



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

Bendigo Bank Christmas in Romsey 2017 – Update

It's all happening! As the calendar rolls on towards December, RRBATA's Arts Culture and Events (ACE) working group is absolutely delighted with the sponsorship support from Romsey businesses. In addition to Bendigo Bank's massive \$5000 sponsorship (thereby conferring naming rights – ***Bendigo Bank Christmas In Romsey 2017***), Gold Sponsorships have supported the following elements:

- ***Just In Time Transport Lights and Decorations Competition***
- ***Romsey Hardware Main Street Trees***
- ***Ray White Community Carols***



Silver Sponsor ***Romsey IGA*** and Bronze Sponsor ***Verdure Bistro*** are also much valued supporters of the Christmas capital of the Macedon Ranges!

RRBATA also acknowledges the Romsey Lancefield Lions Club for supporting the provision of the audio and lighting system at the ***Ray White Community Carols*** event (Saturday 16th December).

The ***Romsey Hardware Main Street Trees*** numbers have swelled to 54 (18 clusters) including some hired by businesses. The big community tree will be even bigger! Installation of trees will be on Thursday 30th November.

The ***Just In Time Transport Lights and Decorations Competition*** will see entries submitted by 5pm on Thursday November 30th at Romsey Hub, Bendigo Bank, Romsey Hardware and Romsey IGA. Decorations must be installed for judging by 5.00pm on Sunday December 3rd. In addition to the official judges awards, a People Choice Award for Best Decorated Business will also be made. Voting slips are available from the venues listed above.

For more information, go to Romsey Online and RRBATA Facebook.

Romsey WILL BE the Christmas Capital of the Macedon Ranges!





RRBATA AGM

RRBATA's AGM was held on 1st November 2017 at the Romsey Community Hub. The election of office bearers was run by Ms. Raelene Mottram (GRAAP). In the absence of other nominations and for the sake of continuity, the 2017 Committee members agreed to accept nomination to the 2018 Committee only so as to oversee the Romsey Streetscape implementation and acquittal of grant funds (including the Plaques Project). It is hoped to transition to a new committee in approximately 6 months. The 2018 Committee is as follows:

- Jenny Stillman (President)
- Ged McLaughlin (Vice President)
- Wendie McLaughlin (Treasurer)
- Greg Powell (General Committee)
- Benny Dyer (General Committee)
- *No nominations received for Secretary*

New RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA Membership does NOT necessitate committee involvement. Rather, in order for RRBATA to effectively represent and advocate for Romsey region business and tourism, it needs a strong membership base. It also needs renewal of personnel at the management level. Otherwise, there is the real risk of it being unable to effectively continue its contribution to the region's business and local community.

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

Romsey Online is currently receiving a minor to facilitate its linkage to the Romsey historic Plaques Digital Interface Project.

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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