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## Melbourne Cup Tour comes to Casey Grange Village



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Cover: Students from Saint Margaret's Primary School, Maribyrnong, holding the 2018 Lexus Melbourne Cup trophy (KARON PHOTOGRAPHY). Right: Andrew Philip holds the precious cup.

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(RCA Villages) is a family owned and operated business, with a long established team, who have over 100 years of combined experience in building and managing retirement villages. Our team comprises experienced senior executives who have been integral in the creation of 25 retirement villages and 16 aged care facilities over the past 35 years. RCA Villages is redefining retirement with villages that tick all the boxes. Great locations, excellent value for money, no complex arrangements — just a smooth transition to your future!

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# Welcome to the Winter edition of RCA's quarterly magazine.

The children on the front cover of this edition of Evolve helped officiate at the launch of the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour recently. Each child was dressed in the colors of a winning horse from the Cup's history. Their excitement was palpable, but they all played their part as the destinations for the tour were announced with great poise. It must have been a great honour for their school to have been chosen for the task, and they did their school community proud.

It was a proud day for RCA Villages also - because Casey Grange Village was selected as one of the 2018 destinations, and we will be representing the Cranbourne area on the Tour this year. What an honour for the village residents and RCA to have the opportunity to host one of the world's iconic sporting trophies, and we are confident that we will approach the task with the same diligence and poise that the children of St Margaret's showed that day!

As I write, the final touches are being applied to the village Clubhouse, which will be the venue for the occasion. The residents are really looking forward to having access to the building which is the crown jewel at the heart of the village. Following the Grand Opening in mid July, and the following weeks will feature a number of 'warm-up' events

leading up to the arrival of the Cup in early September.

The Spring Carnival and horse racing is a popular calendar event in many RCA Villages. Beleura Village and Martha Cove Village have both created social syndicates, with part ownership in horses trained by Mornington trainer Tony Noonan, who partnered with us in our bid to be on the Tour in 2018.

Partnership, collaboration and celebration are integral to developing successful communities. These three qualities are abundantly present in all of the villages - and events like the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour are wonderful occasions to invite the wider community to participate. We hope to see you at one of the Casey Grange Melbourne Cup Tour events in the coming months.

*Andrew*





## ‘Loving Cup’ to visit Casey Grange Village

**On a crisp June Melbourne morning, local and international racing identities, representatives of towns and organisations across Australia and a group of excited school children dressed in Melbourne Cup winning colours, gathered to discover who had been chosen the host the 2018 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour.**

RCA Village is excited to announce that Casey Grange Village has been selected as one of the destinations for the 2018 Tour, which has seen the coveted trophy travel over half a million kilometres and visit more than 400 towns and cities across Australia, New Zealand and the world, allowing local communities to experience the magic of the ‘Loving Cup’ firsthand. The ‘Loving Cup’ will visit our Cranbourne village in early September, and will be a major event for residents and guests this year.

Established in 2003, the Victoria Racing Club’s (VRC) annual Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour will embark on a four-month journey across Australia and overseas with the \$200,000 trophy.

The trophy visits various destinations in an effort to unite communities by engaging councils, schools, hospitals, aged-care and racing groups in events to raise funds for local causes.

To see the iconic Cup before it is presented to the winning owner at the great race is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The Tour brings communities together in celebration of the ‘People’s Cup’ and the rich 157-year history of the Melbourne Cup, relaying the stories and the heroes intrinsically linked with the iconic race.

In 2018, the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour will travel to 37 destinations across the globe. This year will be the first time in the Cup Tour’s 16 year history that the

Tour will travel to Europe, visiting the United Kingdom and Ireland, and also to South Korea.

2018 marks the 100th edition of the three handled ‘Loving Cup’ having been first awarded in 1919. The trophy is known as the ‘Loving Cup’ due to its design, the three handles symbolizing the relationship between the winning jockey, trainer and owner.

“It is an incredible honour to participate in the tour and we look forward to hosting a wonderful event in the brand-new Clubhouse at Casey Grange Village,” said Andrew Philip. “What a way to draw the community together in a quintessential Australian event.”

Above: Cup Tour Ambassador Michelle Payne, Lexus Ambassador Kate Waterhouse, Flemington Ambassador Georgia Connolly and Cup Tour Ambassadors Christine and Hugh Bowman at the 2018 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour launch (KARON PHOTOGRAPHY).