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Statement of Purpose

The RSL was founded in 1916 to provide comradeship and support to Australia's veterans and their families.

That core mission has never changed but has continued to evolve to meet the needs of each generation of servicemen and women.

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President Report:



Welcome to another newsletter!

We have had a big couple of months with our preparations for our ANZAC Day Dawn Service and also our Members event. We were also requested to attend three of our local schools for their ANZAC services as well as providing input into 3 separate services hosted by the Lara Football Netball Club. The Lara Scouts also had a sleepover the night before our dawn service and I was invited to attend for an hour to say a few words. Rather than me just standing up the front and reading from a prepared speech, I decided to conduct a Q&A session with the children, leaders and parents that were present which was both lots of fun and very well received.

During April, we all dedicated a lot of time raising much needed funds for our ANZAC Appeal by selling badges at the train station and Coles as well as at 18 schools and businesses around the local area. This year we raised a massive total of \$11,777.85 during our appeal which is amazing! It cost us a total of \$893.17 to host our gunfire breakfast and members event. I would personally like to thank Coles Lara and Bakers Delight for providing such a massive support for our ANZAC Day events, it seriously makes all the difference!

I would also like to thank each and every member who helped out by selling badges, delivering trays and of course to everyone for their efforts in planning and running our ANZAC events. We are truly blessed to have such a massive support from the Lara Community as a whole. The estimate from Victoria Police was that we had approximately 4,500 attend our dawn service which is so impressive and it all went off without a hitch and we were swamped with positive feedback about the service. Time to start planning for next year!!

Now that it has decided to freeze over, we will break out the fire pit again on Friday nights which is always well received, so despite the cold weather, don't forget to pop in on a Friday night for a drink and a chat!

Take care everyone and remember to reach out if you need anything, and most of all, look after each other!

Yours Aye!

Marcus

What's been happening?

- ANZAC Day
- Wine Drive Fundraiser



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ANZAC DAY



Lest We Forget

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

WINE DRIVE

ALL FUNDS RAISED TO SUPPORT VETERANS

\$5.00 ENTRY

WINE TASTING AND CHARCUTERIE

**BLACK TIE DRESS
ENCOURAGED**

JUNE 16 | FRI | 7PM-9PM

HOSTED AT THE LARA RSL

**OPEN INVITE TO MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS**

