



Robertson Newsletter

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Centenary of Federation 2001 Robertson & District Tree Planting.

As you may remember, on the 30th March last, with 6th class children from Robertson Public School representing the whole school, some Eucryphias, Prostantheras and Waratahs were planted in Pinkwood Park, opposite the supermarket.

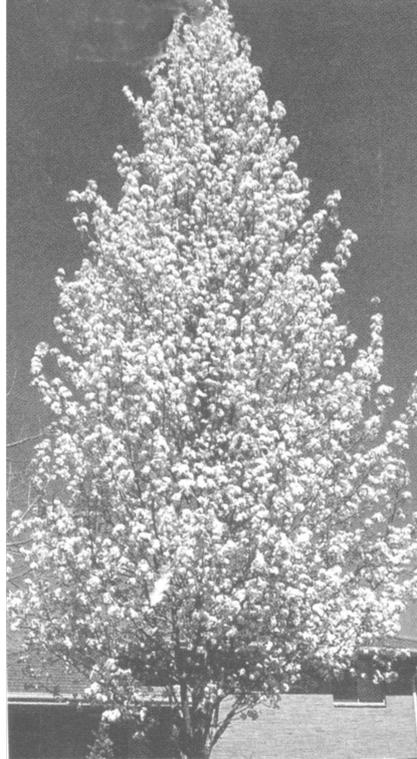
How many people know there used to be a property of that name there in days gone by?

Since then, on the 24th August, a small group of people, organised by the Robertson Business Association, have planted some Ornamental Pears at the Western entrance to the village, which will give some lovely blossom in the spring and wonderful leaf colours in the autumn.

Later in the year there is to be another planting at the eastern entrance to the village. We all hope that these will be an ongoing reminder in the years to come of Robertson's joining in the Federation celebrations.

I would like to acknowledge here those who have given donations of cash or kind, plus some promises to come, to these centenary plantings: Neil and Heather Tait, Linda Bergen, Jacqueline & Robin Milne, Larry & Tony Whipper, Helen & David Tranter, Bob McInnes, Jill & Lyn Keft, Dion & Micki Boehme, Hope & Nat Waters, Bob Oakeshott, Joan & Ken Compagnoni, Don Dyer.

J. Compagnoni.



An example of Ornamental Pear as planted at the Western Entrance to the Village.

Phillip Vickery remarked that the imprint on the back of Council's letterhead did not include the town of Robertson and he hoped the Mayor didn't have too much difficulty in finding the township. The Mayor is aware of this and will look into it. We hope to see further visits from the Mayor on a regular basis.

Mayor's visit to Robertson

Some of the matters discussed by the Mayor Cr Yeo during his recent visit on 10th September, 2001 were:

Cleaning, widening and improving Meryla Street and bitumen on Lemmons Road.

A promise to improve cleaning of public toilets by putting on an extra shift.

Federal Member Joanna Gash expressed disappointment at the length of time to be taken for installation of sewerage. The mayor advised that Council is still committed to sewerage in Robertson but was unable to give a firm date. He mentioned consideration of an on-site pressurised pumping unit which pulverised the effluent, in turn requiring a smaller pipe size. This would greatly reduce the cost of installation to householders.

It is also planned to introduce large recycling bins to make up for the fact that our recycling depot has closed.

The Mayor promised to look into a 50k ph zone through the main street of Robertson.

Another concern expressed was the increase of crime caused by people from other areas coming into the town. We are looking for a greater police presence in the town.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor

Re an article in the August edition of the Robertson Newsletter (*Crime in Question*).

May I take this opportunity to dispel some of the rumours regarding the Robertson Police Station.

The Robertson Police Station is a FULLY OPERATIONAL COUNTRY POLICE STATION. There are two officers stationed at Robertson, one of whom resides at the Police Station.

The Robertson Sector covers the villages of Robertson, Burrawang, Wildes Meadow, Fitzroy Falls, Mt Murray, Carrington Falls, Avoca, Glenquarry, Kangaloon and Belmore Falls and as such covers an area approximately 200 square kilometres.

Police at Robertson spend the majority of their time addressing the policing needs of the Robertson Sector, however, because of policing demands, have to leave the sector to attend to jobs in the Moss Vale and Bundanoon areas, but are still available to attend to the needs of the Robertson Sector. Likewise, whenever Robertson Police are off duty, police from Moss Vale, Bundanoon, Bowral and even Mittagong Highway Patrol are available to attend to the policing needs of the Robertson sector.

The Robertson Police are aware of all incidents of crime that are REPORTED. Some people believe it is of no use or can't be bothered reporting incidents of crime. If it is not reported, how can the Police know about it and therefore how can they address that crime?

I can assure the residents of Robertson that local crime IS taken very seriously, and is addressed by local Police, however we need the help of the Robertson Community to make it

a safer place to live.

The community as a whole needs to think about Crime Prevention. The times of leaving your house or shed unlocked are gone. Don't leave your keys in your car even for a few seconds and don't leave valuable property in sight that will tempt these criminals. If you take away the opportunity for criminals that pass through this area, you will go a long way towards not becoming a victim of crime.

Finally, just because the Robertson Police Station is unattended does not mean Police are not available. If you are finding it difficult to contact local Police, leave a message and it will be returned. I hope this letter has addressed some of the concerns of your readers.

Regards,
Senior Constable Darren FARR
Robertson Police Station.

Justice of the Peace.

In response to the letter in the last edition of the Robertson Newsletter the following people have indicated that they are JP's and are available to help people who need their services.

Robertson.
Phillip Vickery
Elders Real Estate (7 days)
Phone 4885 1040

Kathy Tobler
Ph 4885 1881

Darren Farr
Robertson Police Station
Call at Station
or Phone 4885 1244

Bill Fawell
Weekends & After Hours
Ph 4885 1652

Geoffry Oliver
Ph 0500 886633

Jacquiline Milne
Ph 0409 122909

Julie Payne
27 Hoddle St, Robertson
Ph 4885 1767

Allan Payne
27 Hoddle St, Robertson
Ph 4885 1767

Burrawang
Russel Watman
(7-8am, 6-8pm)
Ph 4886 4224

Carrington Falls Rd.
Jim Foran
Ph 4885 1081
or 0428 851081

Robertson School of Arts Inc.

Don't forget our monthly Family Dance on the 3rd Friday of the month, 19th October, 16th November, and our big Christmas one on the 21st December.

Our Markets on the 2nd Sunday of the month continue to show what a variety of clever people there are displaying their wares; there is something for everyone - if you can't find it, then you must be very hard to please. Come along and see - there is no entry fee and it is never, ever cancelled.

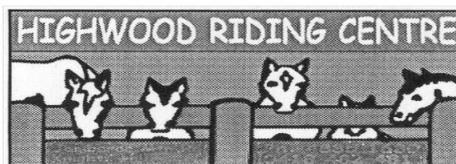
The Hall committee runs the kitchen with soup, sandwiches and slices available to help with the ongoing hall expenses. It is not a Council Hall, it is a district hall, yours, so come along and help us keep it going.

N & H Waters - Newsagent 4885 1248

A number of special offers are available to regular newspaper readers

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Reasons to Celebrate

In August, Robertson Business Association celebrated its second year with a convivial dinner and meeting at the Pig and Whistle Cafe. The RBA now has 27 members and is becoming a strong and representative voice of business in the village.

Looking back over the past year members felt there were good causes for celebration. They include:

This Newsletter, published on a regular bi-monthly basis, self funded by local advertisers, widely read, and a reliable source of community news and information. Thanks are particularly due to Micki Boehme and Rev Barry Lee for their diligence and dedication in producing the newsletter.

Robertson Brochure, the second edition has been widely distributed and, we believe, is helping to put our village on the tourism map.

The Robertson Calendar was produced last year by the RBA who will do so again this year. Without the RBA's intervention this popular publication would have ceased.

A Robertson WEB Site is being developed with the project now well under way. The aim is to create a site to accommodate community groups and information, business, and tourism, in a site that will benefit the whole village. We are still looking for more photographs of the village to decorate the site.

The Town Centre Information Bay is to be refurbished by the RBA over coming months and plans are advancing, in conjunction with the Robertson Guild, for new Town Entry Signs. The RBA and other community members recently undertook a tree-planting (ornamental snow pears) at the western entry to the village to provide a backdrop for the new town entry sign.

The Association has also been active in forums on Sewering Robertson, in

contributing to the "Our Future" strategic plan, and as a member of the umbrella group, the Southern Highlands Business Chamber.

Just as important, we think, is the simple fact that village business people now have the regular opportunity just to meet together, to get to know each other, and to exchange news and information.

While membership is now strong, it is disappointing that a minority of village businesses have still not joined the RBA. The Association aims to work for the betterment of the village business and the community as a whole, so that, at present, those who don't participate get the benefit of the efforts of those who do. We are all small operators with similar limitations of time and resources. To spread the load, there is still a real need for more active members.

To join, just contact Hope Waters, our Treasurer, at Waters General Store.

Dion Boehme
President 48 851080

The Robertson Calendar Urgent attention

The Robertson Business Association is keeping alive the tradition of the Robertson Calendar. This almanac is so handy to have near the telephone when the need arises for a local service, and one only has to look down the sides to pick up whichever business they wish to contact. Many people have expressed their delight at having the calendar to refer to when they are in a hurry and it has also created great interest in the historic pictures it displays.

The R.B.A. is seeking more such historic photos for the coming year calendar but are not limiting it to old photos. If anyone has views of the town

or immediate surrounding country, we would be pleased to hear from them.

For the Businesses of Robertson, it is now time to place your advertisement, so contact Micki Boehme, at Robertson Recollections 4885 1080, as soon as possible. The cost per advertisement is \$125. These matters are most urgent as the calendar has to be out before Christmas. Please make contact and save us a lot of chasing around.

Many thanks.

The R.B.A.

BIG CHANGES IN THE BUSINESS WORLD OF ROBERTSON

Many changes are taking place in Robertson over the next few weeks. More of this in our next newsletter.

In the meantime, we would like to welcome a new business owner, Margaret Day, who has taken over the Gift Shop in the Old Cheese Factory. Margaret, who has lived in Robertson for over eighteen months, was working in Bowral for "Home Care", but had always felt she would like to run her own business. So she was delighted to take up this opportunity to run the Gift Shop in Robertson. She is hoping to start Art and Craft classes at the shop in the new year.

Another new-comer to the Old Cheese Factory is Helen Cameron, with a completely new shop - "Tussie Mussies", specialising in garden books, select plants, paintings and cards. Helen comes from Wildes Meadow and is married with two teenage children. For 36 years, she taught home economics and design technology in the state school system. Now retired, she is concentrating on her special interest, horticulture, and is developing a large country garden, propagating many of her own plants.

We wish both Margaret and Helen a hearty welcome to the business community of Robertson.

Classes

Come and Learn
"Porcelain Dolls, Teddy Bears & Ceramics
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with Stephanie Cassar
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Garden Thugs: Garden Thugs are common plants that escape from Gardens and invade bushland and farms. Once in the bush they spread and choke out native plants and animals. Garden Thugs are often garden plants we grow because they are hardy and beautiful. You can help reduce these Thugs by composting garden waste at home, recycling at local Council Green Waste services, covering trailers when taking waste to tip so no seeds and or cuttings fall off and invade bushland.

October Is Weed Buster Month:

Robertson Garden Club meets of the first Monday of each Month, at the Community Hall, Caalong Street, Robertson, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Come along and learn more about Gardening. Half the fun of Gardening is using your imagination! Gardening is a great way to exercise.



Line Dancing comes to Robertson

Today I had the most fun, and best \$5 value in a long time, Line Dancing at the School of Arts in Robertson.

I made mistakes, laughed through it all, and came away with such a happy feeling.

Having had no experience before there were mixed thoughts of whether or not I would be able to follow the steps, but our dance instructress Joan Smart of Robertson is a very talented teacher with lots of patience. Our class is small, and we need other budding line dancers to come along and join this fun group. Age is no barrier, Joan has 79 & 80 year young ladies in Kiama enjoying these (gentle exercise!) Routines.

Also we are planning morning tea after our dancing alternating at each of our local cafe's

Please consider coming along to join the fun & give Joan Smart a call on 4885-2397. Children are welcome, but please bring toys.

Friday morning - 10.30 to 11.30am
Cost \$5

At Robertson School of Arts

Barbara Smith



Praise for Pizzas

Tom and Belinda Borbely are delighted with the praise that they received from Singapore based Food writer Judy Low.

"The name says it all" Judy wrote.

"Coming from bustling and sweltering Singapore into the bracing cold of a Robertson winter's evening, the very name PIZZAS IN THE MIST sets the mind in gastronomic anticipation mode. It conjures visions of gutsy, heart-warming food and country bonhomie amidst a misty landscape.Lit single candles framed by the windows greeted us on approach and the cheery warmth of Tom's welcome matched that of the room. The restaurant's steak and pizzas were highly recommended.

The sirloin arrived sitting elegantly on a white dinner plate, spiced roasted potato wedges on one side. Cooked exactly as ordered, the steak was perfectly medium rare and just slightly charred at the edges. Earlier we had a serve of bruschetta. The bread had been lined with roasted eggplant and upon that, chopped sweet tomato with a hint of the fire of chillies - an appetising start with the first sip of wine.

The pizzas and desserts were equally satisfying judging from comments around the table.

I hesitate to say this for fear of spoiling things for the locals but here is fantastic value for money. Having had the good fortune of dining at some of Sydney's now world-renowned top spots, I say Tom's offerings easily match theirs and for a fraction of their prices.

This is food worthy of a drive from Sydney. "

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Community Notices

The Reason for Christmas

You are invited to a
Pre-Christmas Service

21st November

Cost—\$8.00 (2 Course Meal)

Time — 11.00am (Followed by Lunch)

Robertson Uniting Church

R.S.V.P. : 18th November
Jean Tobler—4885 1490

LIGHT UP FOR CHRISTMAS

As in past years, prizes will be offered for the best displays of Christmas decorations in Robertson. The Builders Barn will be providing a major first prize, with a \$50 gift voucher as an encouragement award from the Robertson Business Association.

New this year is a certificate and \$50 gift voucher for the best-decorated business window. Winners will be announced at this year's Christmas Carols at the School of Arts.

Create-a- Village

We are interested in forming a steering Committee for our Create-a-Village project. This group will gather all relevant information for our team from Sydney to use. We are trying to gather information from all people who use our park and recreation areas around town. So if you are young or old, belong to an interested group, have a business or disability, or are just interested in the project, please come along to our meeting on Tuesday 30th October - 7.30pm, in the Anglican Church Hall.

Enquiries - Chantal Grech 4885 1192
Grace Avery 4885 1481

Robertson/Burrawang Senior Citizens Club

Yes, we are still alive! Our monthly meetings are held in the Community Centre at 1.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, the next two being the 17th October and the 21st November.

But, on every Wednesday morning from 10.00am, there will be "Open House" at the Community Centre. Come in at any time, have a "cuppa" and a chat, maybe a "singalong" or whatever takes your fancy; maybe you could even bring your lunch. Just drop in whenever you can. You will be made most welcome.

Incidentally, we are having a stall at the next Robertson Market on the 14th October, for which we would appreciate items to sell, craft, cakes, vegetables etc. The money raised will be used to buy gifts for our Christmas raffle, the proceeds of which are given to Careflight and the Children's Hospital. This will be drawn before Christmas. Of course donations of anything for the raffle would be most acceptable and can be left at Water's Store at any time.

We look forward to seeing you at the Community Centre any Wednesday.

Internet Café or Community Technology Centre.

At a recent meeting of Council a proposition was made to set up an Internet Café & possibly on-line service with TAFE Training Centre in a few locations throughout the Highlands. We must now find premises & look at all aspects to submit a full proposal to Council to have Robertson as one of these sites. If you are interested in this area of technology, please contact Chantal Grech on 4885 1192.

LIONS CLUB of ROBERTSON Inc.

The Lions Club of Robertson recently elected Ron Johnson as it's President for the coming year. This will be Ron's fourth year in the chair and we congratulate him on his dedication.

Bob Payne, who transferred from Kogarah Lions Club this year, has been elected Secretary/Treasurer.

The Club is holding an

Information Night on Monday 22nd October

at the Robertson Community Hall, Caalong St. at 7.30pm. Guest speakers and a light supper will be provided. The idea is to re-introduce the Club and it's aims to the community.

All are welcome to come and see how Lions work for their fellow man, not only in the local area, but throughout Australia and over 170 countries in the world. It might also trigger a response from more people in the district to join the organization. Our most recent projects have been

- to provide 6 Thermoscans (digital ear thermometers) for Bowral Ambulance Service
- to help fund Joanne Bisby to represent NSW Hockey in Townsville - and get a silver medal!
- to help the family of young Marlon Jones to cope with constant visits to hospital in Sydney.
- to contribute to the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Walkway at Bowral

For any information regarding the Lions Club please contact the secretary, Bob Payne, on 4885-1599 or write to PO. Box 36 Robertson, 2577.

Yours in Lionism,
Bob Payne.
Secretary.

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PROBLEMS WITH PRIVET

This pervasive pest of a plant is a constant problem in our gardens and public areas. Already new spring seedlings are popping up everywhere, thanks to the efforts of the birds in spreading last summer's crop of seed.

According to Wingecarribee's Chief Weeds Officer, Mr. Ken Folkes, privet is not declared a noxious weed in our Shire, partly because the cost of removing it would be prohibitive to the Council (he quoted about \$300,000) but also because it would upset many residents in the Shire who use it for hedging.

It could, however, be declared a Category 4g, a weed which must not be allowed to seed. But again, according to Ken Folkes, this would require extra staff to check gardens at seeding time. He suggested it is best left as an 'environmental weed' because application can then be made to the National Heritage Trust (set up from the partial sale of Telstra). Money is made available for community groups to carry out removal of environmental weeds, and using this method the shire is saved the cost of weed removal. Unfortunately these community group efforts only remove the weed from public places, which is useless if it continues to proliferate in private gardens. The plant then flowers, seeds, and is spread by birds back into public areas. It only requires one or two privets in private gardens to re-seed the whole village.

Mr. Folkes did suggest that Council might be prepared to declare privet a noxious weed if enough people in the community were to sign a petition and put pressure on Council to rid us of this pest.

Most Councils have declared it a Noxious Weed, why not ours? Please write or ring our Editor if you feel strongly about the problem of privet.

Recipe of the Month



EASY APPLE PUDDING

Mix together 1 cup of S.R. flour with a pinch of salt, 1 tspn. of castor sugar. Stir in 2 chopped apples and mix to a scone dough with ½ cup of milk.

Place dough in a large, well-greased, casserole. Pour over the dough a mixture of 1 cup of brown sugar, 1 tspn of lemon juice, 2 cups of boiling water and 2 tspns of butter. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake in a moderate oven for 25 minutes. Serve with cream or ice cream.

This recipe is brought to you with the compliments of

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As there were no entries in our recipe competition this month our prize of a \$20 gift voucher from R.R. will be held over till next newsletter. So please, send your favourite recipe in as soon as possible.

Church Services

Anglican

St John's Robertson

8.00am Traditional Services
2nd Sunday- Communion
4th Sunday- Morning Prayer

9.30am Family Service/Sunday School
Every Sunday

St David's Burrawang

8.00am - 1st Sunday - Communion

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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A single insertion is \$30. (Discount of \$5 for members of Robertson Business Association) Each insertion is limited to a maximum 85 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 December. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th November 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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