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ROBERTSON SET TO HAVE AN EVEN GREENER HEART

The local businesses of Robertson have formed a partnership with Council to move towards going plastic bag free in Robertson. Robertson Primary school students were invited to enter a competition to design the artwork for a reusable shopping bag that could be merchandised by all local businesses to earn income to keep replacing plastic bags with environmentally sustainable alternatives like recyclable polypropylene, calico and paper bags, which are all dearer initially than their replacements.. The initial stock of bags was purchased with funding from Council's Environment levy and the project was designed to involve local communities and use the bags as "seed funding" to continue to buy more replacements for plastic.

The bags are to be officially launched at the Community Technology Centre on Tuesday 14th June at 6.30 pm. The winning entrant from Robertson Primary School will also receive their award and local businesses will be able to see the fruits of their labour and take some of these bags to sell at their local shops.

The bags feature the RBA logo and the artwork of the winning design from the students artwork. They will be retailing for \$2.00 at all outlets and some businesses may offer complimentary bags with purchases at their business over a certain amount.



SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS

It is the first community project of this kind for Robertson. Robertson is the second town after Fitzroy Falls to take this courageous step as a community and involved everyone at a local level. Fitzroy Falls launched their reusable bags on Thursday 19th May.



Fitzroy Falls Launch

The winning student, Tahlia Nonnenmacher from Avoca School from The Fitzroy Falls Launch. The launch was held at the NPWS Visitors Information Centre and was attended by local businesses, councillors, members of the environment committee and local members of the community. The photo also shows the mascot for the project-"Pete"- an Australian Pelican who was rescued by NPWS but died at Kiama. The subsequent autopsy revealed that he had starved to death... despite being found near a boat ramp and fishing cleaning bay where there was lots of food... The reason he starved? His intestines were blocked with plastic shopping bags....

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FOR A GREAT DAY OUT DON'T LEAVE TOWN

As we said, last issue, these days you really can have a great day out without leaving our village. Just to prove the point, here are a few more examples of people with something different and interesting to offer, who have recently chosen Robertson as their business location.

Pulling the wool over your eyes

Already a mecca for knitters and the fashion conscious is "Le Designs" (or more completely "Limited Edition Designs"). Based at the Old Cheese Factory, this colourful venture is the brainchild of Robertson girls Robyn Jackson and Di Smith. Their colourful shelves stock no less than 250 bright and varied yarns, including boa, plumes, and the popular "Fashion Knitting Yarn". Hand knits - hats - shawls - scarves and more - featuring this wide range of textures and colours, are also available, along with organic lavender products distilled locally on their farm. And there are knitting classes too - very sociable as well as practical occasions. For more information about these, you can ring Robyn on 4885 2772. "Le Designs" is open 7 days.

Up to the Minute Old Fashions

Unique and striking period costume is the speciality of Annette Rolfe, who moved to Robertson 18 months ago with husband James (and three very excited dogs). With a shop already established in trendy Enmore/Newtown, "Gallery Serpentine", at the Old Cheese Factory, is Annette's newest outlet for her remarkable range of special occasion costumes - from 16th Century style gowns, to Victorian outfits, frock coats, corsets, and contemporary clothes with a gothic flavour. Costumes are made on the premises, with a large size range and custom fitting for men and women. The Gallery operates Thursday to Sunday or by appointment and you can phone Annette on 4885 1933.

NO NEED FOR THE LADIES TO GO OUT OF TOWN EITHER!

Ladies now there's no need to leave town, Robertsons' exclusive beautycare salon is Deahne's Designer Nails & Beauty, located at the Village Centre, next door to Raine & Horne Real Estate. The newly renovated premises offer safe level off street parking, a private relaxed atmosphere and before and after hours appointments for the busy lady.. Deahne Brumfield, has worked as a professional Beauty Therapist/Make Up Artist in the Beauty Industry for 17 years. Her Salon offers great service, salon exclusive products, and a large variety of beauty services. Deahne's Salon also stocks the Algologie Skin Care Range, a selection of Hand and Nail care products, Fashion jewelry and Hair Gems for Weddings & Formals. So next time you feel like pampering yourself, call Deahne on 4885.1447 by appointment Monday-Friday 9.30am-5pm and Saturday 9am-12pm.

Graduation.



Bob and Violet Lymbery recently traveled to Wagga Wagga to see their son Peter graduate from Charles Sturt University as a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Horticulture). Peter grew up in Robertson and was educated at Robertson Public School and Moss Vale High School.

Amalgamation

Robertson Community Services Group and Robertson/Burrawang Senior Citizens' Club have decided to amalgamate with the combined group to be known as "Robertson Community and Senior Citizens Group" and open to anyone to join. As with many groups these days, insurance has become increasingly hard, if not impossible, to get at an affordable price. With dwindling numbers in the Seniors, except for those who play social carpet bowls, something had to be done.

The Community Services Group has an upswing in numbers at their fortnightly dinners and, on paper, three quarters of the Seniors Group are also members of the Community Group. Consequently, after a few meetings of each group to discuss the pros and cons, there was an almost unanimous vote from both groups to amalgamate. Our honorary solicitor and council have been kept informed all along and given much advice.

By the time this goes to print it will be an accomplished fact, so farewell to the Seniors and welcome to the new group, still meeting every second Tuesday to partake of their fabulous dinners and fellowship.

To the members of the soon-to-be-disbanded Senior Citizen's Group, on behalf of the executive, may I just say thank you for your loyalty and friendship, not to mention your fantastic cooking when we did catering for various occasions. We did have fun, didn't we! And we still will!

Joan Compagnoni.

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Village Snippets

Thank you to Trevor Casey for making the Robertson war memorial at the school of arts look its best for the ANZAC service.

It may seem along way off but we are already starting to receive ads to put in the 2006 Robertson calendar. Any current ad holders or anybody wishing to put an ad in the calendar should give their information and money to John Massetti before or on the 1st of October. Remember the calendar is 12 months worth of advertising and we are looking to increase the number of calendars produced to 2000.

On Saturday the 18th of June the Kangaloon Public schools P&C are having a barn dance at the Robertson school of arts from 6pm.-9pm. Tickets are \$30 per family or \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There will be a light supper and refreshments. To book tickets phone 48852215.

The Robertson Tennis club is taking a bus to the Darling Harbour craft show on the 25th of June. The cost is \$25 for the bus and entry to the show. The bus leaves Robertson school of arts at 7:30am and also picks up at Moss Vale R.S.L club, Bowral BBQ's Galore and Mittagong Victoria House. To book your seat ring, Ros on 48 851 809 or Val on 48 851285. Money raised on this trip will go to, improvements and maintenance of the Robertson Tennis court.

On Saturday the 12th of June Burrawang fishing club is having a

Queens Birthday fireworks extravaganza. It is being held at the Burrawang Village hotel beer garden, dinner starts at 5pm. Tickets presold but are available at the door from 4pm and will cost \$25 a family or \$10 single. This is one of the many things the Burrawang fishing club has been doing, if you've missed out on the previous events be sure not to miss out on this one.

A new look "Robertson Brochure" is in the making. It needs good quality photos of the best views and venues in and around the village.

This is your chance to use your photographic skills and send in your favourites. The best 25 (approx.) will be used in the brochure which promotes Robertson and the surrounding area to visitors from near and far. Send or give your photos to Dorothy at the "Old Potato Shed Gallery" Shop 3-74 Hoddle Street or e-mail:

bakerdorothy@hotmail.com
by the end of June. Thank You.

Welcome back to Dean Wilson who has recently returned from China. Eddy Sweiger has been helping raise money with the variety club for children. They visited Lightning Ridge and Mooree just to name a few places.

The Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club had their awards night on the 10 of May.

- ◆ The 2004 Robertson Vs Burrawang Grudge match was won by Robertson.
- ◆ The Tina Macpherson most Valuable player was awarded to Nathan Wright

- ◆ Watling/Missingham Junior encouragement award was awarded to Nat Johns
- ◆ The Fred Hurford most improved junior shield was awarded to Matty Hammond
- ◆ The Dennis Orman junior player of the year was awarded to Mitchell Wright
- ◆ The 2004/05 Clubman of the year was awarded to Aaron De-Jager

Many more people then we can mention were recognised for their achievements throughout the 2004/05 season. Congratulations to all the Cricketers whether you won an award or not.

Rose Mauger celebrated her 90th Birthday on April 7th.



Rose at the birthday celebration with her letter of congratulations from the Prime Minister, to which we add ours!

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Volunteering at Robertson Community Technology Centre So many different things to do!

The Community Technology Centre at Robertson operates with the support of a team of about 20 volunteers.

"Many of our volunteers have been with us for a long time now but we are always looking for more people to help", says Karen Mewes, Manager at CTC@Robertson. "There are so many different things to do as a volunteer here – learn to use the coffee machine and serve coffee in the café, use your computer skills to help people use the Internet, serve as a member of the Management committee, help with the network games nights, assist with art exhibitions, join in the music evenings, learn to use the equipment to do printing jobs, help in the garden and more".

Sheila and Greg help people use the computers and other equipment in the Centre. "I like volunteering at the CTC because it is close to where I live. It also keeps me in touch with the community and with technology. I enjoy the friendly and supportive surroundings", says Sheila. Greg also enjoys getting involved in the community – "the CTC is like a second workplace for me. I enjoy working with the other volunteers and welcoming people to the Centre", says Greg.

Kate is one of the café volunteers – "I like volunteering at the CTC because I get free access to the Internet on my shift. I enjoy making coffee for people – it's fun!", says Kate.

To find out more about volunteering at Robertson Community Technology Centre, phone Karen or Jenny on 4885 2665 or go to www.robertsonctc.org.au

New Training Program Out Now

The Autumn/Winter Training Program has just been released and includes the very popular Basic Computer Skills 1 courses as well as Pictures on Your Computer, Digital Imaging, MAC Basics, Word Basics and Excel Basics. Many other courses are available according to interest including – Basic Skills 2, Claymation, MYOB, Powerpoint and Intermediate Word and Excel. Bookings ph: 4885 2665 or further details at www.robertsonctc.org.au

Robertson Bowling Club

State of Origin

Live on the big screen

Schooners—\$2.50

Middies—\$2.00

Time: 6.00pm to 9.30pm

Dates: Wednesday May 25th

Wednesday June 15th

Wednesday July 6th

(Free Nibbles)

Dates to Remember

Bingo—Tuesday 6.30pm & Thursday 11am

Happy Happy Hour—Thursday, Friday & Saturday 4pm-8pm

Sunday Sports & School Raffles 5.50pm

Saturday June 11th—Leather & Lace Dance Band.

Saturday July 2nd—Karaoke 8.30pm

Saturday July 23rd Karaoke 8.30pm

Saturday August 6th—Karaoke 8.30pm

Potato Recipe

Bailey's-topped Choc Potato Cake

Serves 12

You will need:

- 150g (5oz) potato (peeled weight), cut into chunks. We recommend Pulley's coliban potatoes.
- 175g (6oz) butter softened
- 175g (6oz) caster sugar
- 3 medium eggs
- 60g (2oz) dark chocolate, melted
- 175g (6oz) self-raising flour
- 45g (1 1/2 oz) cocoa. We recommend cocoa from Harvest.
- 1 level teaspoon baking powder
- 3 tablespoons milk

For the Filling/Topping:

- 90g (3oz) butter, softened
- 250g (8oz) icing sugar
- 100g bar natural vanilla white chocolate. We recommend from Harvest
- 1 tablespoon Bailey's Irish Cream Liqueur

Cook potato in boiling water until tender, drain well. Dry over the heat, mash well (sieve if you think it's lumpy) and leave to cool. Set oven to moderate mark 4 or 180C.

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, then add mashed potato and melted chocolate. Sift in flour, cocoa and baking powder and stir in, with the milk. Divide mixture between tins and bake for 30 minutes. Turn out to cool on a rack.

To make filling/topping:

Cream butter and sugar with 2 tablespoons warm water until smooth. Melt chocolate, add to buttercream, with Bailey's, and stir well. Spread a good amount on top of one cake and use the rest to sandwich cakes together.

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26 Hoddle St, Robertson 9.30 - 5.30 (Closed Wed.)

Voice of Youth Exhibition

The Voice of Youth Exhibition is a Highlands project with special links to the Robertson community. One of its major workshops is held at Triple Care Farm, encouraging disadvantaged teenagers to 'have a voice' in our community. Such encouragement on our part is an important message to be sending these kids, who need to understand that we fully support and encourage their 'voice'. A sense of belonging is something that we as a community can offer them.



Jenny Denny (Voice of Youth Coordinator) and Leanne Stefanac (Fettlers Shed Robertson) spent two gloriously sunny days in the beautiful Robertson countryside working with these teenagers, encouraging them to produce work in mixed media and clay. It was a wonderful experience to watch these kids make the transition within themselves from being 'self conscious' to being totally absorbed in their own creative processes. Any artist knows how this feels and also knows what a wonderful experience this can be. It is great that so many council and state bodies support the Voice of Youth as, in doing so, they are giving these disadvantaged teenagers a wonderful experience.

The Opening was at the Old Town Hall Bowral on 21st May at 2pm with prize presentations and two sets of musical performances by young musicians as well as a preview of the dramatic production "Footloose" by SHYAC (Southern Highlands Youth Art Council), Old Town Hall: Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June.



If you were unable to attend the official opening then we warmly invite you to view a selection of Voice of Youth Projects, concentrating mostly on the Triple Care Farm work as well as children local to the Robertson area at the Fettlers Shed Gallery Robertson, Saturday and Sundays from 11 June - 19 June.

The Voice of Youth will also be on display at the Foyer Gallery (Civic Centre) Moss Vale from 21st June - 1st July



Special thanks for their support to: Wingecarribee Shire Council, Regional Arts NSW, NSW Ministry for the Arts, BDH, and Friends of the Southern Highlands Regional Gallery Inc. Prize money generously donated by Wingecarribee Health Services.

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

Native animals of the Southern Highlands need rescuers and carers

Finding fresh native food for possums, wombats and birds is one of the occupational hazards for voluntary wildlife carers like Cara Lee from Robertson.

"It is such a good feeling to care for and then release a native animal, and watching a bird fly away to its natural habitat is wonderful" said Cara.

The NSW Wildlife Information and Rescue Service - WIRES said there is an acute shortage of foster families to nurse wild animals back to health so they could be returned to the wild.



Brushtailed possum caught in a fence. Photo Mike Jupp

A record number of animals are being injured on roads, attacked by domestic animals or being entangled in litter.

WIRES is always on the lookout for more volunteers and Cara says taking part in the groups' Rescue and Immediate Care training course is a great way for young and old alike to get involved.

The two day training course provides members of the public with skills in animal identification, caring for orphaned animals for just the first

24 hours, preparing animal diets, capturing, restraining and transporting injured animals and the effective release of rehabilitated animals.



Wires member Cara Lee, of Robertson collecting grass for "Will", the wombat.

Once you have successfully completed the course you will be issued with a licence by WIRES to rescue and care for wildlife, but you won't be left on your own. All new members are buddied up with a more experienced carer who can offer you advice and encouragement.

"The role of a carer can be demanding. Most carers start by looking after small birds and can later undertake specialised training in the care of mammals, reptiles and raptors if they wish to specialise in the animals they care for. Foster carers must be over 18 years of age" said Judy Walker, Chairperson of Wingecarribee WIRES.

There are many other ways you can get involved in WIRES to help our wildlife, for example you might want to answer the phone, collect injured animals or help with fundraising.

Wingecarribee WIRES is conducting a Rescue and Immediate Care Course over the weekend of June 25 and 26. An Information Morning will be held on Saturday June 11 from 9.30 to 11.30 if you would like to know more about WIRES before you commit to the weekend course. To register for either or both of these, please call Cheryle on 4872.1825. If you cannot find the time but would like to make a donation to WIRES, telephone our rescue phone number: 4862.1788.



Jill Harris, WIRES volunteer, of Robertson, holds a straw-necked ibis with a head injury. Photo Mike Jupp



An eastern grey kangaroo joey, orphaned when its mother was hit by a car, will be in care for many months. Photo Mike Jupp

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Robertson Guild

Handmade in the Highlands Christmas in July

Exhibition and sale of works
with a Christmas theme.

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 July 2005
The Village Woodworks,
Illawarra Highway,
10am to 7pm Saturday
10am to 3pm Sunday.

Christmas trees and lights and a
surprise visit from Santa with treats for
all children....

3801

On the 26th June, instead of the
normal diesel locomotive, the Cockatoo
Run will be pulled by the 3801 Steam
Locomotive. Book early as these trips
fill up quickly!



DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

On Tuesday, 17th May we were fortunate to have Mr Ian Kennerley, Area Manager for Royal Life Saving Australia, demonstrate the Public Access Defibrillator for the fourth time to our local community.

During week days the Defibrillator is stored at Robertson Public School and on weekends at Trevor Casey's residence, directly opposite the rear gate of the school in Caalong Street. At present we are organising for a dedicated mobile phone to be stored permanently with the Defibrillator. This means that when 000 is contacted in the event of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), the responder immediately dials the mobile attached to the Defibrillator. We are seeking at least two additional volunteers to house the Defibrillator in the event that Mr Casey is called away from time to time, especially during school holiday periods. These volunteers would need to reside in a relatively central part of the town and would also have to be trained in the use of the machine.

Enquiries; Please ring Mike Reilly - 4885 1284

REPS TALK

Friday Evening June 10,
Community Centre,
7.30pm

The Geology and Groundwater of the Robertson Area.

Speaker: Kristy Bewert
Southern Highlands Landcare
Coordinator

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Everyone is welcome to the Annual
General Meeting and election of a new
committee for the Robertson & District
Swimming Pool Committee, which will
be held on

Tuesday 28th June 2005
at
7.30pm
at the
Robertson Inn.

Enquiries: Please phone 48852271

ROBERTSON GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of the Robertson
Garden Club, to be held on Monday 6
June, will be preceded by a trip to the
Minamurra Rain Forest leaving the
Community Hall in Caalong Street
Robertson at 9.30 am and returning to
the Hall at about 1.30 pm for our
monthly meeting.

BYO lunch or purchase at the cafe at the
Rain Forest.

All welcome, come along and start a
"Friendship Through Gardening".

Meetings are held on the first Monday of
each month at the Community Hall
Caalong Street Robertson commencing
at 1.30 pm.

More information contact Ian Roxby
4885 1542.

WINGECARRIBEE WIRES

Wildlife Information and Rescue Service

INFORMATION MORNING June 11
What it's like to be a member of
WIRES

BASIC TRAINING COURSE for 2005
Saturday June 25
Sunday June 26

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WIRES

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email winwires@ispdr.net.au



Pounce on Cave

An article from the Daily Telegraph Pictorial of January 15th, 1930

A romance of hill-country life that might have been an episode of the "shanty" days was brought to a conclusion at Robertson Court House yesterday when Thomas and Edward Humphries were convicted of "moonshining".

Thus was brought to a close months of police vigilance which led to the arrest of the brothers at their lawless retreat in the Kangaroo Valley mountain country on December 24.

The still was located in a cave in the side of a wild gorge, only accessible by dizzy climbing down ladders. Over the mouth of the cave leapt a waterfall. In court, where the people of the district for miles around forgathered were exhibited a copper boiler, worm. a double-barrelled shotgun, and belt of cartridges, and samples of the illicit spirit.

The Humphries had been well known figures in the country for most of their lives, and were sons of the oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Humphries, who is 104.

Edward was 74 and Thomas 64. They were two grey, mild looking, country gentlemen, in appearance. Their manner was quiet and their linen spotless. Thomas heightened the effect by wearing gold-rimmed spectacles.

They pleaded guilty to three charges - of having made and had in custody illicit spirits, namely, rum, and of having been in possession of an illicit still.

Constable P. J. Byrnes, of Robertson, related the discovery of the still in October, and the two months' watch kept by himself and Constable Bagnall and Customs Inspector Broussais.

On December 24 he followed the "moonshiners" to the still in a car. Above the retreat he came upon Edward, carrying a double barrelled gun.

They went down the ladders to the still. Brynes asked if they owned it. "Worse luck, we do," said Thomas. "What we make we do not sell. We make it for our own use."

Questioned about the gun, Edward said that he was not going to shoot anyone.

The boiler, Byrne explained, in reply to a question by Mr. A. R. Taylor (for the Crown), was three parts full, and there was other spirit in a keg.

The Magistrate (Mr. Soame): If they kept it to themselves, they were going to have a pretty good beano then!

The still, Byrne added, was shifted about from point to point. The police had been receiving complaints about the illicit trade for many years. His Worship inflicted a fine of £50 on each charge - £150 on each defendant. They immediately produced £100 to pay as deposit.

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



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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

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