



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

Romsey Streetscape Project Update

The civil works element of the Romsey Streetscape Project have commenced, with bluestone edging being restored and installed in the Main Street between Barry and Murphy Streets. Civil works will precede the garden works (Autumn) to be followed by the lighting works. All is expected to be completed by the end of June.



RRBATA Inaugural Business Dinner

RRBATA will be convening its inaugural RRBATA Business Dinner to be held on **Thursday 19th April 2018** with venue to be confirmed soon (see RRBATA Facebook or Romsey Online). The recently appointed Macedon Ranges Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Margot Stork, will be a special guest. It will be a great opportunity to learn of her vision for the Macedon Ranges in the context of her role. Convening an evening event allows those unable to attend the annual Business Breakfast event to be involved in a worthwhile local networking opportunity.

Historic Digital Interface Plaques Project

This RRBATA project continues to progress with Stage 1 to be installed by midyear. Plaque design has been confirmed, and collation of information for inclusion on plaques as well as that to be interfaced with Romsey Online is ongoing. The working group is to be commended for its hard work so far on what is a huge task but one which will enhance the “Romsey history experience” for both visitors and local community members. RRBATA acknowledges the generous support of Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Bendigo Bank for this project.



Clean Up Romsey Day

The 3rd Annual Clean Up Romsey Day will be held on Sunday 18th March 2018 between 9am and 11am. Even half an hour of your time would be appreciated to demonstrate your pride in our town. This year, it is hoped to engage some of the community groups, sporting clubs and schools. Don't forget to bring a sunhat, water bottle and gloves! A free sausage sizzle will be ready from 10.30am!

For further enquiries, please contact Jenny Stillman (jennystillman@optusnet.com.au), 0412 349849).

Localised Planning Statement

RRBATA Committee members recently attended the Information Forum held in Romsey regarding the draft Localised Planning Statement. Unlike other Macedon Ranges townships, Romsey's town boundary will not be reviewed until the new Strategic Plan (formerly known as the ODP) is drafted. However, RRBATA has considered the Localised Planning Statement more generally and will make a submission to State Government.

RRBATA in 2018 CONTINUED

As reported in last month's Rag, the 2017 Committee of Management members agreed to accept nomination to the 2018 Committee in order to oversee the Romsey Streetscape implementation and acquittal of grant funds (including the Plaques Project). For the sake of Association renewal as well as current committee members' wellbeing (!), RRBATA seeks new members willing to continue RRBATA's good work in advocating business and tourism for the Romsey region. The next Annual General Meeting has been set for **Wednesday 29th August 2018**. It is vitally important to keep RRBATA fresh, strong and able to effectively continue its contribution to the region's business and local community. Therefore, it is hoped to transition to a new committee membership at this meeting. Otherwise, RRBATA's future will be uncertain. Anyone wishing to discuss this further, should contact Jenny Stillman on 0412 349849 or jennystillman@optusnet.com.au.

RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA Membership is open to all businesses, organizations and individuals who support Romsey business and tourism. Website listing, discounts to RRBATA events, reciprocal membership rights with Business Kyneton (formerly Kyneton BATA) and Macedon Ranges Business Connect discounts will all feature in this package. RRBATA aims to provide networking opportunities as well as facilitating communication with key stakeholders for all RRBATA members.

For further details, contact Jenny Stillman (ph. 0412 349849, Email jennystillman@optusnet.com.au or go to Romsey Online and RRBATA Facebook.

Romsey Online

Remember - The website must be fed!! Don't forget, *ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!* Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

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