Compendium of Famous &/or Notable Australian Freemasons

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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 900 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 and is always evolving. This edition is version 12. 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. 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 or 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 Freemasons 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 or use it as a reference, in the interest of good manners and the Law, you MUST cite the source. We do not knowingly add a name unless the person is deceased or agreed to be, or is, 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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Some House Hold Names of Men who were not Primarily Politicians
(see sections below this one for references establishing Masonic membership)

• "Smoky Dawson" Herbert Henry MBE AM (1913 –2008), country music entertainer and community leader.
• Sir Charles Kingsford Smith (1897-1935), aviator first to cross the Pacific from the US to Brisbane in about 1928.
• "Chips Rafferty" John William Pilbeam Goffage (1909-1971) Film actor
• Graham Kennedy (1934-2005), entertainer and the "King of Television". Lodge of St Kilda, 1955.
• Charles "Bud" Tingwell (1923-2009) actor and spitfire pilot.
• Sir Donald Bradman AC (1908-2001), world famous Australian cricketer.
• Sir Hubert Opperman (1904-1996) world's fastest bicyclist in 1930s.
• John McDouall Stuart (1815-1866), explorer, claimed he recognised a Masonic greeting when he encountered a party of traditional owners in northern Australia.
• Lachlan Macquarie (1762-1824), Governor of NSW (1810 to 1821).
• James Boag (c.1822-1890), brewer, founded “J. Boag & Son” in 1883.
• Charles Brownlow (1861-1924), football legend.

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
• Viscount Stanley Melbourne Bruce (1883- 1967) 8th Prime Minister of Australia 18 19 20. Only Prime Minister to lose his seat at an election in 1929. First Australian to sit in the House of Lords 21. Initiated at Old Melbournians Lodge No 317 UGL on 12 June 1925. 22 23 24 25 26 27
• Sir Earle Christmas Grafton Page GCMG, CH (1880-1961) 11th Prime Minister of Australia 28 29 30. Initiated at Lodge Prince Leopold No 87 UGLNSW on 4 Dec 1917 31 32
• Sir Robert Menzies KT AK CH FAA FRS QC (1894-1978), 12th Prime Minister of Australia 33 34 35 36 37. Initiated into Austral Temple Lodge No. 110, UGL on 10 March 1920. 38 39 40. Received a 50 Year Jewel 41
• 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 SC in Queensland on 20 July 1915 48 49 50
• Sir John McEwen GCMG, CH (1900-1980) 18th Prime Minister of Australia 51 52. Initiated into Freemasonry at Lauderdale Lodge No 361 UGL on 28 July 1926 53 54
• Sir John Grey Gorton (1911-2002) 19th Prime Minister of Australia. Initiated into Freemasonry at Kerrang Lodge No 100 UGL on 5 Feb 1948. 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62
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 Charles Cowper KCMG (1807-1875) 2nd Premier of New South Wales five times, was initiated in The Lodge of Australia in 1862.
- Sir John Robertson KCMG (1816 - 1891) MLA MLC 5th Premier of NSW and Premier 5 times. Colonial Secretary. President Local Branch Irish (National) League from 1864 until 1865 Led squatter protest against Governor Gipps' attempt to restrict expansion beyond boundaries of location in North-West in 1838. Opposed Federation. Best remembered for land reform and in particular the Robertson Land Acts of 1861, which sought to open up the selection of Crown land and break the monopoly of the squatters.
- Sir Eric Willis KBE, CMG (1922-99), 34th Premier of New South Wales.

**Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – Queensland**

- Sir Samuel Walker Griffith KCMG (1845-1920), Chief Justice and 9th Premier of Queensland (twice), Grand Master.
- Sir Robert Philip KCMG(1851-1922), businessman and 15th Premier of Queensland MLA. Initiated 19 Nov 1883 in Townsville Lodge No 1596 EC.
- William Forgan Smith (1887-1953) 24th Premier of Queensland 1932-1940, trade unionist and anti-conscriptionist, initiated into Prince Albert Lodge No 248 UGLQLD. MLA.

**Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – South Australia**

- Boyle Travers Finniss (1807-1893), soldier, surveyor and distinguished public servant. 1st Premier of South Australia Initiated SA Lodge of Friendship in 1838 MLA MLC.
- Sir Richard Davies Hanson (1805-1876), solicitor founding member of the South Australian Literary Society in August 1834, initiated Lodge of Friendship in 1834. 4th Premier of South Australia (1857-1860), as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (from 1861) and as acting Governor (1872-1873). Hanson St & Road Adelaide are named after him.
- Sir John Hart CMG (1809-1873), SC Provincial Grand Master SA 10th Premier of South Australia three times, MLA MLC 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.

- Justice Sir James Boucaut KCMG (1831-1916) MLA. 11th Premier South Australia, Premier three times. Member Lodge of Friendship SAC.
- Sir John Alexander Cockburn KCMG (1850-1929), 18th Premier of South Australia, Federationalist and medical practitioner. Helped establish the Grand Lodge of South Australia and served in several high offices within it. Initiated Friendship Lodge No 423 South Australian 1876.
- John Greeley Jenkins (1851-1923), 22nd Premier of South Australia.
- Thomas Price (1852-1909), 24th Premier of South Australia, reformist, trade unionist.
- Archibald Henry Peake (1859-1920), 25th Premier of South Australia.
- Sir Thomas Playford IV GCMG (1896-1981), 33rd Premier of South Australia. 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. 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.

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### Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – Tasmania

- Sir Adye Douglas (1815-1906), lawyer and politician. 15th Premier of Tasmania (1884-1886), MLA MLC, one of the founders of the Anti-Transportation League. Federationalist; delegate to the federal conventions in 1891 and 1897-98. Elected to the first Launceston Municipal Council (1852), Launceston Mayor in 1865-66 and 1880-82. Founding Junior Warden of St John’s Lodge Launceston in 1843, later its Worshipful Master. Initiated 1835.
- Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry “Ned” Braddon, PC KCMG (1829-1904) 18th Premier of Tasmania, politician, federationalist, free-trade supporter, wrote “Life in India” & “Thirty Years of Shikar”, represented Tasmania on Federal Council 1888, Constitutional Convention 1897 and was responsible for the “Braddon Clause” in the Const. of Australia, elected to the First Federal Parliament of Australia, at 72, oldest elected member of MLA. Suburb of Braddon Canberra and Division Braddon are named for him. Initiated Lodge of Peace No 7 TC in 1880, twice Past Master of that Lodge (1897&98).
- Sir Neil Elliott Lewis KCMG (1858-1935), lawyer and 19th Tasmanian Premier three times. MLA. Attorney-General. Federationalist. Lieutenant-Governor of Tasmania 1933-35. Chancellor of the University of Tasmania 1924-33.
- Sir John William Evans CMG (1855-1943), seaman, businessman and politician, 21st Premier of Tasmania.

### Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – Victoria

- Dr William Clark Haines (1810-1866), surgeon and politician. 1st Premier of Victoria. Magistrate, trustee of the Port Phillip Savings Bank, anti-temperance, helped draft Victorian Constitution, Colonial Secretary, Melbourne University Vice-Chancellor in 1857-58. Provincial Grand Master SC. MLA MLC.
- Sir James Brown Patterson KCMG (1833-1895), butcher, real estate agent & auctioneer, politician. 17th Victorian Premier 2nd Grand Master of Grand Lodge Victoria (GLV) 1886-88. Mayor of Chewton, MLA.

• Sir Alexander James Peacock KCMG (1861-1933), 20th Premier of Victoria and member of fourteen ministries. Grand Master (1900-05) of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria (UGLV).

• William Alexander Watt (1871-1946) politician, 24th Premier of Victoria, Acting Prime Minister post WW1. Initiated North Melbourne Lodge 2 Dec 1901.

• Sir Harry Lawson KCMG (1875-1952), 27th Premier of Victoria 1918-1924, Scotch Collegians Lodge.

• 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.

Famous Freemasons; Australian State Premiers – Western Australia

• 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.

• John Scaddan CMG (1876-1934) mine-engine driver, MLA. Known as “Happy Jack”, 10th Western Australian Premier. Youngest WA Premier. The town Scaddan is named after him.

• Sir Charles Court AK, KCMG, OBE (1911-2007), 21st Western Australian Premier. Past Master Lathom Lodge.

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 GCMG KCB CBE (1864-1951), lawyer, taxation inspector, company director, Chief Scout in Tasmania, Governor of Tasmania 1933-45. Grand Master Tasmania 1935-37. Initiated 18 Nov 1890 in St Peter’s Lodge 476 EC (in Wales). Invested as Grand Master when a MM, but soon becoming a Past Master of Tasmanian Operative Lodge No 1 GLTas.

• Sir Frederick Napier Broome KCMG (1842-1896) Governor of Western Australia 1882-89. The town of Broome in Western Australia is named for him.

• Sir Robert William Duff GCMG, PC (1835-1895), Governor of NSW  
  Grand Master of NSW  
  Air Vice Marshal Sir Robert Allingham George KCMG, KCVO, KBE, CB, MC (1896-1967)  
  South Australian Governor 1953-60  
  Grand Master South Australia 1956-1958  
  Major-General Sir Reginald Alexander Dallas Brooks KCB CMG DSO KStJ KCVO KCMG (1896-1966), Governor of Victoria, 19th Grand Master UGLV 1951-1963  
  Victoria’s longest serving Governor and Masonic Grand Master “was possibly the most popular Governor in Victoria’s history” initiated in the Clarke Lodge No. 98 on 6 February 1950  
  Dallas Brooks Hall 300 Albert St East Melb was named after him  
  Lt General Sir John Northcott KCMG, CB, MVO, KStJ (1890-1966), NSW State Governor & Grand Master. Wounded at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915  
  Initiated in St George’s Lodge No 6 on 23 November 1994.  
  • Sir Samuel J Way (1836-1916), South Australian Lt Governor, Grand Master South Australia 1884-1916, Chair Wespac,  
  • Sir Charles Malcolm Barclay-Harvey (1890-1969), South Australian Governor, Grand Master South Australia 1941-1943, 95th 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,  
  • Sir Eric Neal (1924- ) AC CVO South Australian Governor 1996-2001, Chair Wespac  
  • 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 No. 137 EC  
  • Sir Gerard Smith KCMG (1839-1920), Governor of Western Australia (1895-1900), First Grand Master of Western Australia Grand Lodge. Initiated into Freemasonry on 4 May 1880 in the United Studholme Alliance Lodge No. 1591 EC  
  • Lord Carrington, Charles Robert Carrington KG GCMG PC DL JP (1843-1928) Governor of NSW and District Grand Master NSW in 1888 to 1890, First Grand Master United Grand Lodge NSW initiated 28 October 1861 in Sir Isaac Newton Lodge No. 859 EC  

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• Sir Thomas Mellis Napier KCMG (1882-1976) Judge, Lieutenant Governor 1942-73 Grand Master of South Australia 1928-1930, 387 388 389 390 391

• Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson GCB GCMG (1843-1910), Governor of NSW 1902-1909. “He promoted 'the ultimate formation of a separate navy' for Australia” Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of New South Wales (1905-09). Initiated in Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501 EC in November 1863 392 393 394 395 396

• Lord Brasseys. Thomas Brasseys KCB (1836-1916), first Governor of Victoria to be elected Grand Master 1896-1900 397 398 399, 400 “help found Volunteer Naval Reserves. Initiated Oxford University Lodge 1850.” In Melbourne he joined the Clarke Lodge No. 98 401

• Lieutenant-General Sir John KCB, KCMG, DSO, Queensland Governor 1927-32 and Queensland Grand Master 1931-32. 402 403 404 405 406 407

• Lord Gowrie, Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven VC DSO with Bar (1872-1955) Victoria Cross Winner, and Australia's longest serving Governor-General. Grand Master of NSW Initiated into Freemasonry at Lodge St Andrews Military Lodge No 668 on 15 March 1893. 408 409 410 411 412 413 414 415 416 417 418


• Sir Charles Gairdner GBE, KCMG, KCVO, CB (1898–1983) Governor of Western Australia in 1951-63, Governor of Tasmania 1963-68. Initiated in Shamrock Lodge No. 101 (Irish constitution) 433 434 Grand Master 435

• Lord Carmichael, Thomas Gibson Carmichael, GCSI KCMG (1859-1926) Governor Victoria 1908-11 436 437 Governor of Madras 438 439 440, India, Governor of Bengal 441 442 443 Grand Master UGLV 1909-1912 444. Initiated 1895 in Lodge Dramatic and Arts No. 757 SC 445 446

• Sir Douglas Nicholls KCVO, OBE (1906-1988), Governor of South Australia 447 448 prominent Indigenous Australian, pioneering reconciliation 449. First Australian Aboriginal to be knighted and first to serve in vice regal office 450. In 1934, 3rd in Brownlow count 1935 first Aboriginal selected Victorian Interstate Team 451. Initiated Lodge Antoc in 1954 452

• Sir George Cumine Strahan KCMG. (1838-1887), Governor of Tasmania 453 454.

• Sir Ronald Hibbert Cross KCMG (1896-1968), British Parliamentarian. British High Commissioner to Australia 1941. Governor of Tasmania 1951 455 Initiated in Fidelity Lodge No. 63, Tasmania, in 1953 while serving as Governor. 456

• Lieutenant-Colonel George James Molle (1773-1823), soldier and Lieutenant-Governor NSW, commander 46th Regiment in February, 1814 Sydney. 457 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 458 459 Lodge of Social and Military Virtues in late 1816. 460

• 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 461 462 463 464

• Col James Erskine CB (1765-1825) fought at the Battle of Vinegar Hill (Ireland) in June 1798. Lieutenant-Governor Port Jackson & NSW. Presented silver towel to Australian Social Lodge No. 260 465 466

• John Hutt (1795-1880) Governor of Western Australia 467 468 469 Persuaded over first Masonic Meeting in WA 470 Foundation Master of Lodge of Saint John No 712 EC first Lodge in WA 471 Persuaded first Freemason (Francis Lochée (1811-1893)) to be initiated in Western Australian Colony 472
• Lieutenant-General Sir John Lavarack, Grand Master QLD 473 474 Governor of Queensland from 1946-1957.
• Charles du Cane, (1825–1889), Politician, KCMG Governor Tasmania 1868-1874 475 476
• Sir George Grey KCB (1812-1898), explorer of Australia, writer, Governor, politician. Named Glenelg River, Stephen Range, Mt Lyell. 3rd Governor South Australia 1841-5, twice Governor New Zealand 1845-1853 & 1861-68, Governor of Cape Colony (South Africa) 1854-61, 11th Premier New Zealand 1877-79.277 478 479 member Friendship Lodge SAC 480 481
• Charles Wallace Alexander Napier Cochrane-Ballie, 2nd Baron Lamington, GCMG GCIE, (1860-1940) politician and Governor of Queensland 1896-1901 & Bombay 1903-1907. Lamington's name is remembered in Australia by place names, particularly the Lamington Plateau in Queensland and Mount Lamington in Papua-New Guinea. It is claimed that a cake covered in chocolate and coconut is named after him. Initiated 2 Nov 1903 Lodge Biggar Free Operative No 167 SC, District Grand Master SC India 1904-1908 482 483 484 485 486 487
• Field Marshal Sir Henry Wylie Norman GCB GCMG (1826-1904), soldier, governor and agent-general. Aide-de-camp to the Queen Victoria 1863-69. Governor of Jamaica 1883, Governor of Queensland 1888-95. Initiated 15 September 1851 in Khyber Lodge No 582 EC in India 488 489 Not an active Freemason 490 491

NOTE – Two Governors not noted above appear in the Premiers lists while several others appear elsewhere, their achievements as Governors being secondary.

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Famous Australian Freemasons; Australians of the Year ..

• Major General Alan Bishop Stretton AO CBE (DSO Vietnamese) (1922-2012), Australian of the Year 1975 492
• 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 493 494 495
• Hamilton Hume (1797-1873) 496 497 first Australian explorer to be born here. Initiated at Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No 266, Irish Const on 12 Sept 1825 498
• William Wentworth (1790-1873) explorer, poet, journalist and politician. Member Lodge Amis Incorruptibles of Orient de Paris in 1818. 499 500 Member The Lodge of Australia No 3 501
• Lieutenant John Oxley (1783-1828) RN explorer. Surveyor-General 504. Member Lodge of Social and Military Virtues No 277 Irish Const. 505 506 507 508 509
• John McDouall Stuart (1815-1866) explorer. Initiated into the Lodge of Truth No.933 E.C. North Adelaide on 1 August 1859 510 511 512 513. Stuart claimed he recognised a Masonic greeting when he encountered a party of traditional owners in northern Australia 514 515.
• Charles Karius (?-?) Explorer in PNG. Initiated New Guinea Lodge (292 UGLQ) 29 Nov 1926, 516 517 518
• Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820) "Father of Australia", botanist Member Inverness Lodge, No. 4
• Sir Augustus Charles Gregory KCMG (1819-1905) Explorer Surveyor-General of Queensland, found coal in Western Australia English District Grand Master
• 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.
• Charles Archibald Brookes Hoadley CBE (1887-1947), explorer, educationist and scout leader. Member Australasian Antarctic Exploration Expedition led by Mawson. first principal of Footscray Technical School. King's Polar Medal (1915) and the Order of the Silver Wolf (1931). Cape Hoadley in Antarctica is named after him. Initiated 1915
• Arthur Todd Holroyd MD, MB, FZS, FLS, FRGS (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 (now 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

• "Smokey Dawson" born Herbert Henry MBE AM (1913 –2008), country music entertainer and community leader
• Graham Kennedy AO (1934-2005), entertainer and "King of Television". Lodge of St Kilda, 1955
• "Chips Rafferty" born John William Pilbeam Goffage (1909-1971) Film actor. Initiated at Lodge Literature No 500 UGLNSW in 1957
• Charles "Bud" Tingwell AM (1923-2009) actor and spitfire pilot. Initiated Lodge Carinya No 785 on 27 Jan 1950
• 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
• Harry Van Der Sluys, aka "Roy Rene Mo (1892-1954) better known as "Mo" the clown. Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW NSW Australia
• Nathan Phillips better known as “Stiffy” the clown (?-1932), Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW

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• Raymond Charles "Ray" Barrett (1927 –2009) movie actor and voice of John Tracey in “Thunderbirds”. Initiated in 1949 in Empire Lodge No.197 of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. 591 592
• Philip Peter Jacob Wirth (1864-1937) bandsman and circus proprietor, with his brother, founded Wirth Bros Ltd Circus (1913-1963) 593
• Friedrich Wilhelm August Klauer (1829 -1906) 594 Band musician, composer, arranger, publican, gold miner, played at the Eureka Stockade. Oldest publican in Adelaide. He was a prominent Freemason, Past Master of the Duke of Leinster Lodge 595 596 Member of the Adelaide City Council. 597
• Walter Malcolm Neil McEachern (1883-1945) 598 singer, one half of the comic musical duo Mr Flotsam and Mr Jetsam 599. Toured with Nellie Melba 600
• 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 37 601 602
• Arthur King (?-1908) prominent musician & conductor on the Goldfields. Kalgoorlie Masonic Lodge 24 503 604
• Mr St John Caws, first secretary of the Musical Society of Victoria, of which he was one of the founders 605 606 Lodge Judah No. 20 607
• 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 608 609
• Henry (de) Burgh, (1841-1869?) Amateur vocalist, pianist, composer 610 611 612 613
• Edward Ralph de Tisne (1890-1931) American Actor, Initiated into Freemasonry in Thespian Lodge No. 256, UGL of NSW on November 22, 1921, later affiliated with Thespian Lodge No. 268 in Brisbane 1922 614 615 616
• William Ellsworth Robinson “Chung Ling Soo” aka “Ching Ling Soo” (1861-1918) international “Chinese” magician, his death on stage was widely reported in Australia, Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW 617 618 619 620 621 622 623 624 625 626
• Lancelot Sherlock Fitzgerald aka. Lance Vane (1884-1942) actor. Initiated Thespian No. 268 UGLQ December 7, 1922, later affiliated with Thespian Lodge 256 UGLNSW 627
• Hugh Huxham - English actor, vaudevillian, politician, leader Hugh Huxham's Serenaders, Thespian Lodge No. 73 QC 628
• Clarence Alphonse Lambert aka Lou Vernon (1888-1971), screen, stage and radio actor and entertainer, appeared in Bonanza and Gunsmoke, and Australian TV dramas Homicide, Division 4 and movies such as The Power and the Glory (1940) and “On the Beech” 1959. Initiated Thespian Lodge No. 268, UQLQ December 1919 629 630
• Claude Holland (1901-1984), Australian actor, movie star, broadcaster, radio station manager, member Hugh Huxham's Serenaders. Initiated Thespian Lodge No. 268 on November 1, 1923. 631 632
• John Vyvyan Ormonde Dobbie (1903-1952), Australian actor, movie star, broadcaster, auctioneer. Leading parting in “His Royal Highness” 1932, Australia's first musical film Initiated Thespian Lodge No. 268 UGLV 3 May 1945 633
• Lt George Patrick “Pat” Hanna (1888-1973). New Zealand army officer, actor, movie star, cartoonist. Initiated into Thespian Lodge No. 268 on July 3, 1924 634
• Arthur Phillips Hemsley (1891-1954) actor, comic and radio, part of comic act “Brull & Hemsley”. Initiated Thespian Lodge No. 268, UGLQ 1920 635 636

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Famous Australian Freemasons; Sport

- **Sir Donald Bradman AC (1908-2001)**, world famous Australian cricketer. Initiated Lodge Tarbolton No 12 UGLNSW 26 Nov 1929.
- **William Albert Stanley (Bert) Oldfield MBE (1894-1976)**, cricketer. Initiated Lodge Arcadia No 177 UGLNSW on 11 June 1920.
- **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. Member Peace and Loyalty Lodge.
- **William Harold “Bill” Ponsford MBE (1900-1991)**, test cricketer. The Ponsford Stand at the MCG is named for him. Initiated 11 Sept 1922 in Rechab Lodge 224 UGLV.
- **Charles Brownlow (1861-1924)**, football, Brownlow Medal is named after him. 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**.
- **Aaron Treve “Tommy” Woodcock (1905-1985)**, horseracing, Australian handler of the racehorse Phar Lap. Initiated 11 Nov 1943 in Smithfield Lodge 414 UGLV.
- **Ray Land, who competed in sprints and relays at Melbourne 1956**.
- **Victor Patrick Lucca (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.
- **John “Jimmy” Hill (c1925- )**, boxer, holds 50 year jewel.
- **Herbert Henry “Dally” Messenger (1883-1959)**, Rugby player. Initiated at Lodge Thespian No 265 in 1915.
- **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.
- **Charles George "Charlie" Macartney (1886 – 1958)** cricket known as “The Governor-General.”
• Stanley Rupert Rowley (1876-1924), Olympic Sprinter Paris 1900, member Lodge Austral 724
• Leo Ejner Jensen (1912-1978), wrestler and physiotherapist. Australian Heavy Weight Champion 1952 725
• Dr William Caldwell McClelland CBE (1875-1957) Melbourne Football Club captain 1901-04, President of the Victorian Football League in 1926-55 and of the Melbourne Cricket Club in 1944-57 726 Australian Football Hall of Fame.
• Glyn de Villiers Bosisto MBE (1899-1990). Lawn Bowls, “created so many records that he was dubbed the (Sir Donald) ‘Bradman of bowls’” 727
• Robert “Bob” Jones (1952-) Racing Car Driver & Businessman, Grand Master of Victoria 728, V8s at Sandown and Bathurst 732 733 represented Victoria in basketball and played for Williamstown in the VFA and South Melbourne under-19s in the VFL 734
• Arthur Tunstall OBE (1922-2016), Boxing & Sports Administration 735
• John James “Jack” Lyons (1863-1927), state and international cricket batsman, household name. 736 737 738 739 740 741 742
• Peter Jackson aka "Black Prince" aka “Peter the Great” (3 July 1861 – 13 July 1901) “Australian pugilist” “a man of colour” heavy weight champion of Australia. Buried in The Brisbane General Cemetery also known as Toowong Cemetery. A magnificent tomb was erected by subscription with the words, "This was a man". 743 744 745 746
• Alexander Chalmers “Alec” Bannerman (1854-1924) test cricket. Initiated 12 September 1894 Paddington Ionic Lodge No 18 NSW 747 748 749 750
• William “Bill” Beach (1850-1935) sculler, won International Sweepstake London 1886 & world champion seven times and retired undefeated. Initiated 21 April 1885 in Lodge Tarbolton No 377 SC, member several lodges. 751 Foundation member Lodge King Edward, Dapto 752
• Arthur Robert Morris MBE (1922-2015) test cricketer 753 Initiated 25 Feb 1948 in Lodge Rockdale No 574 NSW 754 755
• Donald “Don” Tallon (1916-1984) test cricketer; wicketkeeper. “...integral member of the 1948 Australian team that he was named one of Wisden’s five cricketers of the year. Sir Donald Bradman regarded Tallon as a great wicket-keeper and one of the best he had seen”. Initiated 17 June 1976 in Acacia Lodge No 330 GLQLD 756 757 758
• Geoff Dymock (1945-) test cricketer 759 760
• Arthur Alfred Mailey (1886-1967), test cricketer, bowler 761 762
• Alan Keith Davidson AM MBE (1929-) test cricketer. Initiated 28 January 1957 in Lodge Empire Temperance No 423 NSWGL 763 764 765 766

Famous Australian Freemasons; Military Men – Victoria Cross Recipients

The Victoria Cross is the highest award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces. The Victoria Cross for Australia was created by letters patent signed by Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, on 15 January 1991. Both awards entitle the recipient to the post nominal "V.C.". Since first awarded in 1857, 1,358 VCs have been awarded over the entire British Empire. By comparison the American Medal of Honor was first awarded in 1863 and has been awarded 3,515 times. The ranks recorded below are the final rank achieved.
• Lord Gowrie, Brigadier-General Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven VC PC GCMG CB DSO with Bar (1872-1955) Victoria Cross Winner, and Australia's longest serving Governor-General (see Governor General Section above)


• 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

• Major General Neville R Howse VC, KCB, KCMG (1863-1930), surgeon & soldier, politician first Victoria Cross Winner in Australian Services and only medical member of the Australian Forces to be awarded the VC. MLA Initiated Lodge Ophir on 29 Aug 1901. Master of that Lodge in 1909

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

• Corporal John “Jack” Hurst Edmondson (1914-1941) Victoria Cross Winner. Initiated into Lodge Liverpool No 197 on 3 April 1935, first Australian VC of WW2, KIA Siege of Tobruk.

• Brigadier Arthur Blackburn VC CMG CBE ED (1892-1960), soldier, lawyer, politician, Victoria Cross Winner. Landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. MLA. Initiated Peter's Collegiate Lodge No 58 South Australia on 9 Dec 1918.

• Gunner Walter “Walley” Ernest Brown VC DCM (1885-1942) Victoria Cross Winner. Initiated Lodge Godeldrie No 558 on 7 April 1931.


• Private William Matthew Currey VC (1895-1948) Victoria Cross Winner. MLA. Initiated into Lodge Carlton No 382 on 11 March 1930.


• Major Blair Anderson Wark VC DSO (1894-1941) army officer and quantity surveyor, Victoria Cross Winner. Initiated at Lodge Lane Cove No 338 on 8 Nov 1921.

• Seaman James Gorman VC (1834-1882) Victoria Cross Winner initiated at The Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia in 1878.

• Sergeant John Woods Whittle VC DCM (1882-1946) Victoria Cross Winner. Initiated at Lodge Sydney St Andrew no 7 on 1 Nov 1923.


• Captain Hugo Vivian Hope Throssell VC (1884-1933) soldier and farmer. Victoria Cross Winner. Initiated at Lodge Bulwer No 1068 UGLE on 15 June 1917.


• Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG (1981-2013) Initiated 23 Sept 2006 Lodge Thespian No. 256 ULG NSW & ACT

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Famous Australian Freemasons; Military Men of Rank or Note


- 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 Initiated 21 May 19?? in Adastral Lodge No 397 UGLV, WM Adastral Lodge No. 397 UGLV, 1939-1945.


- Air-Commodore Rex Taylor CBE, John Knox Lodge.


- Air-Commodore Jack Napier Davenport AC DSO GM DFC and bar (1920-1996), pilot, flying ace, Commanding Officer 455 Squadron, businessman, Managing Director Monier Ltd, Deputy Chair Reserve Bank Australia, Director Alcoa, Quantas and many other companies. Initiated 13 July 1951 in Lodge Sydney High School No 631 UGLNSW and died a Freemason.


- Major-General R Kendall CBE.


- Major-General Arthur Gillespie (AG) Wilson DSO CBE (1897-?).

• Major-General Thomas Henry Dodds CMG CVO DSO (1873-1943) Victorian Naval and Military Lodge 49. Deputy Adjutant General in France to AIF. Hawthorn City Councilor, Honorary Federal Treasurer of RSL.

• Major General (CMF) John Rowlstone Stevenson DSO CB E (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.

• Major-General Paul Alfred Cullen AC, CBE, DSO & Bar, ED (1909 – 2007) 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).


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

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

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

• Lieutenant-General Sir Frank Horton Berryman, member KCVO, CB, CBE, DSO (1894-1981) fought in WW1 & WW2, affiliated Army & Navy Lodge No 517 NSW in April 1932.


• 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.

• Rear-Admiral Guy Griffiths AO, DSO, DSC, RAN 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, CMG (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 AIF administrator of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea in August (1934-1942).

• Brigadier-General Evan Alexander Wisdom CB CMG DSO (1869-1945) soldier, businessman. One of first to receive a commission (Lieut 1 Oct 1901) after Commonwealth took over Defence Dept, in command of Cannington Mounted Infantry. Staff Officer to General White at evacuation of Anzac then served in France. Mayor of Claremont 1908-12. Administrator (Governor) of Mandated Territory of ex-German New Guinea 1921-1932. MLA.

• General John Jackson Paine CBE VD (1864-1936) Soldier and solicitor. Mayor of Windsor for 9 years.
• Lieutenant-General Sir Horace Clement Hugh Robertson KBE DSO (1894-1960) WW1 & WW2, over his career accepted 9 swords from defeated commanders. Division Commander Initiated 4 Nov 1922 in Kitchener Lodge No 240 UGLV, affiliated many times in different constitutions, Past Master of Army Lodge No 478 UGLV.

• Lieutenant-General Sir Stanley George Savidge KBE, CB, DSO, MC, ED (1890-1954) soldier and founder of Legacy. Landed Gallipoli 6 March 1915 in Kitchener Lodge No 240 UGLV.

• Surgeon-General Sir William Daniel Campbell Williams KCMG CB KStJ (1856-1919) surgeon and soldier. See the “Medicine” section

• Lieutenant-Colonel B.R. “Barry” Tinkler, MBE Australian Army Training Team Vietnam


• Colonel James Lawson DSO (1884-1965) Led 'A' Squadron which led the Charge at Beersheba 31 Oct 1917.

• Colonel Terrance Raymond “Terry” 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 No.613 Walker Street Adelaide is named after him.

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

• Colonel D D Dawson VD (1876-1935) promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in the AIF 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. Member Rockhampton City Council.


• Colonel Arthur Page ED, WWII veteran and author of “Between Victor and Vanquished”. As a physiotherapist he headed the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Centre in Brisbane, specialising in the rehabilitation of amputees. Member AIF Memorial Lodge No.289.


• Colonel Justin Fox Greenlaw Foxton CMG (1849-1916), politician, barrister and soldier MLA. Supported female enfranchisement. His role in the creation of the Australian fleet remains his greatest claim to remembrance. President of the Queensland Cricket Association and member of the Australian Cricket Board of Control.

• Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Harold Luxton (1888-1957), Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

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

• Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Edmund Hutchinson Cass CMG (1876-1931), soldier and commandant. Brigade major of the 2nd Brigade, AIF 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.
• 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

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

• Lieutenant-Colonel William Stansfield CMG DSO VD, a WWI veteran and the “Queensland magician of transport and supply” at Gallipoli and in the Desert campaign. He also served in WWII. Member AIF Memorial Lodge No.289

• Lieutenant-Colonel Dr Arthur Ross Clayton DSO (1876-1963), medical practitioner Mayor of the Moonta 1924-26 & 1939-40

• Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert William Lloyd, CB, CMG, CVODSO (1883 - 1957) MLA

• 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 Wait MC (1880-1973), soldier and auctioneer. Served in Boer War, WW1 & WW2 (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. Well known as Chief Marshal on Anzac Day 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

• Lieutenant Colonel Allan Gordon Cameron DSO and Bar (1909-1960), bank officer and soldier was awarded the DSO with Bar in New Guinea. Battalion Commander.

• Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Donald Charles Cameron KCMG DSO & Bar VD Order of the Nile KCMG (1879-1960), solider, pastrolist and politician. Veteran of the Boxer Rebellion, South Africa War, and WWI, wounded at Gallipoli. Regimental Commander leading the attack on Beersheba. Queensland Parliamentarian 1919-1931, Almoner of the Order of St John in Australia. Member AIF Memorial Lodge No.289 MLA. (not to be confused with Donald Cameron (1877-1950), soldier and glazier)

• Lieutenant Colonel John Charles Strickland (1856-1933) Senior Militia Officer in Australia. Initiated Lodge of St John 1878 and PM of the same, Grand Scribe Ezra

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

• Wing Commander Nick Leray-Meyer AM (?-), president RAAF Vietnam Veterans Association

• 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 John William Hamilton (?-1915) killed at Gallipoli
• Major George Albert Eddy (1860-1900) 2IC 1st Australian Regiment KIA Battle of Rensburg (Hobkirk's Farm "Pink Hill"), 12 February 1900, Member Victorian Naval and Military Lodge 49
• 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
• Brigadier Sir William Hall KBE DSO ED
• Brigadier Sir George Hodges Knox KBE, CMG, ED, (1885-1960) orchardist, soldier and politician, philanthropist MLA, whom the Shire of Knox, later to be known as the City of Knox was named after him. Member Peace and Loyalty UGLV. Battalion Commander of 23rd Battalion from August at Gallipoli. Speaker of the House.
• Brigadier Keith V Rossi AM OBE RFD ED (1921-2016) Served in WW2 and in Vietnam. Active in the RSL, Legacy and VVAA.
• Brigadier Keith Royce Colwell CBE (1919-?) Initiated in Stanley Lodge No. 37 in Brisbane in 1944. 1954 Keith affiliated with The Army Lodge No. 478 UGLV. Held a duel 70 Year Jewels UGLV and UQL. Coast Watcher in WW2
• Captain John Edwin “Jack” McKeddie MC and Bar (1902 -1980), army officer and stockbroker, aide-de-camp to Major General (Sir) Le slie Morshead in 1941 and served with him during the siege of Tobruk.
• Captain James Croker Ferguson, J.P (1830?-1891), “..one of the most expert riflemen in the colony”
• Captain Robert Russell Fullarton (1829-1895), naval officer and public servant. Naval Commander (all Naval Reserves) Melbourne Harbour Master
• Lieutenant William Sinclair MM MC (1887-1959), soldier, boxmaker and sales representative
• Corporal Sir Raymond “Bob” Huish CBE (1898-1970), ex-servicemen's leader and businessman. WWI veteran and RSL Queensland Branch President 1930-1967; founder of the Sir Raymond Huish Award for treatment of veterans mental health and behavioural problems. President Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Imperial League of Australia. Member AIF Memorial Lodge No.289
• Bruce Carlyle Ruxton MBE OBE AM (1926-2011), President of Victorian RSL 1979-2002. Initiated 20 March 1953 in Wilsmere Lodge No 645 UGLV
• John Alexander Watson DSO (1891-1980), grocer, insurance agent and army officer. Logistics officer during the siege at Tobruk
• 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 80 years as a Freemason.
Famous Australian Freemasons; Architects & Builders

Several noted architects and builders appear in other sections.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Architects

- Sir Francis Howard Greenway (1777-1837), colonial era architect (Also under convicts) His image was on the old $10 Australian Bank note
- John Petrie (1822-1892), architect, politician, first Mayor of Brisbane, active member of the first Masonic lodge in Queensland.
- 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 Pro Grand Master
- William Charles Vahland (1828 – 1892) City of Sandhurst councilor, Chairman and Managing director of the Bendigo Mutual Permanent Land and Building Society 1861 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 1915 Initiated Golden Lodge of Bendigo in 1857
- Thomas English (1819-1884), Gawler Mayor MLC Colonial Architect Friendship Lodge No 1 SAC
- 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)
- John Burcham Clamp (1869-1931), architect & Indigenous Rights supporter
- Francis Ernest Stowe (c1867-1936) Architect and mechanical engineer. Founder and Principal Sydney Marine and General Engineers College. Designed Baulkham Hills Masonic School, Ashfield Masonic Hospital, North Sydney, Crows Nest, Newtown & Glen Innes Masonic Temples. Designed and installed Rockhampton and Balmaine Tramway Systems. Initiated 1897, Master Lodge Unity in 1915
- John Holderness Bates (“ J H “) (c1861-1923, Architect, Mayor of Forbes
• William Henry Ellerker JP (1837?-1891) architect, politician, Major St Kilda Signed contract on new Princess Bridge Melbourne, Initiated 1859

• Thomas Bennet Dunstan Reynolds MM (1898-1949), architect. Designed Ivalda Masonic Temple and Egyptian Revival Emulation Hall in Canterbury & Plaza Theatre Kyabram

Famous Australian 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

• Arthur George Stokes (c1861-1936) Hobart Councilor Master Builder

• Charles Francis Summers PJGD (1858-1945), sculptor. (Son of famous sculptor and artist Charles H Summers who might be UGLE member) C F Summers work is in the Ballarat gardens and Rotorua, amongst other locations, and later became UGLV Librarian for many years at Collins Street. Member Metropolitan Lodge No 85 UGLV.

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.

• 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

• James Ashton (1859-1935), artist. President (Royal) South Australian Society of Arts

• Philip Blashki, born Favel Wagczewski (1837-1916) Silversmith. Initiated Lodge Judah circa 1865

• Abraham Abrahams (1813-1892) Painter & prominent philanthropist

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. This apron was presented by his family to The AIF Memorial Lodge No 289 UGLQ who care for it. Initiated at Gascoyne Lodge on 9 April 1925.

- Lawrence Hargrave (1850-1915) aviation pioneer. His image was on the old $20 paper Australian Bank Note. 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.

- Lieutenant Dr George Pinnock Merz (1891-1915), as Dux, one of the first four to graduate as a military pilot in Australia in November 1914. First death of an Australian airman in war. Australia's first military aviation medical officer, Member Victorian Naval and Military Lodge.


- Sir Ross Macpherson Smith (1892 – 1922) & Sir Keith Macpherson Smith (1890 –1955). Sir Ross Macpherson Smith, KBE, MC & Bar, DFC & two Bars, AFC (1892 – 1922) & Sir Keith Macpherson Smith KBE (1890 –1955) both Australian aviators and the first pilots to fly from England to Australia (18,250 kms, 11,340 miles) in 1919 which was honoured with Knighthoods and 1994 Australian 42 cent stamp. Ross landed at Gallipoli 13 May 1915, in July 1917 transferred to the Australian Flying Corps. Keith, rejected from the AIF on medical grounds, flew to England and joined Royal Flying Corp July 1917. Brothers became airmen within weeks of each other, while Ross saw active air service of distinction in WW1, Keith did not fly in combat. In 1922 Ross and Keith planned to fly around the world in a Vickers Viking amphibian but Ross and crew member Bennett were killed test-flying the plane near London. Keith, who arrived late for the test flight witnessed the accident. Keith was Director of Qantas Empire Ltd & Tasman Empire Airways Ltd. Both were initiated together on 29 August 1921 in Motherland Lodge No 3861 EC in London.

- Lt James Mallett (Jim) Bennett (1894-1922), aviator and mechanic, killed with Sir Ross Smith in plane crash 1922.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Business People & Inventors

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

- George James Coles CBE (1885 - 1977), businessman and philanthropist. Initiated in Lodge Lowan 107, then joined Geelong Unity and Prudence.

- 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 Augustus Bolles Peters (1836-1937) founded Peter's Ice-cream. Initiated into Terre Coupée Lodge No 204 Grand Lodge of Indiana on 27 Dec 1890 affiliated Lodge Washington H Soul No 399 and remained a member until he died.

- Fred Walker (1884-1935) created "Vegemite" spread. Initiated at Austral Temple Lodge No 110 UGLV on 9 July 1919.


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• Joseph Best (1830-1887) and Henry Best (1832-1913), vigneron, 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.

• Sir Edward John Lees Hallstrom (1886-1970) famous philanthropist and invented the “Silent Knight Refrigerator”. Initiated at Lodge Roseville No 344 on 24 Aug 1922.

• 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 Dymock (1861-1900), bookseller. Initiated 12 January 1886 in Empress of India Lodge No 176 EC (later No 57 NSW).

• Alfred Edward Gerard (1877-1950), electrician and businessman, Aboriginal welfare worker, Methodist Layman. Founder of Gerard & Goodman and now known as Clipsal.

• 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”.


• 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. MLC & Director of many companies like Bendigo Pottery Company Ltd.


• 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.

• 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.

• Thomas Swallow (1823-1890), businessman, manufacturer, mechanical inventor, member first municipal council Sandridge (Port Melbourne) (1860) and was Mayor for several terms before retiring in 1875. Major Volunteer Artillery, 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. Swallow's Landing & Swallow Rd & Swallow Street Cairns also named after him.

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

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

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

• Leo Susman (1832-1903), German Jew, Merchant & Freemason, 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.

• Herbert Taylor (1885-1970), accountant and company director, conservative party organizer. President Melbourne Chamber of Commerce. Treasurer and President RACV.

• Thomas Alison Scott (1777?-1881), father of the Australian sugar and banana industries. Member Australian Social Lodge No 260 IC

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

• James Freeland Leacock - inventor of the "ute" in 1929 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.

• Alfred Henry Massina (1834-1917), printer & publisher. Published Australian Journal. Funded Marcus Clarke visiting Tasmania (1869) to gather material for Term of His Natural Life which Australian Journal commenced serialized publication 1870. A. H. Massina & Co. installed Victoria's first linotype machine in 1894. It’s worth being proven; the machine was introduced to the Herald in 1895. Director ‘Herald’ and ‘Weekly Times’. Published Adam Lindsay Gordon's poems.

• William “Billy” Guyatt (c1921?-?) Champion bicyclist, later opened Billy Guyatt’s Electrical Stores.

• Archibald Aitken son of Thomas Aitken (1821-1884) who founded Victoria Pde Brewery where Victoria Bitter Beer was first made by Thomas and would later be a key site of Carlton United Brewery (CUB). Archibald, Initiated Fitzroy Lodge on 17 July 1884. Also a member of Coppin Lodge. Snr Grand Warden, GLV, 1887. Grand Master of the Knights Templar 28/03/1889.


• Hugh Victor McKay CBE (H V McKay) (1865-1926) inventor, industrialist, owner of the Sunshine Harvester Works. Installed as Worshipful Master of Sunshine Masonic Lodge no. 226 in 1913. Lost Arbitration in 1907 which resulted in the basic wage. Director BHP
Owned Rupertswood 1256 Initiated 4 August 1902 in Albert Victor Lodge No 117 UGLV

- Sir William Charles Angliss (1865-1957) butcher, pastoralist, pioneer meat exporter, businessman, politician and philanthropist, member Smithfield Lodge 1258 1259 MLC. Started William Angliss Food Trades School now known as the William Angliss Institute of TAFE (Check issue 122 Vic freemason) 1260 1261 1262

- Robert James Gilbertson (c1881/2?-1940), owned one of the largest chain of butchers in Victoria. Member Essendon Maribyrnong Temperance Lodge 1263 1264 1265 Mayor Essendon 1266


- Arthur James Drysdale (1887-1971), financier, pastoralist, lottery promoter “Lottery Czar” Tasmania, brought Tattersall's lotteries from Tasmania to Victoria in 1954 1272

- Sir Walter John “Wally” Burnett (1921-2016), pharmacist, businessman, Rotarian, President Queensland’s Royal National Association, Grand Master UGLQLD 1983-86. Initiated 8 March 1944 into Kaye Lodge No 234 UGLQLD 1273 1274 1275

- Sir Charles Henry Goode (1827-1922), merchant and philanthropist MLA MLC. “Prince of Philanthropists”. Founding member the Royal Institution for the Blind in 1884, and its only president until 1922. Founder of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission and of the Adelaide Children's Hospital. Initiated 11 August 1890 in Lodge St Alban No 38 SAC 1276 1277


- Trevor Brian Prescott AM (1928-1987) businessman and Company Director, Grand Master SA 1982-86. Initiated 5 Sept 1956 in Lewis Lodge of St Peter’s No 144 GLSA&NT 1283 1284 1285


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 particular 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. 1295 1296
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 paper $10 Australian Bank note.

Famous Australian Freemasons; Females (irregular)

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

• Edith Dircksey Cowan OBE (1861-1932) (Co-Freemason), social worker, first woman elected to Australian Parliament, women's activist, Member of St Cuthberts Lodge Perth Australia (Le Droit Humain). Foundation member Co-Freemasonry in WA (1916).

• Bessie Mabel Rischbieth (née Earle) OBE (1874-1967) (Co-Freemason), 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 Sir Isaac Newton Lodge 1161 1 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.
• 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. Richard Thomas Tracy (1826-1874) One of original committee that first published in 1856 the Australian Medical Journal. With John Maund was co-founder in 1856 of the Melbourne Lying-in Hospital and Infirmary for Diseases of Women and Children (later the Royal Women’s Hospital). Performed the first successful ovariotomy in Victoria (1864) and quickly established an international reputation as a pioneer gynecological surgeon.

• 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.


• Dr. Octavus (Octavius) Weld BA, MD (c1834-1901) Mt Barker Pioneer. Initiated Canada President of the Floricultural Society, as a mark of respect flags were flown at half-mast throughout the district at his death. A rose is named after him.

• Sir Alexander Fleming (1881-1955) medicine was an Australian pharmacologist and pathologist who shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1945 with Sir Ernst Boris Chain and Sir Howard Florey for his role in the making of penicillin. Initiated into Sancta Maria Lodge No. 2682, London in 1909.

• Sir John “Jack” Frew (1912–1985) OBE. Medicine, Dr on Burma-Thailand Railway teacher Melbourne University, “one of the last giants in general medicine’.

• Dr Edward Owen Giblin, MD (1849-1896), Grand Master Tasmania 1895-1895.

• Major-General Dr Frederick Arthur Maguire CMG DSO VD KSjt MD (1888 – 1953) soldier and surgeon. Commanding officer Australian Army Medical Corps, 3rd Division 1918-20. Alderman Sydney Council. Grand Master NSW 1933-35 & 1944-5. Initiated June 1920 in Lodge of Australia No 3 NSW (Also in military section where footnotes are held).


• Surgeon-General Sir William Daniel Campbell Williams KCMG CB KSjt (1856-1919) surgeon and soldier, pioneer of military medical tactics later adopted by British Army... Served in three wars Sudan 1885, South Africa 1899 & Egypt 1915 although marginalized in WW1. Member Harmony Lodge of Australia No. 5.
**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. Friendship Lodge SAC.

- **George David Langridge (1829–1891)**, Victorian politician and public figure. Acting 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.


- **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, Crown Prosecutor, MLA. He built the colony’s first country Mechanics’ Institute. First District Grand Master of the English Freemasons in South Australia.

- **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.


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

- **Sir John Quick (1852–1932)**, Federationalist, lawyer and politician and member Sandhurst for 9 years. Member first Parliament of Australia. Initiated Lodge Judah on 5 Nov 1879 or on 6 June 1876 (“A Century of Union”, P T Thorton) or on 6 June 1876 (“300 Famous Australian Freemasons”, K Henderson).

- **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 (1830–1919)**, brewer, philanthropist and politician, Mayor of Kensington and Norwood in 1867-70 and 1871-73, 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.


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

- **Stanley R. Whitford (1878-1959)**, politician, unionist, anti-conscriptionist.
• William Henry Wilks (1863-1940), fuel merchant, politician and public servant, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Scotland. Orangeman. 1513 1514
• Henry Roberts Williams (1848-1935), mining director and politician MLA, miners’ rights 1515
• John Arthur Wright (1841-1920), politician, engineer and railway commissioner 1516
• Thomas “Tom” Armstrong (1885-1955), businessman and politician 1517
• Leslie Frank Louis “Les” Diplock (1899-1983), schoolteacher and politician, member of the DLP 1518
• Aubrey Slessar (?-1972) served 3 terms in QLD parliament 1519
• George Kerr (1853-1930), blacksmith, politician and grazier. MLA. Leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party 1520 & Minister for Railways 1521
• Andrew Hendry Ross (1829-1910), medical practitioner and politician. MLA 1522
• John Riddoch (1827-1901), pastoralists parliamentarian MLA. 1523 1524
• George Riddoch (1842-1919) pastoralist parliamentarian MLA 1525 1526
• George Graham (1838-1922), farmer and politician, MLA. First President of the Shepparton Shire Council. Minister of several federal departments. 1527
• 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 him 1528 With father's backing began 47-acre Everson Nursery 1895 in area which he later named Boronia, specialized in daffodils and boronia; 1529
• 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 1531
• Frank Augustus Chaffey (1888-1940), farmer and politician. MLA. Colonial Secretary 1532 1533
• Walter Peden Joyce Skelton (1883-1979), railway officer and politician, unionist, prohibitionist MLA. Founded & Presided over the Protestant Independent Labour Party. 1534
• Edward Fitzgerald Russell (1867-1943), trade unionist, Port Melbourne Mayor, president of the Trades Hall Council, Melbourne 1535
• James Tolmie (1862-1939), newspaper proprietor and politician, MLA 1536
• George Hugh Alexander Mackay (1872-1961), politician and Speaker of the House, MLA 1537
• Sir Henry Cuthbert KCMG (1829-1907), lawyer and politician, MLC, Solicitor General. Ballarat identity: 1538 1539 1540 1541
• Emanuel Steinfeld (1828-1893), furniture manufacturer and retailer, politician, MLC, President Chamber of Manufactures. Mayor Ballarat East Council . Friend of Redmond Barry 1542 1543
• Albert Edwin Elworthy Lee Tucker (1843-1902), parliamentarian, police magistrate. Mayor Fitzroy Council. MLA 1544. Chairman Royal Commission (1878) on closed roads and member of the 1878 commission of inquiry into crown land, Royal Commissions on the Mildura settlement in 1896 and on state forests and timber reserves in 1897, director of the Melbourne Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society. Founding member (1871) of the Australian Natives' Association. 1545
• Evelyn Douglas Darby (1910-1985), teacher and politician. MLA. Founded & President (1939-53) the British Orphans Adoption Society (BOAS). Anti-communist, right wing activist. 1546 1547
• Sir Reginald Victor Wilson (1877-1957) 1548, 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. Karkarooc Shire Council, MLA.
- Sir David Storey (1856-1924), businessman and politician. Defeated fellow mason Edmund Barton in Randwick 1920 election. MLA, MLC President Ulster Association of New South Wales.
- 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 (Wright Heaton & Co) 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), politician MLA. Member 1886 to 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. Mayor of Sydney.
- Robert Hollis (1851-1937), engine driver, trade union leader and politician. Director of the 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. 

- 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 Mayor of Plattsburg

- William James Beckett CBE (1870-1965), politician. MLA MLC

- Thomas Henry Brooker (1850-1927), salesman, wood-merchant and politician. Mayor of Hindmarsh (1891) MLA

- Theodor Johannes Scherk (1836-1927), teacher, agent and politician. President of the German Club Adelaide first honorary member of the United Daughters of Australia. MLA

- Joseph Henry Lewis Turley (Henry Turley) (1859-1929), anti-conscriptionist, Trade Union Official, MLC, MLA

- George Robert (Bob) Nichols (1809-1857), lawyer and politician. MLA MLC. First native-born Australian admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales. Owned The Australian newspaper. Auditor General


- Dr Andrew Ross MD (1829-1910). Doctor and surgeon. Mayor of Molong. First and only member for Molong for 25 years until seat abolished. Magistrate & MLA

- Sir George Ritchie KCMG (1864-1944), river trader and politician, MLA, MLC. During his parliamentary career he held every ministerial position and was a minister in both Houses, a feat rarely equaled. “One of the earliest pioneers of the River Murray”. Mayor of Goolwa & Adelaide Alderman, Acting Premier. Lyell McEwin Hospital is named for him

- Sir Alexander Lyell McEwin (1897-1988), Wheat grower & Politician, Chief Secretary. MLA MLC. Represented the SA (1925-27) in rifle-shooting. Minister for Mines & Health. Lyell McEwin Hospital is named for him


- Nathaniel Barclay DCM (1894-1962), soldier settler and politician, ex-servicemen leader. MLA. Barkley Square Red Cliffs, Victoria is named for him

- Joseph Vardon (1843-1913), printer and politician, Temperance Advocate. Mayor of Hindmarsh in 1888-9 MLC. Printer and Politician. MLA MLC (son of Joseph Vardon (1843-1913))


- James Park Dawson Laurie (aka “Park Laurie”) (1846-1928) MLA. Initiated Mt Gambier Lodge circa 1867

- Ephraim Henry Coombe (1858-1917), journalist and politician, MLA. South Australian town of Coome is named after him.


• Cecil Thompson “Charlie” Oliver AM (1901-1990), Trade Union Official, politician, MLA. ALP State President, NSW Secretary AWU. Initiated 1962

• Thomas Davies Mutch (1885-1958), journalist, socialist, Trade Union Official, reformer, politician and historian. MLA, Minister for Education Trustee of Public Library of New South Wales 1916-1958

• James Tobias “Toby” Ryan (1818-1899), butcher, pastoralist, politician and sportsman. MLA. First Master of Queen’s Lodge 982 EC in Penrith NSW.

• Sir Maurice Charles O’Connell, (1812-1879), soldier, public servant and politician President and member MLC. First provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution, in Queensland, Queensland Pioneer O’Connell Town (now Newtown NSW) is named for him or his wife.

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

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

• Sir Asher Alexander Joel KBE AO (1912-1998) businessman & politician MLC

• George Francis Freudenstein, (1921-2007) MLA


• Tom Cleave Stott CBE (1899-1976), wheat farmer and politician. Helped form Farmers Protection Association in 1929, General Secretary Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation. Sat in parliament for an unbroken thirty-seven years. Post 1962 election, held the balance of power in the House of Assembly and was elected Speaker. Stott Highway was named in 2008 in his honour.

• Sir Charles Brunton (1867-1938) Melbourne Lord Mayor President Victorian Bowling Association Brunton Ave Melbourne is named for him.


• Edmund Birch (1831-1875) pharmacist and MLC WA Perth Lodge

• Clayton Turner Mason JP (1847-1911) Engineer, MLC Commissioner of Railways WM St George’s Lodge # 2165 EC in 1888

• Joseph Taylor Monger (1834-1891) Miller and storekeeper, MLC WA Founding Member Pingelly Lodge

• Edward Newman JP (1832-1872) Merchant and MLC WA

• Josceline George Herbert Amherst (1846-1900), MLC

• George William Barnard (1873-1941) merchant, member Albany Municipal Council, MLA WA

• Harry Edward Bolton (1870-1956) engine driver, Mayor of East Fremantle Council, one-time Deputy Grand Master, MLA WA

• Frank Tyndall Brown (1876 (1871?)-1930) farmer, MLA WA Government Minister Colonial Secretary Past Master, Beverley Lodge 73 WAC

• Henry James Brown (1865-1933) farmer, MLA WA Founding Member Pingelly Lodge

• Daniel Keen Congdon JP (c1836-38 – 1907) Merchant MLA WA, Mayor of Fremantle, Mayor of Nth Freemantle Deputy District Grand Master
• Edgar Henry Harris (1875–1934) MLC, WA 1739 1740
• Henry Walter Davidson (1865?–1926) Local Gov Councilor, possible member Kalgoorlie Lodge 24 WAC 1741 Mayor of Kalgoorlie 1742
• Albert Young Hassell (1841–1918) pastoralist, explorer, Vice-Consul Norway, MLC WA. Owner Jerramungup Station. Horse racing identity, Founding member Plantagenet Lodge 1454 EC 1743 1744 1745
• William Dartnell Johnson (1870–1948) carpenter & director, MLA 1746 1747
• Ernest Charles Bavage Locke (1856–1937) grazier, MLC WA 1748, owner of several champion horses 1749 Founder Tattersalls Club 1750 1751
• Charles McDowall (c1862–1916) auctioneer 1752 MLA Nunawading Council and later Mayor of Coolgardie 1904–06. 1753 WA State President Australian Natives Association 1754 1755
• Alfred John Stephenson (1845–1914) was a politician & newspaper proprietor in Queensland, Australia. One of the owners of the Queensland Times. Mayor of Ipswich & District Grand Master EC 1756 1757 1758 1759 1760 1761
• William Joseph Mann (1875–1951) newspaper owner and editor established the South-Western News MLA WA 1762 1763
• Griffin Cant Money (1865–1958) notable solicitor and pastoralist, MLA WA 1764 1765
• Richard William Price MBE (1869–1937) journalist, Unionist, 2nd Lt WW1, MLA WA 1766 1767
• John Stewart (1868–1927) merchant MLA WA 1768 1769
• Sydney Stubbs CMG (1861–1953) teacher, merchant and farmer. Mayor of Claremont 1901–03; Mayor of Perth 1906–07. MLC, MLA 1770 1771 1772 1773
• John Howard Taylor (1861–1925) stockbroker, won Queen’s Cup at Royal Cork Regatta in 1899; MLC Member Federal Convention 1897. 1774 Foundation member of Coolgardie Masonic Lodge 1775
• Frederick James Withers (1881–1963) Engine Driver, Unionist Politician, Mayor of Bunbury 1951–55. MLA 1776 1777
• James William Wright (1854–1917) Architect and civil engineer. Founder WA Architects’ Assoc. MLC 1778 1779
• John Arthur Wright (1841–1920) Engineer. MLC WA 1780 District Grand Master, 1781 1782
• Herbert John Yelland (1878–1962) Farmer MLC WA 1783
• William Hague (1864–1924), storekeeper and politician MLA Chair Angaston District Council Past Master Barossa Lodge & member Angaston Lodge 1784 1785
• Sir John Newlands KCMG CBE (1864–1932) railway man, trade unionist, & politician. State Funeral. MLA MLC 1786 1787 1788 1789
• James Martin (1821–1899) Mining Machinery Manufacturer and Politician. There is a monument in Gawler to his memory as “The Father of Gawler”. Mayor of Gawler MLC. 1790 1791 1792 1793 1794 1795
• Maurice Salom (1831–1903), business man and politician president of the Hebrew Philanthropic Society, Director Commercial Bank of South Australia MLC 1796 1797 1798
• George Adam Kempton (1871/2?–1945) dentist and politician, MLC WA 1799 1800 Mayor of Geraldton 1801
• William Copley (1845–1925), farmer and politician, Government Minister MLA MLC The Town of Copley South Australia is named for him. Also member IOOFMU. PM Orroroo Lodge 1803 1804
• Robert Campbell (1804–1859), politician, philanthropist, anti-transportationist, merchant, Colonial Treasurer, First Provincial Scottish Grand Master of the Province of Australia (1856) MLA MLC 1805 1806 1807 1808 1809 1810 1811
Oswald Robinson Snowball (1859-1928), solicitor and politician, MLA Speaker of the House of Assembly pro-conscriptionalist, Temperance Advocate, Orangeman, Grand Master of the Orange Order, initiated into Freemasonry 1884 at Brunswick.

Charles Ellis Davies (1847-1921) MLC, politician & newspaper proprietor; Hobart Mercury. Grand Master Tasmania 1896-1914 & 1917-1921. Initiated 9 September 1874 in Tasmanian Union Lodge No 536 EC (later No 3 GLTas), three times Past Master of that Lodge.


Sir Claude Ernest Weymouth James JP (1878-1961), politician and agent-general, Grand Master Tasmania 1926-1928 1835 1836, Mayor Launceston 1924. President of the Tasmanian Rights League. MLA 1838 1839 Initiated St Andrew Lodge 6 TC circa 1901 1840

Colonel Commandant Horace William Strutt DSO ED (1903-1985), merchant, army officer and politician, Speaker of the House, Grand Secretary, MLA Tasmania 1841 1842 1843 1844 1845 1846 1847 1848

John Nobbs JP (1845-1921), conveyancer and politician MLA. His other enthusiasms were legion: founder of the (Royal) Australian Historical Society, the New South Wales branch of the Australian Natives' Association (sometime president) and of Granville School of Arts (president). Commissioner for the Melbourne (1888) and Chicago (1893) exhibitions and a trustee of the National Park and of Captain Cook's landing place at Kurnell. President of the New South Wales Football Association (Soccer). Leading Freemason and a founder of United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. First mayor of Granville (1885) and again in 1887-88. Gordon Davidson CBE (1915-2002) politician MLC, founder Parliamentary Christian Fellowship 1966. Initiated March 1941 in St John Lodge 15 SAC 1855 1856 1857 1858


William David Ponder JP (1855-1933) MLA, member Adelaide City Council, First President of the Co-Operative Building Society, Initiated Lodge of Friendship No 1 in 1879, later Master of that Lodge. Frederick Brown (1829-1903), auctioneer, barrister, solicitor and parliamentarian. Mayor of Beechworth, President Shire of Beechworth, Past Master St John in Beechworth, MLA 1873

Thomas Henry Bath, CBE (1875 – 1956) politician, trade unionist, newspaper editor, writer, and cooperativist. MLA 1874 1875 Member Knights of Labour, involved in the founding of Lodge Bonnie Doon No. 839. SC 1876 1877

Sir Harold Leslie Boyce, 1st Baronet KBE, KStJ (9 July 1895 – 30 May 1955) was an Australian-born British Conservative Party politician, businessman and Lord Mayor of London 1878

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Famous Australian Freemasons; Photographers, photographs & film makers

- Ken G Hall AO OBE (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.

- Henry William Mobsby (1860-1933), artist, photographer and motion picture pioneer. Took the first moving picture footage in Queensland in 1898 using Lumiere cinematograph. Member of Indooroopilly No.155, United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

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

- 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 Collingwood Lodge.

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


- Saul Solomon (1836-1929) early photographer, Alderman Adelaide, MLA, very active Freemason; first officer is SA Grand Lodge, president BOGP. Also IOOF. Studio in Ballarat from 1857-1874 and various other locations (including NZ). From 1874 to 1891 Solomon operated under the name of the Adelaide School of Photography at 51 Rundle Street, Adelaide.

- David Tree and “Sam the koala” became an international iconic image of the Black Saturday 2009 fires in Victoria; 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 60,000 hectares and destroyed thirty homes and was still burning out of control a week later when the Kinglake fire complex started.

Famous Australian Freemasons: Poets, Writers and Authors

- Thomas E Spencer (1845-1911) Poet, writer of humorous ballads, building contractor, industrial arbitrator. Among his more popular works are 'How McDougall Topped the Score' and 'Why Doherty Died'. Initiated 12 March 1877 in Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No 266 IC, Past Master 6 times, signatory to GLs Articles of Union NSW and Foundation DC of the same.


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

- Francis “Frank” Clune OBE (1893-1971), author.


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• 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 1923 1926
• George Mackaness OBE (1882-1968) 1927 1928 1929, 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 1930
• Frederick John Prichard (1851–1920), journalist 1931 During WW1 wrote under the name of 'Union Jack' to keep readers informed of developments on the front 1932

**Famous Australian Freemasons; Religious Leaders**

• Charles Edward Camidge (1837-1911), Anglican Bishop of Bathurst 1933 1934 1935 1936
• Dr Harrington Clare Lees (1870-1929), Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne 1937 1921-1929, Foundation member of the Old Melbournians’ Masonic Lodge 1939 1940 1941.
• Rev HG Cranswick, Bishop of Gippsland 1942
• 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 1975
• Chap Archdeacon GE Lambie, Past Grand Chaplain 1976
• Horace Crotty (1886-1951) Church of England Bishop of Bathurst (N.S.W.) 1928-1936 1977
• Rev T.J. Riddle, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria 1984
• George C. Barber President-General of Methodist Church of Australia (1948-51) 1985 1986
• Rabbi Dr Joseph Abrahams M.A. (1855?–1938?) 1987 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” 1988 “Joe Goble's rapport with working men and women made his ministry one of the most outstanding in Australia” 1989
• Robert Kirkwood Ewing (c.1823-1899), minister of religion and controversialist. President Launceston Philharmonic Society and formed St Andrew's Teetotal Society. President of Launceston Mechanics' Institute. Became Provincial Grand Master in 1858 moderator of the Presbyterian Church in 1863. 

• 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. "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 (1813?-1871?), Initiated Australia Felix EC in 1841, Past Master of that Lodge. Founder Melbourne Hebrew Congregation (1841). Francis Lyon Cohen (1862-1934), Rabbi, served as the first Jewish chaplain of the British Army (1892-1904).

• William Frank Hambly (1908-1972), Methodist minister, biblical scholar and college principal. Deputy Chancellor (1968-71) of the University of Adelaide.

• Rev. Edward Mallen “Henry” Collick OBE (1868-1959), Archdeacon of Kalgoorlie ministered in Boer and WW1 Wars (Captain B2455).

• Rev Sydney Leonard Buckley (1862-1964), founder and first Headmaster Ivanhoe Grammar Melbourne 1915 (then St James Grammar School, renamed in 1920), founded and first WM Ivanhoe Grammarians Lodge 1946.

• Rev Richard Deodatus Poulett Harris (1817-1899) schoolmaster and Church of England clergyman, MA, Grand Master Tasmania 1890-1893.


• William John Edwards (1891-1967), Anglican clergyman and headmaster, was born on 9 December 1891 at Riverstone, Accepted into UGLNSW 1923.


• Rev Stephen Henry Hughes (1859-1934), Anglican clergyman. 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 Initiated Lodge Pacific No 3 TC 2042 2033

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Famous Australian Freemasons; The Law


• Sir William Clarke (1831-1897) landowner, stud-bred and philanthropist, first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Victoria (1889-1896) 2045 2046 2047 2048 2049 2050 2051 2052 Initiated Tasmanian Union Lodge 356 on 11 Oct 1855 2053

• William Meek 2054. Victoria’s First Lawyer, foundation senior warden of Australia Felix No. 1. 2055 2056 founding Secretary of the Melbourne Club 2057. Initiated in Restoration Lodge, no. 128 on 31 July 1834 in Harlington, England 2058

• Justice Jeffrey Hart Bent (1781-1852), Judge of the Supreme Court of Civil Judicature in NSW 2059 2060 2061 Lodge of Social and Military Virtues No 227 IC, MM cert issued 1 Jan 1817 2062

• Sir James Cockle FRS FRAS FCP (1819-1895) lawyer and mathematician. First Chief Justice of Queensland, Australia from 1863-79 2063 2064 2065

• William James Byrne (1871-1951) 15th Grand Master UGLV 1939-1942 2066 2067 2068 2069 2070 Established one of Melbourne’s most respected law firms 2071 Initiated Kent Lodge - 28 Feb 1907 2072

• Justice Charles Stumm KC (1965?-1929) 2073 Queensland Supreme Court Judge 2074 2075 2076 2077, Grand Master QLD 1922-1929 2078 2079 2080 2081 2082 2083 2084 2085

• Justice Benjamin H Matthews, (1891-1974) Grand Master Queensland. 2086 2087 2088 Judge Supreme Court of Queensland 2089

• Justice Hayden Erskine Starke KCMG (1871 – 1958), High Court Judge 2090 Not to be confused with his son John Erskine Starke (1913 - 1994) – both Judges. H.E. Starke “Between 1903 (when the High Court was created) and 1920, he appeared before the court 211 times, more than any other justice of the court” 2091

• William Bede Dalley QC (1831-1888) Barrister, Solicitor-General, Attorney-General. MLA MLC 2092. An interesting Catholic member of “the establishment” and quite an amazing man. Australia’s first privy councilor 2093. Initiated Lodge of Australia 1858 2094. A Sydney Street is named after him 2095 2096
• Charles Edward de Boos (1819-1900) journalist and police magistrate, mining warden and in 1881 presented with a gold medal 'as a mark of esteem' by Chinese miners in the Braidwood district.


• Chief Justice Thomas Slaney Poole (1873-1927) Grand Master South Australia, Grand Master of UGLV.

• 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.

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• William John Fookes (?-1925), President Law Institute of Victoria 1902-03.
• 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, Supreme Court Judge, Attorney-General. Temperance Advocate MLC.

• Peter Brett (1918-1975), Professor of Jurisprudence.

• Justice Richard Bullock Andrews QC (1823-1884), Supreme Court Judge and Attorney-General. MLA. Prominent SA Colonist.

• Edward Castres Gwynne (1811-1888), Supreme Court Judge.

• Justice Charles Edward Chubb QC (1845-1930), Supreme Court Judge, Attorney-General, Crown Prosecutor, and politician, MLA.


• Chief Justice Sir Archibald Paull Burt KB (1810-1879), Chief Justice & Judge.


• Vaughan Werner Grand Master UGLV, assistant commissioner of Victoria Police.

• Lloyd Waddy (1939-) AM, RFD, QC, Judge.

• Hugh Montgomerie Hamilton (1854-1930), Judge, Grandmaster; UGLNSW (1909), Mark Master Masons (1912-13) & Royal Arch Masons (1910-11, 1912 and 1924). One of the first to bring golf clubs into New South Wales. As a result of the part he played in Murchison expedition in the New Zealand, Mount Hamilton is named after him. Involved in many community organizations including Honorary Life Governor Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and President of many other Organizations.

• William John Peterswald (von Peterswald) (1829-1896) Police Commissioner of South Australia. Assisted in establishing the first Royal Arch Chapter in the colony. and Member United Service Lodge in South Australia.


• Sir Charles Arthur Hillas Lempriere Abbott KC (1889 -1960), Politician, Barrister, Judge, Attorney-General, Judge of the Supreme Court (1946 - 1959), Dean Faculty of Law Adelaide University, President Law Society South Australia MLA. Initiated 10 May 1917 at Lodge St Alban SAC, Past Master that Lodge, Grand Master SA 1950-3.


• John Stephen (1771-1833) NSW Supreme Court Judge. Grandfather of Virginia Woolf.
Notable Australian Freemasons; Still more..

- Adolphus Appleroth (1886-1952) wrote the famous jingle "I like aeroplane Jelly". Initiated at Lodge Vaucluse 15 March 1928.
- Hugh Webster, once Professor 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.
- Sir Albert John Gould (1847-1936), lawyer and politician. Minister for Justice under Sir Henry Parkes (1889-91) and (Sir) George Reid (1894-98).
- 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.
- David Isaac Freedman OBE (1874–1939) Politician & chaplain in the AIF, 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.
- George Ernest “G. E.” Hudson CMG (1862-1926), Chairman of Tariff Board, Chief Surveyor Victoria.
- A Blashki (?-1938) prominent business man, founded the Jewish Aid Society “Past Grand Master Victorian Grand Lodge”.
- James Ernest Ogden (1868-1932), miner, unionist and politician.
- Frederick John Ludowici (1873-1969), businessman and conservationist.
- John Paul Sennitt (1851-1922), Local Councilor South Melbourne City Council, JP engineer and ice-cream manufacturer. Admiral Collingwood Lodge.
- Lieutenant-General Sir Andrew Clarke GCMG BD CIE (1824-1902), soldier, military engineer, politician and public servant MLC. Surveyor-General. Established the Victorian Roads Board & Municipal Institutions Act, Governor of Singapore. Initiated Lodge Happiness or Kent Henderson reports. Initiated on 25 September 1855 in Lodge Australasia No 530 EC (later No 2 UGLV).
- Ernest Henry Farrar (1879-1952), trade unionist and politician. MLC.
- Thomas Stephen Burston (1858-1928), three times Mayor of Toowoomba, Past Grand Master SC QLD.

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

- Hubert Leslie Primrose (1880-1942), solicitor and politician, member of New Guard, “On 19 March 1932, after another senior New Guardsman, Francis de Groot (also a Freemason), 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.”


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

- Sir William Lawrence Baillieu (1859-1936), financier and politician.

- Sir Clive Latham Baillieu KB (1889-1967) financier and politician.

- Francis Ormond (1829-1889) philanthropist, politician, grazier, founded RMIT (then known as Working Mens’ College), Ormond Hall at the Victorian Institute of the Blind, Ormond College at Melbourne University are named after him.

- Sir John Winthrop Hackett KCMG (1848-1916), politician, lawyer, 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.


- Sir 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. Chairman Melbourne Stock Exchange and also Associated Stock Exchangers of Australia. President RACV. Initiated Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No 266 IC April 1853.


William Henry (?-1903), owned the “South Melbourne Citizen’s Newspaper.”

Sir Thomas Hiley, QLD Treasurer, Prince Albert Lodge No 248 UGLQLD.


William Player Bice (1855-1933) 11th Grand Master UGLV 1926-1927. Of particular note for effectively banning public wearing of regalia and putting temples “off limits to the general community”. His name is on Gipps St Foundation Stone. Initiated Earl of Carnarvon on 26 Oct 1886.


George Macleay Macarthur-Onslow (1875-1931), soldier. Initiated Lodge Abbotsford No 217 on 10 Sept 1898.


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


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

William Edwin Black, ( ? - 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 2457 2458 Wimble Street Brinsmead Cairns is named after him 2459
• Ray Campbell, National Commodore of the Australian Volunteer Coastguard, initiated Lodge of Confidence in 1977 2460
• Reginald John Burchell (1913-1922) MC, politician 2461 2462
• Anthony Raymond 'Tony' Lauer, APM, JP (1935- ) was the Commissioner of the New South Wales Police from 1991 until 1996. Grand Master GLNSW&ACT 2004-6 2463 2464 2465 2466 2467
• Bruce Skeggs OAM, K SJ (1932-2013) Journalist, trotting commentator, publisher, Mayor, state MP 2468 2469 2470 2471 2472
• Henry Condell (1797-1871) First Mayor of Melbourne. 2473 2474 2475
• Harold George Coates OBE JP (1917-2002) NSW politician 2476 2477 Grand Master NSW 1980-85 2478 2479 2480 2481 2482
• Maurice Herman Kellerman OBE (1902-2000) NSW Board of Jewish Education 2483 2484 2485 Initiated Lodge Apsley 2487
• Robert Dunbar Scott, Surveyor (c1822 – 7 March 1898) Laid out the township of Camperdown 2488 2489
• Gordon Charles Lewis, Radio (c1921-2012) 2490
• 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 Ambulance Association. Mayor of Adelaide (the first to be called Lord Mayor) in 1917, Grand Secretary in the early 1900s, Glover Avenue in Adelaide is named after him. 2496
• Mr. John Daniels (1818 - 1887). Colonist; sergeant in a regiment in charge of convicts at Norfolk Island; a prominent Freemason 2497 2498
• Bill Mason (1972-?) 2499 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) 2500 Magistrate 2501, founder of Kapunda "Protector of Aborigines, and in that capacity compiled a grammar of the Adelaide aboriginal tongue." 2503 2504 Organized the military volunteer Mines Rifle Company,
• William Lawes Ware (1847 – 1921(?)) Auditor for the City of Adelaide 1878-1885(?) 2507
• William Fiveash (? – 1892) 2508 2509, connected with J. E. Seppelt (father of B. Seppelt), of Seppelt’s field, and through that connection was instrumental in building up one of the largest wine businesses in Australia. Founder of Irish Const in Colony and central in construction of Alfred Masonic Hall Waymouth-street, Chairman of their Trustees for the same 2510 2511 2512
• James Elliott (? - 1883) J.P., 2513 2514 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; 2515
• James Scandrett (1836-1903), printer, journalist, co-founder Kapunda Herald 2516
• Henry Edward Downer (1836-1905) 2517 2518 2519, member of parliament and Attorney-General 2520 Deputy District Grand Master under the English constitution 2521 2522 2523 2524 2525 2526 Initiated in United Tradesmen’s Lodge No.853/583 E.C 2527 2528
• Fred Johns, (1868-1932), Biographer In 1906 he published his Johns’s Notable Australians 2529
• William Henry Gray (1808-1896) 2530 2531 2532 2533, 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.

- Henry Richard Mildred (1795-1877). Lawyer, politician, Pro Grand Master EC in South Australia. 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.

- Sir Lewis Cohen (1849-1933) many times Mayor and Lord Mayor Adelaide. Sir Lewis Cohen Avenue, Adelaide, named after him.


- Charles Kenworthy, intermediary for the Americans taken at the storming of the Eureka Stockade. He helped organise the release of American miner Charles Ferguson.

- Emmanuel Steinfeld *(1828-1893), Mayor Ballarat East Council (1866-69). “First Colonial Secretary” (South Australia) was one of the founders of South Australia. Gouger St Adelaide is named after him.

- 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. Mr. Lochée shared in the year 1845, the distinction of being the first Masons initiated in Western Australia.


- Norman Selfe (1839–1911) engineer, naval architect, inventor, urban planner and outspoken advocate of technical education, the Sydney suburb of Normanhurst was named for him.

- 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. Initiated St George's Lodge WA on 18 September 1908.

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

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

of the Royal Automobile Club of Australia (RACA) and a founder and commodore of the Motor Boat Club (Royal Motor Yacht Club)

- 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 Henry Porter (c1868-1940), printer, newspaper owner. Founded Porter and Salmon Printers in Fremantle. Past Master Lodge Thistle 889 SC, Foundation Master, Lodge Corinthian 66 WAC.
- Georg Heinrich Friedrich Ulrich (1830-1900), (aka George Henry Frederick aka George Favorke) geologist and mineralogist. Goldminer. Fellow Geological Society of London, original member of the Australian Institute of Mining Engineers Mining Lecturer University of Melbourne.
- 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 Italio-Australiano, A founder of the Australian Socialist League in 1890
- Avrum “Tim” Einihovici (1895-1988), medical practitioner and Esperantist
- Hugo Flecker (1884-1957), medical practitioner, radiotherapist, toxicologist and natural historian. Flecker Botanic Gardens, Cairns, are named in his honour.
- 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
- Harry Samuel Taylor (1873-1932), newspaper owner
- George Thornton (1819-1901), merchant, magistrate, and politician. Mayor of Sydney, obelisk (Thornton's 'scent bottle') in Hyde Park monument to him. MLA MLC. Founding director and chairman City Bank of Sydney, trustee of the Savings Bank of New South Wales, chairman of the Mutual Insurance Society of Victoria. A founding councilor of the NSE Aborigines Protection Association in 1880, officially appointed protector of the

- 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.
- 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.
- Charles Edward Jeanneret (1834-1898), steamboat-owner and politician, MLA.
- His Hints for the Preservation of the Teeth (1830) was the first dental publication in Sydney. Mayor Hunter's Hill three times.
- 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.
- 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.
- Alexander Morton (1854-1907), museum director and naturalist. 'the Father of St Arnaud'.
- Charles Ferris Lewis (1828-1900), manufacturer and politician, MLA.
- Robert Adam Ritchie (1836-1891), manufacturer and politician.
- John William Israel (1850-1926), Auditor General of Tasmania, first Commonwealth Auditor General. 1897 First President of the Board of Benevolence Tasmania. Founding President of the Civil Service Association in 1897. Mayor Hamilton Town Council in 11905-06 and foundation member of the Brisbane Club.
• Simon Bouda (??-), journalist and television 2679 2680
• 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 2681 2682 2683
• Malcolm John Leggoe Uren (1900-1973) OBE, journalist & intelligence officer 2684 Was a Master of Alfred Carson Lodge 267 in 1952 2685
• 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. 2686
• 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. 2687
• John Bryant Stokes (1925-1979), public servant, first President Western Districts Rugby Union Football Club 2688 Initiated in 1951 into Lodge Canberra 2689
• William Francis Waters (1897-1968), public servant bushwalker, Boy Scout leader, holder of Silver Wolf 2690
• William Lushington Goodwin (1798?-1862), journalist, master of the convict transport Kains, politician, newspaper owner and editor 2691
• 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) 2692
• 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 2693
• Henry Deane Walsh (1853-1921), engineer. St John Ambulance Association Treasurer 2694
• Robert George Cameron (1886-1960), educationist 2695
• Charles William Ferdinand, (generally recorded as “C.W.F.”) Trapmann, (1838-1885) brewer& bottler, Three times Mayor of Hindmarsh, 2696 2697 2698 2699 , Major in VMF. 2700 2701
• Bertie Richard “Bert” Milliner (1911-1975), politician and trade unionist, MLC 2702
• Henry Macdermott (1798-1848). 2703 2704 2705 2706 Wine and Spirit Merchant Mayor of Sydney 1845. Radical Political Activist. 2707
• George Fuller Godfrey CBE (1904-1989), journalist and union official 2708 President of the Australian Journalists Association & witness to Japanese Sub attack in Sydney Harbour ?
• William Eustace Maclean JP (1884-1964), engineer, chief of the Hydro Electric Commission, Tasmania(1933) 2709
• William George Inglis Hayman (1897-1968), electrical engineer and educationist 2712 Haymen Road in Perth is named after him. 2713
• Thomas Ross (1866-1936), glassmaker. Mayor of Waterloo. 2714
• Watkin Wynne (1844-1921), newspaper manager. 2715 Imported one of the first motor cars to Australia. Alderman (1896-1901) on Waverley Municipal Council, Mayor of Waverley Municipal Council (1898-99). A founder in 1888 of the United Grand Lodge of New South
Wall H Tew (1915-2007) 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; 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) An early South Australian pioneer

John Lazar (1801/3?-1879), actor. Mayor of Adelaide from 1855 to 1858. A portrait in oils is in the Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide. District Grand Master. Later town clerk of Hokitika NZ

Nicholas George Sparks (1857-1930), fire brigade office, Kings Police Medal

John Michael Finnerty (1853-1913), mining warden and magistrate

John Thomas Smith (1816-1879), publican, philanthropist, politician and landowner. Won Bourke Ward on the first Melbourne Town Council in Dec 1842 remaining a councilor 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. First Freemason initiated in Victoria Smith St Collingwood is named in his honour Third Master of Australia Felix, Victoria’s Oldest Lodge, Initiated there 12th April 1840

Edwin Buckland (1871-1959), Huntly Shire Councilor 'the best known personality in Bendigo and the North'

James Shaw (1846-1910), Builder & investor, First Mayor of Coolgardie, Mayor of Adelaide (1888)

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 Provincial Grand Master SC

Robert Campbell junior (1789-1851), merchant, entrepreneur and pastoralist. President Bank of New South Wales. (1843-51) Initiated in Sydney 6 Jan 1823 Australian Social Lodge No. 260, Irish Constitution

Robert Campbell (1804-1859) MLA, MLC “five or six thousand colonists” attended his funeral in Parramatta, first Provincial Grand Master under the Scottish Constitution in Australia (1856). anti-transportationist

Anton William Rutherford Vroland (1874-1957), educationist., text book author. President Victorian State Schools Teachers' Union, helped form Victorian Teachers' Union

David Allen (1780-1852), Deputy Commissary General, arrived Sydney 1813. A man of poor reputation.

Cpl William Blizzard (c1784-1832) was master of No. 218 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.

Sebastian "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) United Service Lodge No 24 NSW

- Francis “Frank” 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

- James Brackenrig (1758?-1844?) Foundation Senior Deacon at The Australian Social Lodge No. 260. Private in the NSW Corps who arrived in the colony aboard the ship 'Neptune' (second Fleet).

- Capt John Piper (1773-1851) Norfolk Island commander 1804-1810 Point Piper is named for him arrived in Sydney in 1792 & one of the wealthiest individuals in early Sydney.

- Edward Coulson (1844-1936) Initiated in 1874 in Lodge of St John in Wangararrata. First Grand Master of United Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria for 38 years. Member Collingwood Council, Mayor of Collingwood (1907&1908) on the board Queens Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital. Chair of Sailors’ Homes for 17 years. Member Melbourne Tramways Trust for 15 years.

- Frank Shann MA (1882-1943), headmaster Trinity College in Kew Melbourne. Past Master at Trinity Grammarians Lodge President of the Headmasters of the Associated Grammar Schools (1924, 1931 and 1938), and of the Headmasters’ Conference of Australia.

- Michael Schiavello (1975- ) Australian sports commentator Initiated in 2009 in Balwyn-Deepdene Lodge No. 275 UGLV

- Alan Humphrey Croxford (1922-1985), barrister, cattle-breeder and works administrator. Poor services & planning drew him into politics, elected to Doncaster and Templestowe Shire Council (1961). 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 1966-82 (MMBW). Initiated in 1943, possibly in Chatham Lodge where he later was Master.

- Nicholas Weeke (1833-1887), chemist & prominent Freemason. First Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge NSW. Mayor of Manly. died in office as Mayor & Grand Sec, laid in State at GL and 800 attended funeral and the WMGM presided over a Lodge of Sorrow. A street is named for him and GL erected a substantial memorial in Waverly Cemetery NSW.

- Edward Knight (?-1875) Chief Magistrate, Foundation Councilor and Mayor City of Geelong.

- Lewis Ormsby Martin (1870-1944) Lawyer & MLA, Mayor of Taree, legal advisor to Manning Shire Council, WM of Lodge Manning 1901-2

- Ellis Frederick Leathwick Robinson, (1839(?)-1905) Honorary Secretary Deaf and Dumb Institution Chair, Freemasons Benevolent Institution (NSW), Balmain Lodge No 868 EC (WM 1886)

- Captain Philip Leigh (c1813 - 1886) One of the earliest initiates at Australia Felix EC (WM 1851), Master of the same in 1851 took part in the Masonic demonstrations at the opening of Prince's Bridge Melbourne

- William Robert Fitzsimmons (c1871-1926), Dentist, MLA & President Kuring-gai Shire Council

- Henry Langhorne “Jack” Binney, JP (1875-1925) Orchardsist, 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.”
• Henry Norval Edwards generally “H N Edwards” (c1832-1915) Twenty Years a councilor of Port Melbourne, all flags at half mast on his death in Port Melbourne Past Master of Sandridge Marine Lodge 21 UGLV 2817 2818

• Joseph Levi (1856-1944) Magistrate. Past Master Australia Felix Lodge 2819 Sat on various hospital boards included Eye and Ear & Melbourne Hospital. President St Kilda Hebrew Congregation, Melbourne Jewish Philanthropic, Jewish Orphan and Neglected Child, & Anglo Jewish Societies. 2820

• Edward Newman JP (?-1903) Dispensing Chemist, witness Eureka Stockade Rebellion, co-founder Ballarat Benevolent Asylum, Borough Council member 2821

• William Stewart (1883-?), Grand Secretary UGLV 2822 2823 2824 2825 for 32 years 2826, Mayor of Oakleigh 1918-9 & 1926-7 2827 2828

• William Samuel Foxall (c1848-1914) Goulburn business man, Goulburn Lodge of Australia 2829

• Archibald Joseph White, JP (?-1939) President Gloucester Council, 2830

• Henry Gordon Morton JP (1825-1885) engineer, Magistrate, active in agricultural and progressive organizations 2831 2832 2833

• J D Stevenson (c1868-1931), Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Western Australian Freemasons for 31 years 2834 2835 or 32 years 2836. Past Master Bonnie Doon Lodge WA 2837 Initiated St John No 1 WAC 2838

• Alexander Cunningham McCallum KCT MBE (c1865-1941), businessman, Director & Grand Master Western Australia 1930-33 2839 2840 2841 Foundation Member Military RAC No 15 WAC 2842

• James Henry Cunningham (1837-1909), Grand Secretary Freemasons South Australia 2843 2844 District Grand Secretary (EC) 2845 2846 Initiated Tradesman Lodge 1869. 2847

• Dr William Barlow CMG (1834-1915), barrister and university administrator, Vice-Chancellor Adelaide University 2848 2849 First WM of Lodge St Auban 2850 2851 2852

• James Sykes Battye CBE(1871-1954) Librarian, first Chief Librarian WA, Chancellor University of Western Australia, The J S Battye Library of Western Australian History and a Street in Canberra are named for him. Grand Master WAC 1936-50. Initiated 12 April 1898 into Lodge Bonnie Doon No 839 SC. 2853 2854 2855 2856 2857 2858 2859 2860 2861 2862 2863 2864 2865 2866 2867 2868 2869 2870 2871

• Albrecht Eiler Jensen, (c1884-1946), Grand Sec WAC, Sec Miner Workers Relief Fund. Initiated Golden Square in 1908 2872 2873 2874 2875 2876 2877 2878 2879 2880

• Robert Kyffin Thomas (1851-1910), proprietor of The- Register and associated journals. 2881 2882 2883 2884 2885 2886 2887 2888 Past Master of St Alban Lodge (1897-8) 2889 2890 2891 2892

• Leonard Samuel Burton (1824-1895) Chemist and Teacher, Headmaster St Georges School Gawler regarded as one of the best in the Colony. Mayor of Gawler. Leading Gawler Citizen 2893 2894 2895 2896 2897

• Leopold Judell (1848-1927) businessman . Foundation member and Past Master Orroroo Masonic Lodge 2898 2899 2900

• Frederick Charles Beck (1874-1936) Journalist who wrote for The Argus newspaper.. 2901 United Press Lodge 281 UGLV & Windsor Lodge 72 and others 2902 President Board of Benevolence 1924, Grand Treasurer 1926. 2903 Initiated Windsor Lodge in 1902 2904

• William Thwaites (1853–1907) civil servant & engineer working in Melbourne. First Engineer-in-Chief for the MMBW 2905 Examiner in engineering at the University of Melbourne and in 1890 was elected to the University Council. Responsible for the design and supervision of construction of Melbourne's sewerage system. 2906 2907 Founding member Melbourne University Lodge 171 2908 2909 2910 Initiated 1890 in Australasia Lodge No 3. Installed Master of that Lodge 1894. 2911 2912
• William Alexander Downie (1862-1945), Headmaster, magistrate and philanthropist. Grand Master Tasmania 1940-42. Initiated Dorset Lodge circa 1893


• Herbert Upton Wilkinson (-1946), printer & Grand Master Tasmania 1942-44

• Henry Lyndhurst D’Emden (1858-1952), printer & Grand Master Tasmania (c 1942)

• John Cochrane Remington (c 1858-1908), businessman, Grand Master NSW 1899-1906

• James F “Jas” Stump (c1853-1926), Headmaster, Hobart City Treasurer, President Board of Benevolence Tasmania 1908-26

• John S Fitzmaurice (c1883-1924), teacher, Founder & Principal Abbotsholme College Killara 1965-66

• Francis Jackson Carter CMG CVO CBE JP (1889-1999) public servant and Grand Master Tasmania 1956-59

• Lord Dunmore - Malcolm Kenneth Murray, Viscount Fincastle, Earl of Dunmore KStJ (1946-), peer, 12th Earl Dunmore, member House of Lords, High Commissioner Australia and New Zealand. Peerage of Dunmore, second most senior Scottish Peerage, established 1686, of the twelve Earls, ten have been Freemasons. Initiated 8 October 1985 in Concord Lodge No 10 GLTas, Past Master that lodge and several others including Lodge Amalthea 914 UGLV


• Frank Gamblen (1913-1996), academic, University Professor, Foundation President Western Australian Mathematics Association, visiting professor Thailand and USA. Grand Master WA 1963-66. Initiated 9 March 1935 in University Lodge No 154 WAC.

• Anthony Fenn Kemp (1773-1868), colonial soldier, merchant. Possible first man initiated in Australia 1802 aboard the French Naval vessel Le Naturaliste, in Sydney Cove with his initiation certificate written in French. Key participant of the Rum Rebellion. Kemp’s Creek in Sydney is named for him


• Francis William Sutton Cumbrae-Stewart, (1865-1938) , lawyer, university administrator and teacher, Professor of Law at the University of Queensland and Foundation Registrar of the University of Queensland;
• Alfred Henry Pretty (c1874-1929) signwriter and decorator. Member and Mayor of the Thebarton Town Council. Initiated in St Andrew's Lodge in 1907.

• Fred Johns Crescent (1868-1923) journalist and biographer.

• James Robert Robinson (1867-1928), teacher. Head prep school at Prince Alfred College. Initiated Lodge Leopold, Adelaide and held many Masonic offices.


• John Rundall SM (1820-1897) Lawyer & Magistrate, Town Clerk Gawler SA. Member Gawler Lodge of Fidelity.

Suggested names needing further research.

• Frederick Sanders (-1950) Grand Secretary WAC.

• Sir Robert Richard Torrens, KCMG (31 May 1814 – 31 August 1884), land titles law reformer was the 3rd 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’), MLA MLC. Perhaps initiated South Australian Lodge of Friendship in 1854 or, according to Kent Henderson, Lodge of Antiquity No 2 EC in London 24 Nov 1824 however at such date he was only 10 years old.

• WorBro John Jacob Crew Bradfield, born at Sandgate in 1867, was initiated into United Tradesman’s Lodge (Ipswich) in 1889. Bradfield was engineer responsible for the construction of both the Story Bridge and the Sydney Harbour Bridge along with numerous other engineering marvel.

• David Munro 3rd Grand Master of Grand Lodge Victoria (GLV) 1888-89. Could it be this man? David Munro (1844-1898), engineer, inventory, speculator and contractor. Died of alcoholism after financial failure and bankruptcy. If David Munro & Co, then there is an interesting link there.

• Captain Frank Reid Tubb MC. Frank Tubb served in the 7th Battalion, being awarded a Military Cross in fighting around Pozieres in August 1916. See also P00735.014. (AWM) Brother of Frederick H Tubb, VC

• James Stuart [Stewart], Foundation Senior Warden at The Australian Social Lodge No. 260

• Brother Drummond as Senior Tyler

• Brother Hetherington as Junior Tyler

• Mathew (Matthew) Bacon (?-?) The Foundation Master NSW. Officer of the 48th [Northamptonshire] Regiment of Foot, Initiated under Irish travel warrant, No.218, Master Australian Social Lodge 260 IC, now named Lodge Antiquity No 1 under the UGLNSW&ACT. Might be (?-1825) who arrived Port Jackson aboard Surrey (or Surry) 28 July 1818, married Mary A. McDonald in 1821 at St. Philip’s Church, Sydney, partnered John Payne in Wellington Brewery. “Matthew Bacon late 73rd Regiment and Commissariat Department, died at his home in York Street, Sydney on 24 August 1825, aged 36 years.”

• Harry R Roberts (born Robertson also known as Henry R Roberts) (?-1924), Shakespearean Actor, Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW.

• William John “Willie” Fennell aka “Phooey Fennell “ (1920-1992), actor and comedian, Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW.

• James Thomas “Jim” Gussy (c1906-1990) musician & conductor ABC Dance Band Gussey St Moncrieff ACT is named for him, Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW.
• Bobby Le Brun OAM (1910-1985), vaudeville comic, theatre owner, producer, dancer, Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW

• Leo “Lucky” Grills OAM (1928-2007) actor and comedian, played "Bluey Hills" in TV police drama Bluey, Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW

• Jimmy Haynes (Vaudeville Entertainer), Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW

• Jimmy Parkinson, (Vaudeville Entertainer), TV and Recording Personality, Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW

• Ted James (Entertainer & Agent), Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW

• Doug Ashton OAM (1918/9-2011) & son Merv Ashton, both of Ashton’s Circus, oldest operating circus in Australia and Western World, Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW


• Bobby Wright (Actor), Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW

• Bertram Leon Cohen aka Bert Le Blanc (1884-1974), Comedian and Producer Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW. “Although now largely forgotten his influence…was as significant as Phillips and Rene, and indeed Le Blanc was readily accepted by his peers as belonging in the same class as other iconic Australia comedians such as George Wallace and Jim Gerald”

• Charles W. Wray (1922-2013) one of 328 survivors of sinking of HMAS Perth and one of the 218 captured sailors who survived being Japanese POW Initiated Mt. Gravatt Lodge No. 325 in 1946 after being impressed by POW Freemasons.

• Tasman Bradley or Bradley Tasman - Australian Circus Manager

• Robert James “Bob” Fitzsimmons aka “Ruby Robert” aka “Freckled Freak” (1863-1917), World Champion Boxer, blacksmith. Initiated 24 May 1910 in Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW, no record of his further degrees

• Paul Dalton (?-?) international Entertainer, illusionist Charlie Chaplain’s Tramp impersonator, Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW

• Norman White (c1887-1950) Thespian Lodge No. 268, UGLQ inaugural Master 10 Oct 1918, General Manager of Brisbane's Daily Mail. His brother was Ray White, likely founder Ray White Real Estate (initials of brothers and place of birth all match White family originally from Tasmania. Also Mr A J Boyd, staff member of Daily Mail

• Lieutenant Colonel Alan Townson (1951-), engineer, Grand Master Queensland. Initiated 1987 into Celtic of Ithaca Lodge, No 84

• Augustus Earle, artist, signed application for Warrant that would become Lodge of Australia 820 EC

• Francis Stacker Dutton CMG (1818-1877) 7th Premier of South Australia. Master Friendship Lodge SA discovered copper at Kapunda, MLA MLC

• Charles Francis Summers PJGD (1858-1945), sculptor (included in man list). (Son of famous sculptor and artist Charles H Summers, CH Summers needing more research, whose sculptures included the Freemasons Clarke, Redmond Barry plus statues of Queen Victoria and the famous city one of Burke and Wills. Not listed as a Freemason by UGLV but could have been UGLE. C F Summers was also a noted sculptor, whose work is in the Ballarat gardens and Rotorua, amongst other locations, and later became our Librarian for many years at Collins Street. Member Metropolitan Lodge No 85 UGLV.

• John Gale (c1832-1929), journalist, founder Queanbeyan Age 1860, “Father of Canberra”

• John Baker (1813-1872) pastoralist & politician MLC, 2nd Premier South Australia for 10 days (1857). First president of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce, President of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and Lieutenant-Colonel of the Mounted Rifles. involved with the establishment of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens
Suggested names needing further evidence, without further evidence currently being found.

- George Furphy Industry. Could this in fact be John Furphy (1842-1920), engineering blacksmith, George was one of his sons.
- Sir Eric Herbert Pearce OBE (1905-1997), broadcaster, entertainer
- William Elliot, pioneer (c1802-1889)
- Sir Henry Somer Harry" Gullett KCMG (1878-1940), farmer, journalist, historian and Cabinet Minister MLA. Official WW1 Correspondent on the Western Front. OR Henry (Harry) Gullett (1837-1914), journalist and politician (or both)
- Sonny Johns Rupanyup 2014 Citizen of the Year
- Sidney Philip “Sid” Patterson aka “Patto” (1927-1999) cycling
- 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.
- John Brian “Jack” Iverson (1915 – 1973) cricket
- Sir (William) Ian Clunies Ross (1899 – 1959) - science. His Image was on the $50 Australian Bank Note, 1973 until 1992
- Jack Thompson (1922-1992) jockey, Australian Horse Racing Hall of Fame
- Dr. Harvey Eustace Astles (?) First President of the Melbourne Savage Club
- William Archibald Borthwick (1924–2001) MLA was Minister of Lands, Soldier Settlement, Health and Deputy Victorian Premier
- Nicholas Bayly (1770? (1769?)–1823?) ex Lt NSW Corp
- Sir Arthur Dean KC (1893-1970) Justice of the Supreme Court Victoria Chairman of the council of the Presbyterian Ladies' College (1945-58), he oversaw its move from East Melbourne to Burwood. Lecturer and later chancellor of Melbourne University (1954-66)
- George Avery (1925-2006), Olympics
- Bob Haynes commentator
- Walter Burley Griffin
- Sir Kenneth George Luke (1896-1971) manufacturer & football administration Carlton President from 1938 to 1955, VFL President 1956 to 1971. Member Australian Football Hall of Fame. A stand at Waverley Park and Boulevard in Mulgrave are named after him
- Richard Allan “Dick” French (1938-), cricket umpire
- John Harry Grainger (1854-1917), architect
- George Percy Grainger (1882-1961), musician
- John Angus Laird (J.A. Laird,) (1862-?? ) Architect. The architectural firm of Laird and Buchan (originally known as Laird and Barlow) was prolific in Geelong and district in the late 19th and 20th centuries.
- Colonel Sir John William Castine (1846-1939), Politician, member of parliament for 18 years. Helped establish the National Rifle Association.
- Albert Molineux (1832-1908), farmer, editor and promoter of agriculture, instigator of the Central Agricultural Bureau


• Gordon Watt, Chief Inspector.

• Earl Ronald Owen AO (1934 – 2014) microsurgeon pioneer, co-led the first successful hand transplant.

• Sir Andrew Bruce Small (1895–1980) cycling, developed Malvern Star into a household name, Mayor of the City of the Gold Coast, MLA.

• Lionel Edmund Rose MBE (1948-2011) Former multiple world boxing champion, first Indigenous Australian named Australian of the Year.

• Robert “Bobby” Baddeley Simpson AO (1936-) cricket.

• William (Billy) Lloyd Murdoch (1854/5 –1911), cricket Australian Second Test Captain in 1882.

• James Hardie (1851-1920), businessman. Founder Hardie Industries.

• Albert "Tibby" Cotter (1883–1917) State and International cricket. The best fast bowler through the first decade of the 20th century he had a reputation for breaking stumps. Served at Gallipoli, shot and died at Beersheba WW1. WW2 soldiers visited his grave in Palestine “the most noted Australian cricketer killed in the last war”.

• 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 or used an incorrect descriptor.

• Neville Wran (1926-2014) Premier NSW.

• Charles George "Charlie" Macartney (1886 –1958) Australian cricketer who played in 35 Tests between 1907 and 1926. He was known as "The Governor-General".

• Ian David Craig OAM (1935-2014), youngest ever captain of the Australian Cricket team.


• Canon Farr MA looks to be George Henry Farr (1819-1904), Anglican clergyman and schoolmaster.

• Victor Thomas Trumper (1877- 1915) cricket.

• Lou Richards, football.

• Harry Beitzel (1927-), football.

• Ron Barassi, Victorian Rules Football legend.

• Bob Pratt (1912-2001), football.

• Brighton Diggins football.

• Sid Sewell.

• Richard Sylvannus "Dick" Reynolds (1915-2002) Essendon Football Club. Reynolds is one of four footballers to have won three Brownlow Medals.

• Howard Okey (12 February 1906 - 3 March 1985) Essendon Footballer.

• Mr. J. W. Tolmie, Gippsland Pioneer. PM Duke of Abercorn Lodge Bacchus Marsh.

• Sir Howard Florey, medicine (1898 –1968) was an Australian pharmacologist and pathologist who shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1945 with Sir Ernst Boris Chain and Sir Alexander Fleming for his role in the making of penicillin.

• 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.
• Stuart Laing Mock (1936-2012), local business & sportsman. President of the Jersey Cattle Clubs Association of Victoria, Rodney Shire Council (1973-83; president 1977-78).  
• Neil Roberts football  
• John Trevor Patten, known professionally as Johnny Jarrett (1936-), 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  
• Beaumont Arnold Moulden (1849-1926) lawyer and politician, SA MLA the Palmerton suburb of Moulden is named after him  
• Harold Hubert Salisbury (1915–1991), South Australian Police Commissioner, sacked from Office.  
• 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  
• 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, sentence 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 Kerr Street, Fitzroy is named after him. He was Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Order. Could this be William Warren Kerr CMG, CBE (1864-1949), Chairman of the State Savings Bank of Victoria, president of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce in 1916, chairman of the Royal Commission on taxation. It was he who was mainly responsible for amalgamation of State and Federal taxation systems. Mayor of Kew  
• J.F.Taylor (?-?) member first South Australian Lodge, Hand of Friendship EC No.613. A street in Adelaide is named after him  
• Daniel Wakefield (?-?) member first South Australian Lodge, Hand of Friendship EC No.613. A street in Adelaide is named after him  
• 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 (?-1883), first initiate in South Australia on 25 March 1856. Possibly the same man “Archibald Cooke, an early pastoralist. He died at Strathalbyn in 1883”  
• Frederick Foote Turner (?-1908) Attorney-General, Commissioner of Trade.  
• George Reibey & James Reibey, sons of Mary Reibey, now pictured on the $20 Australian Bank 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 (1845-1936) ,  
• Bob Skilton (1983-)football one of only four players to have won the Brownlow Medal three times  
• Albert Lachlan (1877-1955) journalist, attended the opening of the first Federal parliament, was one of the earliest members of the parliamentary press gallery. Relieving editor for the Argus and was another example of erroneous ideas on Freemasonry; he was catholic  
• Colonel 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. Might be Rev Joseph Horace (1890-1956) who served as Army Chaplain.

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

• 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.

• Thomas Boulton [Bolton] Early NSW Settler or convict in Sydney. Initiated 1820 in Sydney.

• John Allan Edmonds (1884-1948) President Boorowa Council.

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

• James Stephens (Stevens) (1821-1889), Trade Unionist, Champion of the 8 hour day, Melbourne Lodge of the Operative Mason or Victorian Operative Masons' Society later Friendly Society of Operative Stonemasons (These all appear to be Unions rather than Speculative Masonic Lodges.

• William Chapman (1820-1887), musician and composer.

• 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.

• Possible Major John W Hamilton, DSO, B.E., A.M.I.C.E.

• Frederick George Usher (1863-1941), one of the Founders of the Freemasons Hospital. Past Master Citizens Masonic Lodge and its treasurer for 31 years.


• David Mack (1859-1925) well known Courser and Judge of Coursing. PM of St. Andrew's and St. George's Lodges.

• James Egan JP of Donnybrook, businessman.

• Dr Alfred W F Noyes (C1834 -1902). Hospital surgeon at Deniliquin for over 45 years. Early Mayor Deniliquin. A monument to him stands at Cressy & End Streets, Deniliquin, 2710. Only MUOOF is mentioned specifically and mentions of him being a Freemason are possibly mistaken.

• William James (1854-1897), Bendigo Councilor.

• Thomas Bragg (1856-1921) innovative farmer & Dubbo Pioneer.

• Hubert William Verco (famous boxer known by the name of ‘Soldier Thompson’), Lodge Thespian No 256 NSW.

• A C Lowe, Grand Master Tasmania 1951-52.

• Rickman Penny Furmage (1892-1975?), business owner and manager, father founded R P Furmage Pty Ltd which he Rickman inherited, street named after him. Grand Master Tasmania 1953-54.

• Major Sir Robert Webster CMG DSO MC (1891–1981), business leader and university chancellor, a WWI veteran; and in succession general manager, managing director and chairman of Bradmill Industries and Chancellor of the University of New South Wales. Member AIF Memorial Lodge No.289.


• Major Hugh George McCullough (1907-1969) army officer.
• Raymond Eric “Ray” Fisher MSM (1894-1965) businessman and co-founder “Uncle Bobs Club” est 1942 which supports the Childrens Hospital, Melbourne 3253. The founders of the Uncle Bobs Club, Alf Clark, Ray Fisher, Jock McAdam and Clarrie Williams
• John Job Crew Bradfield (1867-1943), civil engineer. Initiated into United Tradesman’s Lodge (Ipswich) in 1889. Bradfield was engineer responsible for the construction of both the Story Bridge and the Sydney Harbour Bridge along with numerous other engineering marvels 3254
• Thomas Austin (1815-1817) In 1859 imported ten pairs of rabbits which he released on his property Barwon Park. Member Unity and Prudence Lodge in Victoria.3255
• Major Thomas Shuldham O’Halloran CMG (1797-1870), pioneer and first SA Police Commissioner in 1838, Past Master Lodge of True Brotherhood No 1210 EC (India)3256
• Sadly, led “punitive expeditions” against Indigenous Australians and was at the centre of the “Maria controversy” where a drumhead court executed 2 aboriginals.
• Sir Henry Edward Fox Young KCMG (1803-1870) colonial administrator. Governor of South Australia (1848-1854). 3258 First Governor of Tasmania (1855 – 1861)
• Sir Percy Claude Spender KCVO KBE KC QC (1897-1985) was an Australian politician, diplomat and judge. Federal Treasurer & Government Minister. The Colombo Plan— was initially called the ‘Spender Plan’. Vice-president (1950-51) of the fifth General Assembly of the United Nations, ANZUS advocate and ambassador to USA MLA 3261
• Mr. William Henville Burford, (1807–1895) manufacturer and politician. MLA 3262 3263
• Michael Clements (1857-1936), President Shire of Moorabbin 1905-06, 1923-25. Initiated into the Freemasons, Moorabbin Lodge in 1902, PM that Lodge and also Foundation Master Ensign Lodge 3264
• Canon Thomas Jones (?-1918), a Church of England cleric regarded as the father of the church in Queensland; 3265
• Dr H K Porter (not the printer from WA) 3266

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• A.B. “Banjo” Patterson (1864-1941). Poet, journalist and author 3267
• Henry Lawson (1867-1922), Australian poet and author.3268 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.3269 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 1942.3270
• 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 have no reliably evidence that they were initiated as a Freemason… 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.
Edward Henty 1810–1878 pioneer farmer, first permanent settler in Port Phillip District. Although included in several unreferenced lists of Freemasons, I can find no collaborating evidence for his membership of Freemasonry.

Field Marshal Sir Thomas Albert Blamey GBE, KCB, CMG, DSO, ED (1884 –1951), Soldier & Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police 3271 Blamey appears on several lists of Freemasons – but I cannot find a substantive source in order to list him as a Freemason.

Chan Lean “Charlie” Fore (?-1909), Sydney Chinese Community Leader, leader Anti-opium league died suicide opium overdose. Sometimes reported as a Freemason, but member RAOB 3272 3273

Colonel Alexander Christie CBE, Regular Army officer during WWI & WWII, Knight of St John and founder of the Colonel Alexander Christie CBE Trophy of St John Ambulance. Claimed as Member AIF Memorial Lodge No.289 3274

Proving a Premier – Sir John Downer, South Australia

John William Downer, KCMG, KC (6 July 1843 – 2 August 1915), federationalist, lawyer and politician, 16th Premier of South Australia, twice Premier,. Attorney-General. Member of Constitutional Committee 1897 and sat in First Parliament of Australia following Federation. MLA MLC 3275 3276

Sir John Downer was twice Premier of South Australia and was a significant Federationalist. He is not listed anywhere I can find as a Freemason, however significantly 1885 'GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF VICTORIA,', The Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954), 13 July, p. 6. http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article191195513 carried the line “Bro. Downer, the present Premier of South Australia, had an interview with the Grand Secretary...” (of Grand Lodge Victoria, the forerunner to United Grand Lodge Victoria). UGLV was founded in 1889 and GLV in 1883, but did not achieved regularity and mainly consisted of Irish Lodges. The date of the article fits with Downer’s Premiership, however I (and GLSA&NT) cannot currently find any collaborating evidence. His association with the unrecognised GLV might have tainted him in some way, and he is listed as “Brother” indicating he had not advanced far in Freemasonry of which there is no mention of in his funeral notices..

Inquires with the Grand Lodge of South Australia have not been able to find anything. They advise;

A careful search of available library records has revealed no direct Masonic connection for Sir John Downer. The “S.A. Freemason” publication covering that period particularly would probably have had some mention of Sir John because of his great prominence in this State and Federally if he had been a Freemason. I am sure that the Grand Master Brother concerned was Most Worshipful Brother Henry Edward Downer, the brother of Sir John. Charles R A Glover’s “First Fifty Years of Freemasonry in South Australia’ contains references to H E Downer as District Grand Master in 1869 and as Provincial Grand Master in 1870. This would I feel sure be under the jurisdiction of United Grand Lodge of England. Other references include him as Master Elect in The United Tradesmens Lodge, and as Junior Grand Deacon in 1860. “The Supreme Federalist” – “The Political Life of Sir John Downer” by the Hon. Dr. John Bannon who was Premier of South Australia 1982-1992, also has no mention of a Masonic connection. A photograph of Sir John and a photograph of his grave monument in that book show no Masonic emblems. It has been most interesting to follow up your enquiry and to make contact with you Brother Damian as Editor of Devotion News, Lodge Devotion 723 UGLV and you Brother Ange
at the UGLV Library and Museum. With kindest fraternal greetings for the festive season and best wishes for the new year, yours, John Rand, PGPsvt. Library Assistant

On many occasions I have been able to “prove” Masonic Membership of famous men through several primary and secondary sources. I would like any assistance readers can give in substantiating yet another South Australian Premier as a Freemason.

Proving a Premier – George Leake, Western Australia

Sir Luke Samuel Leake (1828-1886) merchant and Speaker of the House MLC was a Freemason. He is the Brother of George Leake who was the Third Premier of Western Australia. While researching, I noted that the Grand Master attended George’s funeral. This might be because George was a notable public figure, but there might be more to it, especially as there are further suggestions of George’s association with Freemasonry, but given the Craft’s standing at the time, and a possible connection via family, attendance and references to Freemasonry might be because of this. For instance, my own father, not a Freemason, has sat with the Grand Master in a lodge, when the public were admitted. It is a mistake to take such references as definite proof of Masonic Membership, but in George’s case, there is a “vibe” to the references which suggests he may have been a Freemason, but these suggestions do not meet the burden of proof for inclusion as a Freemason in this list. Can anyone assist?

• George Leake CMG KC (1856 –1902) was the third Premier of Western Australia, serving from May to November 1901 and then again from December 1901 to his death. Possible

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 http://adb.anu.edu.au/biographies/search/?query=rele:%22286%22&re=true&rpp=200
• 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. These are only included in PDF versions of the list.
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. Increasingly names with are being supplied to me by the public – thank you!

**Sources - Web Sites of Note**

Web sites used are retained in this list even if they go off line. Such sites can sometimes be retrieved using internet archives such as [http://archive.org/web/](http://archive.org/web/)

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National Library of Australia, Trove, Digitised Newspapers and more  

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Minuteman Press 2016
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2. Alexander Chalmers "Alec" Bannerman (1854-1924)
4. William “Bill” Beach (1850-1935)
5. Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry “Ned” Braddon, PC KCMG (1829-1904)
6. Sir Walter John Burnett (1921-2016)
8. Air Commodore Jack Napier Davenport AC DSO GM DFC and bar (1920-1996),
10. John George “George” Davies KCMG (1846-1913)
11. Lord Dunmore - Malcolm Kenneth Murray, KSJ (1946-)
14. Prof Frank Gamblen (1913-1996)
15. Sir Harry Talbot Gibbs PM GCMG AX KBE QC (1917-2005)
16. Sir Charles Henry Goode (1827-1922)
17. Sir George Grey KCB (1812-1898)
18. Dr William Clark Haines (1810-1866)
19. Anthony Fenn Kemp (1773-1868),
20. Charles Wallace Alexander Napier Cochrane-Ballie, 2nd Baron Lamington, GCMG GCIE, (1860-1940)
22. Major-General Dr Frederick Arthur Maguire CMG DSOVD KStj MD (1888 – 1953)
25. Dr Alphonso Jean Gardiner Nicholson CMG MB (1912 - )
29. Sir Dudley Bruce Ross KC QC (1892-1984),
30. Dr James Leonard Rossiter CBE (1887-1962)
31. Sir Ross Macpherson Smith, KBE, MC & Bar, DFC & two Bars, AFC (1892 – 1922)
32. Sir Keith Macpherson Smith KBE (1890 –1955)
33. Donald “Don” Tallon (1916-1984)
34. Surgeon-General Sir William Daniel Campbell Williams KCMG CB KStJ (1856-1919)
35. Andrew Douglas Young (1881-1950)

Names for whom “300 Famous Australian Freemasons” is the sole source able to be accessed
These require further research and have not yet been included in the body of the list. The intent is to closely examine the footnotes supplied in the book, my general practice being to include more than a single source.

36. George Adams (1839-1904), publican and lottery promoter, founder of Tattersalls. Initiated Lodge Samaritan 294 IC
39. Havelock “Frank” Race Ashton (1895-1971) journalist and newspaper editor of The Sun (Melbourne) and The Telegraph Newspapers. Initiated 18 Nov 1919 in Lodge Victoria No 113 NSWGL, Past Master Lodge Literature No 500 NSWGL 20 Year Certificate holder
40. Reginald Leslie “Snowy” Baker (1884 – 1953) sportsman and showman, journalist and boxing promoter, film actor and riding instructor to Hollywood Stars, represented Australia in Boxing at the 1908 Olympic Games. Initiated Lodge Thespian No 256 UGLNSW
41. Sir Thomas Bent KCMG (1838-1909), 22nd Premier of Victoria, politician, Speaker of the House, MLA. There is a Statue of him in Brighton Victoria. Initiated 9 June 1884 in Lodge of Australia Felix 474 EC (later No 1 UGLV), resigned 1895. 50 Year Certificate holder
42. Warren “Curly” Bardsley (1882-1954) test cricket captain and batsman. He was Wisden’s Cricketer of the Year in 1910. Initiated on 20 Feb 1909 Leinster Marine Lodge No 2, UGLNSW
44. Garnet Hannell Carroll, OBE (1902-1964) theatre entrepreneur, theatre manager and owner. Initiated 22 Sept 1931 into Lodge Orpheus 394 UGLV.


46. Captain Francis “Frank” de Groot (1888-1969), antique dealer and furniture manufacturer member New Guard famous for his unofficial horseback “opening” of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in front a crowd of 300,000 people before Jack Lang cut the ribbon of the same in 1932. Arrested, he said his was in protest for Governor Game not being invited to perform the opening. Initiated 11 September 1940 in Army and Navy No 517 GLNSW&ACT.

47. Sir John Forrest GCMG (1847-1918) 1st Baron Forrest of Bunbury, hence first Australian born Lord, politician, explorer of Western Australia, land surveyor, reformer, federalist attending numerous Conventions; 1891,1897, 1898. First Premier Western Australia, cabinet minister in First Parliament of Australia. Post-Master General, Fed Treasurer, MLA, MLC. Many places in Western Australia name by him or named for him. In 1899 he gave women the right to vote.

48. Sir Benjamin John “Ben” Fuller (1875-1952) actor, vaudevillian and theatrical entrepreneur, philanthropist. Initiated in St Munn Lodge No 496 SC and affiliated The Australian Lodge of Harmony No 5 NSW in 1923 and Lodge Thespian No 253 NSW 1950 remained a member there until death.


50. Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Hampton Hardwick (1888-1956) heavy weight boxing champion and Olympic gold medalist, swimming champion. WW1 & WW2, commanded the 1st Cavalry Divisional Signals from 1940 to 1942. Catholic. Initiated 4 Oct 1924 in King of Tyre No 457 NSWC, Past Master Lodge Imperial 579 NSW.

51. James Harrison (1816-1893) printer, journalist, politician, engineer, inventor. Founder and editor Geelong Advertiser, Geelong Register editor The Age (Melbourne). Invented first ice making machine used for practical food purposes such as meat packing and brewing 1857. Designed a revolutionary refrigerator, and patented in 1860 and made other advances in refrigeration. MLA MLC. Initiated Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence 801 EC (now No 5 UGLV) on 11 November 1851.

52. Ronald Francis “Ronal” Jackson (1920—2002) noted opera singer, teacher and director.

53. VRev James Frederick “Fed” McKay, AC CMG OBE (1907-2000), RAAF Chaplain, outback missionary, Presbyterian Church Moderator. Initiated 9 Oct 1937 in McKinlay Lodge No 368 QLD.


56. Alan David McGilvray AM MBE (1909-1996) cricketer & cricket broadcaster “voice of Australian Cricket”. Initiated 7 July 1949 in Lodge Easter No 423 NSW.

57. Thomas Robert “Tom” McKibbin (1870-1939) test cricketer. Initiated 9 February 1929 in Lodge City of the Plains No 607 GLNSW.


64. Mervyn Richard Stanton (1927-) Anglican Bishop, Rotarian, Grand Master GLTas 1983-86. Initiated 6 April 1951 in Old Hobartian Lodge no 56 GLTas


67. Edwin “Ted” Street OBE (1891-1975) ice-cream manufacturer and philanthropist. Founded Street Ice-cream which he built to a national business and sold in 1961 for about £ 4 million. Initiated 18 July 192 in Lodge Port Kemba No 460 NSW

68. Hedley Brian Taber (1940-) international test cricketer; wicketkeeper. Initiated 4 July 1960 in Lodge Cricket No 931 GLNSW

69. Edward “Ned” Trickett (1851-1916) world champion rower, sculler, hotel owner. Won over 150 rowing trophies. Initiated 11 Dec 1876 in Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia No 266 IC (later No 2 GLNSW)

70. Major-General George Alan Vasey aka” 'Bloody George” CB CBE DSO and bar (1895-1945) soldier. Also held Greek Military Cross (1944) & United States' Distinguished Service Cross (1944). Division Commander. A commanding officer Middle East, Crete, Papua, New Guinea including on the Kokoda Trail. Initiated 10 Oct 1927 in Wesley Collegians Lodge 358 UGLV, affiliating with several others in other Constitutions but remained a member of 358 until his death.

71. Sir Samuel Robert Walder (1879-1946) businessman, politician and philanthropist. Rotarian and director of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Lord Mayor of Sydney MLC. Initiation unknown but member Lodge of Kensington No 270 and The Millions Lodge No 476 both NSW
Names I’d removed from earlier versions of my list due to lack of evidence but are included in the book.


73. James Larra, emancipist, has not been included; there is no reliable source known and the footnotes in the book do not substantial his membership. Although he owned the “Freemasons Arms” Hotel, this does not conclusively mean he was a Freemason.

Articles acknowledged with special thanks


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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, often the source used is newspaper articles on Trove. Several important men listed who have been discovered via the 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.

**A Note on Versions of this Document**

This section was added in Version 11 released on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Version 11
A major change in this version was to change the type of bullet points used to mark name to make the list more web friendly. Bullets were changed from an arrow head to a round bullet which will clearly identify earlier versions of the list. We have also confirmed several very notable Australians as Freemasons such as Tommy Woodcock and Reg Ansett and others.

Version 12
“Compendium “added to the title of the list and 35 names added from “300 Famous Australian Freemasons” by Kent Henderson with additional names added in the list requiring further research.

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- Australia’s First Rotary Club A History of the Rotary Club of Melbourne By Owen Parnaby
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