

GRAND LODGE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FREEMASONS (INC) ARMADALE LODGE NO. 94 WAC

The Armadale Lodge No. 94 (previously known as The Goolamrup Lodge No. 94) was the first masonic lodge in the southeast metropolitan area. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Rt Rev C.O.L Riley - Lord Bishop of Perth, consecrated the lodge in the old Kelmscott Public Hall (now demolished) on the afternoon of Saturday, 15th March 1913.

The Lodge first met at the Kelmscott Primary School located on River Road and took its original Noongar (Aboriginal) name from the district, which is known, to the indigenous peoples as 'Goolamrup', today's suburb of Kelmscott. In Noongar culture, Goolamrup means 'A Place of Young Man'.

Under the Warrant, the Lodge then met on the Monday nearest 'full moon' of each month to enable the brethren to travel home safely by moonlight.

The Lodge continued to meet at the primary school until it obtained ownership of the current building at the corner of Fourth Road and Church Avenue, Armadale at a cost of £500, with another £500 spent on basic refurbishment.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother F.A McMullen dedicated the lodge Foundation Stone on Saturday, 28th July 1934.

With the ending of the World War in 1945 and the subsequent population boom of the surrounding areas, The Armadale Lodge sponsored two other Lodges; Gosnells Lodge No. 225 in 1947 Kelmscott Lodge No.265 in 1949.

In 1960, The Serpentine Lodge No. 301, (sponsored by The Jarrahdale Lodge No.49 located in Mundijong in 1954), moved its meeting place to the Armadale Masonic Hall to be more convenient for the majority of its members.

The year 2000 saw The Goolamrup Lodge in some difficulty regarding falling membership numbers (like many other masonic lodges at that time).

The idea of a 'twinning' arrangement with Serpentine Lodge was born with each lodge meeting on alternative months and the members of each being associated members of the other lodge, thereby keeping both lodges viable in the mid-term with a view of possible amalgamation in the future.

On the 22nd April 2004, the Goolamrup brethren voted to officially change the lodge name to 'The Armadale Lodge No. 94', to better reflect the location of the Lodge within the community and with a view to bring the very successful 'twinning' arrangement with Serpentine Lodge to finalisation.

On the 26th June 2004, The Serpentine Lodge No. 301 surrendered its Warrant, its brethren transferring their allegiance and becoming full members of The Armadale Lodge No.94.

The official Armadale Lodge logo (front cover) celebrates this occasion by the inclusion of the 'Serpentine Falls', as an identifiable link to our past.

The lodge Latin motto '*Dixitque Deus Fiat Lux Et Facta Est Lux*' (and God said 'Let there be light: and there was light') is drawn from the ceremony of the 1st Degree and is symbolically reflected with the sun rising over the Serpentine Falls.

On the 25th February 2010, The Armadale Lodge No.94 WAC agreed to act as a sponsor for a proposed new lodge, born out of the Gosnells and Kelmscott Lodges surrendering their respective Warrants.

Heritage Lodge No. 369 was concentrated at the Victoria Park Masonic Hall (due to the halls larger seating capacity) on Saturday, 3rd September 2010, thus becoming our newest 'daughter' lodge.

The Armadale Lodge celebrated its Centenary Installation on Saturday, 29th June 2013, with Grand Lodge conducting a re-enactment of the Consecration Ceremony in the presence of 138 Freemasons who came and witnessed this important milestone in Western Australian freemasonry.

As an enduring remembrance of their centenary 'The Armadale Lodge Centennial Scholarship' (currently \$500.00) was instituted in perpetuity to a graduating student of Armadale Senior High School to build upon and encourage the youth in the district to continue with ongoing studies.

Since 1913, The Armadale Lodge has welcomed (as of 12 January 2023) 575 men of all professions and occupations to its ranks; the current membership stands at 40.

Source: Stephen White

See also Serpentine Lodge No. 301 WAC.

Goolamrup Lodge No. 94 WAC.

MN	ACC	meterage / boxes	Date donated	CIU file	Notes
1705	10844A	2 ledgers (OSM)	30 January 2023	BA/OM/23/0009	
	10845A	17 cm (1 box)	30 January 2023		

SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
ATTENDANCE BOOKS CEREMONIAL BOOKLETS CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES	DECLARATION BOOKS MINUTE BOOKS

REQUEST THIS NUMBER	DATE RANGE	DESCRIPTION
		ATTENDANCE BOOKS
ACC 10845A/1	June 2007 – June 2019	Rehearsal attendance book
		CEREMONIAL BOOKLETS
		<i>See also Ephemera, PR13396</i>
ACC 10845A/2	23 April 2009 2010	Ceremony of the vacant chair in commemoration of ANZAC Day Ceremony of remembrance in the commemoration of ANZAC Day
		CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES

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ACC 10844A/2 OSM	27 July 1989 - 26 May 2004	Serpentine Lodge
	26 June 2004 - 25 July 2014	Armadale Lodge
		DECLARATION BOOKS
ACC 10844A/4	25 February 1954 - 21 September 2001	Serpentine Lodge
	28 November 2004 - 23 September 2010	Armadale Lodge
		MINUTE BOOKS
ACC 10845A/3	26 June 2004 - 15 November 2012	
ACC 10845A/4	22 November 2012 - 9 July 2015	
ACC 10845A/5	27 July 2015 - 27 June 2019	

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