



Robertson Newsletter

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AN OFFER THEY COULDN'T REFUSE

"On behalf of the Robertson Business Association, may I invite you and your partner to visit Robertson's public toilets."

So began a recent letter from the RBA to all Councillors. The letter was designed to draw attention to the rundown and neglected condition of the toilet block - a vital amenity for the comfort of visitors to Robertson and the Highlands generally.

The letter has already produced three positive outcomes. Councillor Gordon Lewis took up the invitation, agreed with the RBA's view of the toilet block, and has asked for a report on the cost of bringing the toilets up to a satisfactory standard. Councillor Larry Whipper arranged an on-site meeting with Myles Lochhead, Council's Manager of Waste Services, to discuss upgrading the site. Southern Highlands News also picked up the story, giving it good page 2 coverage on Monday 14th May.

So stand by for some improvement. As the RBA keeps stressing, Robertson is the Eastern gateway to the Highlands and, a major entry point for visitors. Third-world amenities are just not good enough.

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LETS GO SKATING

Local businessman Phillip Vickery has successfully worked with the Committee of Hampden Park to have a skating rink installed in the main street of Robertson.

Phillip has corresponded in conjunction with Hampden Park to have Council provide funds for a much needed activity for the local youth.

After months of discussion with our local Aldermen, it would seem that Council will assist with half the funds needed and with volunteer help, Phillip believes we can complete the project.

The Youth Voice Committee will also be involved in operating the rink on completion.

As it stands now The Hampden Park Committee will select the site most appropriate for the rink and Phillip Vickery is waiting for helpers to volunteer their services - Please call at Elders Real Estate or Phone 48851040.

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

The word "volunteer" gained new meaning during the Olympic Games last year. The success of the Games was due in no small measure to the work of the volunteers.

In this, the Year of the Volunteer, we should not forget that the running of a small country town, such as Robertson, is also dependent on volunteers to a great degree. Many people assume that Council does much of the work around the town. It should be pointed out that Council does very little for the day-to-day running of Robertson. They do mow the sporting grounds but most of Hampden Park is mown by Col Senior, on a mower kindly provided by Council. Although Col is paid a minimal amount by the government, he puts in many more hours of work than is required so that we can have the pleasure of walking through the park without being knee-deep in grass. Col also does a great deal of voluntary work with the scouts.

Then there are the members of the Hampden Park Committee, and REPS, who have planted the trees beyond the creek. The Community Centre, although maintained by Council, is managed by another group of volunteers. It is cleaned by those who use it but the overall responsibility is taken by the committee members. The School of Arts, owned by the residents of Robertson, is looked after by a committee of volunteers. This newsletter is put together by volunteers, with local business people chipping in with paid ads to cover the cost of printing. What would the Robertson Show be without all the people who work, not only during the Show, but for months before-hand organising the events, raising money and then setting up the whole thing for our enjoyment. And where would we be without the Fire Brigade, manned by volunteers. And the reading tutors who help those children in our primary school with that extra bit of coaching.

Of course there are probably many more who deserve our thanks. Let us know if we have forgotten anyone. One way of thanking our tireless workers is being organised by Jean Tobler. It's an Afternoon Tea at the Uniting Church Hall on July 15th at 2.30 p.m. Invitations will be sent out shortly. This is a special event to say "thank-you" to all those people, in this, the Year of the Volunteer.

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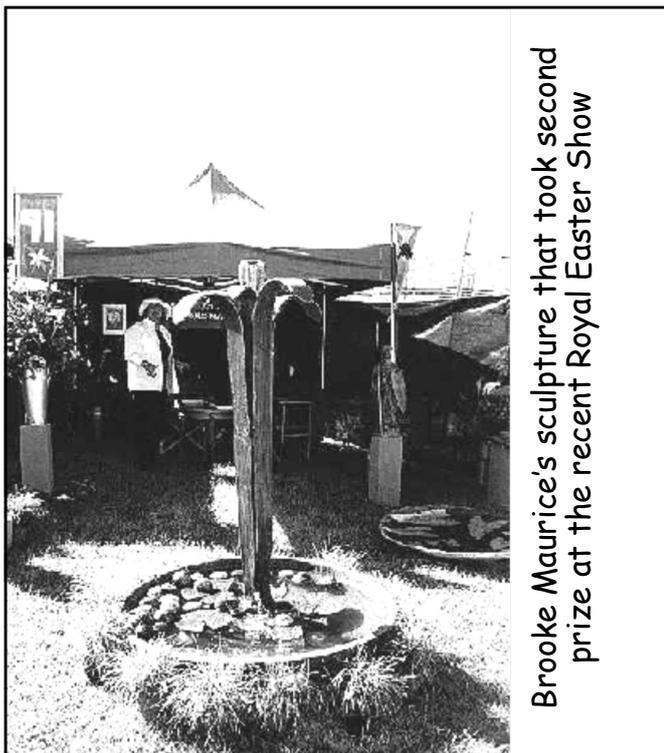
GUILD SHOP SHUTS THE SHUTTERS.

Sadly, the Robertson Guild shop which opened with such high hopes six months ago will be closing at the end of May.

This really is a pity because it was a great little showcase for the work and talents of so many creative people who live in our midst. The many tourists who visited the shop were truly impressed with the wide variety of goods and artworks which were so pleasantly displayed and, indeed, compliments on the shop and on Robertson itself flowed thick and fast. In short, the Robertson Guild shop was an asset to the town and so thanks are extended to Ken and Nina Redpath who initially made the shop happen and to Ros McKissock who worked so hard to keep it in operation.

The basic reason for its closure had nothing to do with the quality of the shop nor, indeed, of the excellent works which were for sale. It simply was a matter of being unable to locate sufficient volunteers to keep the shop open for the long days and hours which would have been essential to its success. A few hours on a Saturday and Sunday simply weren't enough.

Ah, well. It was fun while it lasted. Better to have failed than not to have tried at all.



Brooke Maurice's sculpture that took second prize at the recent Royal Easter Show

ROBERTSON HERITAGE RAILWAY STATION NEWS

Good News about the Robertson Station ! On 7th May, Jo Gash MP announced federal Regional Assistance Program funding and Work for The Dole support for erecting two shelter sheds, landscaping the surrounds and restoring the heritage railway station. The Steering Committee is finalising a licence from State Rail to Wingecarribee Shire Council for us to occupy the site. Work is scheduled to begin in July. We will keep readers informed of progress on this worthwhile community project.

To Let

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What's in a Massage

We've all heard of massage, many of us have probably had one or two. Yet how many of us know the real benefits of having a regular massage? They are many and varied but I am going to detail just a few of the benefits that you might be interested in.

With the onset of winter and all that ails us during these cold months, massage is invaluable in helping our immune system cope. The stimulating effect of massage improves blood and lymph circulation assisting the body to remove toxins and metabolic wastes. It also increases the circulation of nutrients and oxygen to our skin, organs and muscles. This leaves us better able to fight off the dreaded winter lurgies.

Are you feeling the pain in your joints more on these cooler mornings? Massage can help to relieve the pain of stiff joints by improving muscle tone and by stretching the connective tissue. With regular sessions your range of motion will noticeably improve allowing you to carry out your daily tasks with greater comfort and ease. It is not a miracle cure but with regular attention you should notice the change.

Last but not least, lets not forget the feel good effect of a massage. You will feel relaxed yet refreshed, massage is a great stress reliever and an ideal way to pamper yourself. If you would like to know more about the benefits of a regular massage or would like to book a session please contact me.

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MARKET REPORT

If you make it, bake it, or grow it, why not show it off at Robertson Village Market, and make some pocket money at the same time?

And if you're clearing out that box room or shed, why have a garage sale, when you can wait until market day and have your own stall?

Our market is now well established as one of the most popular in the Highlands. It attracts people from all over the Shire and from much further a-field. The variety is remarkable, from cakes and preserves, to old tools, bric-a-brac, second-hand books, plants, toys, and wonderful hand-made crafts.

So if you have something to sell, why not give the market a try? It's the ideal way to display, and sell, your wares. It's a busy market, but there's usually room for one more. The cost of stalls is very reasonable, and all profits support the maintenance of the Mechanics Institute Hall, so it's a good cause.

Of course, if you enjoy a little light shopping, or even a little light gossip, Robertson Market is also the place to be. It's a happy atmosphere, a great meeting place for locals, and a lot of fun for bargain hunters. Particularly early birds!

Robertson Village Market is the place to be on the second Sunday of every month, from 8am.

For more information phone Edna on 48 851216

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN - COUNTRY WOOL QUILTS

Well-known Robertson saddlers, Yvonne & Graeme Stuart, have branched out into a new business - Country Wool Quilts - making pure new wool-filled pillows, doonas and underlays. These are not only recommended for warmth and comfort but for people with allergies. They are covered with best quality Japara covers with N.S.W. wool filling.

These can be purchased direct from the makers at Robertson Markets, every 2nd Sunday of the month, or at the workshop:

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Medical Notes

Just a further reminder - although winter is well and truly here, it's not too late to have your flu shot. Flu vaccinations are free if you are over 65.

I'd like to thank you all for your well wishes and support while my husband has been ill. We are pleased to say that all is back to normal now.

Sue Locke.

Robertson Medical Practice
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SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL.

In this fast and crazy world of greed and self-interest, it is warm and reassuring to have the occasional opportunity to be reminded of the small things in life which cost nothing to the observer, which arise so totally unexpectedly and which serve to lift the spirits to the sky and beyond. And often the very people who bestow these magical and memorable moments are completely oblivious of all of the goodwill which they are creating and spreading around.

Just a couple of these delightful and gentle bolts from the blue came about within the past few days. Weighed down as I was with the anxieties of which meat to buy for supper, suddenly - right there behind the Bowral counter - was the beaming smile and the memorable stance of Jim Wilson himself; striped apron, sharp knife at the ready and eager and willing to serve and to please just as he had always been for all of those years in his unique little shop in Hoddle Street. Instantly the old memories came flooding back and although it is only a few years ago that Jim hung up his apron, so to speak; seeing him again just as he had always been summoned up in my mind a charming and somewhat poignant vignette of a period of time now disappeared but which I was privileged to have known.

The second unexpected and gratuitous uplifting of the heart came about only yesterday, May 14th, as I was returning from Heather Tait's with a bottle of milk for my breakfast corn flakes. In the brilliant morning sunshine there, striding along the road towards me, was a portrait of such charm and innocent perfection that I simply stopped my car and gazed in wide-eyed wonder and joy. I couldn't have driven anyway because my eyes were filled with huge tears of unstoppable happiness. And the cause of it all was my next door neighbour's tiny daughter all dressed up for a Federation Day picnic and on her way to school to enjoy the whole wonderful and inspired event with all of her friends. In a flash and, once again out of the blue, I was suddenly confronted with one of the prettiest pictures of real life which I had ever witnessed. I'll never forget it.

See what I mean about small is beautiful? Each of those cameos lasted but a few moments. The difference in age between the two principal characters is more than sixty years. Neither of them had even the vaguest idea of how much happiness they were creating simply by being there and by just being themselves. But, oh, how they were!

So thank you Jim and Petra. You have a good day, too.

A.J.

TENNIS IN ROBERTSON

Tennis has re-emerged onto the sporting and social calendar at Robertson. Two factors have contributed to this revival - the court lighting has been repaired and a new resident in the Village is a Tennis Coach, namely, Bob Payne.

Bob is a Level 2 Professional Coach with over 20 years full-time coaching experience and a life-time of competition and tournament tennis behind him. He has already introduced tennis as a school sport at Robertson Public School and commenced a Junior Tennis Competition on Tuesday afternoon.

Bob is available for coaching both children and adults and also does racquet restringing. Phone him on 4885-1599 or Mobile 0417 043 940 for more details.

The Robertson Tennis Club would like to hear from players of all standards wishing to play competition on Monday or Tuesday nights or social tennis on Friday evenings. Social tennis on Tuesday at 1.00pm. and Ladies Competition on Thursday is already in progress. For further details regarding any of the above activities please phone Anne - 4885-1778 or Carol - 4885-1756.

Day or Night court hire can be arranged through Elders Real Estate - Phone 4885-1040.

A history of tennis in Robertson is being compiled by the Tennis Club and it is anxious to hear from anyone who has old photographs or material relating to the early, or not so early, history of tennis in the Village.

Recipe of the Month

Veal with Mushrooms. (Kate Whitlock)



1 tbsp Olive Oil, 1 kg diced veal, 1 onion chopped, 1 clove garlic crushed, ½ cup dry white wine, 2 small chicken stock cubes, 425 g can tomatoes, 500g button mushrooms, 1 medium red capsicum chopped.

Heat oil in large pan, add veal, onion and garlic, cook stirring until browned. Stir in wine, crumbled stock cubes, undrained crushed tomatoes, mushrooms and capsicum. Simmer covered about 1½ hours until tender. Serves 4-6.

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Kate Whitlock 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 July.



Gardening In Robertson

Gardening hints.

JUNE/JULY Forget about planting all but the most hardy plants, until the frosts have finished.

Using Insecticides:

Store Insecticides in closed containers in locked cupboards. Never store them in empty food or drink containers. Use Insecticides in minimal quantities. Never apply Insecticides indiscriminately. Follow label directions carefully. Avoid highly toxic Insecticides. Read the label carefully. Never discard Insecticides into drains or waterways

A Safe Insecticide that is effective against most sucking insects: Shred 50 grams of household soap, dissolve 130 grams of washing soda in 1 litre of hot water, then add shredded soap. Heat until soap has dissolved, and add a further 6 litres of water. Stir the mixture thoroughly and it is ready for use.

I know it is colder these days but you are most welcome to attend

Robertson Garden Club

Meets on the first Monday of each Month, at the Community Hall, Caalang Street, Robertson, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

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PARKS & GARDENS

Jill Keft, of Robertson Village Nursery, has been appointed to the new Wingecarribee Parks and Gardens Advisory Committee. The aim of the 12 member committee is to develop and promote a co-ordinated and comprehensive vision for the streetscape, parks and gardens of the shire. Unfortunately, this does not mean that Robertson will suddenly be endowed with a "Corbet Gardens" in the middle of the village. There apparently is no money for this type of project and the committee is purely asked to advise, and formulate guidelines.

But it's good to know that at least our village now has a voice on the Committee. Thanks and congratulations Jill.

Community Notices

If you are Community Minded, come to
Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Thursday 7th June
Avoca Hall

7.45pm

Supper provided

Local police support us by attending Meetings and presenting a report.

Be a part of the Millenium walk
Robertson Public School

Robertson Public School invites the Robertson community, and indeed anyone who has ever been involved in our school, to make your mark on the Millennium walk we started last year. Your special message will go down in history displayed in a play area in the school grounds.

What a great way to celebrate Federation by putting your name into a path at the school you attended.

If you know of anyone else who might be interested in this offer please pass this information on to them. There are 3 offers available starting from \$25.

Order forms are available from the school office or by contacting :

Angela Fitzgerald on 48852554 or
Leann Noble on 48851085.

Orders will close on Thursday 5th July 2001

HOLIDAY ACCIDENT

We were sorry to hear that Joyce Bailey (from Ye Olde Lolly Shoppe), and her husband, Bill, were in an accident early in May whilst on holidays in Queensland. Joyce suffered bruising but Bill was more seriously hurt. However, he said that, had he not been wearing a seatbelt the damage could have been much worse. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

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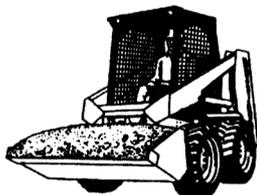
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Robertson Community Centre, Friday, June 8, 7.30pm

Roy's richly illustrated talk will be about the light microscope and its use in exploring the Microcosmos. If you are interested in looking at things in a different way, if you feel that small is beautiful, or if you just wonder what sort of light shows" a microscope can provide, don't miss this presentation! Before retiring, Roy worked for one of the largest optical companies in Europe and has taught and published on many aspects of microscopy.



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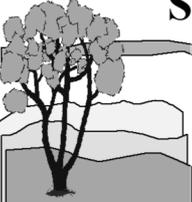
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MEALS A SUCCESS

Thanks to all those people who cooked meals when it was Robertson's annual turn to provide meals for the Ronald McDonald House. More than 150 meals were cooked at home by the volunteers, then brought in containers supplied, to Waters' store to be frozen. They were then all collected and delivered to Ronald McDonald houses at the Prince of Wales Hospital and Westmead. These meals are greatly appreciated by the parents who stay in the Ronald McDonald houses to be near their children while they are treated in hospital.

According to Mr. Tony Hong, from the Southern Highlands Casserole Club, which organises the voluntary supply of meals, the parents appreciate food prepared by TAFE colleges and other organisations, but the meals they really enjoy are those that are home cooked by country towns like Robertson.



	
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St John's Robertson

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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

Presbyterian, Burrawang

2.00pm – 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Uniting, Robertson

8.00am – Every Sunday

Roman Catholic

Robertson

10.00am – 2nd & 4th Sundays

Burrawang

10.00am – 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

Robertson Christian Fellowship

(Community Centre)

3.00pm – Every Sunday

Contribution Guidelines

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.

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Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of August. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th July 2001**. 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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