

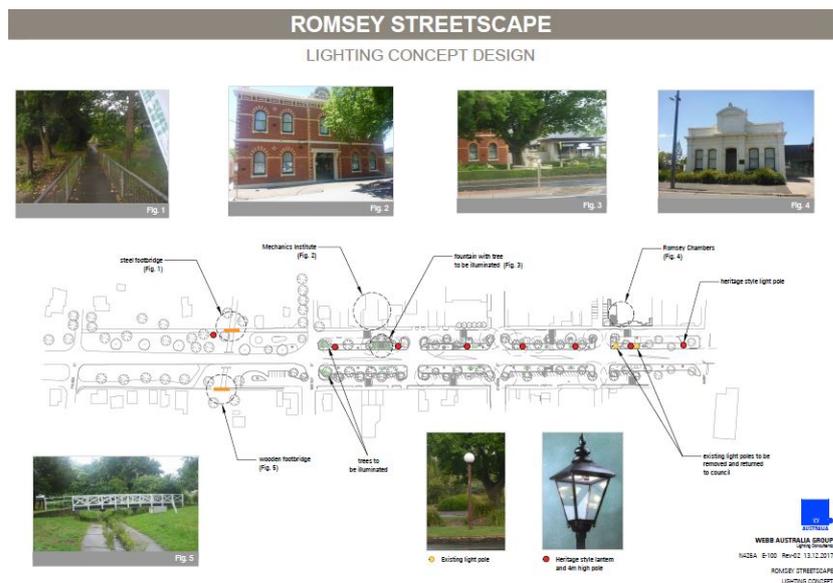


Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

Romsey Streetscape Project Update

At the time of writing, RRBATA had been informed by Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) that the Main Street Garden Landscaping component of the Romsey Streetscape Enhancement Project would be commencing on Monday 18th June with completion in approximately 3 weeks from that date. The tender process for the lighting component is still underway, with these works expected to be underway by late July.

Meanwhile, RRBATA representatives have met with MRSC and Challis Designs to progress the concept design for Romsey's town entry features. It is anticipated these will be positioned at the north, south, east and west entries to the town. Stay tuned for further news on this as it comes to hand. The notion of town entry features was strongly raised in the April 2015 Community Forum which kick started the whole Romsey Streetscape Project.



RRBATA 9th Annual Business Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE – Hot on the heels of the successful inaugural RRBATA Business Dinner comes this year's Annual Business Breakfast (RRBATA's 9th!) will be held on Friday 17th August 2018. Watch the Rag, RRBATA Facebook and Romsey Online for updates.

Barry Street/Main Street Intersection

Vic Roads has notified RRBATA of the following regarding the proposed roundabout and pedestrian operated traffic signals:

- The project, which includes the Roundabout and Pedestrian Operated Signals, is programmed to be completed over the next 2 (financial) years (financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20). It is anticipated that the roundabout will require 2 years, as the first year will entail detailed design and major service relocations (such as the power pole etc). The relocation of services requires a great deal of co-ordination with other service authorities. The actual roundabout construction is likely to occur in the second financial year. (2019/20)
- It is anticipated that the Pedestrian Operated Signals will be constructed within the 2018/19 financial year. Once the design has been finalised, Vic Roads will have a much clearer

position on what the construction time frame will be.

- In response to RRBATA's query about the design scope for the traffic lights in the context of the Streetscape Enhancement Project heritage features, Vic Roads has explained that they generally install standard products that are approved by Powercor. Further discussion will be required on this aspect as any changes from the standard products will require an agreement with Council in relation to on-going maintenance/incident repairs.

Christmas In Romsey 2018

Christmas is coming! RRBATA has met with Christmas organisers from Riddells Creek and Lancefield to explore a collaborative approach to promotion of the Eastern corridor as the Christmas capital of the Macedon Ranges. A launch event will be held in the evening of Saturday 1st December featuring street performers, late night trading and fireworks, so SAVE THE DATE!

Please note: Volunteers are NEEDED to help make this festival bigger and better than last year!

> See advert elsewhere in the Rag.

RRBATA in 2018 and Beyond CONTINUED

THIS IS SERIOUS! 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**. If RRBATA is to survive, continue and thrive, business and broader community members will need to step up to assist on a new committee. ***Otherwise, RRBATA's survival as an organization and fierce advocate for our region will be very 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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