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Tulip Time a "Feather in Robertson's Cap"

In the past, Spring in the Highlands has largely focused on Corbett Gardens and "Bowral". This year, things have been different with a deliberate effort to expand "Tulip Time" and with Robertson featuring more than ever before. Five gardens in our area were featured - 3 in Robertson itself, the Moorings, Holroyd and Twin Creeks, together with The Keep at Burrawang and Alidaine at Fitzroy Falls. All were open from September 21st to October 7th, with good attendances reported. The local open gardens have made a major contribution to putting Robertson on the Tulip Time map, bringing extra visitors to the village. It's hoped that next year even more gardens will take part. A percentage of proceeds go to charity and it's also hoped that, next year, more local people will volunteer to help man the gates.

Our whole community owes a hearty vote of thanks to the local gardeners who have worked so hard to develop and present their gardens in this way. Their hard work has put a real feather in Robertson's cap. If you'd like to suggest a garden that might take part, or help as a volunteer, just ring John Dutton on 48851 572.



John Dutton's garden "Holroyd" at 7-9 Armstrong Cres, Robertson.

The business houses of Robertson also joined in the festivities with a Spring Window Competition. First prize, a year's subscription to the RBA, was won by Pat and Maurie of the Village Motel and 2nd prize, a meal for two at the "Pig and Whistle" went to Fiona Heyward of "Over the Garden Wall". The Judge from HighLife magazine decided to present a third prize of a coffee table book to Leanne Steffanac of "Shabby Sheik". A further suggestion from Robertson Business Association for next year is to have mass plantings of daffodils along village nature strips. Hoddle St residents might also like to be part of this.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I can't believe that we have now been in Robertson nearly 5 months. During that time we have been very grateful for the friendship and encouragement shown to us.

It has been wonderful having so many people dropping by to say Hello to us at the Pottery - it has made us feel very welcome. Of course the general exclamation is one of disbelief at the changes made, especially as the front of the shop looks just the same.

During our renovations we were opening at odd times and even now we don't have set times. We will be open 7 days from 9 am til 5 pm, however, some days we will start early and finish late. Basically if the pots are out we're OPEN and you're welcome.

Hope that we keep seeing both new and familiar faces at the door.

Robert Jensen.

From the Editor.

This edition of the Newsletter is a little sparse on photos as the editor was busy putting together an application for a grant for the purchase of a printer, in order that the Newsletter might continue to be produced. Our local printer, Colin Hart, has decided to retire and we now know how good a deal he has been giving us for the last 3 years! For the printing of the Newsletter to be a viable proposition we need to be able to print it ourselves. Commercial printing would require us to more than double the advertising income. Hopefully the next edition will be produced entirely "in house". Our thanks go to Colin, for the last 3 years.

Early Bird Catches the Worm

The Robertson Business Association has changed its meeting times to breakfast and the result is an increase in businesses being represented at the monthly meetings. The September meeting was held at the Robertson Country Inn and there was some productive discussion.

The main item on the Agenda was the "Hand Made in The Highlands" weekend held on Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th October at the School of Arts. The local businesses have promoted the weekend and produced special window displays for the event.

Two issues that came out of this are signage around Robertson and the difficulty of getting around Robertson. The RBA support the proposal of having "Welcome to Robertson" signs as you enter the village and are pleased that Elder's are now a point of Information with trained staff to assist the tourist. The need for locality maps to be placed on the highway and at the railway station was stressed.

The production of the 2003 Calendar is underway and anyone wishing to advertise their business should contact Kay Jensen at Robertson Pottery on 4885 1371. The next meeting is to be held at Ranelagh on Tuesday the 5th November at 7.30am - New Members welcome. Could those attending notify Kay on the above phone number so we can cater for breakfast.

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS - OR IS IT?

On one hand, to our knowledge, there have been no reports of serious crime in Robertson lately. - Good news. On the other hand, there has been no news on progress of sewerage, new public toilets, walking or cycling tracks in Hampden Park, no further information on the skateboard facility. In fact - very little news at all!

Perhaps there are things happening in our village but unless we hear about them, we can't pass on the information in the newsletter.

So, if anyone in the community has any items of news, or any subject they would like to bring to people's attention, please let us know and we will be only too happy to hear from you. This is a community newsletter, run by volunteers for the community, and it needs as much help as possible to keep it going.

News items can be emailed to the Editor, Barry Lee, (bjlee @ tpg.com.au) or just ring Barry on 48851210, or Micki Boehme on 48851080.

REMINDER:

Businesses and community groups are reminded to check their information on the Robertson Website

(www.Robertson-NSW.com.au) and to let us know if any changes are needed.

Also if you have an event for community news, we would love to know about it.

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Recipe of the Month

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(Perfect for a potato-growing area)

1 cup mashed potato
1 cup mixed dried fruit
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
1 cup milk
2 cups S.R. flour

Beat potato and sugar until light and fluffy. Fold in fruit and lastly sifted flour alternatively with milk. The mixture should resemble whipped cream. Place in 2 well greased 18cm tins and bake 30 minutes in a moderate oven. When cold, ice with vanilla icing and sprinkle with coconut.

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Community Technology Centre

Do you belong to a business, government body or not-for-profit group interested in fast Internet Access at Robertson? Rural Link Satellite and the CTC@Robertson may be an answer.

The Robertson Community Technology Centre (CTC) planning is now underway in earnest. The newly established not-for-profit auspicing body, The Robertson Shed Inc., now has the federal government Regional Solutions grant in the bank. This grant is for building an extension onto the Scouts Hall in Hoddle Street to house the Robertson CTC and the CTC Committee has approved the preliminary lay-out design.

One exciting aspect of this project is the possibility of linking our CTC with the Rural Link Satellite from the NSW State Library. This will allow fast internet access to the CTC, any other allied community institution (such as Public Libraries, Councils, Other non-profit community institutions, Registered clubs and Rural Transactions Centres) and other Users on a non-subsidised basis.

If you belong to an organisation or business that may be able to make use of this facility, the CTC@Robertson would be most interested in hearing from you as soon as possible. We have limited time to get our expression of interest lodged as the hardware needs to be installed by the end of this year, if our Centre is approved.

Please contact Rona Goad on 4885 2393 for more information. The rural link website is www.nswnet.net.

ROBERTSON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Calling all Robertson residents, are you new in town or have you been here forever but find that you now have an hour or two to spare? Robertson school needs your help with our Reading Tutor programme and in the running of the school canteen.

The reading programme is a very successful one on one system. It has made an amazing difference to students who have had trouble with basic literacy. You would need to be able to commit to working with a student for one or two hours per week during school hours. The improvement in both the reading and self esteem of students on this programme has been spectacular and every volunteer tutor reports great satisfaction as their 'pupil' improves. Training is provided and volunteers get together every term for a morning tea to compare notes. If you have any questions please ring Stephen Gray at school on 48851284.

As for the canteen - how many highly skilled and experienced workers are hiding in Robertson? New residents, old residents, grannies, uncles, ex-students or anyone else who may be happy to offer us as little as two hours per month. Canteen is a great way to meet new friends or catch up with old friends. It is the perfect way to become involved or stay involved in the Robertson community and you will be truly appreciated by the hungry hoards at recess and lunchtime. If you would like more information about canteen or would be happy to join our roster please ring Leesa on 48851968.

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Gardening in Robertson

With the weather now warming up it is time to get out in your garden. Gardening is a great way to exercise and keep fit.

Big Bulky and Gorgeous.

Shrubs add bulk, big rounded shapes, height and year-round structure for the garden. They make a terrific backdrop for smaller plants, such as perennials and bulbs.

Add Colour To Your Garden.

Mulch with coloured mulch to add a variation of colours.

What Do Old Gumboots and Teapots Have In Common?

They both make great flower pots. Use good quality potting mix. It is best if there is a drainage hole in the bottom.

Petunias, Allysum, Lobellia, Nasturtiums are all ideal. After planting plants, keep them watered and in a sunny position. Liquid fertilize every couple of weeks.

Shade cloth can be used for covering new seedlings and plants. It can also be used in pots when planting plants.

Place in bottom of pots over the hole. Stops soil falling out and pests such as slaters, slugs, earwigs, entering through the hole.

Rainforests possibly contain the earth's richest gene-pool for medicinal plants. They are a huge source of biodiversity, containing an estimated four million species of plants, animals, and micro-organisms. Who knows the value of the plants! Yet we are still clearing rainforests in Australia.

Flowers attract birds. They also attract insects and even some marsupials. These visitors drink the nectar from the flowers and in return pollinate them. So both the birds and the plant benefit!

Do You Want To Know More About Gardening and Make New Friends?

Come and join Robertson Garden Club Inc. We meet in the Community Hall, Caalong Street, Robertson on 1st Monday of each Month. (other than Public Holiday, when it is the 2nd Monday). Commencing at 1.30 p.m. We have a different Guest Speaker each Month on varied Gardening subjects.

Our Motto is "Friendship Through Gardening".

For more information contact Julie Payne Telephone 48851767.



Vale.

Ruby Julia Mackey

30/11/1911 - 16/8/2002

Julia was the third child of Edward and Bridget Mauger and was born in Bankstown on 30th November, 1911. The family moved to Robertson when she was 4 years of age so Julia was virtually part of this community for the whole of her life.

At the age of 19, she married "Nugget" Mackey, living first at Mt. Murray, then operating a dairy farm at "Macksville". Julia and Nugget milked by hand and carried the cans of milk to the creek to be cooled. They lived in a little slab house which Julia renovated by papering the walls and white-washing the paper. It was during that time that their daughters Marie and Frances were born.

Despite the long hours on the farm, Julia became involved in the community life of Robertson, being very active in such organisations as the C.W.A., the Robertson Show, Girl Guides and Bowling Club.

In 1960, Julia and Nugget moved to "Ackworth" on the Illawarra Highway. Six weeks later Nugget passed away and this was a time of great sadness for Julia and her family.

But with her indomitable spirit, Julia began a new life, setting up the business of R.J. Mackey Real Estate. Over a period of forty years, Julia's personality and business acumen brought her into contact with many people and lifelong friendships developed. During the same time, she got to know every square meter of the Robertson district, which was always so close to her heart.

Frederick John Wood

Frederick John Wood was born at Burwood - Sydney on 27th August 1919. With his family he moved to Bowral via St.Marys in 1929 where his father was first employed as a dairyman - farm labourer for Henry Molesworth Oxley.

The family purchased their first farm at Knight's Hill on what was then known as Woods Rd. In 1946, Fred bought his first land at Robertson after retiring from overseas service in New Guinea and Borneo. He married Joyce Fremantle who gave birth to three sons Greg, Geoff and Allan. Joyce became ill and died in 1985. During this period Fred held one of the largest dairy quotas in this section of the Highlands, owned land in excess of 600 acres and commercially grew potatoes, cabbages and carrots. He raised fat lambs, built an airstrip in Wildes Meadow to introduce crop dusting and later on the artificial insemination of cattle to the area. During this time, in partnership with his brother Alex, he was a full time builder. In 1987 Fred married Katherine and gained three step children Fiona, Tim and Roger. Two years later he retired from building and he and Katherine, for the last 15 years of his life, enjoyed journeys to Cairns, Borneo, Western Australia and New Zealand.

Fred gained huge pleasure from his large extended family and the arrival of his grandchildren. At "Goolara", Burrawang he enjoyed the company of his wife, his family, his sheep and the many dear friends to whom he loved to extend his hospitality.

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There is still a get together every second Tuesday from 10.30am onwards with Morning Tea & Lunch available. (Alternative Tuesdays to the Community Services Lunch) Our Christmas Dinner this year is to be held at the hotel on Friday, 13th December from 12.00oclock for 12.30pm Dinner; a good day as usual.

This year we are not running our Christmas Raffle. Yes, we are supporting Careflight, the Children's Hospital and our local Hospital, but we have been raising the money in various ways during the year. Your support is always welcome.

Robertson Playgroup

Robertson Community Centre
Caalong St, Robertson



Monday 10.00am till 12.00noon
Ages 0-5 years
\$2.00 per session
(plus insurance fees)

Contact Michelle Collet on 4885 1161 for more information. We would love to see you there.

Robertson School of Arts Inc.

Our monthly Market is still an item in the district after 11 years. That is a lot of tables put up and taken down! If you would like to have a stall there, just give Edna Casey a ring on 4885 1216.

On the third Friday of every month come along to our family oriented Old Time Dance, 8pm to midnight. Everyone enjoys the home cooked cakes at suppertime. The music of the "Illawarra Flames" is super.

Lastly, and by no means least, have you noticed the activity at the Hall during this last month? At last, after much heartburn and money raising, gas underfloor heating has been installed and ceiling fans should be up and blowing hot and cold by the time you read this.

Our small committee meets on the 4th Monday of every month and would love to have some more input from you.

BURRAWANG SCHOOL OF ARTS FILM NIGHTS 2003



31 January	GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES
28 February	RIO BRAVO
28 March	THE BIG SLEEP
2 May	AFRICAN QUEEN
13 June	FUNNY FACE
25 July	SHANE
29 August	THE PHILADELPHIA STORY
26 September	NOTORIOUS
31 October	NIGHT AT THE OPERA
28 November	THE ENFORCER



The Diana School of Ballet

Resuming classes at Robertson Term 3

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Some of the risk factors are:

If you are over 50 and have high blood pressure or are overweight, or one or more members of your family has/had diabetes.

Some of the symptoms are: -

If you feel tired and lethargic, always thirsty, urinate excessively have numbness/tingling in feet or legs, have blurred vision.

A simple test can be given at the surgery and then, if necessary, Dr. Locke can refer patients to the G.P. division of Southern Highlands which has a special interest in diabetes, with all support facilities, e.g. dietitian, nurse educator.

If diagnosed, diabetes can be managed and the risk of health problems reduced.

Call in at the surgery for more information and make an appointment for a test.

Dr. Sue Locke.
30 Hoddle St
4885 1502

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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

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Burrawang

10.00am - Every Sunday

Robertson Christian
Fellowship

(Community Centre)

3.00pm - Every Sunday

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I Am Thankful

....for the taxes that I pay because it means that I am employed
... for the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
... for the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
... for my shadow who watches me work because it means that I am out in the sunshine.
... for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
... for all the complaining I hear about government because it means I have freedom of speech.
... for the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
... for the lady behind me in Church who sings off-key because it means that I can hear.
... for the piles of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear
... for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive
... for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am alive
... for getting too much mail because it lets me know I have friends who are thinking of me.

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 December. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th November 2002**. 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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