



Robertson Newsletter

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NO SEWERAGE FOR ROBERTSON UNTIL 2004

The Mayor of Wingecarribee issued a press release recently stating that implementation of a sewerage scheme for Robertson would be delayed until at least 2004.

The whole scheme is now to be taken back to the drawing board. A Council Policy document is to be issued regarding the project and there is to be further community consultation. Council recently also proposed that alternate effluent disposal systems be investigated.

It has been agreed that effluent must remain within the Shire. Council is concerned that all residents understand that there is no intention to release any effluent unless it has been first treated to appropriate standards.

Centenary of Federation, 2001 Tree Planting Project for Robertson

A meeting is to be held to discuss the opportunities for planting native and exotic trees and/or shrubs, possibly at the end of March, with the school children and community working together.

But, we need your wishes, advice, and yes, your money too, as the cost of each tree is \$5.00 and the grant for each village is only \$800 for everything.



This meeting will be held on the 8th December at the Community centre from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The chairman of the Federation Committee, Cllr Duncan Gair, will be there to explain more fully what we can do.



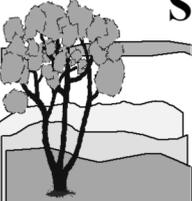
Please come along, all of you, as you are needed.

The R.E.P.S. Christmas Party meeting is being held that night following this meeting and you are invited to stay on if you wish.

J. E. Campagnoni (4885 1280)



Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas.
Thank you for your continued support throughout the year!
See you in 2001 – Phillip, John & Lyn



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The Robertson Trading Post

is now re-opened.

Anyone interested in putting craft ware on consignment, or leasing floor space, please ring Allen King on 4885 1262



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Towards the end of last year I wrote the words and music for a village pantomime scheduled for production at Burrawang School of Arts around July of this current year. Unfortunately, and for all sorts of reasons, it never saw the light of day; which was a pity, because it was an amusing and harmless little show and could have been lots of fun to produce and to see. Too bad. It simply didn't happen and it's not the end of the world.

However, it would require very little in the way of rewriting here and there to turn it into a romping pantomime for the village of Robertson and for staging in our own excellent and much under-utilised School of Arts.

Should there be any interest in such an idea, I would be happy to undertake the re-writing but, before doing so, I'd need to be assured that there are willing volunteers to assume responsibility for production, lighting, wardrobe, tickets, dance, music, make-up, scenery, etc.

All of that may sound like quite a lot of hard work. Not really, provided that the enthusiasm is there. And it's terrific fun for parents and children. So if any of your readers believe that they'd like to be involved, perhaps they'd care to give me a call on 4885 1686.

Yours faithfully,
Arthur Jackson.

Dear Sir,

For those of you who buy juice bottles with blue lids - spare a thought for our Satin Bower birds and cut the ring attached to the lid before disposing of it. A recent pathetic sight was that of a Black Satin bird (and it had taken him seven years to develop that iridescent plumage) with the ring through his beak and over the back of his head. Efforts to catch him failed, leaving him to die of starvation and thirst.



Denise Elphick

Dear Sir,

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH KIDS TODAY?

The answer to that question, happily, is hardly

anything at all as far as Robertson is concerned. A very different kettle of fish, however, in many other towns and inner city areas where time hangs heavily on many young peoples' hands, and where evil and corrupt minds, obsessed with drugs and greed and, seeing those same hands, know precisely what to put into them.

But, as we say, here in Robertson all is well. No worries. Let's hope that it will always be that way. However, one wonders whether, perhaps, it might be an idea for our community to give some thought and discussion to the way in which, in an ideal world, we should like to see our village grow and develop over the coming five to ten years; especially with regard to the development of community interests and facilities for our children as they, too, grow and become young adults during the same period.

Perhaps it isn't necessary. Maybe things will just naturally sort themselves out over time. Who knows? Let's hope so. Nonetheless, it is a fact that Robertson Primary School currently has a roll call of 219 children aged between five and twelve. In the course of the next seven years, just about all of them will have become teenagers; bursting with the glorious energy of youth and, quite naturally, looking for all sorts of exciting things to do. And what do we have for them, right here in Robertson? The short answer is, not much.

If anybody feels interested in discussing this matter further, telephone 4885 1686.

Arthur Jackson



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GREAT DAY OUT ON THE COCKATOO RUN.

Thanks to the hard work and organisation of the Robertson Business Association, with especial thanks to Dion and Micki Boehme, a most happy group numbering approximately thirty adults and children, enjoyed a superb outing on the Cockatoo Run on Sunday October 29th.

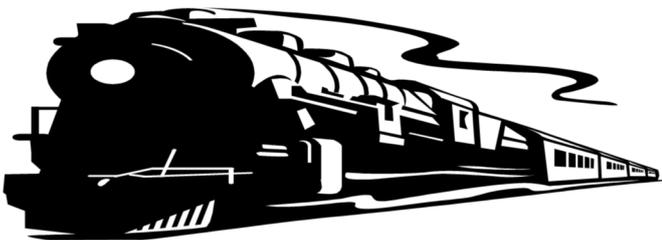
A gleaming little coach with all of us aboard left Robertson Railway Station at 9.15 am and we were driven to Wollongong Station, swiftly, safely and happily by our splendid driver down through the twists and turns of the notorious Macquarie Pass. That, alone, was a fascinating and revealing experience as we were all able, for the very first time, to admire the spectacular scenery as opposed to having our eyes glued to the tarmac ahead. Positively breathtaking.

Once in Wollongong we had a leisurely wait at the station - just long enough for a cup of coffee and a friendly chat and get-together - before clambering aboard the train itself as it huffed and puffed to a halt.

Our hosts on the train - all enthusiastic volunteers - made every effort to ensure our comfort and safety as the mighty old engine bravely hauled us to the top of the escarpment while we enjoyed, not only the superb scenery and the compelling history of it all, but also warming and complimentary mugs of coffee accompanied by delicious muffins. Who could possibly ask for more?

Promptly at 1.15pm we steamed back into Robertson Station and, much as one is always happy to return safely home, there were more than just a few of us who would willingly have done the whole thing all over again.

So thanks again Robertson Business Association.
It truly was a great day out.



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On The Proposed Sewerage Treatment Works in Belmore Falls Valley

To talk about it's bad enough
But now we have to see the stuff
Resulting from a heinous plan
To make our valley a giant bed-pan.
Can we envisage scenic views
Abounding in excreted oos?
Albeit in a great big dish
Or two, with waves that lap and swish?
No longer would the local breezes
Be the cause of little sneezes;
For tourists innocently passing.
The risk could be a serious gassing.
With glorious views obliterated,
Resulting damage underrated
And every time that nature calls
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M.B. Maurice 2000

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ROBERTSON GUILD OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Indeed it is! After three innovative and exciting years since its inception, the Robertson Guild has now finally achieved its long -cherished ambition with the opening of its very own retail outlet in Hoddle Street, close by Robertson Recollections and the Robertson Village Café.

When you visit it you will immediately see that it's a pretty little shop and absolutely perfect for the high quality of the works produced by all of the individual Guild members. And, without doubt, it will immediately provide yet another excellent attraction for the increasing numbers of visitors and tourists who are discovering the charm of our industrious and pleasant little village.

The Robertson Guild Shop will be run very much as a cooperative with all of the Guild members not only financing the project but also manning the shop on a volunteer roster basis and sharing in all of the many tasks necessary to ensure its smooth and successful operation.

This is a brave and exciting venture which Robertson Guild members are embarking upon. It has the potential to bring increasing prosperity to this small corner of The Southern Highlands so let's all join together in wishing them well.

For more information about The Robertson Guild, how to become a member, etc. contact Ken and Nina Redpath 4885 2448.



Visit our Website
www.mollylolly.com

Joyce Bailey – 4885 2885

Pizzas in the Mist

Would like to thank Robertson and surrounding areas for all your support throughout the year.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Thomas & Belinda Borbely



Gardening In Robertson

What a pleasure it is to walk through and sit in a garden you have created with your own two hands.

Good gardening is 90% commonsense, combine that with the great soil and the abundant rainfall of the Robertson - Burrawang area and the possibilities are endless.

The most important feature of a traditional garden is the lawn. A lush green lawn looks pleasing and gives the garden a relaxed comfortable atmosphere, it provides a smooth living carpet for relaxation and recreation. A well kept lawn compliments the house and garden and sets off trees, shrubs, and border plants.

When planning a garden, take your time, decide where trees and shrubbery would look best, use shrubs in shapely groups rather than evenly spaced around the garden, place these groups where they look best to balance the house. When you have set out your plants, stand back and take a look at the general layout, if your not completely happy you can always change it so in the end it will be perfect.

See you next time
and keep on gardening !

John Dutton



John and Judy Dutton have been associated with the garden industry for over 30 years.

John has long term experience in the design, construction and maintenance of quality gardens and is a past President of the Illawarra Garden Festival. John and Judy have been major prize winners in garden competitions over many years and are specialists in the design and construction of Show Gardens.

John has agreed to do a regular feature for us in the Robertson Newsletter, hoping to stimulate and enthuse the gardener in all of us. Wouldn't it be great if Robertson was a town known for its beautiful gardens.

Community Notices

Christmas Lights & Festive Display Competition

- 1st Prize - Donated by Builders Barn, F
2nd Prize - Donated by Robertson Business Association
3rd Prize - Donated by Robertson Business Association

All premises in Robertson automatically become eligible. Judging to take place from and during the week 11th December. Prizes to be announced at the Community Christmas Carols at the Robertson School of Arts.

Roberts School of Arts

Friday the 15th December is the date of the Family Old Time Dance, 8pm to midnight. Bring the children along to see Santa Claus.

Monday 18th December - Village Carols, 7pm with supper to follow. This year the carols will be in Hampden Park, unless wet, in which case we will go back to the hall. May the peace and blessings of Christmas be with you all.



Robertson/Burrawang Senior Citizens Club.

Just a reminder about our Christmas Dinner at Ranelagh House on Friday, 15th December, 12 noon for 12.30pm. Cost 27.50 each. Please let Lydia Maynard (4885 1730) or Joan Compagnoni (4885 1280) know if you are coming by the 6th December. Meetings will resume next year on the Third Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm in the Community Centre. Come and join us.

Smith Family Toy Appeal.

Help make a wish come true this Christmas for a needy child. Give a new toy at Elders Robertson for the Smith Family Toy Appeal. To support the appeal, please drop a present into Elders Real Estate, Robertson by the 15th December so that toys can be distributed in time for Christmas morning. For further information contact Lyn at Elders, Robertson on 4885 1040.



Robertson Playgroup

For children aged 0-6 yrs; their parents and carers. We meet Mondays 10.00am-12.00pm at the Community Centre, Caalong St. Up until the 18th December and then beginning 5th February in 2001.



Enquiries - Tammy - 4885 1362.

**If you are community Minded,
come to**

**Neighbourhood Watch Meeting
Thursday 7th December
Robertson Community Centre
7.45pm. Supper Provided.**

Local Police support us by attending meetings and presenting a report.

(No meeting on 4th January due to Holidays but we normally meet on the first Thursday of each month.)

Recipe of the Month

POTATO CAKE
Judy Fisk

Put in basin - ½ cup mashed Potato
Beat in 1 tablespoon of butter or margarine
Add ¼ cup of sugar, ¾ cup milk, 1 beaten egg, Essence of vanilla and lemon to taste.
Mix well & add 2 cups of S.R. Flour, ½ cup mixedfruit.

Place mixture in 8" tin. Sprinkle with 1 tbspn of butter rubbed into 2 tbsps of flour and 2 tbsps of sugar.

Bake in a moderate oven about 30 minutes.

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Judy Fisk has received a \$20 gift voucher from Robertson Recollections. If you would like to enter the Recipe of the Month competition, drop your entry into Robertson Recollections by 15th January. From now on you may submit any of your recipes, for cakes, jams, chutnies, soups, main meals etc.

Birds of the Village

Springtime is a busy time for the birds of Robertson. With the local species well into their breeding rituals of courtship, nest construction, mating etc. Along with all this activity is the migratory birds return south to commence they're breeding regime. Some may even return to the village to breed but most are just passing through or visiting the many flowering native plants, which coincide with their travels. Of these are the Honeyeaters, Silvereyes, Cuckoos, Whistlers, Warblers, Fantails and Swifts just to name a few. Of the local species the superb Fairy Wren (Malurus Cyaneus) is one of the most pleasurable for casual or full on enthusiasts to observe.

For those that aren't aware of the superb Blue Wren it is a small bird measuring just 13-14cms (5inches) long, with the tail being approx half that length. Its tail is almost always held cocked that is in the erect position except in flight and when the male is performing parts of the courtship display. The most striking aspect of the superb fairy wren is its plumage colour. The males have a blue cap and back as well as a blue check patch, a blue-black throat and chest, with white dusky grey underparts. The blue cap and back (mantle) are broken up by black banding, the tail is a dark dull blue, and they have mouse brown wings. The females are mouse brown above and have an off white throat through to dusky grey brown underparts, the eye-ring and lores (between eye and beak) are a rufous tan colour and the tail is brown. Immature like females; young males (1st yr) have blue tails. These birds are always close to ground around dense undergrowth, orangethorn, blackberries, bracken fern etc. These plants provide cover for them. Wrens are usually in pairs or small family groups. They forage over open ground in search of insects and grubs. They will often perch on tops of shrubs or thickets to sing briskly. It has quite a vigorous trill but tails off quite quickly, also a drawn out PREEEE contact call while foraging on the ground.

All in all a wonderful local bird to sit and observe as they are quite easy to find, a short walk around the northern side of the natural forest (outer edge) should bring quick results. Also don't forget the Barren Grounds bird

observatory for those that would like to see more diverse species or just go on a pleasant bushwalk.

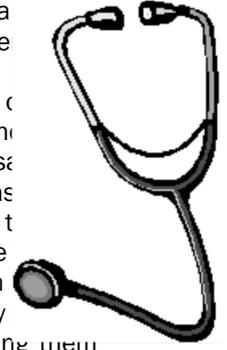


Heath Stead

Medical Notes

This month we want to remind a encourage immunisation for seven groups of children.

The first group is the 4 turning 5 (turning 6 year olds commencing school kindergarten 2001. This immunisation which is the MMRs or second measles mumps Rubella vaccination, needs to be done before they commence school, so please bring them in before the last week in January 2001. Please note that you can bring them in any time rather than leaving it until the last week in January.



The second group of immunisations concerns the 10 year olds group. The government is providing free hepatitis B vaccinations for this group only. This is a whole course of three vaccinations that is provided through the doctor. You need to tell Dr Locke when you make the appointment so that she can order it in before the consultation.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and hepatitis B are on the increase in our community. These diseases can cause grave illness including pneumonia and can cause permanent side effects. We encourage all vaccinations to be not only undertaken but the whole course to be completed and as a commitment to this we are bulk billing all these immunisation consultations. We greatly encourage you to take advantage of this preventative health promotion.

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IMPORTANT HOLIDAY REMINDER: About Robertson Recycling Drop-off Bay

- ✦ Please note that the recycling bay is a facility only for **householders who do not have a recycling collection service** and who wish to recycle in the right way (**see below). [These households *must* dispose of non-recyclable garbage through a private pick-up service or by taking it to Welby Transfer Station (also a recycling depot).]
- ✦ Because of the bay's current location and its impact on adjacent properties and the park, it is a facility of *limited capacity* intended to cater only for *domestic amounts of recyclables from rural residents* and therefore is **not for commercial, business or village residents' use**.
- ✦ **Village residents with a weekly garbage and recycling service** are expected to use this service and are asked not to burden the recycling bay. [Remember *any amount of recyclables* in bins, boxes or crates can be put out for collection, but if you have **extra garbage** to be collected by the normal garbage service, purchase from Waters' store or RJ Mackey R.E. a \$2.20 yellow "**Extra Waste**" bin sticker and attach it to the extra bin (bag *must* be in a bin or box).]
- ✦ **PLEASE CONSIDER THE LIMITATIONS OF THE FACILITY AND THE IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. ALL RESIDENTS' CO-OPERATION IN THE PROPER USE OF THIS RECYCLING BAY IS ESSENTIAL FOR IT TO REMAIN AVAILABLE AS A FACILITY FOR RURAL RECYCLERS.**
- ✦ **** Only these EMPTY & CLEAN mixed recyclables may be left in the containers:**
Glass bottles and jars, all other household plastic containers (e.g. yoghurt, margarine, ice-cream), pressure pack cans, steel food cans, PET plastic containers, rocket bottoms, aluminium cans, milk and juice cartons, HDPE plastic containers (e.g. milk, juice, shampoo) **SQUASH PLASTICS AND CANS TO REDUCE VOLUME SO MORE CAN FIT IN THE CONTAINERS;** Newspaper, magazines, cardboard – **ALL FLATTENED, BUNDLED AND TIED**, scrap paper secured in a cardboard box **STACK NEATLY IN THE COVERED PAPER CONTAINERS. No plastic bags or styrofoam packaging.**
- ✦ **NOTHING ELSE - NO GARBAGE, NO JUNK, NO GARDEN WASTE** (mulch and/or compost garden waste at home or take to **Green Waste Depot** - see Council's Waste Services Calendar for Green Waste Weekends and for all waste disposal enquiries phone 4868 0710 weekdays 8³⁰ - 4³⁰) ☺

We hope the holiday season will impart in people the goodwill to "do the right thing" with their rubbish and recycling.

Let's make Robertson once again a Tidy Town!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas from Hampden Park Management Committee

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Carols & Christmas Services.



Carols at Burrawang

Sunday 17th December – 8pm.
In the grounds of Vance Hall, Dale St, Burrawang

Village Carols

Monday 18th December –, 7pm with supper to follow.
This year the carols will be in Hampden Park.

Carols at St John's Robertson

Sunday 24th December – 8pm.
In the grounds of St John's Anglican Church

Christmas Eve Nativity Service (with the Kids Club)

Sunday 24th December – 7pm
Robertson Uniting Church

Christmas Day Services

St John's Anglican Church, Robertson.
8.00am – Holy Communion
9.30am – Holy Communion

Church Service Times

Anglican

St John's Robertson

8.00am Traditional Services – 2nd Sunday– Communion
4th Sunday– Morning Prayer
9.30am Family Service & Sunday School – Every Sunday

7.00pm 1st & 3rd Sundays - Informal Service

St David's Burrawang

8.00am - 1st Sunday (NEW)

Presbyterian, Burrawang

2.00pm – 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Uniting , Robertson

7.30am – 2nd & 4th Sundays

Roman Catholic

Robertson

10.00am – 2nd & 4th Sundays

Burrawang

10.00am – 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

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Community Service Announcements, articles and diary submissions are free of charge. All items must be submitted by deadline dates and may be modified at the editors discretion. To avoid extensive editing please limit announcements to 25 words, and articles to a maximum 300 words. It is preferable that submissions be typed or emailed. Thank you.

Advertising

A single insertion is \$30. (Discount of \$5 for members of Robertson Business Association) Each insertion is limited to a maximum 90 x 55 mm. Advertisers are responsible for meeting submission deadlines. Any copy received after the deadline is unlikely to be included. All advertising is payable in advance. All advertisements to Micki Boehme at Robertson Recollections. Thank you for your support.

Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of February. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th January 2000**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577, Fax: 4885 2241** or **Email: bjlee@tpg.com.au**. (Submissions are best supplied by email or on disk. Hard copy should preferably be typed) Enquiries - 4885 1210

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