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Spring Festival 2004



Back -Melissa Lovell, Tammy Handley, Steve Carey, Elva Farrell
Middle - Briana Handley, Megan Handley, Jessica Lovell, Emily Vivers
Seated - Ellie Handley and Gus (the dog).

Although the rain dampened some of the activities, overall the Spring Festival was voted a success.

Rona sincerely thanks all those generous people and groups in Robertson who participated - too numerous to note individually.

The Robertson Spring Festival Coordinating Committee (*The Spring Festival is not a Robertson Business Association activity as mentioned in the last newsletter*) has decided to hold the 2005 Festival on the third weekend ie 14 15 16th in October.

Indoor events (such as music, exhibitions, arts & crafts sales etc) and a garden emphasis for Spring are main areas of concentration. The music planning meeting is Tuesday

21st December and the next main committee meeting is Tuesday 8th February 2005 - both at the Community Centre Caalong St.

All welcome. More information www.Robertson-NSW.com.au or Coordinator Rona 4885 2393

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Letters to the Editor.

Dear Editor,

As a frequent traveller from Wollongong to the Highlands & the Goulburn region, I would like to congratulate the business owners and residents of Robertson on the beautiful displays of daffodils both in pots and gardens along the main road through the town.

These displays added much to the delightful drive through your region, signalled the arrival of Spring, but also demonstrated enthusiastic community spirit. Well done to all!

Pat Gamble.

Ed. It would be good if we could build on this next year, planting more daffodils.

From the Editor.

This edition of the Robertson News struggled to get out. The newsletter is intended to be a way for the community to communicate. While it is not a commercial venture and runs on a non profit basis, we are dependant on a minimum amount of advertising to pay for printing costs. However, we do not want the newsletter to be overcome with advertising and have limited to size and number of ads.

We have no paid staff and a very small team that puts the newsletter together. Belinda Borbely chases advertising and articles as well as writing her column. I put the newsletter together on computer and print it. Hope Waters organises the folding and distribution. None of us really have the time to chase people up who have not submitted material or who have not paid for ads. If you think something should be in the newsletter then write it up and forward it to us by the deadline, which is always indicated on the back page. In future, no ads will be included unless payment has been received.

Barry Lee.

To the Robertson Community

On behalf of Tashi Palkhiel, Tibetan Refugee Education & Dental Health, Non profit Charitable Organisation and the Tibetan and Nepali Communities, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Robertson Community for their collective spirit of generosity.

The way Robertson as a community has rallied to support Tibetans in Exile has been overwhelming. This small community of 350 dwellings has allowed Tashi Palkhiel to successfully extend a number of projects for the upcoming January 2005 trip.

The Fettle's Shed exhibition earlier this year increased awareness of the plight of the Tibetans in Exile and spurred a number of businesses and individuals to act. Two who need to be mentioned are the 3 Creeks Café, Marty and Susi and the Robertson Primary School Headmaster, Michael Reilly. These individuals saw a need and took action to raise monies and supplies for the Tibetan Refugee camps.

The Charity Fundraiser at The 3 Creeks Café earlier this month raised a staggering \$3620 which will go directly to Educational projects in two Tibetan refugee camps in Nepal. We will be updating you on progress of these projects as they are being executed in the New Year.

Robertson Primary School children collected a total of 250 toothbrushes and 52 tubes of toothpaste and are also preparing to donate 100kgs of Educational supplies.

Many other individuals and businesses have also contributed to successful fund raising efforts this year. There are too many to mention individually and their contribution has been gratefully received.

Tashi Palkhiel and the communities of Tibet and Nepal offer our heartfelt thanks and our blessings for the upcoming festivities.

Chris Catsanis
Director
Tashi Palkhiel (Australia)



Susi has just told Chris that the evening had raised \$3, 620 for the work of Tashi Palkhiel.

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on

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VILLAGE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

To Hamish of High Street on arriving safely to your loving parents Mandy and Scott.

BEST WISHES

To Susie and Martin on opening the 3 Creeks for dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings in this festive season. We are told the new menu looks terrific

To Rada and Danny on opening the Grill House for Saturday and Sunday breakfasts and adding seafood to their cuisine.

To Peter Barlett the guest of honour at the Robertson Heritage Railway Station Christmas function on Thursday evening the 9th December. This is in recognition of his wonderful, at times unpaid, work in constructing the Fettle's Shed porch and Flugelman sculpture and the urgent maintenance work at the station. It is wonderful that a very busy tradesman like Peter can find time to do community work. Well done Peter.

RBA NEWS

The Robertson Business Association will continue to work on ways to beautify the main street of Robertson and to make it safer for all. The town received a thank you letter from a regular traveller through Robertson who congratulated the village on our daffodils !! Hopefully we can all plant more next year.

RBA Meetings 2005

March 7th - 7.30am
April 4th - 6.00pm
May 2nd - 7.30am
June 6th - 6.00pm

ROBERTSON HERITAGE RAILWAY STATION.

The Committee is planning a Vintage Car day the Second Sunday in April 2005. All local vintage cars welcome to participate. Details contact Steve 4885 2393

ROBERTSON SHOWGROUND TRUST - A BLAZE OF LIGHT

Ken Sharpe and John Whatman were recently honoured for their over 10 years each volunteer effort (nearly 40 between them actually). Ken and others' hard work resulted in grants to replace the lights and light poles. Should be a sight to see at next Robertson Show if not before !!!

QUESTION

What will Bernie and Buddy be wearing for the Christmas snaps ?

Cheers
Rona Goold.



Exciting Changes at Robertson Bowling Club

Some exciting news for Robertson residents with the recent employment of an Operations Manager to help take the club into a new era in the year 2005. These are just a few of the small cosmetic changes you will see at the club over the next few months:

- * A New Club TAB
- * Bingo every Tues Night from 6.30 and Thursday from 11am.
- * A totally re-designed stage area with an in-house roof projector and large screen. This will provide for the club to run teenage disco's and movie nights.
- * A new caterer which will enable the Bistro to be more family orientated and enable the club to have a wide variety of meals.
- * New Sunday Funday to start in January featuring entertainment and all "NEW" Meat, fruit and vegetable Raffle with all profits going into a trust fund for the Robertson Public School.
- * Don't forget the Sydney Hotshots will be in town on Friday 17th of December. Tickets are only \$19.50.

So next year our club wants to become more involved with our Youth and Community in general. An exciting year ahead.

The Robertson Inn Entertainment Guide for December

Saturday 11th "One Non Blonde" from 8pm
Sunday 12th "Lazy Daze" from 1pm
Friday 17th Christmas Karaoke 8pm till late.
Saturday 18th "Boyz in Black" from 8pm
Sunday 19th "Ric "B" from 1pm

Friday 24th Christmas Eve Bash
Get Merry with Matt Schlam
Christmas Hamper to be Won—Drink Promos—Christmas Nibbles

Sunday 25th "Ricky Lynch" from 8pm

Friday 31st New Years Eve Party
"Masquerade Night"

Celebrate & count down to the new year with
The Nightmares from 8pm—Hotel Closes 2am

New Kitchen & New Trading Hours
Wednesday - Sunday
Lunch 12pm to 2.30pm
Dinner 6pm to 8.30pm

Don't forget Thursday Night Raffles
Tickets on sale 7pm - Raffle starts 8pm
10 Trays

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HANDMADE IN THE HIGHLANDS OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND



Members of the Guild demonstrated their skills throughout Saturday and Sunday so visitors could see first hand just how some of these goods are created by this group of people who are passionate about what they do.

Artists included Sheila Benning, Anne Judell, Gwenda Levy, Lynette Willmott, Janet Waterlow and Jan Giblin. The Guild was kept busy all day with a constant stream of visitors, some coming from as far away as Canberra, Goulburn, Sydney, Hartley, and even Coffs Harbour!

A marquee on the Village Common provided wine tasting from Eling Forest Winery, Hot roast beef rolls from Maugers Meats, Cappuccinos from David Scarlett, Cheese, olives and speciality foods from Bruce Hindmarsh, Lions BBQ and local gourmet honey.

Live entertainment provided by local musicians added to the fun of the weekend, as did a working farm machinery display from Ray Watling. Face painting and story telling delighted children, whilst aching muscles were eased with reiki massage. The Robertson Heritage Railway Station was open for visitors to browse through and perhaps pick up a bargain at the secondhand book sale.

Alpacas attract crowds whenever they are on show, and Annette O'Donaghue and her family brought their beautiful animals for all to see. On Sunday they were kept busy with a variety of questions from curious and admiring visitors.

Special mention to Rick Ward who ran his video all weekend. It's a visual collage of local scenery and events held over

the last couple of years in our village. If you haven't had an opportunity to see this colourful, informative show, make sure you catch Rick at the Robertson Markets.

The Guild personally thank the following for their help and generosity – Elders Real Estate, Three Creeks Café, RJ Mackey Real Estate, Robertson Recollections, Murray Tractors, The Robertson Inn, The Robertson Motel, Waters General Store, Essential Botanicals, Robertson Builders Barn, Robertson Bowling Club, Ranelagh House, Joadja Winery, Robertson Village Nursery

Results of the Guessing Competition –

1st prize: Dinner for 4 donated by Ranelagh House was won by Paige Bourke, Robertson

2nd prize: Two bottles wine donated by Joadja Winery won by E. Searle, Bowral

The Robertson Guild will have their next major exhibition on Easter Saturday 2005.

Rosalind McKissock

Hats off to The Robertson Guild who hosted a second successful Handmade in the Highlands event over the October Long Weekend!

Starting with a very social get-together on Friday evening, invited guests had a first look at the wonderful display of creative works by the talented members of The Robertson Guild.

Despite the inclement weather leading up to the weekend and all day Saturday, there were still plenty of people who came and browsed through the exhibition. David Tranter braved the rain to sell his beautiful waratahs and proteas, while Mike Jupp from WIRES shared his knowledge of local spiders and snakes, with his very much alive funnel web spiders, and Jock the Wombat was a hit with children and adults alike. The REPS tent was a very popular focal point where advice on REPS activities and local plant life was freely given.

When the skies cleared and the sun shone on Sunday morning, scores of people turned out as early as 9.15am! Eager to purchase early Christmas gifts and take home special handmade quality goods - pottery, Faberge eggs, wood ware, fine furniture, quilting and cushions, porcelain dolls, candles, jewellery, tole work, and the like.



For good sound rural advice call the locals, Phillip, Troy or Matthew. 4885 1040

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Sheila, John, Leesa and Karen.



**ROBERSTON'S GREEN HEART JUST BECAME GREENER
WINGECARRIBEES ESSENTIAL PLASTIC SURGERY- CUTTING PLASTIC BAGS OUT OF
OUR LIVES AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**

How good would it be to have road signs both in and out of Robertson saying "Robertson-Truly the Green Heart of Wingecarribee-Now totally Plastic Bag Free"

Just like we all know that Smoking is bad for you and causes cancer, plastic bags are bad for our environment and like a cancer, they need to be cut out of everyday lives. For some it may be case of going cold turkey and for others it may require a gradually easing out of the habit by reducing the intake of plastic bags, but its all for the best for the long term and your will feel better for it, eventually.

Now there is an initiative to bring about the change from using plastic to going plastic bag free in a partnership with local businesses, the community and Council. The concept is very simple and anyone can do it: **Simply make a commitment to reduce the amount of plastic bags you use and put it into practice.**

There are four steps to heading towards becoming plastic bag free and they are:

1. **REFUSE** to accept any plastic bags when you go shopping altogether. BYOB (bring your own bag). We used to do this before the scourge of the plastic bag and we can do it again, *with practice*. Get into the habit of saying "No" to plastic bags and break the "plastic habit".
2. **REDUCE** the number of plastic bags you use by using your own (as mentioned) and not insisting on "double bagging" shopping items. Every plastic bag counts!
3. **REUSE** plastic bags that you once accepted over and over again as part of the BYOB practice. Find creative ways to reuse your plastic bags. Perhaps someone is doing craft project? Maybe the school is doing something creative? Do you know someone who can knit or crochet the bags into "billam bags"
4. **RECYCLE** plastic bags that you can no longer reuse. At this stage, only some larger supermarket chains offer this service. Look for the recycling bins in these supermarkets. (Coles, Woolworths are the ones currently offering this in the Southern Highlands).

This will reduce the number of plastic bags that end up in landfill or the environment (either deliberately or from being windblown out of landfill and transfer stations.

Robertson Business Association is investigating the purchase of reusable bags as promotional souvenirs for Robertson. Robertson, along with three other village/town centres will be pilots for the towards plastic bag free campaign. It needs the entire community to commit to this philosophy. It is a voluntary commitment.

For the Retailer some simple things that don't involve any outlay of money include:

- * Putting signs up at your business, affirming your commitment to reducing plastic bags, so that your customers know that they should bring their own bags, or be prepared to purchase a reusable bag, or that they shouldn't expect to get a complimentary plastic bag for one or two smaller items, automatically as a matter of course any more.
- * Train staff to always ask the customer whether they actually require a bag instead of giving them away.
- * Reuse boxes and recyclable packaging that the goods to your business were delivered in as an alternative to help customers, where practical.
- * Be positive and helpful when customers do bring their own bags in for shopping.

See next page fore more news on this subject



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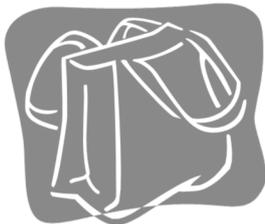
PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF IN ROBERTSON

Gillian Katz made a presentation at Robertson School to launch a poster competition that will encourage the people of Robertson to go plastic bag free. The winning entry will form the artwork on the back of the Robertson woven reusable smart bag. Gillian says this poster message will have a huge impact as there will be 5,000 of these bags ordered once the artwork has come in from the school. Other highly commended entries will be made into laminated posters for use at different businesses around Robertson. Entries will also be used as posters at retail outlets to promote the concept of going plastic bag free.

“As Robertson receives a lot of tourists, the bag will be an important promotional item for Robertson,” says Gillian, who informs us retailers will promote the bag by giving one away and selling one to each customer initially (buy one, get one free).

At this stage we are looking at Monday 20th December from 7.30am for the judging. The implications of this project being successful and sustainable could be used as the basis for going shire wide.

A similar concept is being implemented at Fitzroy Falls using Burrawang and hopefully Avoca schools to design the poster. Berrima and Mittagong are being targeted as the project gains momentum, with Mittagong being able to draw on a couple of schools to participate in the competition.



Potato Tuesday

Potato Tuesday is coming back around. It will be celebrated on Sunday the 13th of March. All are welcome to participate.

Here is another potato recipe to practice with.

Potato Apple Cake

225g self raising flour
100g boiled potatoes
2 cooking apples
150g butter
100g castor sugar
2 eggs
pinch of cinnamon
50g walnuts (optional)
pinch of salt

Method

- 1) Sieve flour with salt and cinnamon. 2) Rub in butter.
- 3) Sieve the potatoes and peel and thinly slice apples. 4) Mix both into butter and flour, then add sugar.
- 5) Beat eggs and fold in adding a little milk if necessary.
- 6) Place in a greased tin and bake on moderate for about 1½ hours. 7) Dredge with castor sugar. Enjoy.

There are more tasty potato recipes in the tennis clubs cookbook. Be sure to grab your copy before they're all gone.



Community Technology Centre Operations Manager - Part-time

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The CTC@Robertson which is run by a community based not-for-profit organisation, requires the services of a skilled and motivated individual to play a key role in the day-to-day operations and financial management of the Centre and to assist the Management Committee in developing services, and planning for sustainability.

The CTC operates as a community hub aiming to foster and support community members in projects and training relating to IT, business, arts, education, recreation and social activities. Operations and management of the Centre are supported by a team of local volunteers.

The full position of 28 hours per week is currently worked as a job share arrangement. There is a vacancy of initially 14 hrs per week for a fixed term of 6 months commencing in February 2005.

Social and Community Services Award Grade 5 (currently \$22.75-\$23.79 per hour).

OH&S and EEO principles apply and a Working with Children check will be required.

Applications in writing (marked Confidential) addressing key selection requirements and a resume should be forwarded by Friday 7th January 2005 to

The Selection Panel

CTC@Robertson.

PO Box 69 Robertson NSW 2577

Copies of the full position description can be obtained from the CTC, 58-60 Hoddle St Robertson, by phone on 4885 2665 or the CTC@Robertson website. For more information about the position phone Emma Calver 4885 2250. For further information about the CTC@Robertson, please visit www.robertson.communitytechnology.net.au/

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Robertson Recollections

9.30-5.30 6 DAYS (CLOSED WED)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Robertson School of Arts Inc

This year has seen some ups and downs, especially with the monthly Markets. As you would all realise, Public Liability Insurance has made a big difference to those who would like to have an occasional stall or hire the hall. The insurance is an absolute necessity for all, not just imposed by our committee and it can be high.

But that said, the hall is used a lot by Robertson School, Tae Kwondo, Line Dancers, Irish Dancers, Monthly Markets and Dance as well as private hirings.

Don't forget the following:

Sunday 12th December—Markets

Monday 13th December

Christmas Carols—7.30pm

Friday 17th December

Family Dance—8pm with Santa Claus arriving at 9-9.15pm

A merry Christmas to all and we would love some new committee members.

J. Compagnoni.

Santa Claus at the Old Potato Shed

Sunday 12th and 19th December

11am to 12pm

Have a photograph with or without

Santa made

into a Christmas Card \$7.50

All proceeds go towards next years
Daffodil Display for the village of
Robertson.

An initiative of the Robertson
Business Association

Robertson/Burrawang Senior Citizens' Club

We have had a few new members this year and realise that meetings are not everyone's "Piece of cake", even though necessary. We have had quite a good year financially with our catering for a few events and consequently have been able to increase our giving to Harbisoncare Building Fund, Bowral Hospital, The Children's Hospital, Careflight and especially the Renal Appeal to have dialysis machine in our own district.

Our social bowls days at the Bowling Club on Mondays are becoming increasingly popular and we look forward to doing more next year.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed our Christmas Dinner at Chat's and be looking forward to next year. May you all have a happy and holy Christmas and safe new year.

J. Compagnoni.

Keelen Frost Memorial Prize

In April 2000 young Keelen Frost died as a result of a tragic accident. The Robertson community rallied to support Keelen's family and raised funds for his funeral and headstone. The money that was left has been kept in trust by St John's church and each year prizes have been awarded to two infants students at Robertson Public School in Keelen's memory. This year is the last that Keelen would have been at Robertson Public School and with this year's prizes the last of the money raised by the community will be expended. The prizes will be awarded at this year's Presentation Night.

Wingecarribee Food Services Co-Operative Meals-on-Wheels

At the moment there are only a few clients in Robertson and Burrawang, but the availability is there to have meals delivered, after consultation with the co-ordinator, Lisa Sexton, on 4869 4032.

Frozen meals come on Mondays on the 3.00pm bus from the MOW kitchen in Moss Vale and are then delivered by our band of willing volunteers. You can choose any or all of Soup, Main meal, Dessert and Juice from one to seven days per week. Special dietary needs can be catered for.

If the Monday is a public holiday, meals will be delivered on the previous Friday afternoon.

J. Compagnoni - 4885 1250

Local co-ordinator

Christmas Services

Anglican

Sunday 19th December

Carols

St David's Burrawang

Christmas Day

8.00am—St John's Robertson

9.30am—St John's Robertson

Uniting Robertson

6.00 pm Christmas Eve

Roman Catholic

Burrawang

Christmas Eve—7.00pm Mass

Moss Vale

Christmas Eve—Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—9.30am Mass



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Cricket on the village Green

Well, Hampden Park, anyway.

Can you think of a more relaxing way to spend a day than taking a picnic lunch to Hampden Park and supporting your local team?

Robertson/Burrawang teams play regularly in the village. Coming fixtures at Hampden Park are:

Robertson/Burrawang 2nd Grade

- v Bowral United - Saturday 4th Dec.
- v Moss Vale - Saturday 22nd Jan.
- v Mittagong - Saturday 26th Feb.

Robertson/Burrawang 3rd Grade

- v Wingello - Saturday 11th Dec
- v Picton - Saturday 8th Jan
- v Wingello - Saturday 29th Jan

Village cricket has a magic and tradition all its own. And it's live. So why not make up a party of friends, and make it a date. Owzat for a good idea?



Garden Club

The next meeting of the Robertson Garden Club will be at the Community Centre, Caalong St, on the 7th February at 1.30pm.

Representatives from the local fire brigade will pass on information about fire hazards especially as they apply to gardens

Robertson Tennis Club

On behalf of Robertson Tennis Club a very big thank you to all those who came shopping on our Tennis Club shopping day. Many a bargain was bought and a good day was had by all. Our cookbook is now completed and at \$10 is a must for your kitchen. The recipes are delicious and this book would make a lovely Christmas gift.

Please phone Roslyn on 48 851809 or Val on 48 851285.

All proceeds go to court maintenance. Thank you for supporting our club.

Linda Fernandez
Secretary



Golden Wedding Anniversary

On the 6th November Marie (nee Mackey) & John Lemmon, formally of "Hill View" Lemmons Rd, Robertson, and now living at "Springfield" Cadia Rd, Orange celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Congratulations!

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

9.00am - 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



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

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