

THE FREEMASONS TOOLBOX



A Lodge Project That Might Cost More Than \$10000

First, ring your Divisional Grand Almoner who has wide experience in lodge projects within the Division and can advise you. He may suggest you convert your project into a District project involving other lodges in the area. If looking for an idea he may have a suggestion as to a project you could adopt as well telling you about the subsidies from The Freemasons Charity. There is also a network of District Charity officers to assist.

The Freemasons Charity is keen to support lodges in their work in the local community by supplementing funds collected by the lodge. Projects of this scale definitely will increase the profile of Freemasonry in the community and should lead to increased camaraderie.

How to:

- Complete a Lodge Project Application form (see Members section of Website)
- Get your District Charity Officer involved, he will sign off the form and forward the completed form to the Divisional Grand Almoner for his approval
- 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 a project subsidy, mostly on a 1:1 basis up to \$5000 on an individual lodge project, up to \$15,000 on a District Project.

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.
- Avoid huge projects- better to give a lot to a small total rather than give a small amount to a big total - giving \$15,000 to a project seeking \$10 million generates less profile than giving \$15,000 to a project seeking \$30,000!
- Check if there are other lodges or Masonic trusts that might want to take part?
- Promote the brand "Freemasons New Zealand."

References: The Annual Report, The Freemasons Charity always includes a list of projects supported throughout the year. Visit the website as well.

