



## **A Lodge Project That Costs From \$100 up to \$10000**

For many lodges smaller charitable projects are very achievable, especially, as with approval they will generally receive a 1 to 1 subsidy from the Freemasons Charity. That means a project worth \$100 requires the Lodge to find only \$50. A project worth \$10000 requires half that amount being \$5000 (the maximum available). The Freemasons Charity is keen to support lodges in their work in the local community by supplementing funds collected by the lodge.

Projects assist in raising the community profile of the Lodge, encouraging new membership, increasing camaraderie within the Lodge and providing much needed support for local organisations.

How to:

First, ring your District Charity Officer who can advise you – if he can't assist he can consult the Divisional Grand Almoner who has wide experience in lodge projects within the Division.

Then complete a Lodge Project Application form (available from the forms area of the Freemasons New Zealand website) to be passed to the District Charity Officer for forwarding to the Divisional Grand Almoner for final approval and sign off.

If the lodge fundraising has not been completed he will give approval in principle.

On confirmation that lodge fundraising is complete the application is processed and The Freemasons Charity will provide the subsidy for the project, mostly on a 1:1 basis, sometimes more.

Tips:

- If the project involves the purchase of a particular item, ensure you have an official quote from the supplier; ensure you get the best price possible.
- There is no such thing as a bad lodge project.

