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Robertson Children Help Tibetan Exiles

On behalf Dr Robert Gammal and the Dental Team and from the Tibetan communities of Tashi Palkhiel and Japarling (remote children hostels) we wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to the staff and children from Robertson public school for making a just and worthy humanitarian effort for these children.

The recent "Toothbrush Drive" collected 240 toothbrushes and 52 tubes of toothpaste for the remote children and these will be divided between the two Tibetan hostels Japarling and Tashi Palkhiel which house 130 children.

The children come from the outlying areas near the border of Nepal\Tibet. They are mainly from remote, poor agricultural families who are in great need of assistance.

The children of Robertson Public School have played an enormous role in helping these Tibetan exiles who are trying to preserve what is left of their culture, so badly fragmented in Tibet.

I am thankful for your belief in our objectives to make life a little more comfortable for these children. It is through nurturing, education and welfare that these children have been given a choice in Life.



Chris Catsanis receiving the toothbrushes and toothpaste from Jessica Farr and Phillip Anderson

Chris Catsanis

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Well ...it's that time of year again – TAX TIME. This is the time of year when we sit back and think about all the GST we pay and how much better off we are for it. Yeah right.....anyway, it seems that the snow wasn't the only thing causing road blocks last month with council slowing down the Village Centre re-development by insisting that changes be made to the original plans. The proposed Wine Outlet came to a complete halt on the day of reckoning when a local business appealed the issuing of a liquor license. And no it wasn't the Robertson Village Inn! Zac supports this new business and he encourages the prospect of growth and diversity in Robertson. Council had approved a D.A. for a licensed premise and the business was ready to operate and service tourism in Robertson. So now the shop corner will remain empty for what may be many days to come, local tradesman will re-schedule work, and the lawyers will make a lot of money...Ho, ho, ho.....and here we go.....

On a lighter and more uplifting note that brings good news and good spirit to a small community. "Harvest Ingredients" owner Anne Wilson made us proud when London's prestigious Harvey Nichols chose her for a "Taste Australian" promotion. Anne will travel to London to take part in a Fine Food Fair where she will be giving cooking demonstrations and showing her wares. Maybe the Queen herself will be ordering Anne's dinner packs – Made Exclusively in Robertson – of course! Congratulations Annie and we wish you the best of luck.

Happy Birthday to Alice Murray who turned 70 on the 17th July!

"Beauty"... they say... is in the hands of the "be-holder" but some of us need a little helping hand now and then. Martina of Yakity Yak Hair Designs has moved to her new spacious premises upstairs in the Old Cheese Factory and its business as usual. Deahne's Designer Nails has moved next door to her existing premises and Amirun can be found at Ranlaegh House continuing on with her massage business.

The construction of the new toilet block next to the tennis courts is about to start. It should be completed by the end of August or early September. Residents may have noticed a construction fence behind the existing toilet block and may be wondering what is happening. The contractor who has been engaged to demolish the old block and construct the new one, has also been contracted for the new facility in Bowral. The building waste that you see is from the old block in the Oxley Mall car park. Once the new Robertson facility is finished all the waste will be taken away together.

There also seems to be some confusion surrounding the status of Pinkwood Park in Robertson. If you don't know where Pinkwood Park is, it is the small area directly across from the Tate's Supermarket. The history of the park goes back to July 2000 when a resolution was passed by Council to establish the boundaries of Pinkwood Park. Larry Whipper spent a great deal of time and negotiation along with REPS and the past director of Technical Services Mr. Charles Dunlop, to bring about the establishment of the park. Larry says "It is a shame that there

now seems to be some misunderstanding about fencing and maintenance of the park. Hopefully this matter will be resolved as soon as possible".

The closing of the most well known and respected fruit and vegetable shop has saddened many people. We wish David and Laurie all the best with their new discovery – LIFE! On the subject of Burrawang I think "Min" has gone – Bye Min....Good-Bye! And from the "Bar Stool" - I happen to like the descending "Matriarch" and any negative comments made about her should be erased from the history books!

Due to the closure of the Burrawang Post Office that was situated in the Scarlett's shop, mail addressed to the town residents and businesses will be delivered by a postal contractor operating out of the Bowral Delivery Centre direct to houses and business premises in the town. Where items cannot be delivered because there is no-one in attendance, the contractor will leave a notification card and the items can be collected from the Robertson Post Office.

Congratulations to Bob and Violet Lymbery on their 59th year of marriage.

On a personal note I wish to thank Micki and Dion from Robertson Recollections for helping me and being so gracious in support of a business regardless of its having the same kind of stock as their own.

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Robertson Ratepayers Association

The Robertson Ratepayers Association (RRA) held its second meeting on 24 June. Issues arising from the meeting included:

* Attendees voted to lobby Wingecarribee Councillors to reconsider the motion put forward by the previous Council to adopt the Low Pressure Sewerage Scheme for Robertson in favour of the original Hybrid design.

Residents argued that the Hybrid Sewerage System – a combination of traditional gravity sewerage for the village and Low-Pressure Pumping technology for areas on the outskirts of towns, was preferred.

Common objections raised regarding the Low Pressure Sewerage option included increased electricity costs and uncertain future maintenance costs and responsibility.

* The Association will follow up with inquiries regarding the possibility of purchasing a defibrillator to be located centrally in the village on 24-hour standby in case of medical emergencies.

In other business, Bob Payne was unanimously elected to the position as Secretary of the Association. The Association welcomes Bob on board who brings a wealth of experience from previous community groups.

If you have a view on how the village should move forward, why not join the RRA.

The Association meets at 7.45pm on the last Thursday of each month at the Community Hall.

For more information phone 4885 1599.

Dave Sommers—Liaison Officer – Robertson Ratepayers Association

New Business Association Board

Robertson Business Association held a convivial dinner/AGM in early July at the Robertson Inn. Outgoing President Sheila Massetti looked back on some of the highlights of the last year, including the initiation of the new Spring Festival, massed daffodil plantings in Hoddle Street, the continuing success of this newsletter, and a new initiative for year long marketing of the village on 2ST and Power FM. For those who may ask “why local radio” it’s worth noting that Robertson and its many attractions still remain virtually unknown to many residents of the Shire to our West i.e Wingecarribee

Busy (possibly even hyperactive) marriage celebrant Rona Goold was unanimously elected President for the coming year, with Judy Fisk as Vice President, Hope Waters – Treasurer, Dion Boehme – Secretary, and a committee comprising Ross Brumfield, Phil Dekker, Micki Boehme, Sheila Massetti and Belinda Borbely.

In accepting her new role Rona outlined some key aims for the coming year – to try to attract the participation of those local businesses who are not yet members – and to try to get all local business people actively involved in defining what they see as the role of the RBA. An open workshop session may be a good way of approaching these topics, so watch for more news in coming months.

What Makes a Village

In a recent edition of the English “Spectator”, columnist Moore posed the question, “how do you define a village?”, and gave as his answer that a village was a place where, when you pass strangers in the street, you greet them.

While no doubt there are more complex definitions, I thought this was a nice one – and certainly true of Robertson.

Dion Boehme

Robertson Environment Protection Society

Guest Speaker for 13 August 2004

Friday 7.30pm

Robertson Community Centre
Ros Badgery
of “Wanganderry”, High Range

It is a great privilege to have Ros show her collection of slides of native plants of the area, as she has won many prizes for her photography.

Ros started using colour photography in 1953 and began concentrating on documenting the local flora from 1963. She was given a book of Dorothy Farran’s “Flora of New South Wales” Moore and Betche 1893. This early botanic identification guide was complex and had few illustrations and no photographs.

Ros Badgery and Janet Cosh began identifying the local flora together, with Ros choosing photographic imaging and Janet choosing herbarium specimens and botanic drawings. Interestingly, it was not until the 1970’s that colour photos started to be produced in botany identification books with “Flora of the Sydney Region” Beadle, Evans and Carolin 1972, having only a few photos through the text. Now colour photography with the identification of botany are taken very much for granted.

Ros has kindly agreed that with the development of the REPS website that she is happy for us to use some of her images on the site. Ros is a well known speaker in the area, as she began giving slide presentations in the mid 1960’s for the local NPA with Rachel Roxburgh’s encouragement. One project that they worked on was the establishment of the Nattai National Park. Ros compiled the flora lists that were used to establish this National Park.

Don’t miss this wonderful guest speaker.

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Something for Everyone. - 22, 23, 24 October 2004

Artwork for this beautiful Spring Logo has been donated by our talented Jan Giblin

Earlier this year a town meeting was called to establish a **"Robertson Spring Festival"**. An enthusiastic team representing most of the clubs and organisations in Robertson are contributing to a great program It is not too late for you or your group to contribute.

Saturday and Sunday will have open gardens, Garden Club Exhibition at the Fettle's Shed, Robertson Guild members arts and crafts at the Village Woodwork, REPS guided rainforest walks and CTC@Robertson - a Photography Competition.

Friday evening will have a poetry reading, film CTC showing and possibly a Beauty & Fashion Expo. Saturday, the Robertson Public school's very popular fete, including a Harry Potter Parade. is a not to be missed, bi-annual event and the local football club is planning a mixed Footy Competition in Hampden Park

The Robertson Inn have offered their performance space on Saturday from 2pm to 8pm with some prize money for a music fest or talent quest. Anyone interested in assisting with the planning of this event please contact Rona on 4885 2393

Sunday will include a Show Society Country Auction and Car Boot Sales, School of Arts Devonshire Teas & Palm Court Dance, Uniting Church 'Thanksgiving of the Animals' and we hope much more.

Other village groups or individuals who would like to contribute something to the Festival are most welcome to become involved. Buskers or other street performance is a possibility. Businesses are starting to think about wearing a "Green Heart" on their clothing and getting into the festive spirit. The next Spring Festival coordinating meeting is Tuesday 31st August 2004 at 6pm Community Centre Caalong Street. Everyone welcome.

The latest information on the Robertson Spring Festival is on our Robertson web site www.robertson-nsw.com.au. Visit the new CTC centre or phone 4885 1040 if you do not have access to a computer.

ROBERTSON TENNIS CLUB

The Bus trip to the Craft and Quilt Show at Darling Harbour was a huge success with \$540 raised towards court maintenance. This success was due to the efforts of Roslyn, Elva and Val and the support of sponsors Sophies Books of Moss Vale and Harvest Ingredients and Essential Botanicals at Robertson.

The next Bus trip will be a shopping day on Saturday 6th November. This will not be a shop 'til you drop scramble but a civilised tour of Birkenhead Point, Petersham Confectionery and Homebush Discount Factory. Enquiries and bookings can be made with Roslyn on 4885-1809 or Val on 4885-1285.

The ladies competition is about to recommence with Robertson fielding four teams. New players, either social or competition, are welcome at the courts on Tuesdays at 1.00pm.

The courts are available for hire Day or Night by booking at Elders Real Estate opposite the Courts. Daytime court hire is \$10 per hour



One of the local "kids" playing in the big snowfall.

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Belinda and Thomas

Old Potato Shed – New Gallery

New to the village is the Old Potato Shed Gallery. While the gallery is new, one of the ranges it carries – Mark Honore leather goods – provides a long needed local outlet for this well known Robertson maker. Operated by Dorothy Baker, ably assisted by Bernard Eddy, the new gallery also carries ceramics, original art works and local crafts, plus knitwear including Belisa Cashmere, Signature Handknits, and Mollydale hats.

Long time visitors to Robertson, Dorothy and Bernie are excited at the prospect of making the village their new business base. For more information, contact Dorothy on 0418 489 384.

The shop is already trading but look for a grand opening around Mid September.

Robertson Sewerage Scheme **NOT** under threat.

As indicated by the excerpts below from a Wingecarribee Council Media Release, the Robertson Sewerage Scheme will still go ahead despite the recent cuts in subsidies to councils.

“The cuts to the rates of subsidy are estimated to result in a reduction in funding of \$1,625,000 for the Robertson Sewerage Scheme and \$880,000 for the Bundanoon Sewerage Augmentation. Therefore, it is anticipated that Council will have to provide additional funds in the order of \$2.5 million for these two projects as they proceed.

The changes will also have a major impact on Council’s ability to fund future backlog projects such as Yerrinbool sewerage, Exeter sewerage, Burrawang sewerage, Balmoral water supply and Penrose/Wingello water supply”

LAMINGTON DAY - August 27th

The return of the legend.....

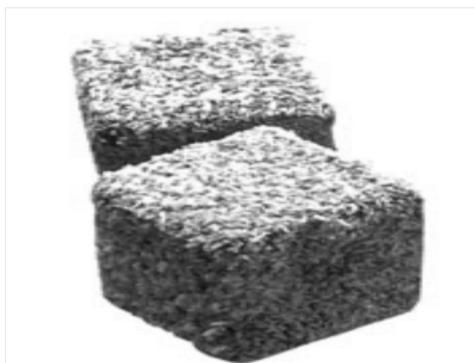
It was 1894, Basil Lamington and his lovely wife Lucy, the second cousin of Lord Lamington, heir to the British publishing empire Lamington & Smythe, approached the outskirts of Robertson and what was to be their new home. Settling in the district now known as Missingham Parade, Basil and Lucy soon became part of the community and within a few short months were the talk of the town with their afternoon tea refreshments. Lucy, an acclaimed cook in her own right soon began to try new ideas to keep the locals amused. The locals, particularly Cecil and Agnes Stratford, from the top of Caalong Street were the first to encourage Lucy to experiment.

It was a rainy day towards the end of August 1894. Lucy, was expecting the local Reverend and his adorable wife to afternoon tea. The sponge that Lucy had made was out of the oven and ready for her decorative flair with icing. A shriek rang out from the kitchen, Lucy had no icing sugar. What to do? Suddenly, as if guided by a heavenly force she cut the sponge cake up, firstly out of frustration but then out of the force that was guiding her hand. Her original plan was to make a smaller cake, one she could ice using the token amount of icing sugar she had in the bottom of the tin.

It was then, in a moment of inspiration she came up with the idea of dipping each sponge square in chocolate. Hurry, time was running out and the Reverend was due in thirty minutes. She hurriedly melted the only chocolate she had in the house, a small gift from Basil for their wedding anniversary. Slowly and carefully she melted the block of German milk chocolate until it was like liquid silk, she carefully rolled each square in the delicious chocolate and set them aside to dry. They didn’t look right to her, and certainly were not a way to impress the local clergyman. What would contrast with the depth of colour and the beautiful taste of the chocolate? Coconut! To the pantry she raced and quicker than you can say Baron Carrington, she had taken the desecrated coconut out and sprinkled it over the chocolate sponge cubes. Lucy sat back and admired her new treats. Perfect, she thought, fit for a man of the cloth, fit for anyone. Soon Lucy Lamington was the talk of the town for her heavenly inspired delicacies. Word spread far and wide and soon people from Sydney were creating reasons to get an invitation to Lucy’s afternoon tea refreshments. She was famous far and wide and soon her fortune eclipsed that of her husband Basil and his publishing inheritance. Her name became synonymous with high tea and the best tasting treats in the entire state.

We remember her and her creation with “Lamington Day”, on Friday August 27th. Come share the spirit of Lucy Lamington by making your own and bringing them to

Waters General Store on Sunday August 29th. Judging will be at 3pm, the judge will be Susi Calladine of Three Creeks Café. Three prizes are on offer. Be the talk of the village by taking out the coveted 1st prize of Best Lamington in Robertson. Special prize for the most unusual Lamington, use your imagination to create something special.



Lucy Lamington, we salute you.

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Progress and Development are sensitive issues

Do you have a view on how the village of Robertson should move forward?
Do you have any ideas how we can work more closely with our local Councilors?
If so, come and join the Robertson Ratepayers Association.

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7.45pm on the last Thursday of each month
at the Robertson Community Hall.
For more information phone 4885 1599.

Who was Patrick Crawford?

Ask Kay Jones, former owner of Ranelagh House and she will tell you she employed Patrick 22 years ago.

Patrick came from Goulburn where he and his mother were excellent dancers. Patrick loved and cared for his Mum, even when he came to live at Ranelagh House.

Kay will tell you he was more than just an employee. Kay's 5 children were raised with Patrick. He took them to school. He took them to the shops (to buy lollies) and he generally cared about where they went and how they were going. I inherited Patrick when I became Kay's business partner in late 1985. So not only did he have Kay and her family to look after, he also inherited me, my mum and my children and grandchildren.

Patrick was the keeper of the many fireplaces at Ranelagh House and would clean each morning. When things were busy, I would help.

These hours with Patrick were some of my happiest times. We discussed and solved everything and jokingly became known as the P & J Cleaning Company. When our friend, Col McPhedran joined us from Perth, Patrick found his "real mate". He and Col had many meals and chats together and became real sparring partners.

Patrick had no alternative but to follow all our forays into politics and was our greatest supporter, even to the manning of polling booths. He loved people and people loved him.

Ranelagh House was his home and we were all his family. He would report back to me most days when I became a pollie to tell me how Kay and the girls and staff were going. He took on the responsibility of caring for them all. Patrick enjoyed a drink at the pub and club and had many mates who I know will miss him.

Patrick suffered from asthma and over the years it became worse and eventually succumbed to the dreadful condition. Even on his last day with us, he played the role of Santa, something he was so proud of for he knew it made people happy.

Patrick had to contend with many changes, the last of which was when Kay retired and my sister Vera and brother in law Paul bought Kay out.

This did not stop him from continuing his caring role. He just shouldered the extra family responsibility with the humour of how his family continued to grow.

Rest, peacefully Patrick. We are better people for having had you in our lives and none of us will ever forget you and that includes all the staff at Ranelagh House but especially Kay, Stephen, Danielle, Danna, Leanne, Tamara, Vera and Paul, Colin and myself.

Joanna Gash

Many locals will remember Patrick with love and affection. He touched our hearts with his humour and generosity. We will never forget our time spent with him. Thank you Patrick, for being part of our lives.



LOTS OF LAUGHS IN "DOCTOR"

The Highlands Theatre Group is working hard towards its next production, the wonderfully funny comedy DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE, based on the novels by Richard Gordon. The escapades in the books are legendary, having been made into quite a few films over the years, and the play is JUST as funny, if not more so. The production is being directed by Gillian Dunstan, who has many years of experience in performing and directing.

Central in the story are three students, Tony Grimsdyke (Mike Jeffries), Simon Sparrow (Jonathan Purvis) and John Evans (John Kelly). As the girls involved we have Vera, Tony's French girlfriend (Val Warry), and two of the nurses from the hospital, 'Rigor Mortis' alias Riggie (Ebony Hope) and the straight-laced Janet (Alexandra Rapp). Newcomer Jim Cheesley plays Bromley the hospital porter, Rob Dunstan appears the pivotal role of Sir Lancelot Spratt the head surgeon, and Anne Robinson is playing the Matron.

The doctors get up to all sorts of nonsense - such as rehearsing for the end-of-year concert - and even Bromley gets roped in as a 'patient' as Sir Lancelot tests the boys on their knowledge of surgery. Even rehearsals have reduced those in the theatre to tears of laughter, so we are quite sure audiences will flock in droves to have a thoroughly uproarious night out.

Performance dates are August 6,7,13,14,20 & 21 at 8pm, with matinees on August 14,15, & 21 at 2pm. The venue is the Mittagong Playhouse. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 concession, and you can make bookings at Tourism Southern Highlands, Main Street Mittagong, or phone them on 1300 657 559. Write it on your calendar now !!!

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Robertson Community Technology Centre - Update

Cinema: 3rd Saturday each month

- July 29 – Film Illawarra Short Sited Film Festival. Starts at 7:30 pm
Aug 21 – 2pm Bend It Like Beckham
8pm Rear Window (Hitchcock) with Radio National's Andrew Ford discussing Rear Window and Hitchcock at 7:45pm
Sep 18 – 2pm Spirited Away
8pm The Bank
Oct 16 – 2pm Wallace and Gromit x 3
8pm Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

Training:

Winter program courses continue on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings. The three week Computer Basics course including internet and email has proved the most popular. The Spring program introduces new courses on Intermediate word processing skills and using Powerpoint. Common feedback by attendees: "I feel more confident to use my computer now". Call in to the centre to pick up a brochure and registration form.

IT:

Internet access and workstation hire – do you know you can access the NSW Govt website for free at the CTC?

Business Support Services

Printing, photocopying, binding, and laminating services are available – discounts apply for bulk.

Café:

The aroma of freshly ground coffee – mmmm. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

Volunteers:

Many in the community have joined the team and are making a wonderful contribution. We're still eager to hear from others wanting to help so that the doors can be kept open for longer. Volunteers do a café or technology shift so you don't need to be computer literate – and much can be learned on the job. All you need is a friendly manner and a willingness to help.

See our website for details of new opening hours, services offered and upcoming events— www.robertson.communitytechnology.net.au

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Robertson Community Services Group

Would you like to meet and enjoy the companionship of new or old friends. Then do come along to the Robertson Community Services Group at the Community Centre on Tuesday 10th August and each following fortnight for a morning cuppa, hot dinner \$8 and stay for games and a chat. You would be most welcome.

Hazel 4885 1469
Thea 4885 1333

"Handmade in the Highlands"

The Robertson Guild is organizing an exhibition and sale of fine arts and crafts at Robertson Railway Station Fettlers Shed Gallery on the October long weekend, Saturday/Sunday October 2nd & 3rd, 2004. A wide range of high quality arts and crafts, all made in the Southern Highlands region will be showcased in the Gallery and adjoining car park, with demonstrations over the 2 days by practicing craftspeople. The Guild maintains a strict quality control with no mass-produced or imported items permitted. Participation is by invitation only to members of the Robertson Guild. Contact Stephanie Cassar (Phone 48 851204, email scassar@hinet.net.au) if you are interested in becoming a member of the Guild and being a part of the arts and crafts at Handmade in the Highlands.

Also at Handmade in the Highlands: food and local produce on the Village Common, part of the Robertson Heritage Railway Station precinct. A large marquee will house handmade local specialty foods, wine tasting, cakes, flowers, etc, with additional stalls and activities outside the tent. Food to eat at the festival from snacks and drinks to full luncheon with real coffee will be available – all provided by local groups and businesses.

Other planned activities include: history museum in the station building, National Parks van, Waratah display in the station gardens, Station outdoor sculpture park (Reconciliation sculpture, Flugelman sculpture, plus historic railway artifacts), Live music in the marquee or outdoors (weather permitting), Lions Club Barbeque, Local native plants information and sales, railway fundraising stalls (souvenirs, books, etc)

Interested in having a food or local produce stall or running another activity at the festival? Contact Anne Wilson with enquiries (phone 48 851 598 or email anne.wilson@mercer.com).



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The Robertson Garden Club



Gardening Advice for the Chilly Winter Months

Here we are in the middle of a very cold, very dry winter. Although our gardens do not usually require very much watering during winter the water restrictions are still making our lives a little bit harder and of course when spring and summer arrive we will all be missing access to unlimited water. Now is the time to plan and to modify our gardens to cope with this on going challenge.

The answer is of course mulch, mulch and then more mulch. Mulch will improve the water holding of all our local soil types. Sandy, clay, black soils, and red soils will all be better able to support a flourishing garden if they are well fed and mulched with any of the organic mulches available. Those of you who attended the last Garden Club meeting would have seen the many and varied mulch materials that Lin from the Robertson Nursery brought along. Many of these, such as bales of Lucerne, pea straw, sugar cane and manures are available to buy at nurseries and produce stores. Other mulches such as compost can be made at home. Manures can be bought bagged, or collected from farms, chook houses etc.

Diary Notes

Remember 1st October 2004 – Canberra Trip – See or phone Jane Hope on 48 852498

A Website for noting – Garden Clubs of Australia – www.gardenclubs.org.au

Diet Friendly Potato.

Seen in a recent newspaper was an article about a new potato, the brainchild of US scientists, perfected in Holland and test grown in Italy, Egypt and Mexico. The new potato is 30% lower in carbohydrates and is said to be better tasting.

Warm Baby Potato Salad.

- 1 lb baby potatoes/chats
- Bunch parsley—chopped fine
- 3 shallots /chives—sliced very fine
- 4 springs mint—chopped fine

Steam potatoes in a large pan till tender. Drain and while hot pour over dressing. Let everything cool together, gently turning spuds. Refrigerate & dress with mint, parsley and shallots.

Dressing

White wine vinegar or lemon juice
Olive oil or safflower oil
1 clove garlic crushed
Large teaspoon brown sugar
Large teaspoon seed mustard
Salt & pepper.
Put in a jar and shake well.

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 Belinda Borbely at Pizzas in the Mist (4885 1799). 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 2004**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577**, or **Email: bjlee@dodo.com.au**. (Submissions are best supplied by email or on disk. Hard copy should preferably be typed) Enquiries - 4885 1210

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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

Uniting

Robertson

8.00am - Every Sunday

Roman Catholic

Burrawang

1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays – 8.00am

2nd & 4th Sundays – 5.00pm

Robertson Christian

Fellowship(Community Centre)

3.00pm – Every Sunday except the 1st

Sunday in the month

