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St John's Builds New Centre

St John's church in Robertson was built in 1876 and despite some damage from the 1961 earthquake has served the congregation well. When the church was built it was a branch church, the centre of the parish at that time being Burrawang. The church appears to be designed to seat approximately 60 people but the capacity has been increased to around 80 by the use of extra pews from branch churches that are now closed down. Even with this measure the church is often packed and special events cannot be organized because of the lack of seating. At funerals there are often more people outside the church than inside and young couples who would like to be married in the church often have to look elsewhere once they know they are limited to 80 guests. The church is cold and completely unsuited to contemporary services which are now the norm.

In 1994 the parish made a serious start towards a new multifunctional building that would enable it to grow as the village grew. A previous rector, Arthur Horrex, was instrumental in



coming up with the initial designs and these have been modified many times until a development application was finally lodged with Council in 2000. Since then the parish has sold a 3 acre portion of land in May St and is in the process of selling the Vance Hall site in Burrawang to finance the

project. In the meantime the building has commenced.

The new centre will feature a central auditorium that will seat 220 people. It will have a crying room and baby change room with glass walls to the main auditorium. Apart from ancillary rooms, also with glass walls to the auditorium, there will be a kitchen and parish office. The building will be centrally heated throughout and the auditorium will have modern audio visual equipment and lighting. There will also be an audio loop for those with hearing difficulties. The new centre will be far more versatile than the existing church and will allow a greater variety of activities. It is intended that there will be an audio visual link from the existing church to the new building so that for those occasions when the old church is still used, those who cannot fit in will be able to watch and listen in comfort in the new building. Some of the ladies in the congregation are already working on spectacular quilts to decorate the front walls of the new building.

Completion is expected around the end of October.



Letters to the Editor.

THANK GOODNESS THAT MEMBERS OF OUR LOCAL COUNCIL DID NOT LIVE FIVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE PULLED THE PLUG ON THE RENAISSANCE!

It was with great shock that I discovered that council terminated the employment of our local Cultural Arts Officer, Anne-Marie Dalziel. Ms Dalziel's dedication and long term vision has been felt at the grass roots level for many years and it is impossible to measure fully the impact she has had. In Robertson we have felt her staunch support, both practical and moral, in so many areas of our cultural development that it would be impossible to list them all in this short space. However, it seems that council does not seem to rate this of much value. The news came at the time when I was reading a brilliant book by Richard Florida called "The Rise of the Creative Class". It is brilliant because it shows with **statistical data** that the Arts, far from being the drain on an economy as is the usual economic rationalistic perspective, is now recognised as being the backbone of a growing economy. Therefore, according to this latest data, without cultural development the Southern Highlands will suffer economically in the long term. The short sightedness of council in terminating this vital position is truly tragic and I feel will go down in our local history as a loss of rationality, not the implementation of it.

Good bye Leonardo, you are of no value here.

Leanne Stefanac
Fettlers Shed Gallery
Robertson

Robertson CTC.

Training - we have two special interest sessions coming up - one on pod casting and the other on disc types - So if you have ever wondered "what is pod casting?" or "what is the difference between a CD, CD-R, a CD-RW?" we will help clarify!

You may have noticed the building site look of the front of the CTC. The **mosaic pathway** is a community art project we have been working on for some time now and is drawing to a close. We will be having a formal opening in July so please check the CTC website where we will post that date, so you can be a part of that celebration.

As the nights get colder consider warming up at the CTC on a **Thursday night** by dancing to the CTC house band. Guaranteed laughter, good times, diverse music and fabulous pizzas from Pizzas in the Mist, we kick off after 6pm.

Steve Fearnley's Wednesday night **art classes** have been such a hit with this terms theme of life drawing. There is no previous training needed so any Wednesday night you are at a loose end and would like to be a part of a fun, thought provoking experience, please drop in at 7.30pm

There will be a **belly dancing** workshop on Sat June 17th This 2 hr session will go from 10am to 12 and will cost \$20 per person. Please call to register 4885 2665.

July School holiday activities include craft workshops, claymation and a movie matinee. For more details check our website, come in to the CTC or call us!! Bookings essential

Wingecarribee Draft Social Plan on display at the CTC

A copy of the Council's Draft Social Plan for 2005-2010 is currently available for viewing at the CTC.
The plan covers -

- Health and Safety: Healthy Lifestyles and Environments
- Access and Mobility: Information, Communication and Public Transportation
- Housing and Work: Housing Choice, Workforce Diversity and Volunteering
- Social Support and Services for Families, Children and Young People Community Care and Support for Older People, People with a Disability and Carers

The Council is inviting community members to comment with written submissions to the General Manager by 26th May 2006. Further enquiries to Margo McClelland, Social Planner Ph:4868 0861 or margo.mcclelland@wsc.nsw.gov.au

The CTC is currently negotiating with Council to have other copies of Council reports and plans available for viewing at the CTC in the future.

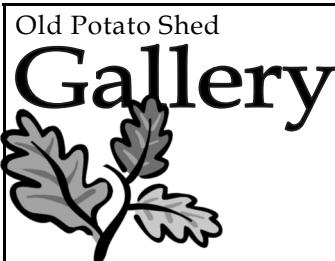
Small Cow Farm Scores Gold.

Small Cow Farm won gold for their Fetta cheese at the recent Sydney Cheese Show run by the Australian Specialist Cheese Assoc. In a hotly contested class judges said that SCF Fetta showed a perfect balance of salt, a desirable softness of curd and excellent flavour. Cheesemaker, Mark Williams, is very pleased for this industry recognition but says that it is customer satisfaction which really counts.



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Seeking your views on transport

The CTC has been successful in obtaining funding for a Robertson village transport promotion and consultation project from the NSW Ministry of Transport Local and Community Transport Division. The project is in 2 parts.

Part 1 is a promotion of existing transport services, in particular the Countrylink bus service to Wollongong for commuters. There will also be a guide distributed detailing all of the existing transport options for Robertson residents including a guide to timetables.

Part 2 of the project involves consultation with groups and individuals in the community with special transport needs including seniors, young people, parents of young children, single car families and commuters living in Robertson and surrounding areas. The views of the business community are also being sought, particularly in relation to people visiting Robertson.

It is hoped that the Robertson community will benefit by having more information about existing transport options and the opportunity to develop some innovative ideas to improve services.

For further information, or to make sure your views and ideas are included, please contact Jenny Kena or Rebecca Price at the CTC on 4885 2665.

ON THE RIGHT PATH THIS TIME?

They all met for coffee at the Pig & Whistle at 10.30 on Wednesday 31st of May. Councillor Larry Whipper, Matt Brown M.P. Parliamentary Secretary for Roads and Member for Kiama, Sarah Levett, Advisor to Matt Brown, Bernard Eddy President Robertson Chamber of Commerce, Bob Payne Secretary Robertson Rate Payers and Nathan Lammers, Roads and Traffic Manager, Wingecarribee Shire Council.

Together they chewed on a very old bone of contention: a pathway from Ranalah House to Robertson Village. All agreed to lobby together and do whatever it might take to construct a safe walkway as soon as possible. All agreed it was miraculous no one had been killed or maimed trying to negotiate the eight hundred metre long almost non-existent shoulder of the road in clear weather; let alone in a Robertson fog!

Their deliberations included mention of the \$250,000 available under Section 94 set aside by the Council for Open Space Funding. Could sanity prevail and this be freed up to meet the estimated cost of a walkway protected by a guard rail from Ranalah to The Cheese Factory? If so, there would be more than twice the amount required left over to extend the walkway to the new Post Office.

On the understanding all parties would back Matt Brown in his effort to open the state's purse strings for this vital cause, all went out and stood shoulder to shoulder on the shoulder in question. Right on cue, a car hurtled by, missing the group by a metre or so.



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Crafty Kids is located locally in Robertson at 43 Hoddle Street, next to Elders Real Estate. Mel Irvine has been making cards for over 12 years, but not just any cards. Mel's style, colour & originality is what makes her cards so special. Card making is for everyone! Mel runs regular Workshops, with a variety of designs to suit all tastes. No need to make a mess at home, Mel's Workshops are set up for all sized groups and she lends a helping hand as you make your special greeting cards. The options are endless with different types of workshops for beginners to advanced stampers. If you're in need of a special card for someone special, Mel has a wide choice to purchase, anytime. Not only cards for sale and workshops to attend, Mel can assist you in Building your very own crafty hobby. With many paper craft supplies available, from card making to scrapbooking needs; including quality card, 'Bazzill Basics' card for scrapbookers, embellishments, ribbons, printed 12" papers, alphabet stickers in all sizes and much, much more in store.

If you would rather try before you buy, Mel is available to come to you for home demonstrations, with amazing host Gifts and Offers available.

To see what is on offer Mel has a website that all are very welcome to view - www.melcreations.4t.com Any inquiries please either contact Mel on 0434 894866 or E-mail at melcreationsck@hotmail.com. Crafty Kids Business Hours are 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday.

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Village Snippets

Arrivals

We'd like to welcome Canaan West, the son of our new Chemists to our little town as well as Marcel Honore, the son of Mark and Cath of Honore Leather and brother to Reuben.

Departures

Sad news now as we hear of the passing of the old horse Strawberry. Strawberry passed away after 29 years of greeting visitors and residents alike on their way into town at the 60 zone just after the Woodworks. Many will miss her.

Movies

Come and see a movie at Burrawang School of Arts. Coming up:

"Gigi" directed by Vincente Minelli starring Leslie Caron and Maurice Chevalier on the 30th of June
"Dial M for Murder" directed by Alfred Hitchcock, starring Grace Kelly and Robert Cummings.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Fisk Family on their recent completion of the restoration of the cottage adjacent to what was the old butter factory. (Whew, what a mouthful!) It is located just over the railway line, on the right hand side on the way to Bowral. The area was very important to village as the butter factory was located nearby as well as the curing facility owned by the Hindmarsh family.

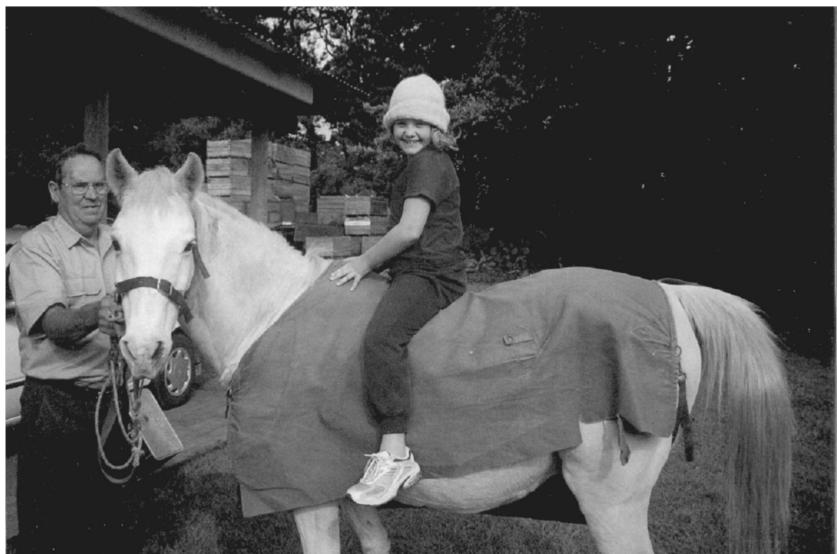
THREE CREEKS ARE FLOWING AGAIN - SOUPS, FINE FOOD AND COFFEE

After ten long months of inactivity the much-awaited opening of the "Three Creeks Café" has been welcomed by all.

Following a number of successful restaurant partnerships, the new proprietors Michael and Jill have been hard at work renovating the premises from top to bottom including a fresh coat of paint, silicon sealed floor, new chairs and tables right down to a brand new slow combustion, wood burning heater.

On offer is a menu soundly based on tried and true principles, simple, well prepared and delicious.

A recent glance through the Tourism Southern Highlands web-site labels Robertson the café capital of the highlands!? Well "Three Creeks" is a very good start, suggest you find out for yourself.



Frank Simpkin with his granddaughter on Strawberry.



First Manager and Family of the Butter Factory, Robertson - 1929

We are not convinced about that date, more like the late 1800's

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GREAT CAST FOR AGATHA CHRISTIE DRAMA

The Highlands Theatre Group is already in rehearsal for a production which will take the stage in August. This is the stunning Agatha Christie courtroom drama WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION, to be directed by Anne Robinson.

The cast is VERY strong - with some tried and true members of the Group, plus some very talented newcomers. In the title role, Romaine - wife of the accused, and the woman who becomes the Witness for the Prosecution, Valerie Warry has been cast. Val has recently done some wonderful work in shows such as STEEL MAGNOLIAS where she played the role of the mother. Her husband Leonard will be played by Jonathan Purvis, and Jim Cheesley, better known perhaps for his character roles, will play the pivotal role of the Defence Counsel, Sir Wilfrid Robarts. As the Prosecuting Counsel, HTG is delighted to welcome newcomer Colin Scott, a man of vast experience.

Added to these principal players are people of the calibre of Darrell Hope (Inspector Hearne) and his daughter Ebony (Greta, the secretary), and Norm Stanton (Carter, chief clerk). The Hopes live at Wildes Meadow. It's a huge cast, and rehearsals are going well.

Show dates will be over the first three weekends of August at the Mittagong Playhouse.



Pictured at rehearsal, (l. to r.) Darrell Hope, Ebony Hope, and Norman Stanton (see article) who are all in the cast of WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

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"A HOST OF GOLDEN DAFFODILS": COMMING RIGHT UP!

They'll never quite rival our treasured stand of Yarrawa Brush but it won't be for lack of effort on the part of the intrepid men and women of the Robertson Garden Club. Over two thousand daffodil bulbs have been planted in prominent places throughout the town, from the Cheese Factory to the Robertson Joinery.

In order to avoid their untimely demise under someone's slasher, some of the mass planting has been effected in obviously cultivated plots. Pinkwood Park, complete with its new fence, is one such site. Our world renowned Big Spud will also enjoy the much needed distraction of dancing yellow faces.

Thanks to Jill and Lyn at the Nursery, many thanks to Wingecarribee Shire Council for making funds available and Ian Roxby, Jane Hope and all who chipped in to till the sod.

This roving Robbo reporter has been reliably informed that very active, bulb-planting green fingers have been spotted attached to the local long arm of the law.



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Pulling Together For Breast Cancer



Louise Woods before donating her hair!

When it comes to surviving Breast Cancer, early detection remains our most powerful ally.

Last year one of my oldest and dearest friends of twenty years, Debbie White, found a lump in her breast and her worst fear became a reality, Debbie had Breast Cancer. Deb is only in her mid thirties, a mother to three young children, a devoted wife to husband David, how could this happen to my friend? We have celebrated engagements, weddings, births, milestones, we have cried and laughed together. I was shocked, devastated and felt totally hopeless, not knowing how to help and then I had an idea....

I may have not been able to take away the debilitating effects chemotherapy would have, the fear that the very words Breast Cancer brought and the side effects that radiation therapy would leave behind (it's important to note that everyone reacts differently to treatment). What I could do was organize a huge fundraiser to raise the much needed funds for Breast Cancer Research, but I needed help.....

Help came easily, in fact as soon as I started to mention my idea the offers to help came thick and fast, Mel from The Robertson Inn, Louise Woods, Israel Lacey, Suzanne Mackenzie, Sharon Makin , Adelina Holloway, and with a kick butt attitude that I remain in awe of, Debbie White. We make a formidable fundraising group.

On Friday evening the 26th May we managed to get 100 very well dressed men and women together at The Robertson Inn for our first Pink Ladies Charity Auction Dinner. To say the night was a huge success would be an understatement. We transformed the bistro with our gorgeous pink and white theme, caused a giggle with our Donation Dummies and tantalized the taste buds with our fabulous menu

(many thanks again to Dan Anderson – a wonderful chef, who's time and skill were donated and Aaron Howard who's prepping skills are now legendary, our lovely wait staff Donna Cruickshank, Rebecca Wheatley and Derek Robinson as well as Aaron who all worked for free). We brought out the disco diva in you all with our soloist Sharyn Farrington and with the help of the talented Richard Hart acting as MC and auctioneer, raised over \$9000. We had giveaways galore and our auction prizes caused quite a stir, 4 x Robbie Williams Tickets just one of our many fantastic prizes.

Our Family Fun Day was held on the Sunday at the Robertson Inn and once again this was a huge success with a sausage sizzle, face painting, sack race and the wonderful Magic Jester (many thanks to Shane who put on a fantastic show for the kids for free). We had huge support for our raffle with first prize being a voucher booklet valued at over \$700, won by Karen Clarson of Bowral (a very happy lady). We topped the day off with a head shave, Boyd Thurgate, Belinda Green (donating her long plaits for charity), our very own pink lady Louise Woods, Chad, Jeff Mant (he won the wow factor hands down) and in a family affair Nat Waters, Doug Tilly (yes getting a Mohawk still counts) and Mark Lovell. All in all these very brave and bald people raised over \$3000 dollars. Many thanks to the lovely Michelle Hore for supplying her skills for the shave and thanks once again to the pub for the beanies.

We were later all invited to the Robertson Bowling Club and given the proceeds from the meat raffle, many thanks to Trevor Springall for all his help. We even managed to get another shave from Acko and raised another \$160.00.

I can't begin to tell you as a committee how proud we are to have had such wonderful support for Breast cancer. All weekend people asked me how we do it? We do it because we love it, there is nothing like helping to make a difference, and the bottom line is we could not have raised such a large amount (at last count it was over \$15,000.00 and we still have money coming in) without the community support. I have been told by the Cancer council that this is an exceptional amount for a small community.

We would like to thank all the business owners and the community, who have opened their hearts with wonderful donations. There is currently no means of preventing Breast Cancer, the focus in reducing deaths has been on finding breast cancer early. By working together as a community we are a step closer to beating this disease.

Many thanks to everyone and watch out for next years Good Old Fashioned Casino/Saloon Night.....

The Robertson Pink Ladies

Article by Sali Burns



Mark Lovell and Louise Woods

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Robertson Environment Protection Society Meeting

Date: Friday, 9th June

Time: 7:30 pm

Speaker: Dr John Bunt

Topic: His life as a scientist

John Bunt is one of Australia's top marine scientists. You will be treated to a down-to-earth, personal story of interesting problems and extraordinary places.

ROBERTSON GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting will be held in the Community Centre in Caalong St Robertson on Monday 5 June 2006 commencing at 1.30 pm.

Mr Roy Freere, one of our members, will be talking on FUNGI which were once considered to be plants, but are now classified separately. He will look at the lifestyles of various fungi and their ecological and commercial significance.

All are welcome so come and join us.

Future meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at the above centre commencing at 1.30 pm

FETTLERS SHED SCHEDULE FOR 2006

27 & 28 May and 3 & 4 June
VOICE OF YOUTH

Major art prize for youth supported by Wingecarribee Council, Wingecarribee Community Health and Wingecarribee Community Foundation Youth Philanthropy Group M.A.D. With a special emphasis upon work from Triple Care Farm.

8 & 9, 15 & 16 July
"On Route to Paris"

An exhibition showcasing the work of David Morgan. David has had a selection of his work chosen for an exhibition in Paris for September this year. This will be a special preview of some of his most controversial work.

Winter Recess (June-July-August)

9 & 10 September
ROBERTSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL.
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16 & 17, 23 & 24 September,
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(exhibition title to be announced)

October, Long Weekend 1,2,3 & 7, 8
LOCAL ABORIGINAL ART WORK

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Q2 - a group of seven local artists will be displaying their work at the gallery during the Robertson Spring Festival

Summer Recess (Mid December – late January)

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Thomas Borbely, Belinda Borbely, and Anthony Meehan, from Pizzas in the Mist rubbed shoulders with Kostya Tszyu and Paul Briggs at the Mundine Vs Green Boxing Event on the 17th May. Many locals were spotted in the crowd on the night.

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ANZAC DAY 2006

On a chilly and overcast morning about sixty men women and children gathered at the Robertson War Memorial, to take part in a wreath laying ceremony. This took place prior to the Anzac Day Commerative Service which this year was held in the School of Arts at Burrawang.

Wreaths were laid by our returned servicemen, representatives of Robertson School and Wingecarribee Council. We gathered together to honour all those from this district, who had put their own lives on hold, and at risk, by enlisting in the Armed Services during World War's I and II, and in the conflicts of Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War.

This year for the first time since 1946 Mr Max Moore, past President of our local RSL, and leader of so many of our Anzac Day services, was absent from the ranks. We extend our best wishes to Max and his wife Kath who are both having a difficult time with their health.

We are fortunate that Max has been able to pass the baton on to two very experienced and capable successors who will continue to lead us on Anzac Day. The Rev. Barry Lee, who replaces the now retired Rev. David Hawkins, and Mr Jack Skipper M.C., also for many years a Robertson resident, and a Veteran of both Korea and Malaya, who will replace Max.

We are grateful to them both.

At the Robertson memorial, Martin Rule, son of the late Jack Rule, and at Burrawang, Roger Press stepson of the late Fred Wood, each recited a very moving poem which paid tribute to the thousands who in so many battles, had suffered to protect others during the last century.

More than one hundred people attended the memorial service at Burrawang, conducted by Mr Jack Skipper and addressed by Rev. Barry Lee, with the assistance of Mr Gordon Whatman, Madeleine Demouth, and Stephen Sommers (representing Robertson School), and with Mrs Lucy Vaughn at the piano

Jack thanked everyone for their help with this remembrance and for attending, also Genevieve Campbell for acting as our bugler, Judy Worner for her flowers, and Di Handley and Katherine Wood for helping in the background.

We also wish to thank the Robertson Bowling Club, who provided an excellent lunch to almost thirty Returned Servicemen and their Families. They later very generously donated the proceeds of this lunch to Legacy House.

Katherine Wood



Genevieve Campbell, daughter in law, of the late Fred Wood, and herself the Granddaughter of a WW I veteran, laying flowers at the Burrawang War Memorial at the conclusion of the Anzac Day service.

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

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Deadline

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Editor : Barry Lee

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 Group now meets at East Bowral Community Centre