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FETTLERS SHED GALLERY SET TO SUCCEED

A large number of enthusiastic guests attended the opening of the exhibition "Timber & Textiles" at the Fettle's Shed Gallery during July. On display were the warm and glowing furniture and carvings of Robertson's craftsmen along with the hand woven and hand spun textiles and quilting of Robertson workers in fabric. Guest Artist Dylis Condel kindly opened the exhibition and the gallery was privileged in being able to hang her magnificent tapestries. The Fettle's Shed Gallery, which is part of the Robertson Railway Heritage Scheme, is located at the heritage railway station site in Yarranga St. It will be staging regular exhibitions ranging from art, craft, photography, the natural world, and indeed anything which is of interest and relates to Robertson and the surrounding district.



Janet Waterlow and Arthur Jackson at the opening of the "Timber and Textiles" exhibition.

Details of all exhibitions will be regularly announced in the Robertson News

In addition, the gallery will be available for bookings by artists and craftspeople wishing to stage their own exhibitions.

Enquiries should be directed to Janet Waterlow
ph: 4885-1686

HAPPY ENDING FOR LITTLE DOG LOST.

How about this for a heart-warming tale of the sheer goodness of our local residents? It all began in late May when a friend told Jan Giblin and her daughter, Emma, that a skinny little cattle dog looking lost, frightened and hungry had been seen wandering around at the top of Macquarie pass. So, on her next day off, Jan Giblin set out to investigate. She found the dog and called him. But he was too terrified to come near. Undaunted, Jan went home, figured out a plan and swung into action.

First of all she made a couple of signs which said, "Little Dog Lost", plus her phone number. Then she stuck these up near where the dog had been seen. And then she put out some food, as well. Shortly after this she was contacted by Les Thompson from Albion Park. He'd seen the dog, too, and was also leaving food for him. And then lots of people started phoning to report sightings. Jan kept going back with food but the dog remained elusive and invisible.

Time for plan (b). In spite of encountering all manner of problems, officialdom and difficulties, Jan finally got hold of an enormous RSPCA dog trap and chained it to a tree near to where the dog had most been seen. Unfortunately for Jan, who has no head for heights, the tree was at the top of the Pass and unpleasantly close to a sheer drop at the edge of the cliff. Apparently, she simply didn't look!

By this time the whole family was involved - Jan, husband Jim, daughter Emma and Rob, her husband - all responding to the phone calls which kept pouring in at all hours of the day and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor.

It is certainly good to see new life being breathed into the village. This revitalization is a true sign of the pride in our village. Hoddle Street is looking better all the time. It is good to see a number of new shop fronts beginning to appear. The Pub is looking great and the Heritage Railway Station and Fettle's Shed are proving to be major assets for the village as well.

I recently met with John Glastonbury of 3801 and a number of Board members of the Limited and also State Rail as well and the Corporate Secretary for Rail Estate for lunch at Ranelagh. I have invited these individuals to visit Robertson again so that we can share our vision for the Station and associated possibilities for the village with them.

There are some exciting opportunities formulating which may benefit the project and the village and Shire in many ways.

On a recent inspection of the village I was happy to see the Skate slab in Hampden Park being used by so many young people. I remember meeting with David Tilley, Sam Craig and Paul Bartlett back in April 2000 when they petitioned me as their local Council representative to lobby on behalf of young people for a facility of this type in Robertson.

The official opening has been set for Monday the 25th of August. I would like to give credit to those three young men who articulated the need for something for our youth in the village and the Youth Voice Committee of Council who subsequently influenced Council to make this worthwhile social contribution to our village.

I look forward to continue working with you all to achieve ongoing improvements for our unique little village of Robertson.

Clr Larry Whipper

Dear Editor,

As Robertson grows and becomes more busy, so does the level of traffic on its streets.

One of the prettiest and busiest streets in Robertson is Caalong Street; with its increasing and charming population of little children. But Caalong Street is very narrow. It has one or two unpleasant humps here and there which make it difficult to observe oncoming traffic. This causes it to be a very dangerous stretch of road for pedestrians of all ages - especially the little children. And this is why the entire length of Caalong Street from Hoddle Street to the showground is governed by a mandatory 50K speed limit. If all motorists - commercial and private - were to respect the speed limit then the problems would be minimised. The problem is that very few do.

We're all guilty. It would be hypocritical to claim otherwise. But, with respect, it is believed that now is the time for all of us to pause and reflect before a thoroughly unpleasant accident occurs. With the forthcoming installation of the sewerage treatment works close to the showground, Caalong Street is going to become even more busy and thus even more hazardous. So let's all of us - the writer included - really try all of the time to take our toe off the gas, apply a little pressure to the brake, stick to the 50 and keep Caalong Street safe.

Arthur Jackson

RBA'S NEW PRESIDENT

The Robertson Business Association has a new president, Sheila Massetti, the owner and manager of Essential Botanicals next to Waters newsagency.

The appointment was made at the Annual General Meeting of the Robertson Business Association at the Robertson Village Inn on the 1st July 2003. Outgoing President Phillip Vickery opened the meeting and welcomed new members to join the RBA. Many thanks were given to Hope Waters for her role as Treasurer, and Micki and Dion Boehme were thanked for their many efforts to keep the association going strong. A brief meeting took place discussing issues relating to insurance matters, a need to revise the constitution for memberships, sandwich boards on footpaths, sewerage, the 50km zone, and council issues on speeding up the approvals of building applications.

Mr Vickery of Elders Real Estate, who has achieved many optimistic replies in liaising with council regarding community projects, stood down as President of the RBA and Ms Massetti was elected in. Sheila Massetti has approached the position with great enthusiasm and many members are already appreciative of her efforts. Her objective and vision is to "understand the value of community participation and will strive to involve as many people as possible to raise the profile of Robertson as a village. Although it is obviously in the business community's interests to promote Robertson as a tourist destination it is also in our interest to maintain the friendly village atmosphere. Robertson is gaining a place in the hearts of visitors as a place where much of the product available is locally made and the RBA would like to continue to promote that theme."

Over the past two years Robertson has seen a real estate boom in the residential property market and commercially at this time local business is growing rapidly. Antique shops, cafes, and specialty shops are in the planning stages ready to open soon. The RBA will have a busy but productive time ahead.

Please Note: There will be a change to the usual meeting dates of the 1st Tuesday in the month. The next meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Monday 11th August. Venue to be advised. For further information, ring Sheila Massetti on 4885 1371



Young people enjoying the new skate-board facility which will be officially opened by the Mayor and councillors at 3.00pm on Monday, 25th August. Members of the community are invited to attend.

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Village News Roundup

The Cockatoo Run from Robertson-Moss Vale-Robertson will be operating every 2nd Sunday each month beginning on Sunday 10th August with the 3801 historic engine. Tickets are available at Waters Newsagency or the Robertson Railway Station (open Wednesday and Sunday 1-3pm) at a cost of \$10 each, \$5 concession and \$25 for a family. For more information telephone David Tranter on 48851394. See you there.

The construction of the new Robertson Catholic Church (which used to be the building now occupied by Elders Real Estate in the main street) should be taking place in the next few months. Council has given permission for the 120-seat church which will sit on the corner of Wallangunda Street and Hoddle Street, opposite the service station. The design will be a traditional heritage rectangular church. Tenders for the construction of the new St Anthony's Catholic Church are underway.

St John's Anglican church are also hoping to begin construction of their new Christian Education Centre before the end of the year. The new building will include a contemporary auditorium seating 250, crying room, office, kitchen and ancillary rooms. The new building has been designed to blend in with the existing sandstone church which will continue to be used for the traditional early morning service and weddings.

The building of the Robertson Community Technology Centre is another step nearer with the development application now lodged at the Wingecarribee council. The plans, drawn by a Sydney-based architect Darryl Lock, include a heritage-style building that will fit amongst the existing old buildings on Hoddle Street. The CTC will include lots of flexible

open space suitable for all kinds of training needs, an internet cafe to act as a cosy meeting point as well as a busy office with support services for local businesses.

In the meantime applications are in for the position of manager of the CTC. That announcement will be made in the next Robertson News.

The next Robertson Show Society meeting will be held at the Burrawang Hotel on Thursday 21st August at 7.30pm. The AGM will be held in September.

The next Robertson Country Market will be held on Sunday 10th August.

The Robertson Family Dance will be held at the Robertson School of Arts on Friday 15th August. Music is by the Illawarra Live Band and the evening has lucky door prizes, novelties, and a home-made supper. Open 8pm - 12pm. Adults \$6 and children \$3. Please contact Hope Waters on 48 851248.

Robertson Railway Station is open every Wednesday and Sunday 1.00pm to 4.00pm. For more information phone Helen or David Tranter on 48 851 394.

On the Move

The Robertson Pottery (which includes soft furnishings business Robertson By Design), is relocating to the newly refurbished Yarrawa Village next door. Kay Jensen said they will be moving the businesses into the middle shop in the next fortnight, and will open shortly afterwards. The longer-term plan is to then move again to a larger shop in the same complex. Ms Jensen could not give any details about the buyer of what has been for many years, the pottery shop, so watch this space!

The new Yarrawa Village, which has a large manufacturing section to its rear, has been refurbished into five shops and will be opening in early August. Four of the shops have been let so far.

The building next to Robertson Recollections (which used to be home to the Highland Café) has been sold along with the adjoining doctor's surgery and hairdressers Connie's Cuts. Plans for development are not yet known.

Two houses (zoned commercial) opposite the service station have been sold. It is expected they will become antique shops.

Plans are before council to redevelop the old produce store opposite the supermarket, and relocate the Post Office there.

And you may all still be wondering what is happening to that rather derelict-looking building which used to house the local bakery. Plans are still being made to develop that site. The owner of the old bakery has also recently bought the commercial complex which houses Raine and Horne real estate, the Post Office and Yakkity Yak hairdressers.

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The winners of the inaugural **Robertson Poetry Prize** have been decided. But before we announce them, a heartfelt thank you to all of you who made the effort to submit your work. All the poems were of a very high standard, and hopefully all of the entries will be published in the Robertson News in future issues.

The winner of the adult poetry section was Patricia Lee, for her poem Robertson Show. In the children's section, the winner was ten-year old Jesse Herford with "Cricketers of Old and New". The judges gave a highly commended award to Tom Houghton, also aged ten. The winners will be presented with their prizes (including the prize money) once their commemorative plates have been completed. Next year's competition will no doubt be inundated with entries, and the theme will be announced early next year.

Winner Adult Category

Robertson Show.

Sheer flanked horses with tightly knotted braids,
walking flatki rugs- Irish wolfhounds,
a pug pulling on a girl's sleeve,
dogs running stout women around the judging ring,
a satin bull groaning down,
resting in manure wet straw.

In the pavilion are orange pumpkins like ancient seals,
boxes of paired vegetables,
a potato crab and a wizened carrot man,
apples and cactus dahlias
and a child's plastic wheelbarrow
planted with succulents, rocks and a snail.
School art brighter than a lolly shop
loose as laughter
a Ned Kelly scarecrow
proud in plastic armour
stamped with love but no prize.

Nestled in the 'Hurricane's octopus arms
children vomit delight,
crash their relatives in Dodgems'.
A sunny day has planted a crop of cars in the paddocks
with a one-day growing season and instant cash harvest,
while the brushes and crayons of children
reap for themselves a parent's praise
and a humble few dollars.

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Winner Under 18 Category

Cricketers of old and new.

When you have gotten out a batter for a duck, you will see,
Have the feeling of Denis Lillie!

When a bowler comes at you like a bull,
Be bold, courageous like Bill Woodfull!

When the wicket keeper is the bad man,
Be determined as Donald Bradman!

When you have the need to fray `em,
Be like Harry Graham!

When you are fighting in the big seven,
Smack `em silly like Michael Bevan!

Though these great cricketers of old-and new to be exact,
They really only had one tact,
To work together as a team,
Or, maybe a community!

So whenever you have a job to do, work at it with all your might,
With you to help to be, work together as a community!

-Jesse Herford, Ben Bhragie, Robertson



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- **Clearing restrictions** apply to the both vegetation types. To clear or disturb either Robertson Rainforest or Robertson Tall Open Forest in any way you will need a Section 91 licence from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Contact Mike Saxon, Manager of the Threatened Species Unit at the National Parks and Wildlife Service on 6298 9715, for more information.
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- Clearing consent may also be required from Council under their LEP.

ANTIQUES MAKE NEWS FOR ROBERTSON.

While it's true that comparisons are odious, it's equally true that many of us who live in the very heart of the Southern Highlands can be forgiven if we frequently feel that rather too much of the region's administration and management tends to be focused upon what's best for Bowral, Bowral and Bowral.

Not that we have anything against Bowral. It's a great town and it does an adequate job. Nonetheless, the fact remains that for the increasing numbers of visitors who travel to the Southern Highlands from Sydney via the coast, the very first place that they come to is Robertson. It is, in fact, the village of Robertson which provides the Southern Highlands welcome mat and which sets the scene for the region as a whole.

One hopes that it will not be too long before this undeniable fact is acknowledged and more appropriately recognised by local authorities. But in the meantime it is appropriate for all of us who have the good fortune to live in Robertson to express our thanks to the very many local individuals who are consistently using their skills and ingenuity to maximise Robertson's level of awareness throughout New South Wales and even further.

An outstanding example of this commendable activity is embodied within the latest issue of the excellent publication, "Antiques in New South Wales". With Robertson increasingly developing as a unique centre of interest to all lovers of antiques, no less than five of the established antique businesses in the village have contributed to a superb double-page feature crammed full of intriguing information regarding all of the very

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many attractions which Robertson and the surrounding area has to offer. All of this was incorporated in a splendid article compiled by Ros Vidgen of Bramber Cottage Antiques.

Every issue of "Antiques in New South Wales" involves a print run of many thousands of copies and these are distributed widely throughout New South Wales, the ACT and beyond. Thanks to Ros Vidgen and to all of the other businesses involved in this latest publicity venture for Robertson, once again our village has hit the headlines and for all of the very best and most positive reasons. It gives you a good feeling, don't you agree?

Of Wombats and Possums

Local WIRES volunteers have been stopping for a lot of Wombats and possums of late. One volunteer picked up a female Brushtail possum and her Joey from a concerned residents home this month, the resident distressed more by the number of cars that just drove past the poor mother dying on the road. Sadly she and her Joey didn't make it, however, sometimes the Joey does survive a motor vehicle impact. Wombat Joeys can survive up to 9 days alive in the pouch after the mother dies. A wombat had been suffering in pain for about 4 days before WIRES volunteers were called to its aid on Kangaloon Rd; the Wombat would have eventually died from its injuries but could have been saved the suffering if the driver of the vehicle that hit the wombat had called WIRES. We now have 8 WIRES volunteers living in Robertson, most of them are quite prepared to drop whatever their doing to come and rescue something. Please if you hit something on the road stop and check it, if it's still alive ring WIRES and someone can come out to help the animal. If the animal has already died, remember if it's a female it may have a surviving baby in the pouch that a foster carer may be able to raise and return to the wild. By calling WIRES you may be able to save a life.

Robertson Public School News

Term Two at Robertson Public School was as busy and productive as ever, and the third term is shaping up to be just as busy for children and parents alike. Robertson was fortunate to have Yumiko Yoshii from Japan working at the school during the last term. Over the past years, Robertson Public has had Japanese Assistants for a term a year, and it has always been a great addition to the student's Japanese language program. Among so many other things, Yumiko taught origami, Japanese songs and demonstrated the traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony. Yumiko stayed with the MacAndrews and the Calvers and went on many excursions with other families from the school community. She was embraced by this small, close township and loved exploring the local waterfalls, beaches and countryside.

Robertson Public School hosted the Wingecarribee District School Cross Country Carnival in early May. It is always a big occasion with around 350 competitors and many more spectators. The weather was perfect and it was a great success.

COOKERY CORNER Armenian Nutmeg Cake

1 cup self raising flour
1 cup plain flour
1 tsp ground nutmeg
125g butter (or margarine)
1½ cups brown sugar, lightly packed
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
¾ cup milk
1 egg, lightly beaten
½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans.

Grease a 20cm x 30cm lamington pan. Sift flours & nutmeg into a large bowl. Rub in butter, mix in sugar (or process these ingredients until crumbly). Press 1½ cups of this mixture into prepared pan. Stir combined soda & milk into remaining ingredients with egg & nuts, mix well, pour into pan. Bake in a moderate oven about 35 minutes.

Stand 5 minutes before turning onto wire rack to cool.

Robertson Public School won a National Environmental Award. The award is called the Banksia Environmental Award in recognition of excellence in protecting the environment. A 1.92 kilowatt solar power system was installed on the roof of the timber classroom block in 2000. Of the 2,200 schools in NSW only 43 have a solar power system. The one in Robertson makes about 2304 kilowatt-hours of electricity every year from the sun falling on the roof. Over the life of this solar power system, Robertson Public School will prevent the emission of 46 tonnes of harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Well done Robertson Public.

So many students at Robertson Public achieved great things this term but here are some of the highlights:

*Joshua Krone and Jack Bain were selected in the Southern Highlands U/10 Representative soccer team.

*Bianca Benjamin, April Brough and Tom Keft participated in the Southern Districts Music Camp at Fitzroy Falls.

*Jack Handley and Aaron Ditton were selected to play in the PSSA hockey at Unanderra. Aaron Ditton went on to be selected for the South Coast region Senior Boys Primary Schools Hockey team.

*15 students from Yrs 4,5 and 6 competed in the OZSPELL 2003 competition and Jake Wilson, Loren Gray and Andrew Lee made it through to the district finals.

*Loren Gray, Bianca Benjamin and Cliff Caines went to the District Public Speaking Competition.

*Three Robertson School Band Members were accepted into the State String Orchestra - Festival of Instrumental Music. Violin players Imogen Rolon, Jessica Farr and Kachina Dimmock made their debut at the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall in front of 3000 people. What a night to remember.

*Lucy Palmer's talented writers' group continued their great work this term and entered stories into the Nestle Write Around Australia Competition. We are yet to hear the outcome.

*Mr Gray's chess group continued to go from strength to strength participating in the inter-school chess competition.

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Birthdays, Funerals, Memorials, Family
Unions, Change of Circumstance,
Retirement, House Warmings, Corporate
Events.

The Robertson Community Technology
Centre is currently hosting the management
of the Federation's On-Line Shop and Mail
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A new aspect of this service, is the aim to
raise the profile of the Federation's work by
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Garden Notes

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July 2003

As the weather cools and days become shorter time should be spent preparing your garden for spring. Weeding and mulching are probably the two most productive winter garden activities. A light layer of an organic fertiliser spread under mulch will enrich soil for added spring growth.

Lift and divide any clumps of perennials which have become crowded. Clean up your strawberry patch and plant out new runners. 'Red Gauntlet' is a heavily producing variety with white flesh and 'Tioga' is a flavoursome red fleshed variety, both of which are suitable to our cool climate.

Try something different in the vegetable garden with 'Potato Onions', a mild sweet onion which produces multiple bulbs, or 'Tree Onions' which develop bulbs both below ground and on the stems. Garlic can be planted now for harvest in Dec./Jan. Rhubarb can be planted now, look for a variety like 'Ever Red' which has truly crimson stems.

Winter is a good time to really look at your garden. Get up early and notice if some areas are especially frosty or frost free. As a garden ages more areas will probably have some degree of frost protection allowing you to become more adventurous with your planting choices.

Meetings of the Robertson Garden Club are on the 1st Monday of the month at 1.30pm in the Robertson Community Centre. Visitors are welcome. During Spring members will be visiting various private gardens in the area. For more information, please contact Jane Hope on 4885 2498. Please note. This is a change from the list of organizations and contacts on the back page of the last edition.

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night and all involved in the errands of food to the mountain top. This took quite a few weeks and most people would have given up. But not this bunch of Good Samaritans - and ultimately they won. The little dog was finally and safely captured and cared for by Emma and Rob and eventually they found a good home for him with a kindly retired couple from Wollongong.

What a story! It could have had a very different and far sadder ending had it not been for the love, grit and determination of Jan Giblin and her family. Just like the little dog himself, they simply refused to give in.

New Team on the News.

The Robertson News will have a new team involving business owners, local writers, photographers, and residents. The Editor, Barry Lee, has done an outstanding job with the help of Micki Boehme who has exhausted herself in sourcing information, phoning for advertisements, writing news, and distributing the News to local businesses for collection.

Micki now can take a well-earned rest and we thank her very much for her hard work and dedication. She has promised to contribute to the Robertson News in the future and we hope to hear from her soon. The new team will consist of Barry Lee, Lucy Palmer, Heather Vickery, Kay Jensen, Emma Calver, Belinda Borbely, and Sheila Massetti. We are also hoping that many others (that's you) will get involved in helping us compile a newsletter of integrity, good humour, well written articles, and informative news. News items can be also taken to the Anglican Church Rectory or to the Post Office. Or email the Editor, Barry Lee, bjlee@tpg.com.au or writers Belinda Borbely belindaborbely@bigpond.com and Lucy Palmer lucy@acenet.com.au

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

Until further Notice
All Services at Burrawang.

Burrawang

11.00am - Every Sunday

Robertson Christian
Fellowship
(Community Centre)

3.00pm - Every Sunday except the 1st
Sunday in the month

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.

Advertising

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 Heather Vickery at Elders Real Estate. Thank you for your support.

Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of **October**. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th September 2003**. 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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