

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATION

Bay City Motel

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71–77 Gheringhap St, Geelong VIC 3220

Phone: +61 3 5212 9100

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Website: <https://www.questgeelongcentral.com.au/>

Bayside Geelong Hotel & Apartments

13–15 The Esplanade, Geelong VIC 3220

Phone: +61 3 5244 7700

Email: reservations@baysidegeelong.com.au

Website: <https://www.baysidegeelong.com.au/>

TRANSPORT

Tullamarine Airport <-> Geelong

Taxi

SkyBus + train/bus: SkyBus to Southern Cross Station (approx. 30–40 min) then V/Line train to Geelong (approx. 1h 10m). Total ~1h45–2h depending on connections. Cost: SkyBus ~AU\$20–25, V/Line ~AU\$15–25 (off-peak/peak).

Private transfer / shuttle: Door-to-door vans or taxis from airport to Geelong (approx. 1h15–1h30). Cost: AU\$150–250 depending on vehicle and provider.

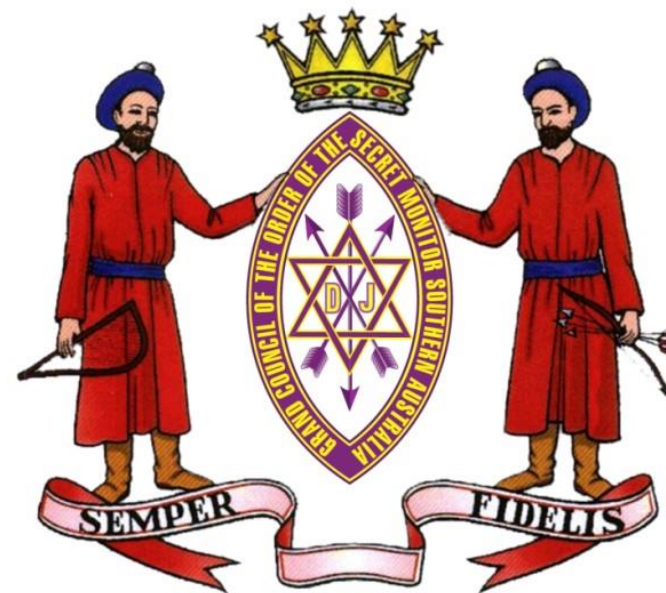
Rideshare / taxi direct: Approx 75–90 minutes (traffic dependent). Cost: AU\$140–220 (taxi typically higher).

Rental car: Drive via M1 (Princes Freeway) ~75–90 minutes; parking in Geelong depends on hotel. Fuel + tolls apply (no tolls on M1 to Geelong).

Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor

for

Southern Australia



INVITATION

2026 Grand Installation weekend

Friday, 24 July 2026: Fourth Grade of the Order of the Scarlet Cord.

Saturday, 25 July 2026: Grand Council, Installation of Grand Supreme Ruler-elect, Investiture of Grand Officers for 2026-27.

Sunday 26 July 2026: Farewell Breakfast.

Geelong Masonic Centre

25-27 Regent Street, Belmont VIC 3216

A Personal Invitation from Most Worthy Brother John Charles Ives, GSR

I have the honour and pleasure of extending a warm and sincere invitation to all our Ladies, Brethren of the Secret Monitor from Interstate and International Jurisdictions, and all Brethren of the Order for Southern Australia, to attend, support, and enjoy the Installation of Right Worthy Brother John Daniel McKernan as our Grand Supreme Ruler, and the Investiture of his Grand Council Officers for 2026-27.

The Grand Installation and all associated events will be held at the Belmont Masonic Centre in the Harbour City of Geelong over the weekend of Friday 24th July to Sunday 26th July 2026.

On Friday 24th July several invited Past Presidents of a Consistory will be promoted to the Fourth Grade of the Appendant Order of the Scarlet Cord. All Distinguished Companion Councillors (Fourth Grade) are encouraged to attend and share in the happy occasion of our companions' progress. The ceremony will be followed by a light dinner.

On Saturday 25th July after a catered afternoon tea for all, and following a brief business meeting of Grand Council, all will be present in the Council Chamber to witness the ceremony of Installation of the Grand Supreme Ruler and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing twelve months.

At the conclusion of the ceremony all will enjoy a celebratory dinner at the same location. This will be an opportunity to catch-up with old friends, make new friends you have yet to meet, and enjoy a congenial and relaxing time.

On Sunday 26th July, again at the Belmont Centre, a catered hot breakfast will be enjoyed by all who have stayed in Geelong overnight or who otherwise can conveniently attend. This will be a welcome and further opportunity to fraternise and enjoy each other's company.

I am honoured to invite each of you to these events and I look forward to what I am sure will be a wonderful weekend in Monitor Masonry in this jurisdiction as we commence a new year under the leadership of John McKernan. I sincerely hope that you will join with on this occasion.

John Ives

Grand Supreme Ruler

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday 24 July 2026

Scarlet Cord Consistory – Fourth Grade (Councillor)

All Companion Councillors (Grade IV) of the appendant Order of the Scarlet Cord are invited and encouraged to attend for the ceremony of being preferred as a Councillor. The ceremony will be held at the Geelong Masonic Centre, commencing at **7pm** with a light dinner to follow for attendees only. Cost **\$30** per person.

Ladies might wish to attend a casual ala carte dinner hosted by Mrs Kaye Ives and Ms Linda Schultz, at the Fortune Garden Chinese Restaurant (across the road from the Masonic Centre) whilst the Scarlet Cord event takes place – meeting at the Masonic Centre by 7pm.

Saturday 25 July 2026

Annual Meeting

To be held at the Geelong Masonic Centre, 25-27 Regent Street, Belmont VIC. All members of the Order are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of Grand Council at **4pm**. Cost **\$10** per person to register to attend and includes afternoon tea from **3pm**.

Grand Installation

After the Annual Meeting distinguished guests, ladies, non-member visitors will be welcome to witness the Installation of Right Worthy Brother John Daniel McKernan, PDGSR, Grand Supreme Ruler-elect, as our Grand Supreme Ruler and investiture of Grand Council Officers.

A Celebratory Dinner will follow at the Masonic Centre, commencing at **6.30pm**. All are welcome to attend in the sure company of brethren and friends. Cost **\$40** per person, with wine, beer and soft drinks included.

Sunday 26 July 2026

Farewell Breakfast

A sumptuous 'full breakfast' will be catered at the Masonic Centre on Sunday morning to farewell travelling friends commencing at **9.30am**. All are welcome to enjoy this relaxed occasion to conclude the weekend. Cost **\$15** per person.

RSVP with payment NO LATER THAN 10 July 2026



**Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor
for Southern Australia
2026 Grand Installation Registration**

**Geelong Masonic Centre
25-27 Regent Street, Belmont VIC 3216**

Name:

Rank and OSM Constitution, or other Masonic Order (if not OSM for Southern Australia):
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Please add name of person(s) accompanying you to functions listed underneath:
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Dietary restrictions:

Please email a copy of this completed form to osmsthausgrec@gmail.com. The relevant fees may be paid by direct deposit to the following NAB bank account:

Account: OSM General Account
BSB: **083-685** Acct No.: **19-819-6407**
Reference: **your name** and **"OSM2026"** (*must be added to transaction*)

or a cheque payable to 'OSM General Account' sent with this completed form, to:

CS Wallace
1003 Ripon Street South
Ballarat VIC 3350 Australia

RSVP (with payment) is to be received no later than 10 July 2026

Functions	No. Att.	Cost per person (\$A)	Amount Payable (\$A)
Friday 24 July 2026: Geelong Masonic Centre, Belmont - attendance restricted to Grade IV Scarlet Cord Companions ONLY			
Scarlet Cord Dinner (2-course) - ONLY applicable if attending Scarlet Cord meeting		\$30	\$
Ladies attending casual Chinese dinner		ala carte	
Saturday 25 July 2026: Geelong Masonic Centre, Belmont			
Grand Installation (incl. afternoon tea from 3pm)		* \$10	\$
Annual Dinner (2-course)		\$40	\$
Sunday 26 July 2026: Geelong Masonic Centre, Belmont			
Farewell Breakfast ('full breakfast')		\$15	\$
Total Payment enclosed/deposited (please indicate payment method)	Cheque: or Transfer:		\$

*** Compulsory registration fee for ALL attendees**

