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From the President

Hello everyone. Christmas has come and gone and here we are in the new year of 2020. 2019 was a very busy year with all of the works and now we can relax and continue to enjoy the comforts of our renovated premises. I hope you enjoyed our Christmas lunch at the Lara Masonic Hall, which I hope will continue to be our venue of choice as we will be moving more of our Museum activities and displays into the 'hall area' due to Council's inability to fund our original Museum extension project 'again'.



Council have recently upgraded our power board in line with our project to install solar panels which by the way was installed prior to Christmas - just in time for all the summer sunshine. Our Veterans Health Week special occasion the 'Thank you for your Service day' was a huge success thanks to the great effort of Victor Robb. We had an excellent turnout of RSL members and the emergency services people from Lara and surrounding areas. We were also graced with the attendance of Richard Marles, John Eren and our local Councillors Kylie and Anthony. We also had the opportunity to create and present our Lara RSL Veteran and Club Person of the year (2019) award to Gordon Ball for his dedication to the club - a great surprise for Gordon who humbly accepted the award. Unfortunately Gordon will be stepping down from the bar managers job for 2020.

Remembrance Day went by reasonably quietly this year with only a small abridged ceremony taking place on Monday 11 November. Thanks to those members who attended and surprisingly about a dozen or so members of the public attended. I attended Little River Primary School to give a speech and also present our Anzac Award. I was also joined by Ken and Dawn Simons. Victor Robb attended Lara Primary School and joined the ceremony there. I also attended Lara Secondary College to make the Long Tan Awards on behalf of the Defence Department.

Great news also from the State Government who have approved another grant request providing us with \$7500 for the purchase of four more display cabinets similar to the smaller of the two we currently have. This will allow us to set them all up in the 'main hall' and get some of our extensive collection on display. We hope also to apply for additional grants to enable more trips/outings to be carried out for 2020.

As a result of the resignations of our Entertainment Member, Bar Manager and Assistant Bar Manager we now have a number of vacancies on the Committee coming up for election at the next AGM scheduled for March 2020. If any of you wish to volunteer to assist in any capacity please let us know.

Thanks again for your patronage and assistance during the period and as I normally do will catch up with you when we next meet.

Cheers, Bob

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Next Meeting

2pm, Friday 7 February

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

The rich want me, the poor have me, if you eat me you die. What am I?

~Answer next issue

Last Month ~ A shadow

In History

Jan 26 1788: Captain Arthur Phillip took formal possession of the colony of New South Wales and raised the British flag for the first time in Sydney Cove.

Feb 2, 1942: First Japanese air attack on Port Moresby in an attempt to establish a base from which they would cut shipping to Eastern Australia. Their defeat in the Coral Sea thwarted the planned naval attack and invasion against Port Moresby.

Mar 4, 1804: The Battle of Vinegar Hill, colony of New South Wales, when Irish convicts (some of whom had been involved in Ireland's Battle of Vinegar Hill in 1798) led the colony's only significant convict uprising.

Feb 5, 1869: The Welcome Stranger gold nugget was discovered at Moliagul, Victoria by John Deason and Richard Oates. Weighing in at 2520 troy ounces (78kg), it remains to this day, the largest alluvial gold nugget ever found.

Jan 17, 1917: No. 4 Squadron was the final Australian Flying Corps squadron formed in WW1. It's pilots flew Sopwith Camels over the Western Front beginning their active service in the battle of Cambrai.

Shrine of Remembrance/Werribee RSL

A great day was had by all who attended, but it wouldn't be complete without a few photos...



These trips are always a great day and are an equally great opportunity for a social day out. Watch this space for details of our next outing.



AGM

This years AGM is fast approaching and will be held on Friday 6 March, time to be advised. All positions will be available for nomination, non-executive positions and role details to be advised.

Community Market

Next market day is 9 February 2020. Last month we had 70+ stalls, so it is well worth the effort to come down and have a look.

End of Year Raffle

The reverse raffle was drawn at the Christmas dinner, congratulations to all prize winners;

Smart TV	Rob Wright
Bed & breakfast	Bob Lawson
Travel voucher—\$350	John Ockwell
Men's watch	Sean Lee
Fitness voucher	Helen Arundel
Travel voucher—\$150	Carson Millar
Statue	Sean Lee
Men's wallet	John Ockwell
Wheel barrow & goods	Ron Collins
Village Cinemas voucher	John Ockwell
Founders meal voucher	Gordon Ball
Red Wine	Bruce Challoner
Books	Bruce Challoner
Beer	John Ockwell
Red Wine	Ron Collins

Miscellaneous prizes of scratchie tickets, beer and wine were won by Sean Lee, Ron Cockill, Ron Collins, John Walmsley, Bob Lawson, Gordon Ball, Kelly Griffen, Beechy, John Deveryn and Narelle Gosman.

New Years Eve



End of Month Member Draw

Next draw - Friday 31 Jan 2020. Remember, you need to be there if your number is drawn.

Guitar Lessons

Guitars For Vets Australia is a not-for-profit organisation with a simple objective to assist veterans discover the joy of music in the form of the simple guitar - strings and wood.

G4V offer 10 free private lessons that assist you to learn the basic chords and to play at least 3 songs. This is then followed by group sessions where possible that provide a forum for Veterans to talk and play music with like minded individuals. More information available here;

<https://www.guitarsforvetsaustralia.com> or contact Jim; 0438 843 254 or mick.mavromatis@inet.net.au or on Facebook, look for "Guitars for Vets Australia"

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Ken & Dawn Simons Bar

Will reopen on 17 January 2020, normal times apply. Come and enjoy our first evening for the new year.

Coming up...

Sunday 26 January - Australia Day
Monday 27 January - Public Holiday (Aust Day)
Friday 7 February, 2pm - 1st Friday of Month
Friday 6 March - Lara RSL AGM
Monday 9 March - Labour Day (VIC)
Friday 10 April - Good Friday
Sunday 12 April - Easter Sunday
Saturday 25 April - ANZAC Day

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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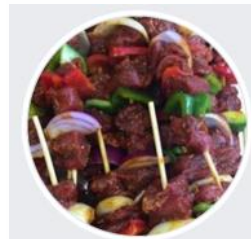


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