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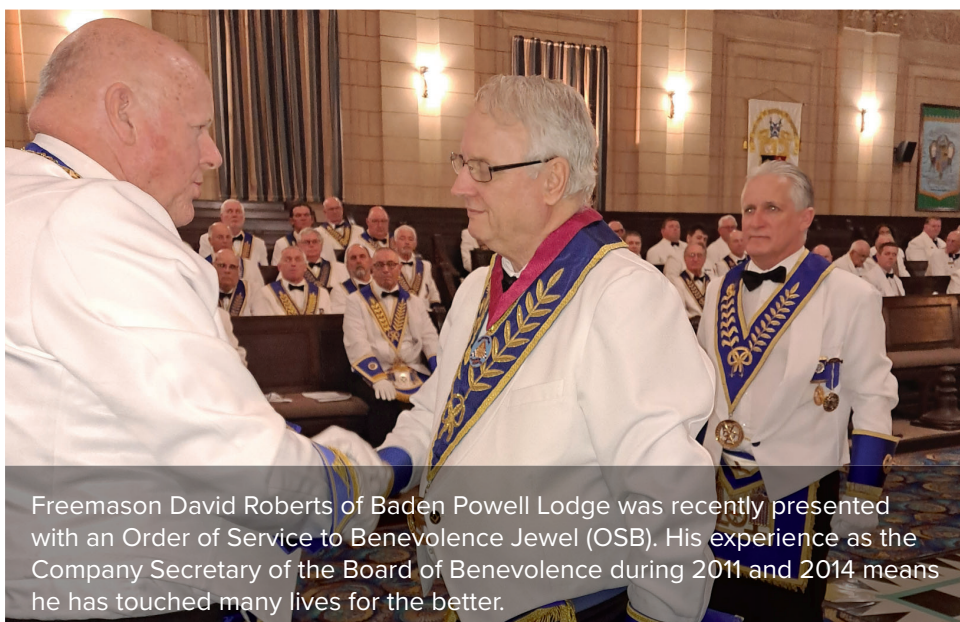
David honoured with prestigious jewel for dedication to benevolence

In Freemasonry there is no greater honour than receiving an Order of Service to Benevolence Jewel (OSB).

Recently David Roberts of Baden Powell Lodge, a Freemason of over 30 years, was bestowed that very honour by the Grand Master UGLQ, Jeff Harper, in recognition of his many years of service to benevolence.

Whether it's helping someone facing hardship to seek financial support or supporting fellow Members to better understand HHP's programs, David's gentle and kind-natured approach instantly puts people at ease.

Thank you David for your service.



Freemason David Roberts of Baden Powell Lodge was recently presented with an Order of Service to Benevolence Jewel (OSB). His experience as the Company Secretary of the Board of Benevolence during 2011 and 2014 means he has touched many lives for the better.



Good together: Dollars 4 Dollars and Dollars 4 Doers



Redlands Lodge representatives Billy Cupples and Harvey Williams presented a \$20,000 cheque to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Foundation, which was matched again by another donor.

Redlands Lodge made triple the impact when they recently donated \$20,000 to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Foundation. Their initial donation of \$10,000 was matched by Hand Heart Pocket, followed by it being matched again by another donor as part of the RBWH Foundation's Annual Giving Day. The funds will support patient care and medical research. The theme for this year's campaign was giving the gift of time. The RBWH Foundation raised over half a million dollars this year.

Check out the FAQs about our Matched Giving program... visit handheartpocket.org.au and click on the Members tab

Talk to the HHP team - call or email us on (07) 3493 6000 or info@handheartpocket.org.au

See more Matched giving and volunteering photos on page 5

From the Chairman



Welcome to Spring! If you, like me are wondering where the year has gone, then I encourage you to give some thought to applying for Dollars 4 Dollars or Dollars 4 Doers. If you are thinking of supporting your favourite local community organisation ahead of the festive season, find out if your efforts can be matched by Hand Heart Pocket to increase your impact.

Year in Review event success

Speaking of how fast the year has gone, we've just held our Year in Review event to showcase the work we have done together in the community across Queensland and Papua New Guinea this past year. We had 70 in-person attendees and 40 online viewers. Scan the QR code on the back page to watch a recording of the event. The feedback we received has been extremely positive.

I am proud to say that we have distributed over \$5 million across Queensland and PNG during 2022-23.

Our Investment Committee has done an impressive job of managing our investments alongside our advisors, Cambridge Associates, to maintain a strong financial position despite ongoing global market volatility.

Working alongside our Members

I have had the privilege of meeting many of our Members this year, visiting various regions to provide an overview of Hand Heart Pocket's programs and share how we can work together for your local community.

Thank you for giving us your time and insights. The team and I are keen to support Members to increase their presence in the community and create positive change. Just look at the diagram on the next page which shows the Local Community Partnerships that Members have been working hard at or are looking to get off the ground in the year ahead. You too can get involved and support a cause that matters to you in your community, just let us know so we can help.

Positive Stakeholder feedback

The results of our Social License to Operate survey are also in and I am humbled by the results. Overwhelmingly, we have the support of our stakeholders in the work that we do and the impact we are making.

A consultancy called 89 Degrees East undertook the independent research, conducting qualitative in-depth interviews with 46 stakeholders, almost 20% of whom were Members. They also conducted a quantitative online survey which generated 486 responses, 75% of whom were Members. Perceptions of our organisation are very high among stakeholders. I congratulate my fellow Board Members and Executive Team for achieving this result. Read some of the feedback on page 4. The Board looks forward to building on our success into the future.

Alasdair Begley

Chairman

**Scan the QR code
to watch our
history video**



Good Governance series: Meet our new Deputy Chairman

Our Board oversees the organisation's strategic direction and performance. They are stewards of the assets left to us by past generations of Freemasons.

In order to strengthen the Board's ability to provide leadership and direction, we aim for Directors' skillsets to be varied but complementary.

Recently our Chairman, Alasdair Begley announced the appointment of Craig Reimers as our Deputy Chairman. Craig has been on our Board since 2021 and has vast strategic and Masonic experience, having worked in the Australian Army, the resource sector and now the Queensland Government specialising

in Risk Management, quality auditing and safety leadership.

A Member of Halcyon Lodge in Toowoomba and a former HHP Champion, Craig's love of community and charity go back many years.

If you see Craig out and about, make sure you say hello. Craig loves meeting Members and helping them better understand our programs.

If he doesn't have all the detail on hand, he'll put you in touch with someone on the team that can help.

We congratulate Craig on his appointment and look forward to working more closely with him.



Deputy Chairman Craig Reimers was appointed earlier this year.

Your opportunity to support these Lodges and get involved in community

Partnerships in Year 1 phase in 2022-23



Toowoomba and District Masonic Council

- ✓ \$4,318 raised by the District
- ✓ 76 volunteer hours
- ✓ \$18,903 donated by HHP

Community Partner: Protea Place

Cause: Women impacted by DV and homelessness

Murilla Lodge, Miles

- ✓ 258 volunteer hours
- ✓ \$22,900 donated by HHP

Community Partner: Murilla Community Centre

Cause: Community welfare and wellbeing

Presentations completed



Myora Lodge, Stradbroke Island

Community partner selected

Brisbane Shriners

Community partner selected

North Queensland District

Community partner selected

Sunshine Coast

Community partnership being discussed

Maranoa

Community partnership being discussed

Upcoming presentations - Join us!



Childers

Monday 20 November

Isis Masonic Centre

7:30pm - 9:00pm

Bundaberg

Tuesday 21 November

Bundaberg Masonic Centre

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Redcliffe

Tuesday 28 November

Scarborough Masonic Centre

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Portal Lodge

Tuesday 5 December

Sinnamon Park Masonic Centre

7:45pm -9:00pm



Leave your mark in the community

- ✓ Partner with a local organisation over two years and focus your Lodges' giving, fundraising and volunteering towards fulfilling a bigger project.
- ✓ A gauranteed \$10,000 donation from Hand Heart Pocket each year for two years.

- ✓ Hand Heart Pocket matches your giving, fundraising and volunteer hours with a donation.
- ✓ Have a more visible presence in the community and be recognised for your efforts by others locally.

Members and stakeholders give HHP tick of approval

We recently surveyed our stakeholders, including our Members, to measure the trust and confidence they have in us to operate in the community - this is called an organisation's social license to operate. Having almost 500 respondents meant we had a substantial sample size to work with. Overall, perceptions were very positive and feedback was constructive. We thank everyone that participated for sharing their views.



Measuring stakeholders' perceptions



46 Qualitative in-depth interviews with stakeholders, approx. 20% were Members.

486 responses to Quantitative online survey, 75% were Members.



Leaders in philanthropy

"I have a lot to do with charities. Hand Heart Pocket is in the top dozen in Australia. They are a leader in Queensland in what philanthropy should look like."



Evidence-based approach

"They use their smarts and evidence-based approaches probably better than any other philanthropic organisation that I've dealt with. It's probably the most modern and sophisticated approach that I have seen."



Collaborative

"[They are] super collaborative with sharing their learnings and what they are trying to achieve. They don't think they know everything, which is refreshing. They are welcome in any room."



The right focus

"The focus on youth is very important. They are not having it as easy as my generation. Housing is more expensive, more people are coming from broken homes. We might not see results for 15 or 20 years. But it's worth trying."



Connectors and convenors

"They enabled us to facilitate a suite of other collaborations with philanthropies, not-for-profits and government agencies. What we have been able to do would not have been possible without Hand Heart Pocket."



Ideas and reforms

"[The CEO] has added a level of focus to the organisation that was needed. Hand Heart Pocket has benefited greatly from the reforms. They have been a powerhouse of energy and positive change."



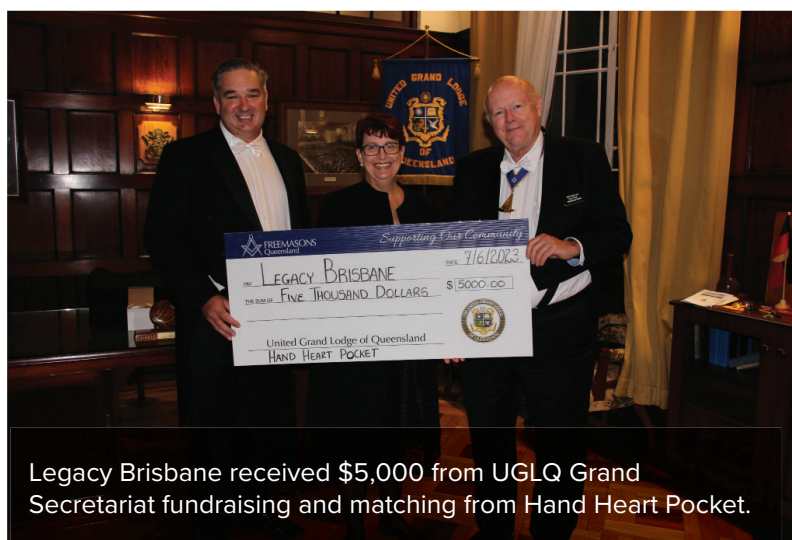
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Hand Heart Pocket matched Brisbane Shriners Club, so they could donate \$6,050 to Youth Enterprise Trust.



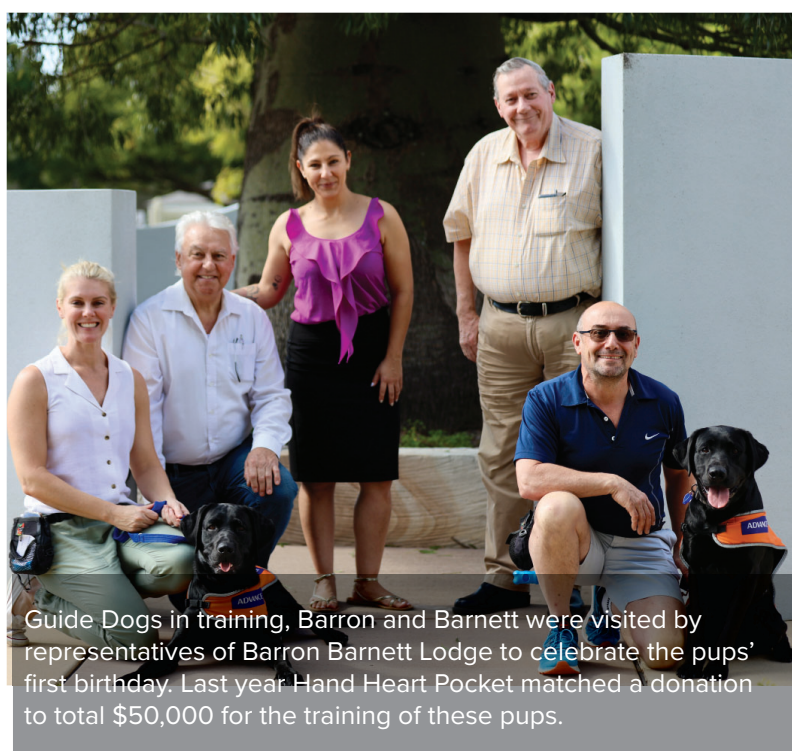
Freemason Mark Murrell's personal donation to No Boundaries Disability Support was matched by Hand Heart Pocket totalling \$400.



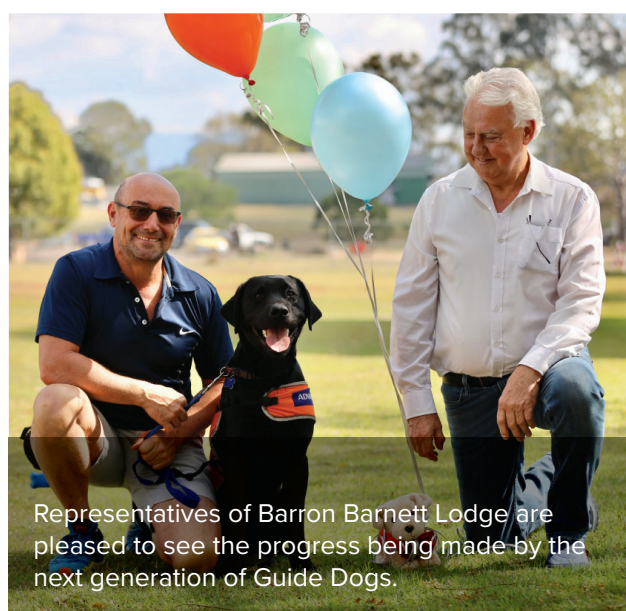
Legacy Brisbane received \$5,000 from UGLQ Grand Secretariat fundraising and matching from Hand Heart Pocket.



Roma Freemason Brian Reardon who volunteers at St Vinnies had his 100 hrs matched with a \$5,000 donation.



Guide Dogs in training, Barron and Barnett were visited by representatives of Barron Barnett Lodge to celebrate the pups' first birthday. Last year Hand Heart Pocket matched a donation to total \$50,000 for the training of these pups.



Representatives of Barron Barnett Lodge are pleased to see the progress being made by the next generation of Guide Dogs.

Board of Benevolence

2022-23 Annual Review



Learn more about the work we have done together in the community



Scan the QR code to watch a recording of our 2023 Year in Review event



Scan the QR code to read a digital copy of our 2022-23 Annual Review



Scan the QR Code to apply online for Matched Giving



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