

SITREP

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From the President



Hello everyone. Following the last Victorian Government changes to Covid19 restrictions we sought guidance from RSL HQ and are now authorized to re-open. At the follow-up Committee meeting held 22 October it was decided to open (with restrictions) on Friday 13 November 2020 for the normal 5.30 to 8.00pm gathering. Restrictions on available space etc will limit us to 20 people indoors (10 each in the lounge and hall) and up to 40 outdoors (hopefully the weather will continue to improve and outdoors should be fine). We chose 13 November to give us sufficient time to arrange Council approvals, restock the bar, clean and sanitize the building, arrange the furniture and clean-up outside. We have also provided in this news brief a 'guide' for your attendance as we wish to, whilst abiding with Government conditions, keep you safe – please read it carefully.

Remembrance Day this year will be a low key activity with reduced numbers and ceremony in line with Government regulations. Should you wish to attend on Wednesday 11 November (weather permitting) please wear a mask and social distance accordingly.

The Christmas function this year is cancelled, again due to restrictions on numbers for indoor dining etc, however we intend to have an outdoor BBQ function on Sunday 6 December 2020 instead. Please mark on your calendar.

On another matter, I have given this considerable thought over the past months and I wish to announce that I will be standing down as President in the new year. Back in early 2016 when I took on the role of Senior Vice President under Bruce Challoner I told myself that I would put in five years of Committee work as I had an 'idea'. Finally as President having sourced close to \$100,000 my projects have come to fruition and I hope that you are happy with the restoration and rejuvenation changes that have occurred over the period. I am about to turn 70 and am experiencing some medical issues and so wish to get on and enjoy my 'retirement'. I hope that you can find a 'suitable' replacement and I am happy to provide advice and guidance accordingly. I have advised the Committee that should no-one step up I will continue as 'interim' President for a further period.

See you soon, cheers, Bob

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Next Meeting

2pm, Friday 4 December (TBA)

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 more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

~Answer next issue

Last Issue: 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?

The blink of an eye.

Editor

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.

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.

COVID19 Rules for Members

- If you are showing any signs of Covid 19 symptoms or feeling unwell, please do not come to the RSL.
- We are allowed 20 people seated inside and 44 outside. For those inside, 10 are permitted in the lounge, 10 in the hall.
- Mask to be worn on entry to the building.
- 'Hand Sanitizer' to be used on entry.
- Sign in with 'Name' and 'Contact Number'. No 'Physical Contact' is permitted with anyone, no exceptions.
- 'Social Distancing' applies when moving about and when seated.
- If you wish to sit inside, collect a number; this is to remain on your chair when you move about (getting a drink, nibbles or using the toilet). Please do not change seats (one seat for the whole time you are in the building). Please return your number to the box on departure.
- Please wear your mask at all times unless physically eating or drinking. Please use 'Hand Sanitizer' on a regular basis from the bottles provided. Following the use of the toilet, please use a 'Sanitized Wipe' provided to wipe the seat, button, tap and door handle and deposit in the bin on exit.
- Visitors are not currently permitted. If you are non-financial for 2020, then you are deemed to be a visitor and cannot attend. This is a requirement of our insurance and is a matter we are required to remind you of and to abide by.
- While somewhat inconvenient, these rules are intended for the safety of you and other members. Your continued cooperation will ensure we can continue to enjoy the company of our friends and comrades.

Membership 2021

In light of the challenges faced in 2020, membership for 2021 has been reduced by 50% to \$20. While notices will be going out soon, now is a good time to check that your email address is current. If not, please let Karen know so your records can be updated.

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