

SITREP

News From Lara RSL Sub Branch

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From the President

Hello Members, having only recently transitioned from the Senior Vice President to the top job it seems like the year is flying by. Our Project ‘Moving Forward’ is well and truly finished and I and the Committee have been cleaning up the paperwork and fixing a few of the loose ends which inevitably occur with such a large undertaking. We have received many great comments from not only our members but people from our fellow community groups as well, but there is always still more to do. Bruce is still busy with the Museum activities and the grants we received to preserve the ‘Union Jack’ flown at the Boer War, restoring the large framed photo montage and purchase of additional display cabinets will certainly enhance our ability to have an excellent display available for the Lara and district community. We are continuing with our attempts through the City of Greater Geelong to resurrect our Museum extension project which has been held in abeyance for some time.



I apologize for the mix-up with the ‘information session’ afternoon cancellation on Friday 7th June. This was as a result of the Committee not following up on its investigation tabled at an earlier meeting regarding the feasibility of holding this session on alternate days or dates. As a result, the ‘information session’ will continue in its current format – first Friday of each month, 2pm at the RSL building.

Although I was unable to attend this year’s Anzac Day Dawn Service, I understand it was a huge success and moving ceremony with over 1500 people in attendance. Thank you to all the people who helped in making it the event of the year. Also, thanks to the volunteers who made themselves available for the Anzac Appeals roster which was again very successful.

Of recent times our electricity costs have been climbing and the Committee have been looking at ways of reducing these costs accordingly. At present we have negotiated a lower rate but in the long term we are exploring the option of installing solar panels. So, it looks like more work with grant applications to come.

Victor has been working hard to get some ‘taxi’ availability for our Service members to be able to attend the RSL and other engagements. There are also some more ‘pleasant Sunday afternoon’ BBQ functions being planned along with special event gathering of all Service veterans and Emergency Services veterans in the Lara and surrounding areas to be invited.

Thank you for your patronage and I look forward to catching up with you in the near future.

Cheers, Bob

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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

If King Kong went to Hong Kong to play ping pong with Ding Dong, what did they put on his coffin?

~Answer next issue

This Month in History

July 1, 1914: Crisis—Austria-Hungary received confirmation from Germany that they can expect full support from their ally should they choose to wage war against Serbia in response to Serbian nationalists assassinating Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria.

July 1, 1916: First day of the battle of the Somme. Australia joined the battle in late July and were instrumental in taking Pozieres and Mouquet Farm, but it came at a cost of 23,000 casualties from three divisions of which 6,800 were killed or died from their wounds.

July 11, 1940: Petrol rationing introduced for motorists. Private drivers were limited to 40 miles per week worth of petrol.

July 5, 1945: Prime Minister John Curtin died. The strain of leading Australia through WW2, had killed a man widely recognised as Australia's greatest Prime Minister.

Your New Look Newsletter

The SITREP (Newsletter) will be produced periodically to keep members informed as to what is planned in the way of upcoming events, showcase events that have taken place, and to keep our members informed and updated on social and welfare issues.

As you can see, we have a new look version of the SITREP. Although we have moved to a quarterly publication to reduce costs, we still aim to provide you with an informative up to date and relevant newsletter.

This will be a newsletter for all members so we are encouraging as many members as possible to contribute with articles, stories, welfare concerns, advertisements and any subject matter you feel may contribute to our other members. If you feel you have something to be included in future newsletters, please contact Andy or forward content to news@lararsl.com.au.

News

The free public transport travel arrangements which have applied to ANZAC Day have now been extended to include Vietnam Veteran's day and Remembrance Day. This includes Veterans, War Widows, School Students, ADF Cadets, Scouts, Girl Guides and serving ADF Personnel. Veterans will also receive free public transport during Veteran's Health Week. This applies Victoria wide, to receive free travel you must be wearing your medals, or be in uniform, or produce a membership or valid ID.

Earlier this year DVA introduced the Veteran card and the Veteran lapel pin. The Veteran card will replace existing white and gold health cards over the following months. There will be 2 versions of the Veterans lapel pin; one for Veterans and one for eligible reservists. For more information on

the Australian Defence Veterans Covenant and the Veteran card and lapel pin, visit <http://dva.gov.au> or contact the RSL Welfare Officer Vic Robb on 0409 184 532.

The "Coming Home Exhibition" remembers soldiers and nurses returning to Australia from WW1 in 1919. It can be viewed in the museum at the Lara RSL at the times indicated below. Lara library also has a display; this can be viewed during normal library hours.

Lara RSL Museum Hours

Tues 2 July

4.00pm - 6.00pm

Thurs 4, 11, 18, 25 July

9.00am - 12.00pm

Thurs 9 July

12.00pm - 2.00pm

Sun 14 July (market day)

Market hours

Membership Cards

New membership cards are now available and are ready to be picked up at the RSL on Friday night. If not collected, they will be sent out over the next few weeks.

Parking Permits

You may qualify for a returned Service Personnel Permit issued by the City of Greater Geelong. This permit allows for free parking for eligible veterans in the Central Geelong parking areas. For more information Contact Vic Robb.

Items For Sale

In upcoming newsletters, you will have the opportunity to advertise any item you may wish to sell. Details to Andy or email news@lararsl.com.au.

Taxi Service

Eligible members are able to utilise taxis for transport to Lara RSL and home for specific events and functions. For further details, or to see if you qualify, contact Vic Robb.

Lunch Trip

We are planning to visit Geelong RSL for lunch (plan for half a day) mid July. This will depend on numbers, so if interested, see Vic Robb.

End of Year Raffle

Our big raffle is still running, total of 1000 tickets, there are plenty left. Tickets are \$2 each, see Sandy or ask at the bar. No limit on the total number of tickets per person, but for fairness you can purchase 10 tickets at a time. Ongoing until all tickets sold.

Did You Know

If you are an eligible Veteran with a disability, you can buy or lease a car or purchase car parts GST free.

You can complete this declaration and present it to your car or car parts supplier. **Factsheet DP-9 Supply of Cars or Car Parts GST Free.** More information is available on the website or contact the ATO 03 9275 4322.

Partners of Veterans Association (PVA) meet every month at either the Lara or Geelong RSL and welcome all partners, ex-partners or widows/ers of current & former ADF members. More information can be found here;

<https://www.pva.org.au/p-v-a-state-branches/vic-branch> or call 1300 553 835 or on Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/partnersofveteransaus>

RSL Car Park

If you haven't noticed, Lara Railway station car park is currently at capacity and it has come to notice that more commuters are starting to use the Lara RSL car park for daily travel to Melbourne.

Although this currently does not have a great impact, it can potentially affect the parking of our members arriving for RSL commitments and ceremonies.

A sign has been erected in the car park stating that only authorised vehicles can park in the RSL car park. A permit may be obtained from Karen and needs to be displayed in your front window when parking at the RSL.

End of Month Member Draw

Jackpot! Next draw is July 26. Coles voucher prize value will increase to \$100.

Community Market

Now the 2nd Sunday of each month; 9am until 2pm. Next market day; 14 July 2019.

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@lararsl.com.au. Committee meet once a month and will review all submissions.

References:

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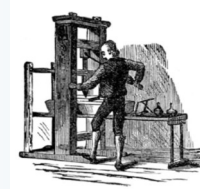
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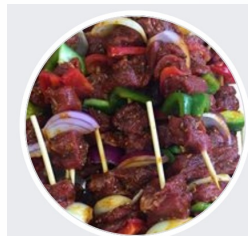
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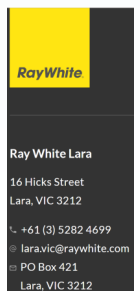


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