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Community spirit is alive and well at Robertson.

There are two groups of people in any community. Those who just gripe at Council and expect it to do everything for them.... and the other group is those who are prepared to get off their collective bums, raise some funds and make a project happen. Last week we had the pleasure of meeting a group of lovely ladies who fall into the latter category – the Robertson Tennis Club. Realistically a local council can't do everything and must juggle its limited resources to do what it believes is in the best interests of the wider community.

But when you really want something done, the best way to ensure it happens is to do exactly what the Robertson Tennis Club has done – harness a bunch of community minded people, plan a project, then roll up your sleeves and do it. These ladies have raised a massive \$13,000 as a contribution to Council towards putting a new Rebound Ace surface on their tennis courts. They arranged bus trips, a fashion parade, sold second hand books, produced a cookery book and 'ripped off' their own tennis players with an inflated ball fee each week. This money, combined with Council's contribution would have paid to resurface two of the three courts, but then Rob Kirkwood from Dynamic Tennis Courts, who was doing the work, came to the party, suggesting that for not many more dollars they could resurface all three courts while they were there, offering to not only do the third court at cost, but also contributing half of the extra money

The Robertson tennis ladies gave their brand new Rebound Ace surface a good workout.

themselves. Council tossed in the other half and now we have a first class surface at Robertson on three tennis courts that will serve the community well for the next decade.

Club Member, Jane Wilson was full of praise for Peter Byrne and Peter Bowmer saying they were both helpful and encouraging. "It has been a pleasant experience for us," said Mrs Wilson, who, when we asked how old the courts were thought for a moment, then replied with a smile, "I played here when I was 10, so they must be at least 60 years old." Apart from the tennis ladies, the local community also got behind this project in a variety of ways, one of which was to buy advertising in a fund raising cookbook titled 'Let's Serve Food,' a collection of good old fashioned recipes.

Article courtesy of "The Whisper", Council's staff newsletter.



Civic Services Coordinator, Peter Byrne collecting a \$13,000 cheque from Jane Wilson, Roslyn Murchison and the Robertson tennis ladies.



Letters to the Editor.

Dear Sir,

This is simply to say how sorry I was to read in your October issue that the Robertson Post Office is to change hands.

Of course we will all extend the warmest of good wishes to the new owners, but I'm certain that Ron and Lyn will be missed by a whole host of people who have come to know them so well over the years. Always a warm smile and always a warm welcome. Visiting the Post Office wasn't a chore. It was a big treat.

Thank you Lyn and Ron for a super job so cheerfully done. And thank goodness that you're not leaving the village.

Arthur Jackson.

Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 1989.

If anyone is wishing to see the local Council LEP, it is available on the internet at



www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/search.

Select "EPIs In Force" and type in Wingecarribee in the first search field then click on the search button. This will also bring up any LEP amendments that have been gazetted.

Robertson CTC.

Training at the CTC:

'People are usually surprised to see the resources in the training room and to hear that classes run with a maximum of six students only, so there's lots of personal attention and room to ask questions' said training manager Melissa Sheppard when asked recently how most people respond to a tour of the training centre.

'Computer Basics is still the most popular course, for both PCs and Macs. Expressions of interest are taken for all courses and classes run when 4 people have registered. Courses cover Microsoft Office applications such as Word, Excel, Outlook and Powerpoint as well as special interest subjects like Researching family history on the Internet, Using your digital camera, and Digital Imaging using Photoshop. This year MYOB has been introduced into the program to cater for the many family run small businesses operating in our town.'

Training can be completed in three ways: by attending a class, booking one to one training with a trainer or purchasing a manual to work through at your own pace.

Please call the CTC on 4885 2665 to discuss your requirements or register your interest in a course, or if you have any other questions about training. And look out for special school holiday intensive classes.



Cinema

Robertson Community Cinema continues its monthly children's and evening sessions with:

Sat Nov 26 8pm *Swing (French)* (PG)
Sun Dec 11 2pm *Yellow Submarine* (G)
Sat Dec 17 8pm Woody Allen double feature
Manhattan (M) and *Annie Hall* (M)
(\$15 admission includes half time New York style supper)
Sat 21 Jan 8pm *Lolita* (M)
Sun 29 January 2 pm *Thunderbirds Six* (G)

Please visit us at

www.robertsonctc.org.au

for updates and special screenings

Last month saw Jasper Fernley turn 10 and celebrate with a Grease movie/fancy dress party at the CTC The CTC have become the popular party place in Robertson with party bookings for the cafe space for parties with music, coffee and movies. Contact the CTC on 4885 2665 for more information on venue hire.

If you have an old mobile phone that you would like to dispose of in an environmentally friendly way you can bring it down to the CTC where we have reply paid bags to send them to be recycled with the added bonus of raising funds for The Spastic Centre.

The Spring Festival "Postcards of Robertson" Photo Competition is still on display at the CTC. Come down and see the photos that will be made into postcards of our beautiful town.

Belly dancing at the CTC is on break at the moment but we will be having a special lesson on the weekend before Christmas so if you are interested please call the CTC and leave your details to book a place. 4885 2665

Thursday night at the CTC is music and pizza night. From 6-8pm local amateur musicians jam and we all do in to get some of Pizzas in the Mists delicious pizza's. A great night for musicians and music lovers alike.

ROBERTSON POST OFFICE

To better meet our customer's needs Robertson Post Office will be open on Saturdays from 10am – 2pm commencing 10th Dec 2005.

This is for a trial period of 6 months to see if it is viable for both staff and customers. So why not come in and see the great new range of stationary, business services and equipment, Pre Paid phones and gift lines now available.

Suggestions welcome for new items to carry.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Saturday—9am-12pm

Shop 3, Village Centre, Hoddle Street, Robertson

Village Snippets

WANTED: Unwanted Lounge Chairs.

Robertson Community Centre Management Committee need to replace the lounge chairs and couches in the Community Hall.

If you have an old Lounge or easy chair that you no longer need and wish to dispose of, please contact Hope Waters at the General Store on Ph: 4885 1248

We need chairs that are not too heavy to move and the seats are still firm enough that people won't sink into, and can get out of, without too much trouble.

Holiday Activities

The National Parks & Wildlife are conducting their Discovery Holiday activities during January throughout the Southern Highlands from Barren Grounds to Bundanoon, Minnamurra and along the coast from Seven Mile Beach to Durras. There are activities for all ages and they include bird watching, spotlights, Aboriginal culture, kite making, walks, reptiles, craft and much more. For further information or to obtain a brochure please ring Fitzroy Falls Visitors Centre (7 days) 4887-7270, Nowra Regional Office (office hours) 4423-2170 or go to www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Engagement

.Best wishes to Alissa Robinson & Bradley Whatman on the announcement of their engagement.

Don't Fry This Summer!

No need to ruin your skin this summer in the sun's harmful rays, trying to achieve a perfect tan with the risks of burning, freckles, wrinkles and more serious skin diseases such as skin cancer. Deahne's Designer Nails & Beauty in Robertson has the safe, affordable alternative to a 100% natural looking tan that won't harm your skin. You can get a "Spray on Tan & Skin Hydrating Treatment all in one" which lasts up to 7 days, without the risks linked to excessive sun exposure, and costs associated with solariums. The "Spray on Tan" used at Deahne's Salon contains a herbal extract called "Plantolin" which is clinically tested and proven to heal and rejuvenate skin faster, (much more than an AHA) "Plantolin" is also hydrating, moisturising and protecting your skin so you can maintain a healthier more youthful glowing skin, longer.

Camp Quality Visit

On Sunday 27th November steam train 3801 came to town.

One carriage was given to the Camp Quality group to give a special group of children a Christmas treat. A group of ladies from our village supplied a luncheon at our hall, and Grant Pointing was our knight in shining armour, driving a bus to bring the children safe and dry from the station to the hall and back again.

Sympathy

With deepest sympathy we report the passing of Don Cayford. Before moving to Mittagong Don lived in Main Street, Robertson. Our wishes go to Don's wife Alma and family.

Burrawang Public School Open House

Come and visit our lovely, little school in the quaint village of Burrawang. We strive to help students achieve their personal best. We want our students to feel capable, connected to the school community and to understand that their contributions to the community are valued. We offer small class sizes and a family atmosphere.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 7 between 10a.m. and 3p.m.

We have openings for students from kindergarten to grade six.

Burrawang Public School, Hoddle & Church St Burrawang, N.S.W.

Phone: 4886 4261 fax: 4886 4248

Calendar

The local free calendar is available now. This calendar comes to you with the compliments of the advertisers with their good wishes. Please note under the calendar pad there is a list of community groups to help you.

Our thanks to John Massetti for the great effort he has put into the calendar. Thank You John.

Congratulations

Congratulations go to Shaun O'Connor, who recently won his section of the National Mountain Bike Championships held in Lithgow. Shaun had also recently won in Hobart and will compete in Thredbo on the 20th of December and January next year.

**Christmas Gift Discount
at**

Robertson Recollections

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

Whatever you buy, if it is for a gift, just tell us and we'll give you 10% off any purchase.

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Matt Brown MP

Your Local Member

CAN I HELP?

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Robertson Spring Festival Coordinating Committee 2005 ...2006

Our Committee expresses our heartfelt thanks for all those organisations and individuals involved in this year's Robertson Spring Festival. Over 20 village groups & 100 individuals as well as private gardens and individual businesses offered events, exhibitions, music and fun.

Whilst some things need refinement, overall we were very successful - enough to start planning for next year. The Railway Fair will be held in 2006 as will the Robertson Primary School Fete.

The aim of the Festival is to

- Provide a framework under which village groups, especially non-profit groups can conduct fund raising activities.
- Publicise Robertson and its surrounds to encourage tourism from other parts of the Highlands and surrounding regions - for the benefit of local businesses
- Provide entertainment for the enjoyment of village residents and others.

If your village group would like to hold an event next October as part of the 2006 Robertson Spring Festival please let us know.

The next Coordinating Committee will meet 7pm Monday 20th February 2006 at the Fettle's Shed Gallery. The Committee's role is to

- assist in coordinating events to reduce duplication and maximise benefits to groups hosting them, and
- coordinate publicity of the Spring Festival overall.

As such the Coordinating Committee does not see its role as running any events or being responsible for the publicity of specific events to particular interest groups etc.

Please let us know if you plan to be involved next year by phoning Bernie on 4885 2400 or Rona on 4885 2393.

To follow the planning for next years program see www.Robertson-NSW.com.au and click Spring Festival on the left navigation bar.

Robertson Ratepayers Association

Following Wingecarribee Council's recent announcement that funding for the Robertson Sewerage Scheme had now blown out to over \$14 million, the *Robertson Ratepayers Association* (RRA) in conjunction with the *Robertson Business Association* intend to keep pressure on Council over the coming months to ensure the sewerage of Robertson remains a key priority.

In Wingecarribee Council's October newsletter, Council stated that as a result of reduced Sewerage Program subsidies and an increase in project costs, "...it is evident that an even heavier financial burden will be placed on Council."

Both the Ratepayers and Business Associations plan on lobbying Council and ensuring the financial implications of the scheme do not further inconvenience the village and delay the project.

The RRA can also confirm that following the enormous success of the *Opera on Sydney Harbour comes to Robertson* performance held at the School of Arts in October, discussions are underway to have the artists return again next year.

The RRA wishes to thank everyone who attended the sell out performance and in particular, thank Robert Goldsack for his efforts in organising such a wonderful concert.

As we look forward towards another busy year, the *Robertson Ratepayers Association* would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

If you have a view on how the village should move forward, why not join the *Robertson Ratepayers Association*.

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

For more information phone the Secretary on 4885 1599.

Dave Sommers

Liaison Officer - Robertson Ratepayers Association



Opera on Sydney Harbour comes to Robertson
Left to right

Toni Powell (Soprano), Robert Wilson (Tenor),
Marianne Shepherd (Mezzo Soprano), Gennadi Dubinsky (Bass)



Robertson General Store

Nat, Hope and Staff wish you all peace and joy for Christmas and happiness for the New Year



AND JUST EXACTLY WHAT IS YOUR ADDRESS?

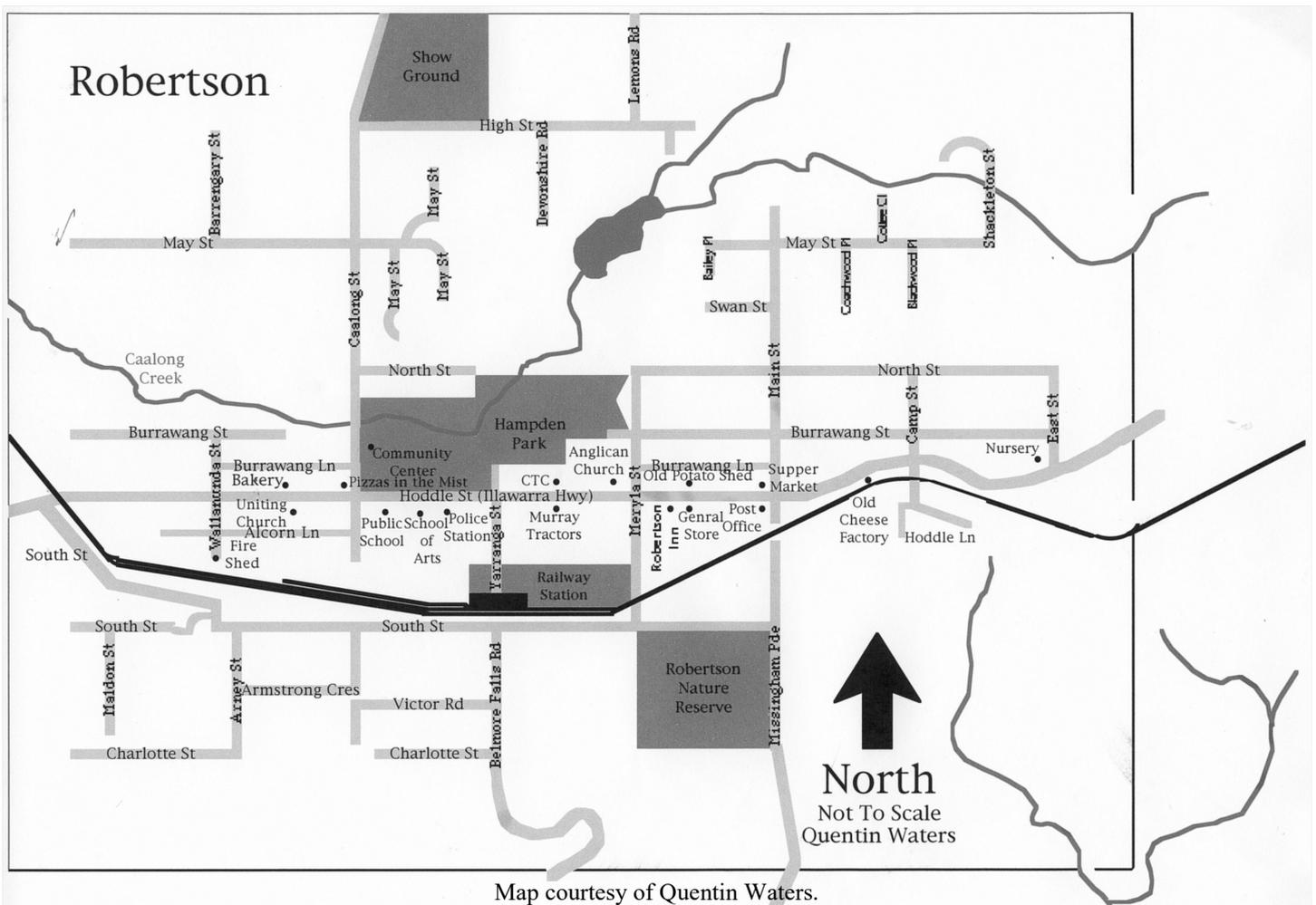
Even the most cursory glance at Quentin Waters' recently crafted map of our little village presents the reader with a host of questions. Suppose you live in May Street, which one of the four shown on the map might that be? OK. Let's say your happy home is on North Street. Is that North Street 'West' or could it be North Street 'East'? Maybe you hang your hat up in Charlotte Street. Which of the two Charlotte Streets? Which Burrawang Street, or which Burrawang Lane?

You could be a resident of Cungewoi Street. It isn't included in this little exercise because it appears only to the oldest of residents and then only at the full moon, winding in and out of our rainforest plot.

All right, so the layout has been like that for years. What's the problem? Well, last week the local fire brigade got a call out; Burrawang Street. Of they went down the road from the fire shed only to discover that the call was really intended for that other part of Burrawang Street. That's the Burrawang Street you get to by doubling back then turning left to get to Hoddle Street, throwing a left into Meryla Street past Burrawang Lane then right, or left, into the other Burrawang Street.

It was a false alarm but what if it wasn't? The front and back doors could have been deadlocked and a house well and truly ablaze. The whole situation could have potentially disastrous consequences. The crew was local in this case. How would the lads from, say Nowra have got on in a real crisis?

This summer promises to be tinder dry and there will be a huge amount of dry scrub around the Southern Highlands. Would you like the job of co-ordinating fire tenders to protect Robertson? Surely a spot of street renaming might be a preferable option. Robertson News team would like some community input on this. Any thoughts?



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9	2,322	\$220,000
10	2,419	\$225,000
11	2,757	\$210,000
12	2,099	\$200,000
13	6,018	\$300,000
14	3,357	\$240,000
15	3,321	\$270,000
16	5,259	\$325,000

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WEDDING BOOTS

Robertson bride Natalie Shierlaw married her beau Tim Cochrane from Pyree (near Nowra) on the 1st of October at the Nowra Uniting Church. Tim is the son of Cathie and Geoff Cochrane of Pyree. The bridesmaids were Anita Shierlaw, Michelle Alcorn, Samantha Badgery and Jessie Alcorn did a great job as the flower girl. Tom and Dan Cochrane joined Brent Pepper as groomsmen with pageboy Corey Boumens.

After the wedding service a reception was held at Nowra's Worrigea House.

The newly weds flew to Hawaii for their honeymoon. They plan to live in Pyree on their return.

The happy bride is seen here with her parents June and Peter Shierlaw.

Hidden from view is Natalie's homage to her roots as a good, old fashioned, died-in-the-wool Aussie girl. A pair of highly polished, well loved R.M. Williams boots.



ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER

A week or so ago a young boy visited Water's General Store with his parents. He was on a mission. A huge fan of Nathan Hindmarsh, he had impressed on mum and dad the necessity of visiting the Hindmarsh property and their quest had lead them to the Store to purchase a 'Postcard of Nathan - please.'

Melissa responded with accustomed alacrity. 'We don't have a postcard of Nathan at the moment. How about a photo of the school he went to?'

Our young fan was seen leaving the premises clutching his memento.

Christmas Church Times

Catholic Church

Christmas Eve, 24th December

7pm - St Peter's Burrawang
Midnight - St Paul's Moss Vale

Uniting Church

Christmas Eve, 24th December

6pm—Robertson

Anglican Church

18th December — Carols

8.00pm St David,s, Burrawang

Christmas Day, 25th December

St John's Robertson
8.00am—Communion
9.30am—Communion

Church Services

Anglican

St John's Robertson

8.00am Traditional Services

1st Sunday- Communion

4th Sunday- Morning Prayer

9.30am Family Service/Sunday School
Every Sunday

St David's Burrawang

8.00am - 2nd 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 Hope Waters at the General Store (4885 1248). Thank you for your support.

Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of **February**. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th January 2006**. 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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