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**Wor. Bro. SIR DAVID STOREY KBE
(1856-1924)**

David Storey was born on 18 August 1856 at Aughagaw, Monaghan, Ireland. The son of a farmer, he was educated at Wattsbridge Academy, and at 14 years of age, he began and served a five year apprenticeship to John Hartley, a woollen draper, and later he worked at Belfast for Robert Lindsay & Company.

At 24 years of age, and attracted by the Sydney International Exhibition, he set sail for Sydney, arriving at Circular Quay in November 1879 and to quote his words of a few years later:

'When I arrived in this bright young land I was full of youthful hopefulness and determination to succeed in life's battle.

I knew no person in this portion of the earth's surface and was not too heavily weighted with that most potent of metals, but strongly fortified with a good knowledge of business affairs and a good reputation in the old land.'

He also had open credit for £10,000 from his former company.

Shortly after his arrival in Sydney, he joined Ross Morgan and Robertson where he gained his first knowledge of local trade. David Storey was so impressed with the possibilities of personal advancement that he determined to start his own business.

By mid-1881, he had set up his own premises with the credit and supplies from James Lindsay of Belfast. On the dissolution of their partnership two years later in 1883, he established David Storey and Company, a softgoods warehouse and importer of hats, shirts and mercery in Barrack Street, Sydney.

At the same time David Storey married a Miss Rachel Doig, daughter of the late Captain Doig of Leith, Scotland, and he also became President of the Commercial Travellers Association, having been his own traveller in the early 1800's.

In 1894, although a political novice, he stood for the Legislative Assembly seat of Randwick as an independent leading a group of seven campaigning for free trade and against Federation. David Storey won the seat and held it until 1920, easily defeating Bro. Edmund Barton who went on to be Australia's first Prime Minister, a Justice of the High Court and later Bro. Sir Edmund Barton.

During that period, David Storey had a full political life being Honorary Secretary of the Free Trade and Land Reform League, and later Treasurer of the Liberal Party.

He refused office in the Lyne-Carruthers Ministries for party and business reasons. Independently minded, he preferred the cross benches.

