

SITREP

News From Lara RSL Sub Branch

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From the President

Hello everyone. Following our most recent Committee meeting on 7 July 2020 we have decided in line with the almost hourly changes that the Government make with relation to COVID 19 that we will continue to monitor our planned opening and return to 'business' on a monthly basis. Given that before the most recent return to lock down for Melbourne, we were expecting to open when the 'gathering of up to 50 people in an establishment' was scheduled for 11 July. In considering our options we looked at the myriad of 'regulations and requirements' provided by the Government through RSL HQ and the Council covering sanitation, hygiene, cleaning, handling of cash, numbers of patrons and social distancing etc and given our aged membership, medical issues, space available and the number of 'volunteers' required to manage an opening we felt that the risks in opening are at this stage too great. Notwithstanding, your Committee will be determining the way ahead for the future and we will open when it is safe to do so. Confused, so are we but rest assured we are working to the best of our abilities to open up again taking care that everyone will be safe.



Because of our forced closure and uncertainty of reopening we have decided to sell the remaining bar stock which is about half way through its shelf life. The stock will be sold at discount prices, see page 2 for further details.

As a result of the resignations of our Bar Manager and Assistant Bar Manager earlier this year we have now appointed Ron Collins and Hanna Millar to these two positions as part of their Committee responsibilities. When you see them next please welcome them to their positions and remember this 'club' works best through the help of all of its members.

We have again had some success in the grants funding with Bendigo Bank providing \$5800 for our 'artificial grass' makeover of our outdoor entertaining area, and the Federal Government providing \$1500 for supplies to maintain our Museum collection.

Our solar panel installation is working well in our favour with the last electricity account well down, although the big fridge hasn't been running for awhile, but nevertheless we estimate that the panels have halved our annual energy costs.

In light of our closedown and inactivity this year the Committee have decided to cut the annual subscription fee by 50% to \$20 when fees for 2021 fall due.

The Committee has also decided that our December Christmas lunch will be held at the RSL. We are still to look for a suitable caterer but it will be in 'buffet' format with sufficient tables and chairs for those who wish to sit down to eat. We will also be looking to utilize the outdoor area given its proposed makeover. This is subject to change in line with COVID-19.

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Next Meeting

2pm, Friday 7 August

2pm, Friday 4 September

2pm, Friday 2 October

Useful Links

news@lararsl.com.au —

Newsletter contributions, photos, articles, etc. —

feedback@lararsl.com.au —

Suggestions, feedback etc. Is it just too big for the suggestion box?

Riddle Me This

I'm so fast you can't see me,
though everyone else can see
straight through me. I don't stop
until the day you die. What am I?

~Answer next issue

Last Month: Everyone has it but
no one can lose it. What is it? A
shadow.

In History

Jul 31, 1914: Labour Leader Andrew Fisher declares, Australians will defend Britain “to our last man and our last shilling”. Little did he or could he have imagined the extent of Australia’s sacrifice in WW1.

Jul 1, 1916: First day of the battle of the Somme.

Jul 19, 1916: Battle of Fromelles. In the first battle for Australians on the Western Front, 5,533 were killed or wounded on the night of 19-20 July.

Jul 22, 1938: Australian National War Memorial Museum opened at Villers-Bretonneux, France. This memorial lists the names of 11,000 Australians missing from fighting around Villers-Bretonneux.

Jul 1, 1942: Sinking of the Montevideo Maru by USS Sturgeon, an American Submarine. Australia’s worst maritime disaster, it carried 1050 Australian prisoners captured on New Britain and New Ireland, none of whom survived.

Jul 27, 1942: Japanese capture Kokoda in an attempt to reach Port Moresby having been stopped in their attempt to do so by sea.

Jul 2, 1950: No. 77 Squadron flies first combat mission in Korea.

Coming up

11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Dec	Christmas Lunch, time and date TBA. Subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

Bar Stock—Prices

- Beer (all types) \$35 (24) \$18 (12) and \$10 (6)
- Softdrinks \$1 each
- Spirit cans/small bottles \$4 each
- Yellowglen ‘Pink’ sparkling 750ml \$4 each
- Yellowglen small bottles \$2 each

If there is anything in the fridge that is not covered above, talk to Ron when you see him and negotiate a price. Call Ron on 0402083364 between 10 and midday to work out a time to meet preferably on a Thursday as that is Museum activity day and the building will be open).

Birthdays

On behalf of the committee, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Birthday. Remember not to stress about your eyesight, it’s nature’s way of protecting you from shock as you walk past the mirror.

- Robert Lawson

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Thanks again for your continued support during the period, keep safe and as I normally do I will catch up with you when next we meet.

Cheers, Bob

- James Bigmore
- Lou Schepers
- Ian Jane
- Margaret Challoner
- Ron Collins
- David Flatt
- Diane Collins
- John Severyn

The Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that
are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and
in the morning
We will remember them.

~ Lest we forget.

Welfare

As a registered charity, we are required to provide welfare assistance in areas including but not limited to aged care accessories, health & medical expenses, mobility, vehicle and transport expense etc. Please see Vic Robb immediately with any concerns. All matters treated in strict confidence.

We Have Grass!

A huge thanks to Bendigo Bank for making this happen with a funds grant of \$5,800. The grass looks fantastic and is a great addition to the outdoor area.



Community Bank - Lara District

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When you bank with us, profits pour into the community. \$155,000 so far in 2020.

Here's who we've helped lately:

Lara CFA

Lara District Rotary Club

Lara RSL Sub-branch

Lara Secondary College

Lara Cricket Club

Lara United Football Club

Little River Fire Brigade

Little River Mechanics Institute and Free Library

TLC Group

Lara Food Relief

North Geelong Warriors Football Club

Lara Community Centre

Little River & District Pony Club

Friends of Elcho Park

Lara Community Carols

Lions Club of Lara

Lara Swimming Club

Mt Rothwell Landcare

SES Corio/Lara

St Laurence Park Art & Craft Group

Find out more
Search Bendigo Bank Lara District

Website

The Lara RSL website has undergone a number of changes the last of which is to upload the newsletters. The precursor to this was the requirement in April to renew our hosting subscription with GoDaddy; this was going to cost in excess of \$500 for 24 months. With no shortage of hosting options available, we were able to source a new plan with a new provider for less than \$50 for the first year, and approx. \$100 per annum thereafter. At less than 50% of what GoDaddy were offering, this was a no-brainer but unfortunately involved moving everything to the new provider. The new site uses WordPress, which with a variety of themes and other options, makes management of the site simpler. Further updates will be provided once uploading of the newsletters is complete. If you are not familiar with the website, it can be found at; <http://www.lararsl.com.au>. Submissions, and/or ideas for the website, are always welcome and can be forwarded to news@lararsl.com or you can discuss it with anyone from the committee.



Editor

Are there any supporters missing from this page. Do you know anyone who should be on this page or would be interested in supporting us. Support comes in many ways, from vouchers in our weekly raffle to substantial grants that permit the renovations seen in the last 12 months.

Do you have a suggestion but don't know how to approach it, who to see? We have a suggestion box in the main lounge, and all feedback is welcome. Too big for the suggestion box? Send an email to; feedback@lararisl.com.au. Committee meet once a month and will review all submissions.

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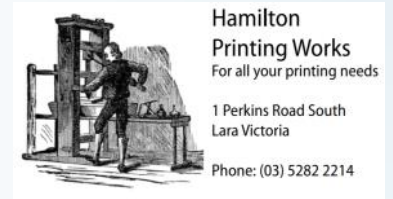
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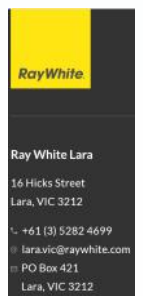
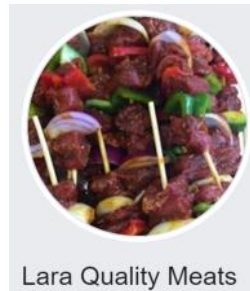
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