



Ranelagh Residents Association

# Ranelagh Estate Newsletter

The Newsletter of The Ranelagh Residents' Association (A0007234H)

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## Success with shire grant—and an award!

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Earlier this year the RRA applied to the Shire for a Community Support Grant, so that we could continue with our program of installing RANELAGH ESTATE bench seats in parkland and road reserves throughout Ranelagh and also erect roadside signs at three entrances to Ranelagh, announcing Ranelagh Estate. We were successful!

The Shire's "Placemaking" Grant of \$5,000 will enable the RRA to procure several more seats. Total project cost is \$10,090 and RRA will contribute the difference for the purchase of the seats, signs and additional materials (coatings, glues, footings etc), along with in-kind labour.

At a ceremony held at the Shire's Mornington office on Friday, August 31, RRA committee members received a Mornington Peninsula Heritage Award from The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and Mornington Peninsula Shire, for the RRA's completed seats-and-signs projects – the six RANELAGH ESTATE bench seats, and the five large historic signs.



**Congratulations RRA**

## Welcome Pack now available for new residents - do you know anyone?

A long time in the making, but finally the RRA has compiled an informative Welcome Pack to give to households moving in to Ranelagh Estate – but we have to find them! So if you know of anyone who has just moved in, please email us some details so that we can welcome them to the Estate with a Ranelagh Welcome Pack.

## Where were those trees planted?

The 59 Swamp Gums (*Eucalyptus ovata*) mentioned in our March newsletter were all planted just before the winter rains set in and they are thriving – being Swamp Gums, they are sucking it up!

18 trees were planted in Woodland Estate; 16 went to Moorooduc Quarry; 15 were used to re-vegetate areas of South Frankston; and 10 were planted in Lot D.

All appear to be doing well and the new spring growth is a very positive sign.



New tree plantings in Lot D

## Raw sewage pours onto Ranelagh Beach

On the morning of 12 September an early walker discovered a river of raw sewage cascading down the Earimil steps and escarpment at the end of Earimil Drive and onto Ranelagh Beach. The sewage was emanating from a broken sewer main at the top of the cliff near the Earimil lookout.



A South East Water pumping station located at the north end of Ranelagh Beach (just below Ranelagh Club) receives the sewage effluent from most of Mt Eliza, where large pumps operate to convey the sewage to the south of Ranelagh Beach then up the Earimil lookout steps to discharge into the main sewerage pipework and treatment plant, and thence eventually out into Bass Strait.

It is not currently known at what time the pipe broke, but brown raw sewage sludge from Mt Eliza's toilets is now embedded in the sand of Earimil Creek for 200 metres from the broken pipe down to the beach and has been flowing into the bay at the mouth of Earimil Creek.

A knowledgeable local warned:

The pipe broke through lack of maintenance and under pressure of the pump, and it may also have had an upstream blockage. It will only take several months for the pathogens to clear. Testing may suggest it is safe to swim, but I would not allow my grandchildren to swim on Ranelagh Beach.



## After 11 years.....access ways into Lot L !

Do you know where to find Lot L? It is a strip of land adjoining Earimil Creek, behind the houses that front onto Redbourne Avenue along to the end of Rugby Court, where Lot L joins Lot K. The original subdivision survey for Ranelagh shows two, 20 feet (6 metre) wide pedestrian pathways into Lot L off Redbourne Avenue, between Nos. 34-36 and Nos. 6-8 Redbourne Avenue. Over the years these public pathways became overgrown and subsumed into adjacent private gardens so that for decades access to Lot L was denied. For the past 11 years the RRA has been fighting for these pedestrian pathways to be reclaimed, cleared of impenetrable vegetation, and re-opened to form the access ways into Lot L that were originally intended. On August 20 & 21, contractors cleared narrow

pathways through both entrances. It is not what we had hoped for, but it is a start. We encourage everyone to make use of these two access ways into Lot L so that they will become common knowledge.

The RRA will continue to lobby for improvements to these two pathways and for signs to be erected at both ends of each path.



## JTSmith Reserve: working bees for remainder of the year

The third Friday of each month, any time between 9:30 – 11:30 am:

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Join the Friends of JTSmith Reserve for two hours, one hour, or even just half an hour – you will be made welcome! This reserve is the parkland at the northern end of the Mt Eliza commercial centre, opposite the TAB. Its dedicated Friends have made huge improvements to this large parkland by removing weeds, clearing fallen trees and planting native species, with practical assistance from the Shire's representative who provides training, advice and equipment.

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If you would like to support the RRA please contact the President on the email address above.

# Notice of AGM and nomination form for committee positions

The Annual General Meeting of the Ranelagh Residents' Association incorporated will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Mt Eliza Bowling Club, Canadian Bay Road, and will start at 7:30 pm. Doors open from 7:15 pm.

Please note only current financial members for 2018-2019 may vote, so if you have not paid your membership subscription we encourage you to do so now.

Enclosed with this newsletter are the formal Notice of Annual General Meeting, Agenda, and Nomination Form for office bearers and committee membership. Have you considered nominating for the RRA committee?

Here is your opportunity!



## Competition Corner

Prizes for the best response in each category will be announced at the AGM on 17th October, and the Judge's decision will be final.

Competition entries must be received by Monday 1st October 2018.

### Under 16's competition

We are looking for a logo to represent our motto of "Regenerate Ranelagh". Send your design to RRA by post or email.

### 16 and over's competition

We are looking for the correct answers to these five questions about our Ranelagh Estate:

1. What year was the first Ranelagh land sale?
2. What was the original name of the building now called Ranelagh House?
3. How many RANELAGH ESTATE bench seats have been installed around Ranelagh?
4. Name 2 locations where you will find these bench seats.
5. What are the botanical names of the original avenue of tree plantings along Wimbledon Avenue?

Email your response to RRA.

## Membership Application



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### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF RANELAGH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Inc. (RRA)

To: The Treasurer – Paul Curtis,  
Ranelagh Residents' Association Inc.,  
PO Box 618,  
Mount Eliza, VIC 3930

I/We being residents or owners of property on Ranelagh Estate wish to join the RRA

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Note that email is the preferred means of communication in order to reduce operating costs and increase productivity of the group.

I/We agree to abide by the Articles of Association of the RRA and to make payment of any joining fee or subscription as required under the said Articles of Association.

\$20 entitles us/me to membership until 30th June 2019.

#### Payment methods:

- (1) Make cheque payable to 'Ranelagh Residents' Association' and forward to Treasurer, Ranelagh Residents' Association, PO Box 618, Mount Eliza, 3930
- OR
- (2) Make a direct deposit to our account: BSB 633-000 Account 157716606  
Please use your surname plus your house number as the remitter. In the description area enter "Sub 1819" if subscription only or "Composite 1819" if including a donation.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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We are committed to protecting the privacy of any personal information that you provide to us, and we only collect personal information from you that is necessary for our membership records. Any personal information that we collect will not be disclosed to any person who is not a member of our Committee of Management.

