



Rob Littlewood proudly displays his new book at his beloved Bunbury Golf Club. Picture: Jackson Barrett

SCIENCE FICTION DEBUT

Bunbury's Rob Littlewood is a businessman, opera singer, keen golfer and now a published author.

A long-time science fiction fan, Mr Littlewood said the characters and plot lines brewing in his head simply had to be put to paper, and more than a year and a half later, he is set to release his debut novel, *Deviance*.

"It has been a story that has been in the back of my head for a long time," he said.

"March of 2019 I began writing it and it took 12 months to get to 90,000 words, which was the first

draft. "By the time we did the second draft it was up to 106,000 and then we did the third draft and it was professionally edited and now it is set for release."

Mr Littlewood said while there was a story in his head, as he progressed characters and plots took multiple twists and turns.

"I am not a big one for writing plans and plot lines and so forth," he said.

"The characters come along and sometimes they do things you're not expecting them to do and things fall out from that.

"C.S. Lewis said he wrote

books he would have liked to have read as a child, and I guess for me I wrote a book I would like to read myself."

Leschenault Press executive director Ian Hooper congratulated Mr Littlewood on taking his ideas and executing them.

"When I read it I thought 'wow, this is a complex but not overly complicated book with an intriguing adventure from a guy who knows the genre,'" he said.

Deviance will be launched on November 13 at the Bunbury Golf Club, where Mr Littlewood is the vice-president.