1251}, first president of the Working Men's Association in 1864 \textsuperscript{1252}; Lieutenant-Governor of the British Honduras from 1877-1882; Administrator of Trinidad in 1884.

**Famous Australian Freemasons; Religious Leaders**

- Charles Edward Camidge (1837-1911), Anglican Bishop \textsuperscript{1253} \textsuperscript{1254}
- Dr Harrington Clare Lees (1870-1929), Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne \textsuperscript{1255} \textsuperscript{1256}, foundation member of the Old Melburnians' Masonic Lodge \textsuperscript{1257} \textsuperscript{1258} \textsuperscript{1259}.
- Rev HG Cranswick, Bishop of Gippsland \textsuperscript{1260}
- Henry Lowther Clarke (1850-1926), Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne \textsuperscript{1261} \textsuperscript{1262} \textsuperscript{1263} Provincial Grand Master of Masonic Province of the East and West Ridings of Yorkshire \textsuperscript{1264} \textsuperscript{1265}
- Charles L Riley (1855-1930 or 1854-1929?) Archbishop of Perth. He served as Chaplain General of the Australian army units during WW1. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, “his spiritual influence in the development of the Australian lodges still exists” \textsuperscript{1266} Initiated into Peace and Unity 314 Lancaster \textsuperscript{1267} \textsuperscript{1268} \textsuperscript{1269}
- Moses Rintel (1823-1880) Jewish minister & philanthropist \textsuperscript{1270} first Rabbi of Melbourne \textsuperscript{1271} \textsuperscript{1272} \textsuperscript{1273}
- Sir Israel Brodie KBE. (1895-1975) \textsuperscript{1274} \textsuperscript{1275} (Very Rev) Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the British Commonwealth \textsuperscript{1276}. Duke of Sussex Lodge No 48 UGLV \textsuperscript{1277} \textsuperscript{1278} \textsuperscript{1279}
- Rabbi Raymond Apple AO RFD (1935-) \textsuperscript{1280} \textsuperscript{1281} \textsuperscript{1282} \textsuperscript{1283} \textsuperscript{1284} \textsuperscript{1285} The Great Synagogue Sydney “retired in 2005 after many years as Australia’s highest-profile Rabbi” \textsuperscript{1286}
- Christopher Thomas Frow Goy MBE (1897-1982) Moderator Presbyterian Church in Victoria 1956-? \textsuperscript{1287}
- Joseph John Booth MC (1886-1965) Fourth Archbishop of Melbourne and Bishop of Geelong (Church of England), Initiated 15 September 1914 Footscray St John's Lodge N 71 \textsuperscript{1288}
- Chap Archdeacon GE Lambie, Past Grand Chaplain \textsuperscript{1289}
- Horace Crotty (1886-1951) Church of England Bishop of Bathurst (N.S.W.) 1928-1936 \textsuperscript{1290}
- Rabbi Jacob Danglow CMG OBE VD (1880-1962), Melbourne Hebrew Congregation, Army Chaplain \textsuperscript{1296}
- Rev T.J. Riddle, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria \textsuperscript{1297}
- George C. Barber President-General of Methodist Church of Australia (1948-51) \textsuperscript{1298} \textsuperscript{1299}
- Rabbi Dr Joseph Abrahams M.A. (1855 ?–1938?) \textsuperscript{1300} Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Australia Felix (1908) and Grand Chaplain of UGLV (1910), Chief Rabbi Melbourne Hebrew Congregation.
- Joseph Hunter Goble (1863–1932) “one of the best known Baptist Ministers in Australia” \textsuperscript{1301} “Joe Goble's rapport with working men and women made his ministry one of the most outstanding in Australia” \textsuperscript{1302}

Walter Albiston (1889-1965), Congregational minister. Secretary of the Congregational Union of Victoria. Secretary then President of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand. 


Thomas Parking (Tom) Willason (1882?-1939), Methodist Minister.  

Edward Sidney Kiek (1883-1959) Congregational minister. “revitalized the South Australian theological world in the 1920s” 

William Marcus Dill Macky (1849-1913), Presbyterian minister, Orangeman. “…. a controversial and militant Protestant, with an impeccable Irish Protestant lineage.” Founder and First President Protestant Defense Association. Editor “Watchman” (1902-1904) selling 20,000 copies per week. 


Isack Morris (1881-1951), notable Rabbi. 

Asher Hymen Hart (?-?), First WM Australia Felix 1 initiated that lodge 1841. Founder Melbourne Hebrew Congregation (1841). 

Francis Lyon Cohen (1862-1934), Rabbi, served as the first Jewish chaplain of the British Army (1892-1904). 


Famous Australian Freemasons; The Law 


Justice Jeffrey Hart Bent (1781-1852), Judge of the Supreme Court of Civil Judicature in NSW. Lodge of Social and Military Virtues No 227 IC, MM cert issued 1 Jan 1817. 

Sir James Cockle FRS FRAS FCP (1819-1895) lawyer and mathematician. First Chief Justice of Queensland, Australia from 1863-79. 

Sir Robert Richard Torrens, GCMG (31 May 1814 – 31 August 1884), land titles law reformer was the third Premier of South Australia and a pioneer and author of simplified system of transferring land, author of the Real Property Act 1857 (‘the Torrens Act’),
- William James Byrne (1871-1951) 15th Grand Master UGLV 1939-1942
  - Established one of Melbourne’s most respected law firms
  - Initiated Kent Lodge - 28 Feb 1907

- Justice Charles Stumm KC (1965?-1929)
  - Queensland Supreme Court Judge
  - Grand Master QLD 1922-1929

- Justice Benjamin H Matthews, (1891-1974)
  - Grand Master Queensland

- Justice Charles Edward de Boos (1819-1900)
  - Journalist and police magistrate, mining warden
  - Presented with a gold medal ‘as a mark of esteem’ by Chinese miners in the Braidwood district

- Oliver James Gillard Kt (1906-1984)
  - Supreme Court Judge
  - 21st Grand Master UGLV 1965-1968
  - Initiated Eros Lodge 7 April 1934

- Chief Justice Thomas Slaney Poole (1873-1927)
  - Grand Master South Australia

- Sir Geoffrey Sandford Reed (1892-1970)
  - Supreme Court Judge and foundation director-general of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO)
  - Chaired three Royal Commissions. (Another one conspiracy theorists will love)

- Sir Leslie James Herron (1902-1973)
  - Chief Justice

- Sir Wilfred Kelsham Fullagar KBE (1892-1961)
  - High Court Judge

- William John Fookes (?-1925)
  - President Law Institute of Victoria 1902-03

- Justice Arthur Piper (1865-1936)
  - Judge Supreme Court South Australia
  - Grand Master South Australia Freemasons

- Norman Thomas William Allan (1909-1977)
  - Police Commissioner

- Francis Erich (Frank) Bischof (1904-1979)
  - Police Commissioner QLD

- Justice Keith John Austin Asche AC QC (1928-)
  - Senior Judge Family Court
  - President of RMIT & Chancellor Deakin University
  - 30th Grand Master UGLV 1984 – 1986
  - Fourteenth Administrator of the Northern Territory 1993-1997

- Justice Howard E Zelling, CBE QC
  - Grand Master South Australia 1972-1976

- Justice Samuel J Jacobs, AO QC
  - Grand Master South Australia 1979-1982

- Clive William Harris (1918-)
  - County Court Judge, Chairman Workers Compensation Board
  - 24 Grand Master of UGLV

- Athol James Kennedy (?-?)
  - Corporate Lawyer, Magistrate

- Francis Robert Nelson (1906-1985)

- Clifford Henry Book KC (1895-1954)
  - 16th Grand Master UGLV
  - Crown Prosecutor 1926-1942

- Justice Howard E Zelling, CBE QC
  - Grand Master South Australia 1972-1976

- Justice Samuel J Jacobs, AO QC
  - Grand Master South Australia 1979-1982

- Clive William Harris (1918-)
  - County Court Judge, Chairman Workers Compensation Board
  - 24 Grand Master of UGLV

- Frederick Charles Standish (1824-)

- Paul Heinrich Matthias Foelsche (1831-1914)
  - Police Inspector, notable historic photographer
Robert Cleghorn MacKenzie, Goldfield Warden Victoria First President Maldon Hospital  
Eustace Beardoe Grundy KC (1849-1938) Lawyer, Pro Grand Master South Australia, initiated Mt Gambier Lodge 1207 EC 1877  
Sir George Coutts Ligertwood (1888-1967), judge, Chancellor of the University of Adelaide (1961-66)  
Arthur Lang Campbell (1889-1949), Professor Of Law University of Adelaide.  
Justice William Alfred Wearing (1816-1875), Supreme Court Judge & QC  
George John Crawford (1812-1852), judge. first to wear a judicial wig in the SA colony  
John McLerie (1809-1874), soldier and police officer. 1850 superintendent of Sydney Police. By 1874, mainly because of his efforts, the police had gained public confidence by controlling most bush ranging. Founder of the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children  
Chief Justice Harold Bayard Piper (1894-1953), judge and company director. Chaired two royal commissions, one into betting the other on lotteries. Chairman Australian Red Cross Society  
Honourable Francis Stewart Boyce KC (1872-1940), barrister and politician, Attorney-General. Temperance Advocate MLC  
Peter Brett (1918-1975), Professor of Jurisprudence  
Edward Castres Gwynne (1811-1888) Supreme Court Judge MLC  
Justice Charles Edward Chubb QC (1845-1930), Supreme Court Judge, attorney-general, crown prosecutor, and politician, MLA  
William Henry Moore (1788?-1854) , Solicitor of the Crown  
Chief Justice Sir Archibald Paul Burt KB (1810-1879), Chief Justice & Judge (Laid Foundation Stone 1866 in WA) Western Australia's first Chief Justice  
Adolphus Appleroth (1886-1952) wrote the famous jingle "I like aeroplane Jelly". Initiated at Lodge Vaucluse 15 March 1928.  
Hugh Webster, once Prof of Physics at Uni Qld and for a time Australia's Science Rep to the United Nations. Hugh worked with Rutherford and actually 'split the atom' shortly before him, Rutherford got into print while Hugh cautiously checked and rechecked his results  
John Hosking (1806-1882), first Mayor of Sydney initiated Lodge of Australia  
Frederick Thomas Hickford (1862-1929) Politician, Mayor of Brunswick, President Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Chairman Tramsways Trust  
Sir Albert John Gould (1847-1936), lawyer and politician. Minister for Justice under Sir Henry Parkes (1889-91) and (Sir) George Reid (1894-98).  
Sir Ernest Fisk (1886-1965) radio pioneer. Initiated into Freemasonry at St John Lodge No 579, UGLE on 28 April 1910  
Alfred Carson OBE (1859-1944), journalist and social worker. founder of the Infant Health Association, president of the Silver Chain District Nursing Association for thirty years, and chairman of the Bush Nursing Society Alfred Carson Lodge 267 is named after him.
Herbert Brayley Collett (1877-1947), librarian, soldier and politician. He served on Gallipoli, in Egypt and France throughout which he wrote to the family of every Jewish soldier he met. Two thousand mourners attended his burial in Karrakatta cemetery.

Arthur Rudolph Bailey (1863-1938), pharmacist was a driving force behind the Pure Foods Act.

G. E. Hudson (1862-1926, Chairman of Tariff Board, Chief Surveyor Victoria)

A Blashki (1874-1938) prominent business man, founded the Jewish Aid society, “Past Grand Master Victorian Grand Lodge”

Charles Carty Salmon (1860-1917), politician & Federalist, Speaker of the House, 8th Grand Master UGLV

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John Paul Sennitt (1851-1922), Local Councilor South Melbourne City Council, JP, engineer and ice-cream manufacturer, Adm. Collingwood Lodge

Leslie George (Les) Cole (1892-1978), magician, Initiated Lodge Happiness

Ernest Henry Farrar (1879-1952), trade unionist and politician, Member Leinster Marine Lodge

T.S. Burston (?-1928, 71 when he died), three times Mayor of Toowoomba, Past Grand Master

William Dixon Campbell Denovan (1829-1906), miner, reformer, politician and public servant, Member Leinster Marine Lodge.

Hubert Leslie Primrose (1880-1942), solicitor and politician, member of New Guard, “On 19 March 1932, after another senior New Guardsman, Francis de Groot, had unofficially ‘opened’ the southern approaches of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, on the northern side, Primrose, as North Sydney's mayor, ceremoniously slashed another ribbon”

Major Dr John Connell AM (1913-), engineer business man, founder of Aurecon, Melbourne City Train Loop, Grand Master UGLV 1986-89

Sir James Anderson Murdoch CMG (1867-1939), retail trader, politician and philanthropist.

Sir William Lawrence Baillieu (1859-1936), financier and politician. On the death of Prince Bailieu “he told his nephew that ‘everything the Baillieu family has they owe to your Uncle Willie’; and one-fifth of his estate of almost £500,000 was left to the University of Melbourne Library ‘in memory of William Lawrence Baillieu’.


Sir John (Jack) Frew (1912–1985) OBE. Medicine, Dr on Burma-Thailand Railway, teacher Melbourne University, “one of the last giants in general medicine”.
Francis Ormond (1829-1889) philanthropist, politician, grazier, founded RMIT (then known as Working Men’s College), Ormond Hall at the Victorian Institute of the Blind, Ormond College at Melbourne University are named after him.  

George Edwin Emery CMG (1859-1937), 5th Grand Master UGLV (1907-1909) Commissioner of both Savings Bank and Post Office Savings Bank, becoming General Manager when both merged, one of the founders of Rotary in Victoria. Initiated Lodge of Australasia 20 Dec 1894. 

Sir John W Hackett KCMG (1848-1916), politician, principal proprietor of the West Australian Newspaper, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Western Australia in 1901-03. 

Joseph Henry Abbott (1830-1904), businessman, civic leader and politician. Member of the Royal Commission on Law reform which began in 1897. 

Sir Manuel Hornibrook, eminent civic construction engineer, Prince Albert Lodge No 248 UGLQLD. 


Alexander Corrie (1886 -1941) One of founders of Launceston Stock Exchange & first President and one of the founders of the Brisbane Stock Exchange, first QLD Grand Master. 


Edward Hargraves (1816–1891) – discoverer of gold in Australia. His name is on Gipps St Foundation Stone. 


James W Jackobs, Secretary of the Royal Freemasons Homes 1947-1967. 

Christopher Robert Barnes James (1899-) 26th Grand Master UGLV Initiated 7 Feb 1945 into City of Kew Lodge. 

Francis Arthur Macarthur-Onslow (1879-1938), three times Mayor of Camden, Queen’s Medal with five clasps.


- George Brunswick Smythe, Magistrate, first Master of a Lodge in Victoria, Australia Felix 1839

- John Stephenson, “Father of Freemasonry..” (in Victoria), Assistant Editor ‘Port Philip Gazette’

- Henry Melville (1799-1873), journalist, publisher and author

- William Herbert Green OBE (1878-1968) businessman, philanthropist, politician Mayor of Townsville, Foundation District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of North Queensland

- David Davies (1862-?), politician, owner “South Wales Daily Post”

- William Edwin Black (1827-1884) assisted Colon Light layout Adelaide Streets. “To him (Black) belongs the distinction of being the father of the first white boy born in South Australia.”

- Prof George Ingle Finch, MBE, DSc, (1888-1970), chemist and mountaineer, Fellow of the Royal Society Initiated, aged 40 Hampstead L. No. 2408 EC

- Frederick Thomas Wimble (1846-1936) politician, ink-maker, type-founder and printers’ furnisher, founding editor Cairns Post, Lodge Austral, No. 194, UGLNSW

- Ray Campbell, National Commodore of the Australian Volunteer Coastguard, initiated Lodge of Confidence in 1977

- Reginald John Burchell (1913-1922) MC, politician


- Bruce Skeggs OAM, KSJ (1932-2013) Journalist, trotting commentator, publisher, Mayor, state MP

- Francis (Frank) Clune OBE (1893-1971), author

- Harold Coates OBE (1917-2002) NSW politician Grand Master NSW

- Maurice Herman Kellerman OBE (1902-2000) NSW Board of Jewish Education

- Robert Dunbar Scott, Surveyor (? – 7 March 1898 Laid out the township of Camperdown

- Gordon Lewis, Radio

- David Tree and “Sam the koala” became an international iconic image of the Black Saturday 2009 fires in Victoria which were Australia’s worst bushfire disaster. David was photographed in his CFA uniform holding Sam’s “hand” and giving her water from a water bottle. The photo (and a video) were taken about a week before Black Saturday while trying to get the Delburn Fire complex under control. That fire burnt 60000 hectares and destroyed thirty homes and was still burning out of control a week later when the Kinglake fire complex started.

- Charles Richmond John Glover (1870-1936) philanthropist, director or governor of several organizations including Municipal Tramways Trust, Bank of Adelaide, Adelaide Children’s Hospital, National Parks Board and St John's Ambulance Association. Elected Mayor of Adelaide (the first to be called Lord Mayor) in 1917, Grand Secretary in the early 1900s.

- Mr. John Daniels, (1818 - 1887). Colonist; sergeant in a regiment in charge of convicts at Norfolk Island; a prominent Freemason
Bill Mason (1940- ? ) \textsuperscript{1726} is not a Freemason but a famous jewel thief, we add him here to amuse ourselves with people who reproduce our list from lodgdevotion.net and represent it as their own. Bill was Initiated into our list on 12 March 2015

W Oldham (1811- 1883) \textsuperscript{1727}, Magistrate \textsuperscript{1728}, founder of Kapunda, \textsuperscript{1729} “Protector of Aborigines, and in that capacity compiled a grammar of the Adelaide aboriginal tongue.”, \textsuperscript{1730} \textsuperscript{1731}Organized the military volunteer Mines Rifle Company, \textsuperscript{1732} 1733

Charles William Ferdinand, (generally recorded as “C.W.F.”) Trapmann, (1838-1885) brewer, Mayor of Hindmarsh \textsuperscript{1734}, Major in VMF. \textsuperscript{1735} \textsuperscript{1736}

William Lawes Ware (1847 – 1921(?)) , Auditor for the City of Adelaide 1878 -1885(?), \textsuperscript{1737} connected with J. E. Seppelt (father of B. Seppelt), of Seppeltsfield, and through that connection was instrumental in building up one of the largest wine businesses in the Australias. Founder of Irish Const in Colony and central in construction of Alfred Masonic Hall Waymouth-street, Chairman of their Trustees for the same \textsuperscript{1740} 1741 1742

James Elliott ( ? - 1883) J.P., \textsuperscript{1743} 1744 co-founder, editor and part proprietor of the Kapunda Herald. Chairman of the Hospital Board, Vice-President of the Institute, member of the School Board of Advice, the Horticultural Society, and Dutton Park Committees, and Director of the Marble and Building Company, all of Kapunda. Founder of Dutton Park and the Kapunda Hospital; \textsuperscript{1745}

James Scandrett ( - 1903) co-founder Kapunda Herald \textsuperscript{1746}

Henry Edward Downer (1836–1905) \textsuperscript{1747} \textsuperscript{1748} \textsuperscript{1749}, member of parliament and Attorney General Deputy District Grand Master under the English constitution , \textsuperscript{1750} \textsuperscript{1751} \textsuperscript{1752} \textsuperscript{1753} \textsuperscript{1754}

Fred Johns, (1868-1932), Biographer , In 1906 he published his Johns's Notable Australians \textsuperscript{1755}

William Henry Gray (1808-1896) \textsuperscript{1756} 1757 \textsuperscript{1758} 1759, pioneer, a founder of the Reedbeds Mounted Rifle Company (1859). In 1889 WH Gray, gave large area of land west of Adelaide (now Adelaide Airport) to the Grand Lodge of South Australia for Masonic Homes. These were not built, the land being purchased by the Government about 1906 for the Glenelg Sewerage Treatment Works, but the capital sum formed the foundation sum of the present day Masonic Homes. Gray Street in the West End of Adelaide named after him, he also owned land in the Darwin NT region where a suburb is named for him. \textsuperscript{1760} 1761 1762

Henry Richard Mildred (1795-1877). Lawyer, politician, Pro Grand Master EC in South Australia \textsuperscript{1763} \textsuperscript{1764}. In 1851 he presided as ProGM at the stone laying of the German-British Hospital in Carrington Street. Member of the House of Assembly 1857-1865 and a Legislative Councilor 1866-1873. Mildred Road in North Adelaide was named after him \textsuperscript{1765}

Sir Lewis Cohen \textsuperscript{1766} 1767 \textsuperscript{1768}(1849-1933) many times Mayor and Lord Mayor Adelaide. Sir Lewis Cohen Avenue, Adelaide, named after him, \textsuperscript{1769} 1770

Charles Dyte (?- 1893) Jew, involved in Eureka Stockade, \textsuperscript{1771} MP & Councilor and Mayor of Ballarat East \textsuperscript{1772} \textsuperscript{1773} \textsuperscript{1774}

Charles Kenworthy\textsuperscript{1775} 1776, intermediary for the Americans taken at the storming of the Eureka Stockade. He helped organise the release of American miner Charles Ferguson. \textsuperscript{1777} \textsuperscript{1778}

Emmanuel Steinfeld *(1828-1893), Mayor Ballarat East Council (1866-69) \textsuperscript{1779} \textsuperscript{1780} \textsuperscript{1781}

Robert Gouger (1802-1846) \textsuperscript{1782} \textsuperscript{1783} \textsuperscript{1784}, “First Colonial Secretary” (South Australia) \textsuperscript{1785} was one of the founders of South Australia” \textsuperscript{1786} Gouger St Adelaide is named after him \textsuperscript{1787}

Francis Lochée (1811-1893) JP, lawyer, editor and banker. “Governor John Hutt became a close friend and persuaded him to become the first Freemason initiated in the colony”. Proprietor, editor and publisher – the Inquirer \textsuperscript{1788} “Mr. Lochée shared in the year 1845, the distinction of being the first Masons initiated in Western Australia.” \textsuperscript{1789} 1790

Sir John Morphett, (1809–1892) \textsuperscript{1791} \textsuperscript{1792} \textsuperscript{1793} \textsuperscript{1794} “South Australian Pioneer, Politician \textsuperscript{1795} 1796 Morpghett St Adelaide is named after him. \textsuperscript{1797}

Norman Selfe (1839–1911) \textsuperscript{1798} \textsuperscript{1799} engineer, naval architect, inventor, urban planner and outspoken advocate of technical education, the Sydney suburb of Normanhurst was named for him. \textsuperscript{1799}
Thomas Gilbert (1789–1873), pioneer, First South Australian Post Master, initiated Lodge of Friendship in 1834. Gilbert Street in Adelaide and the River Gilbert were named after him.


Sir Herbert Lethington Maitland (1868–1923) surgeon and sportsman.

John Samuel Shearston (1853-1916), seamen’s missionary.

Rev Solomon Mark Solomon (?-1941), Scouting , The Victorian Zionist League (conspiracy theorists will love that one).

Octavius Charles Beale (1850-1930), piano manufacturer and a philanthropist.

Frederick William Neitenstein (1850-1921), prison reformer.

Leonard Burnie (Len) Harris (1890-1964), newspaper publisher and printer.

Frederick John Prichard (1851-1920), journalist.

Lionel George Logue (1880-1953), speech therapist – made Famous by the movie – the Kings Speech.

William Ramsay Young DCM, MM (1894-1965), soldier and butcher.

Walter Albert Selle CBE (1883-1968), schoolteacher and university registrar.


Sir Walter Thomas Merriman (1882-1972), sheep breeder.

James Richard Collins CBE (1869-1934) secretary to the Treasury and commissioner of war. His signature appeared on paper money issued in Australia 1910 to 1926. represented Australia on the Pacific Cable Board (1926-30), on Reparations Conference at The Hague (1929-30) and Lausanne (1932) and as leader of the delegation to the Assembly of the League of Nations in 1931.

George Henry Thorn (1840-1905), politician MLC. managed his father’s (George Thorn (1806-1876), soldier, businessman and politician properties on the Darling Downs.

John Macintosh (1821-1911), ironmonger, alderman, magistrate, and politician. MLA MLC.

Arthur Ashworth Aspinall (1846-1929), Presbyterian clergyman and school principal.


James H Porter (-1940), Fremantle printer.

Georg Heinrich Friedrich Ulrich (1830-1900), geologist and mineralogist. Fellow Geological Society of London, original member of the Australian Institute of Mining Engineers Mining Lecturer University of Melbourne.

Edmund Tom Webb (1830-1899), storekeeper and politician. MLA MLC. Bathurst Major, Methodist Lay Leader.

Sir William John Sowden (1858-1943), journalist and newspaper editor. First SA State President of the Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Imperial League of Australia. Founded 4 lodges, Master of three.

Asdruebal James Keast CBE (1892-1980), mining engineer & company director.

Sir Raymond Douglas (Bob) Huish CBE (1898-1970), ex-servicemen’s leader and businessman. President Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Imperial League of Australia.

Arthur John Carter (1847-1917), businessman, Vice-Consul for Sweden and Norway, consular agent for France in 1902 and consul for Norway in 1906. Received the Norwegian Order of St Olav. Five terms as President Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, MLC, leader of the Federation League.
Kenneth Hunter Laidlaw (1887-1981), union official. Founded the Union, The United Bank Officers’ Association of Queensland 1853

Ernest Lund Mitchell (1876-1959), photographer and farmer, official photographer to the governor of Western Australia. Initiated 1900 Lodge Cambrian No.10 1854

Francesco Sceusa (1851-1919), socialist, foundation member of the (Royal) Geographical Society of Australasia (1883), President Italian Working Men's Benefit Society, founded the first Italian newspaper in Australia (1885), the Italo-Australian, A founder of the Australian Socialist League in 1890 1855

Avrum (Tim) Einiovici (1895-1988), medical practitioner and Esperantist 1856

Thomas Worsnop (1821-1898), town clerk and author. Wrote History of the City of Adelaide (1878); 'The Historical Record of South Australia 1512-1854'. In 1897 he published The Prehistoric Arts, Manufactures, Works, Weapons, etc., of the Aborigines of Australia. Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, London 1857 1858

Hugo Flecker (1884-1957), medical practitioner, radiotherapist, toxicologist and natural historian. Flecker Botanic Gardens, Cairns, are named in his honour. 1859

John Maxwell (Max) Freeland DFC AM (1920-1983), air force officer and Professor of Architecture. On 1 Sept 1945 led a fly-past at Melbourne celebrations to mark the end of WW2 Senior Lecturer Royal Melbourne Technical College. Chair of Architecture University of New South Wales. Initiated Erskine Murray Lodge Melbourne 1954 1860

Harry Samuel Taylor (1873-1932), newspaper owner 1861

George Thornton (1819-1901), merchant, magistrate, and politician. Mayor of Sydney, obelisk (Thornton's 'scent bottle') in Hyde Park monument to him. MLA MLC. 1862 Founding director and chairman City Bank of Sydney, a trustee of the Savings Bank of New South Wales, chairman of the Mutual Insurance Society of Victoria. A founding councillor of the NSE Aborigines Protection Association in 1880, officially appointed protector of the Aborigines.

Vice-commodore of the Sydney Yacht Club 1859, founding member of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron in 1862, founding president of the Sydney Rowing Club and of the New South Wales Rowing Association 1863 Irish Provincial Grand Master 1857-67 1864 1865 1866 1867 1868 1869 Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No. 266 1870 1871

Karl Rawdon von Stieglitz OBE (1893-1967) surveyor, pastoralist and historian and author 1872 Official Historian to the Tasmanian Government 1873

Leslie Cecil Joshua Nott OBE (1895-1963), comptroller-general of prisons 1874

Robert Ross Haverfield (1819-1889), grazier, newspaper proprietor and editor. With A. M. Lloyd he produced an issue of the Bendigo Advertiser and Sandhurst Commercial Circular, the first newspaper published on the Victorian goldfield, appointed (1861) secretary to the Royal Commission on Burke and Wills 1875

Charles Tucker (1857-1928), customs agent, politician and pastoralist, MLA. After South Australia's longest criminal trial (97 witnesses, about 8000 exhibits over 31 days) in 1907, as customs agent for John Martin & Co. Ltd, Tucker was found guilty of having defrauded the Customs Department during the 1890s of duties payable on goods imported by the firm 1876

George Mackaness OBE (1882-1968) 1877 1878 1879, educationist, author and bibliophile, major figure in Sydney literary circles. notable contributions in three fields— English teacher, historian who made available quantities of documentary material, bibliophile who made the collecting of Australiana popular 1880

Charles Edward Jeanneret (1834-1898), steamboat-owner and politician. MLA. 1881 1882 1883 His Hints for the Preservation of the Teeth (1830) was the first dental publication in Sydney. Mayor Hunter's Hill three times. 1884

James Graham (1819-1898), merchant, agent and politician. Company Director, MLC. Consul for Sardinia in 1859 and later for United Italy. Early member of the Melbourne Club and its president in 1865, a founding member of the Old Colonists' Association. One of Victoria's most prominent men of commerce. 1885

Eric Campbell DSO (1893-1970), solicitor and leader of the New Guard 1886 1887
Otto Georg Hermann Dittmar Krome (1863-1917), educationist. In 1894 Krome and Thomas Palmer leased Melbourne Teachers’ College, Carlton, from the Education Department and opened University High School, a private, co-educational secondary school which quickly became one of the largest and most successful in Melbourne. Headmaster of Wesley College (1897), Methodist Ladies’ College, Kew (1906)

David John McClelland (1873-1962), engineer, S.E.C. commissioner (1932-41), Chaired Royal Commission on State Rivers (1936). Member of a Royal commission into Tasmanian Hydro-Electric Commission (1940-41). Supervised construction of new stands in the 1930s and 1950s at the MCG and regrading the ground for the 1956 Olympic Games

Alexander Bain Moncrieff CMG (1845-1928), engineer, chairman Supply and Tender Board (1895-99); President Institution of Surveyors in 1901; Chairman Municipal Tramways Trust in 1907-22; and, from 1909, railways commissioner. Elected to the British Institution of Civil Engineers, London, in 1888 and the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1894

James Morgan (1816-1878), MLA newspaper proprietor and politician

Charles Nettleton (1826-1902), photographer. Systematically recorded Melbourne’s growth from a small town to a metropolis, photographed the first Australian steam train when the private Melbourne-Sandridge (Port Melbourne) line was opened 1854. Police photographer for 25+ years and photographed Ned Kelly. Official Royal photographer in Australia. member of the Collingwood Lodge

Horace Bohmer Newman (1889-1968), importer and manufacturing agent, Jewish Community leader

Alexander Morton (1854-1907), museum director and naturalist

Charles Ferris Lewis (1828-1900), ‘the Father of St Arnaud’

Robert Adam Ritchie (1836-1891), manufacturer and politician, MLA

John William Israel (1816-1878), local councilor, Initiated 1871, 1889 Provincial Grand Master of Queensland under the Irish constitution. The first building of the Freemasons’ Homes at Sandgate was named Hutton. Mayor Hamilton Town Council in 1 1905-06 and foundation member of the Brisbane Club.

Simon Bouda (?-?), journalist and television

Thomas Walker Fowler (1859-1928), civil engineer, surveying & civil engineering lecturer, Royal Commission member, engineer-in-chief of Tasmania and permanent head of the Public Works Department, Chairman of the Municipal Surveyors’ Board of Victoria

Malcolm John Leggoe Uren (1900-1973) OBE, journalist & intelligence officer

Abraham (‘Izzy’) Orloff (1891-1981), photographer. Many photos of Perth and Fremantle in the early 20th century were taken by him.

Josiah Eustace Dodd (1856-1952), organ builder. The organs at St Mary’s Cathedral, Perth (1910), St John's Cathedral, Napier, New Zealand (1910), Patterson Street Methodist Church, Launceston, Tasmania (1912), St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore, New South Wales (1912) and St Joseph's Church, Malvern, Victoria (1917) were good examples of his larger instruments.

William Berry (1857-1928), marine engineer, Methodist lay leader, trade union official. Chairman for 30 years of Victorian Trotting Association. President of the Ascot Racing Club President of the Ascot Racing Club, in 1948 the association became the Melbourne Racing Club
and he was its chairman in 1949-50. He also served for 19 years as a trustee of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club, which controlled the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve. 1927

- John Bryant Stokes (1925-1979), public servant, first President Western Districts Rugby Union Football Club 1928 Initiated in 1951 into Lodge Canberra 1929
- William Francis Waters (1897-1968), public servant, bushwalker, Boy Scout leader, holder of Silver Wolf 1930
- William Lushington Goodwin (1798?-1862), journalist, master of the convict transport Kains, politician, newspaper owner and editor 1931
- Othman Frank Blakey (1897-1952), engineer, leader in the application of techniques such as welded steel framework and reinforced concrete, President Institution of Engineers (1945) 1932
- Edward Campbell CBE (1883-1944), businessman and Melbourne Lord Mayor (1937), Philanthropist. Foundation member of the Wesley Collegians' Lodge and of the Victorian Engineers' Lodge No. 411. Life governor of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind 1933
- Henry Deane Walsh (1853-1921), engineer, St John Ambulance Association Treasurer 1934
- Robert George Cameron (1886-1960), educationist 1935
- Bertie Richard (Bert) Milliner (1911-1975), politician and trade unionist, MLC 1939
- George Fuller Godfrey CBE (1904-1989), journalist and union official 1945 President of the Australian Journalists Association & witness to Japanese Sub attack in Sydney Harbour ?
- William George Inglis Hayman (1897-1968), electrical engineer and educationist 1949 Haymen Road in Perth is named after him. 1950
- Thomas Ross (1866-1936), glassmaker. Mayor of Waterloo. 1951
- Wall H Tew (1915-2007) 1956, OBE, JP who was the last Shire President, first Mayor of Knox (position held four times). Wally was involved in the procurement of the Knox Historical Society building, Ambleside Homestead, the inception of the Knox War Memorial and the establishment of Amaroo Hostel; 1957 Wally Tew reserve in Ferntree Gully Melbourne is named after him
- Frederick William Bullock (1851 –1931) Auctioneer, Real Estate Agent, Mayor of Adelaide (1891-92) 1958 1959 An early South Australian pioneer 1960
- Nicholas George Sparks (1857-1930), fire brigade officer, Kings Police Medal 1968
- John Thomas Smith (1816-1879), publican, philanthropist, politician and landowner. Won Bourke Ward on the first Melbourne Town Council in Dec 1842 remaining a councillor for the rest of his life, seven times Mayor of Melbourne between 1851 and 1864. Built the Queen's Theatre Royal, Melbourne's first theatre. MLA, MLC. 1973 1974 First Freemason initiated in

- Edwin Buckland (1871-1959), Huntly Shire Councilor 'the best known personality in Bendigo and the North' 1980 1981
- James Shaw (1846-1910), Builder & investor, First Mayor of Coolgardie, Mayor of Adelaide (1888) 1982 1983 1984 1985
- Alexander Kennedy Smith (1824-1881), engineer. He built gas works at Ballarat, Castlemaine, Sandhurst, Melbourne and Newcastle. Provided plans and specifications for many gas supplies in Australia and abroad, including Sydney, Shanghai, Yokohama, Auckland, Dunedin and Nelson, and for Victorian towns such as Portland, Warrnambool and Stawell. Designed the Sydney and the Coliban water-supplies and was engineer to the South Yarra Waterworks in the 1860s. Major in the Victorian Volunteer Artillery Regiment. Melbourne City Council and was mayor in 1875-76. MLA 1986 1987 Provincial Grand Master SC
- Cpl William Blizzard (c1784-1832) [spelt as Blizard in the Lodge register] was master of No. 218 2000 as from the 24th December, 1820. He enlisted in 1793 at St Vincent in the West Indies as a 10 year old boy drummer. He remained in NSW having taken his discharge. He was also the foundation Outer Guard of the Lodge of Australia No. 820, English Constitution, on the 6th April, 1829. 2001 2002 2003
- Sebastian Hodge, ("Bass" HODGE) (1833-1889) Bandsman (11th Regiment), clarinettist, saxophone player, publican Born 1833 In Australia with 11th Regiment, January 1846-September 1857 Returned to Sydney, January 1862 Died Sydney, 21 April 1889, aged 56 (Not to be confused with Sebastian "Bass" Hodge of Bathurst (a cousin)) 2004 2005 2006 2007 United Service Lodge No 24 NSW 2008
- Frank (Francis) Howson (1817- 1869) Baritone vocalist, conductor, arranger. Born London, arrived Hobart, 28 January 1842 (per Sydney, from the Downs, 3 October 1841) Departed Newcastle, 10 April 1866 (per Japan, for San Francisco) Died Omaha, USA, 16 September 1869, aged 52 2009
- James Brackenrig (1758?-1844?) Foundation Senior Deacon at The Australian Social Lodge No. 260 2010 , Private in the NSW Corps who arrived in the colony aboard the ship 'Neptune' (second Fleet). 2011 2012
- William Chapman (1820-1887), musician and composer 2013
- George Bennett (c1817-1854) Singer, pianist, organist, concert presenter, composer. Born UK c.1817 Arrived Adelaide, South Australia 1839 Died Adelaide, 22 September 1854, aged 37 2014 2015
- Capt John Piper (1773-1851) 2016 Norfolk Island commander 1804-1810 2017 Point Piper is named for him, arrived in Sydney in 1792 & one of the wealthiest individuals in early Sydney. 2018 2019 2020

Suggested names needing further research.

- Possible; William Hance, Organist, organ keeper, organ builder , Arrived Hobart, 26 September 1823 (per Mariner) Died Hobart, 10 October 1842, aged 50 In 1832 he was building an organ.
for one of Hobart's Masonic lodges, the first documented instance of an organ being built in the colonies.

- James Stuart [Stewart], Foundation Senior Warden at The Australian Social Lodge No. 260
- Henry (de) Burgh, (1841-1869?) Amateur vocalist, pianist, composer
- Brother Drummond as Senior Tyler
- Brother Hetherington as Junior Tyler
- Mr St John Caws, first secretary of the Musical Society of Victoria, of which he was one of the founders
- Samuel KAYE, Singing-master, professor of music, organist, music seller, organ builder, arranger, music publisher, Active Melbourne, by 1860 Departed Melbourne, after July 1876. Music for the Masonic Order, being Ritual No 1 selected and arranged by Bro. Samuel Kaye
- Mathew Bacon (?,?) The Foundation Master NSW. Officer of the 48th [Northamptonshire] Regiment of Foot, Initiated under Irish travel warrant, No.218
- William Hague (1864-1924), storekeeper and politician MLA Chair Angaston District Council
- Lewis Ormaby Martin (1870-1944) Lawyer & MLA, Mayor of Taree, legal advisor to Manning Shire Council, WM of Lodge Manning 1901-2
- William Samuel Foxall (c1848-1914) Goulburn businessman
- Edward Knight (?-1875) Chief Magistrate, Foundation Councilor and Mayor of Geelong.
- Rev Dr John Edward Bromby (1809-1889), clergyman, schoolmaster and public lecturer, woman’s rights
- Captain Philip Leigh (c1813 - 1886) One of the earliest initiates at Australia Felix EC, Master of the same in 1851 took part in the Masonic demonstrations at the opening of Prince's Bridge Melbourne
- Abraham Abrahams (1813-1892) Painter & prominent philanthropist
- William James (1854-1897), Bendigo Councilor.
- Judge Hugh Montgomerie Hamilton (1854-1930), Past Grandmaster of the united Grand Lodge of New South Wales, one of the first to bring golf clubs into New South Wales, and, when he took part In the Murchison expedition in the New Zealand Alps. As a result of the part he played in that expedition, the second highest mountain in Australasia, Mount Hamilton, near Mount Cook, is named after him.
- Possible Major John Hamilton, D.S.O., B.E., A.M.I.C.E.
- W R Fitzsimmons (c1871-1926) MLA & President Kuring-gai Shire Council
- David Mack (1859-1925) well known Courser and Judge of Coursing. PM of St. Andrew's and St. George's Lodges.
- H. L. Binney, JP (-1925), Member Mobilong Council, President Murray River Rowing Club, Vice President South Australian Rowing Association, “He accompanied the Olympic eight to Paris at his- own expense, and rendered valuable assistance to the crew when it was in training.”
- Possible; H N Edwards (c1832-1915) Twenty Years a councilor of Port Melbourne, all flags at half mast on his death in Port Melbourne
- Thomas Bragg (1856-1921) innovative farmer & Dubbo Pioneer.
- John Allan Edmonds (1884-1949) President Boorowa Council
- Colonel D D Dawson VD (1876-1935) promoted to lieutenant-colonel in the A.I.F. in 1916 and given command of the 25th Battalion on Gallipoli, Anglican Church Leader member of the General Synod of Australia & elected the first district president for Central Queensland of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial league of Australia
- Arthur George Stokes, (c1861- 1936) Hobart Councilor
John Abbot (c1968-1936), President Dandenong Shire Council, member 1910-22. Foundation member Australian Natives Association. “Brought electric light to Dandenong”.


Dr. Octavus Weld. B.A., M.D (c1932-1901) Mt Barker Pioneer Initiated Canada 1858.

Suggested names needing further evidence, without further evidence currently being found.

George Furphy. Industry.

Alan Davidson , cricket.

Sir Eric Pearce (1905-1997), broadcaster, entertainer.

Edward Henty 1810–1878, pioneer farmer.

Sir Henry Gullett (1878-1940), farmer, journalist, historian and Cabinet Minister politician.

Air Vice Marshal Sir George Jones (1896 –1992) KBE, CB, DFC RAAF.

Sid Patterson 1927-1999) cycling.

Brigadier Sir George Knox KBE, CMG, ED, (1885-1960) MLA whom the Shire of Knox, later to be known as the City of Knox was named after him. Member Peace and Loyalty UGLV.

Charles Heath (1867-1948 ?), Prominent local architect, designed the red brick lodge in Davies Street, Brunswick, which was built by fellow mason W.H. Cooper in 1923. May have designed Cobury soldier's memorial and Town Hall.


Jack Thompson jockey.

Dr. Harvey Eustace Astles First President of the Melbourne Savage Club.

Nicholas Bayly (1770? (1769?)1823?) ex Lt NSW Corp.

William Archibald Borthwick (1924–2001) MLA was Minister of Lands, Soldier Settlement, Health and Deputy Premier.

Sir Gilbert Lawrence Chandler OMG, KBE, (1903-1974) MLC who was founder and president of the Angliss Hospital for 35 years.


Tommy Woodcock horseracing.

George Avery, Olympics.

Bob Haynes commentator.

Walter Burley Griffin.


Dick French, cricket umpire.


Sir Bruce Small (1895–1980) cycling, mayor of the City of the Gold Coast.

Lionel Rose Former multiple world boxing champion.

Bobby Simpson cricket.


Ian Craig, Captained Australian Cricket team.

William (Billy) Lloyd Murdoch (1854 –1911), cricket , Australian Second Test Captain in 1882.

Mr. J. W. Tolmie, Gippsland Pioneer.

Victor Trumper (1877-1915) cricket.

James Hardie, businessman founder Hardie Industries.

Tibby Cotter (1883–1917) cricket.

Neville Wran.

Les Slee, axeman.
Lou Richards, football
Harry Beitzel, football
Brighton Diggins football
Bob Pratt (1912-2001), football
Sid Sewell
Dick Reynolds (1912-2001), football
Ron Barassi, Victorian Rules Football legend.
Sidney Sewell
Dick Reynolds (1915-2002) Essendon Football Club
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Colonel Lawrence (Laurie) James Newell AM CStJ QPM ED, (1920-2011), Deputy Police Commissioner., soldier, Chair CFA (VIC) 1978-?, Community Leader. commanded the search for Prime Minister Harold Holt
Leslie Arthur Logan politician
Neil Roberts football
Jack Patten, boxer claimed as first Australian Aboriginal Freemason
Arch Oliver (1920-2004) professor of Civil and Mechanical University of Tasmania, helped found the school of Engineering at UTAS
The Honourable Beaumont Arnold Moulden (1849-1926) lawyer and politician, Attorney-General of South Australia from 1889 to 1890.
William Hancock, (- 1904) , Colonialist, built most of the Government buildings and prominent business places at Kadina, Wallaroo, and Moonta
Harold Hubert Salisbury 1915–1991 , South Australian Police Commissioner
Thomas William Blake, JP, Councilor (1938-1950) and Mayor of Preston, 1945/1946
James Page, originator of the Volunteer Movement when war with Russia Declared 1854
James Larra (James Lara) (1749-1839), Jewish emancipist and merchant” certainly the most prominent Jew, in the earliest years of the colony” On 12 December 1787, aged 38, he was sentenced to death at the Old Bailey for having stolen a tankard worth £5. The sentence was commuted to transportation, and he arrived with the Second Fleet in June 1790 in the Scarborough. Opened one of the first legal pubs in Australia “The Freemasons Arms”
William Kerr (1812-1859), journalist, founded the Melbourne Argus
J.F.Taylor (?-?) member first South Australian Lodge, Hand of Friendship EC #613
Daniel Wakefield (?-?) member first South Australian Lodge, Hand of Friendship EC #613
Canon Farr MA looks to be George Henry Farr (1819-1904), Anglican clergyman and schoolmaster
G F Angas, one of the Fathers and Founders of South Australia Less likely to be George French Angas (1822-1886), naturalist and painter but more likely to be George Fife Angas (1789-1879), merchant, banker, landowner and philanthropist. MLC Angastown SA is named after him, he donated land to several public institutions including building the freemasons hall.
Archibald Cooke, first initiate in South Australia on 25 March 1856.
Sir Alexander Hamilton Sea Lord. He commanded the Australian navy from 1918-20. This may be Sir Louis Henry Keppel Hamilton KCB, DSO, RN (31 December 1890 – 27 June 1957) During his early career he was generally known as L. H. Keppel Hamilton. I am starting to suspect Denslow was in error with this entry
Frederick Foote Turner (?-1908) Attorney general
George Reibey & James Reibey, sons of Mary Reibey, now pictured on the $20 note and closely associated with the establishment of Australia’s first bank. Both initiated in The Lodge of Australia.

Rev. F Poole M.A.

Rev. Frederic Slaney Poole

Sir William Anglise, food industry (Check issue 122 Vic freemason)

Bob Skilton football

Albert Lachlan (1877-1955) journalist, attended the opening of the first Federal parliament, was one of the earliest members of the parliamentary press gallery.

Ferdinand Henry Wright (?-?) served as a Captain with the 14th Infantry Battalion. After landing on Gallipoli on Anzac Day 1915 he was seriously wounded and invalided home to Australia. 1921 to 1951 Wright was Consul for the Netherlands in Victoria.

Rev J H Raverty, Anglican Church Leader, Grand Chaplain.

Graham Vivian “Polly” Farmer MBE (1935-), footballer.

William (Bill) Berry, Mayor of Brighton Liberal Candidate 1914 election

Alan Humphrey Croxford (1922-1985), barrister, cattle-breeder and works administrator. Poor services & planning on outer suburban fringes of Melbourne drew him into politics. In 1961 he was elected to Doncaster and Templestowe Shire Council. As councilor & chairman (1961-66) of the Warrandyte Waterworks Trust, appointed council’s delegate to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works. Chair Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW). Initiated in 1943, possibly in Chatham Lodge where he later was Master.

Thomas Boulton [Bolton] Early NSW Settler or convict in Sydney

Henry Curtis (John Henry Benedict) (Revd. J. H. A.; Henry Anselm CURTIS, O.S.B.; OSB; J. H. B. CURTIS) (1829-1909) Singer, "leader of Gregorian chanting", singing master, Benedictine monk A headmaster of Lyndhurst College, around 1863-64 he entered sexual relationship with the college housekeeper that lasted 8 months, and ended with him renouncing his vows and eloping with the woman to Melbourne. There, as J. H. B. Curtis, he became a highly respected citizen, and prominent freemason, and secretary of The Athenaeum Club. Note, he is mentioned here as an Oddfellow and here a Druid.

Sometimes Claimed, Unlikely to be Freemasons

A.B. “Banjo” Patterson (1864-1941), Poet, journalist and author.

Henry Lawson (1867-1922), Australian poet and author. Possibly a member of the “Knights of Labor secret society” – but no evidence he was a Freemason. He was erroneously included in early versions of this list.

James Cook (1728-1779) English explorer. (Editors note – UGLE has never been able to substantiate his membership nor has any other Grand Lodge, likewise no subordinate lodge has ever been able to evidence his initiation).

George Syme KBE (1873-1942) Managing Editor of "The Age" and "The Leader" newspapers from 1908 until 1942.

Robert James Lee “Bob” Hawk (1929-) , former Australian Prime Minister. Indeed, if a PM or Premier is not in our list it is because I am not in a position to authority speculate that they were initiated as a Freemason, much less actually have evidence of the same… give me a reliable source and I will include them as per the usual methods for this list. Please don’t email me unless you have a reliable source for a PM or Premier.
Observations

- The Royal Woman’s Hospital (Melbourne Lying-in Hospital and Infirmary for Diseases of Women and Children) has two Freemasons as the Founders - this might be a good area of research
- The Australian Medical Journals co-founding editors were Freemasons and a subsequent purchaser was a Freemason – this might be worth looking into.
- Several of Australia’s first members of parliament were Freemasons – that would be worth looking into.
- Two out of three early owners of “The Australian” newspaper were Freemasons.
- Royal Australian Air Force Air Marshals: Frederick Scherger (confirmed as a Freemason), Richard Williams, George Jones, William Bostock, Adrian Cole

Sources
Sources for inclusion of names are recorded in the endnotes.

Source websites and books below are recorded either for the strong start they gave me in the early days of research or because they yielded several names I may not have otherwise discovered.

For several years now, my methodology has been to think of a famous or notable Australian, then use Google to Boolean search for a reliable source confirming membership. Both as a Freemason and with an interest in History, I often stumble across new names

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A Note on Bias

My goal is to try to present a reliable and researchable list which survives scrutiny. I think I am doing a reasonably good job, but it must be said that due to the methodology being to research these names via the internet, it is possible the list has developed a bias towards those already noted on the web as Freemasons. That said, there are several important men listed who have been discovered via my own research of books, periodicals and lodge records. The best example of which is Air Chief Marshall Frederick Rudolph William Scherger, who was reported to me as a Freemason, was not listed on the web as one, but research showed him to be a member.

A Note on punctuation and Masonic Titles.

Firstly, apologies for removing as many full stops from the list as possible, hence C.B.E becomes CBE. This was done to make the list more readable.

Also, “Masonic ranks” have generally not been added with the exception of Grand Masters, and even then, appellations have been omitted, again to make the list more readable.

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