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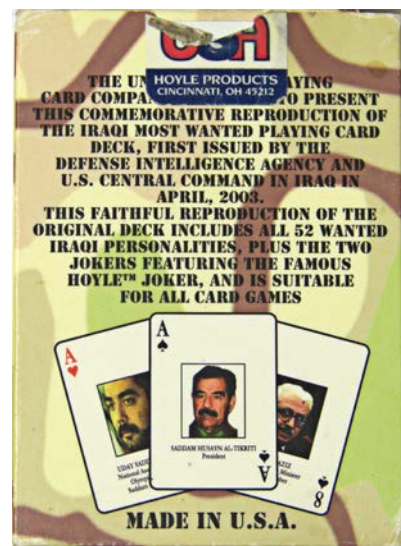
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STRANGE BUT TRUE: During the 2003 invasion of Iraq the US issued playing cards to its forces with images of the Iraqi Government and Baath party members on them. These cards were used to allow troops in the field to identify and capture the most wanted members of the Iraqi upper echelons while enjoying a game of cards. Reg. No: 31 in our museum collection.

March AGM

Next month, March, will be our next Annual General Meeting. It will be held at the RSL starting at 2pm. As with previous years, there will be no proxy or absentee voting. Only voting for members present on the day.

Enclosed in this newsletter are nomination forms for all vacant positions of the Executive and Committee. You must nominate yourself for a position and have it signed by yourself and two other active members.

The vacant Executive positions for 2019 are: Executive: President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee positions are: Bar

Manager, Assistant Bar Manager, Appeals Officer, Market Day Coordinator; Community Veterans Liaison/Welfare Officer, Logistics Officer, Minute Secretary and Volunteer Database Coordinator.

In this newsletter, you will also find 'AGM And What You Need To Know' sheet; Committee Nomination Form, and a Code of Conduct sheet for 2019 members.

Names of members applying for positions will be displayed on the notice board in the bar two weeks before the AGM.

If you are applying for a position, you will need to have the Committee Nomination Form sent to the Secretary before 5pm, 14th February, 2019. All the best for those applying for positions in 2019.

50 Years Ago in Australia

10th Jan Twenty-three people are dead and more than 100 homes destroyed in bushfires at Lara, Victoria.

7th Feb Nine die when the Southern Aurora collides head-on with a goods train at Violet Town, Victoria.

8th Feb A Cessna crashes at Kyancutta, SA; six people are killed.

18th Feb Australia's telecommunications capacity across the Pacific Ocean was doubled today when the Intelsat III satellite was launched into orbit.

Feb The Federal Government announces the appointment of three Aborigines to the Comm. Office of Aboriginal Affairs.

Take a Break

Aussie Jokes

A farmer entered his home-grown vegetables in the local produce shows for years, and finally one year he won the cup, which was presented to him by the mayor. After the presentation the mayor asked privately, "To what do you owe your success with these fine vegetables?" "Manure." Replied the farmer, "loads and loads of it." The mayor's wife took the farmer's wife to one side and said, "Can't you get him to call it 'fertiliser'? Manure, you know, sounds awful on vegetables." "Look," replied the farmer's wife, "I've been twenty years trying to get him to call it 'manure'."

Norm was driving his small van, with great caution, when he was pulled over by a traffic policeman. "Don't be worried sir," the officer said, "you haven't broken the law. But tell me this, why is it that, every so often, you pull up and race around the back of the van, and thump on the back door?" "Well, officer, I have three tonnes of budgies in there, and this is only a two tonne van. If they all land at once, they'll break my springs."

A traveller stopped at a very small township for petrol and found the place deserted. Then he spotted a funeral procession with a very large man and a very large dog in pride of place behind the hearse. Behind them in a single file of about a dozen blokes followed in respectful silence. "Somebody important died?" He asked. "Yeah, the wife." Answered the big bloke. "What happened?" "The dog savaged her." After some thought, the traveller asked, "Do you want to sell the dog?" "Yeah," said the big bloke, "join the queue, mate!"

Knock, knock. Who's there? Ann. Ann who? Ann other Australian wicket falls.

An Australian thought Chou En-Lai was Chinese for bed & breakfast.

Birthdays in February

Who is having a birthday this month? We promise not to give their age away!

Fudge Baker
Tasha Bolitho
Bruce Challoner
Marjorie Gillett
Max Herman
Alan Hughes
Alwyn Leech
Janita Mathews
Glenn Mellross
Karen Robb
Gordon Turvey

And every year, we miss those having birthdays in January. So that they feel included!

Barry Barnes
Dorothy Barnes
Nancy Caulfield
Alan Dunsmuir
Doug Edwards
John Faull
Billy Garrett
Gwen Khann
Kerry Leech
Carson Millar
Jason McGinley
Pedro Pegan
Victor Robb
John Rogers
Neil Rowlandson
Robert Spalding
Shane Whitworth
Patrica Woodyard

New Member Draw

To encourage members to attend the last Friday night of every month, the Committee has introduced a member's draw, which is separate to the normal Friday night raffle.

To win, a member has to be present on the night. One member's (financial) number will be drawn. If present, they will receive a \$50 voucher to shop at Coles supermarket Lara.

If not present, the draw will carry over to the following last Friday of the Month, where another draw will take place. The prize will continue until the jackpot is won. The present prize pool for February is \$200.

RSL Renovations and Opening

Most will be aware of ongoing renovations to the lounge, bar and outdoor BBQ areas. On Sunday 27th, the official opening and BBQ lunch was held.

Guest speakers were the Honorable Richard Marles MP, Federal Shadow Minister of Defence; Anthony Aitken and Kylie Grzybek, Councillors from Windermere and Bruce Challoner, President, revealed the new plaque for the bar area, called 'Ken & Dawn Simons Lounge'. Bob Schouten was the M.C.

The following photos reflect the changes and the day.



What's On At The Lara RSL

FEBRUARY 2019

Friday	1st February	2:00-3:00pm	Information Session
Sunday	3rd February	9:00-2:00pm	Community Market with Rotary
Thursday	7th February	9:30-3:30pm	Museum Cataloguing/Drop-In-Center 10:00-2:00pm
Friday	8th February	6:00-8:00pm	Friday Night Social Night
Tuesday	12th February	6:00-8:30pm	Executive (6:00pm) Committee (7:00pm)
Thursday	14th February	9:30-3:30pm	Museum Cataloguing/Drop-In-Center 10:00-2:00pm
Friday	15th February	6:00-8:00pm	Friday Night Social Night
Thursday	21st February	9:30-3:30pm	Museum Cataloguing/Drop-In-Center 10:00-2:00pm
Friday	22nd February	6:00-8:00pm	Last Friday of Month Social Night - Gold Coin Supper
Thursday	28th February	9:30-3:30pm	Museum Cataloguing/Drop-In-Center 10:00-2:00pm

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Thursday	28th March	9:30-3:30pm	Museum Cataloguing/Drop-In-Center 10:00-2:00pm
Friday	29th March	6:00-8:00pm	Last Friday Night Social Night - Gold Coin Supper



Reserve on Saturday 26th January. A team of helpers turned up early to get gear across to reserve, then set up, cook and dismantle our area. Thank you to all who helped. Great to see members supporting each other. Also later on cleaning up at the RSL for Sunday opening.

Australia Day Breakfast

The RSL participated in the Australia Day breakfast at Lara

Anzac Day is [...] peculiarly and distinctively Australian in that it celebrates a failure by British politicians, by British generals and by British diplomats.

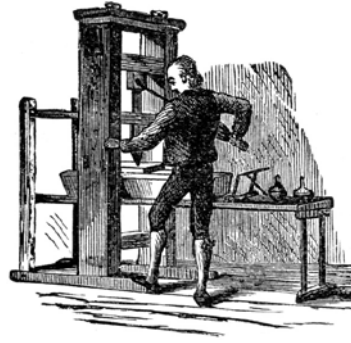
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