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## Springtime in Robertson

Events every weekend September 30 to October 29

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### Music

The stars of "Opera on Sydney Harbour" present an afternoon gala of popular opera classics on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and, new this year, is the internationally acclaimed Sydney Balalaika Orchestra, combining colourful costumes with stirring music, on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>. **Pre-booking is recommended for both these events.**

On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>, a family bush dance features Country classics with Lester Coombs at the Robbo Inn.

Jazz rules on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with big band & swing concerts from Goulburn jazz band, plus the spectacular NSW Police show band. As well, there's weekend jazz at Robertson Inn.

Darren Powell swings Sinatra classics at Chat's Café at the Motel, each Sunday and there's country music at Robertson Inn on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Geraldine Turner in Cabaret at the School of Arts Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

### Exhibitions

The annual "Handmade in the Highlands" exhibition and sale of quality hand-made products by members of the highly regarded Robertson Guild, will be presented at the Village Woodworks each weekend from 30 Sept to 15 Oct.. The Fettle's Shed Gallery at Robertson Heritage Railway hosts two group exhibitions by local artists: the first presents stimulating contemporary aboriginal art, and the second "QV2" showcases the very different visions of 7 local artists.

Robertson CTC presents the quirky ceramics of Celeste Coucke on the 1<sup>st</sup> October weekend and, later, their annual photo competition, to find the next generation of Robertson postcards.



### A Fair, a Fete & a Market..

The Heritage Railway Fair on 30 Sept and 1 Oct is a chance to explore Robertson's historic railway precinct, on a gala day of fun, food and music amid flowering waratahs in the landscaped station grounds. 8 Oct is Market Day with one of the Highlands' most popular markets at the School of Arts in the heart of the village. Robertson School presents its biennial Fete on 21 Oct, a great occasion with rides, entertainment, varied stalls, food and fun.



### Spud Olympics & Lantern Parade

Community fun afternoon on the common at the station with novelty competitions, food, music and a twilight lantern walk. Monday 2 Oct from 2 - 10pm.  
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### For More info and bookings:

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### October Open Gardens Sponsored by: Robertson Recollections Enquiries/More Info—48851080

SPRINGTIME OPEN GARDENS	30 SEP	1 OCT	2	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29	
THE WILLOWS	✿	✿	✿									
YARRAWA				✿	✿							
THE MOORINGS				✿	✿	✿	✿					
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LLORAN						✿	✿					
RANELAGH HOUSE						✿	✿					
VILLAGE GARDEN						✿	✿	✿	✿			
DEVONSHIRE COTTAGE						✿	✿	✿	✿			
BARREN GROUNDS	✿	OPEN EVERY DAY. GUIDED WALKS 28/29									✿	✿

## Letters to the Editor.

Dear Editor

On August the 14th a representation of Councillors from Wingecarribee Shire, including the general Manager, Director of Technical Services, Director of Environment and Planning, Water and Sewer Manager, Deputy Mayor Campbell-Jones, Clr Phil Yeo and myself visited Matt Brown's office in Kiama to seek his assistance in lobbying the SCA and the government for a larger financial contribution to the Robertson sewer.

Matt Brown said he would like to see the project fast tracked and will approach the relevant Ministers on behalf of the people of Robertson.

As a follow on from the meeting that I arranged between the Robertson Business Association, Robertson Residents Association, Council and the Member for Kiama about the footpath from Fountaindale Rd to the village, we have been told that a contribution of around \$100,000 is a real possibility.

A delegation from Council will join Matt Brown at Parliament House on Thursday the 7th of September to meet with the Minister for Roads Eric Roozendaal to discuss the matter further. Hopeful. If successful Council will need to match the funding 50/50. I am sure Matt would like to make this an election promise.

More good news! I recently made representations to Councils technical services department and the Environment and planning department about the need for a footpath in Caalong St. It seems that there may be some section 94 funds available to do this work. At the moment, plans are being drawn up by the design branch and we are hoping that a report will come to Council soon.

If anybody would like any information on the proposed groundwater extraction from Kangaloon or any other Council matter, please feel free to contact.

Clr Larry Whipper.  
4885 1695

### THANK YOU HOPE - THANK YOU

At the Robertson Chamber of Commerce last meeting, Hope Waters was roundly praised by members present for her tireless efforts as Treasurer and general all-round supporter of the Robertson Business Association and Chamber of Commerce over many years.

It was determined she be offered a life membership - she can choose whether she wants to attend meetings. But she will be kept right in the loop as she has done for so many over such a long time.

The best bit is she doesn't know what the members are going to give her.  
We'll give her a hint. It isn't a bag of new season spuds!

### FOOTPATHS FOR ROBERTSON-MESSAGE DELIVERED AND UNDERSTOOD

Once inside Minister Eric Roozendaal's office, every word was vital so I spent time walking through Hyde Park carefully memorising my pitch. In the inner sanctum, events moved quickly.

"I've had Matt Brown bugging me for months about this. Why does Robertson need a footpath?"

"This morning in the village, children walked to school in the mist along a very narrow shoulder of the road. They are careful, but drivers, half awake, hurrying to work don't have much chance of seeing them.

This winter, at least one hundred visitors have stayed at Ranelagh House every weekend. About fifty or so more have stayed during each week. These overnighters would like nothing more than to leave their cars in the grounds and wander into the village. Reluctantly, the management warn them not to.

Every day for years, family groups living east of the village risk their lives by simply wanting to walk the dog and push the pram to go and buy the milk and newspaper. Every single metre of the 1600 they negotiate is a nerve-racking experience.

Visitors entering the Southern Highlands through the eastern gateway - the direction most of our visitors come from - don't think to slow down even though they are avoiding killing sightseers by less than a metre. They quickly conclude this is really no place for a friendly stroll. They speed on down the main street and on to the next town.

Every morning, small business proprietors open their doors in time to watch potential customers flying past. There are no paths to bring the through traffic to their door.

Minister, please consider the school children, the overnight visitors, the family groups, those day trippers we never meet and the small businesses who are struggling harder each day.

Safe walkways will save lives, provide the glue to knit Robertson together and give us a safer, more prosperous path for our future."

*(An extract from a meeting held in Minister Roozendaal's office Thursday 7th September attended by the Minister, Mayor Lewis, Larry Whipper, Jim Mauger, Mike Brearley RTA Staff and myself) There is room for cautious optimism.*

Bernard Eddy RCOC



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# Robertson CTC.

**Training** – We are half way through our training program for Term 3. Thank you to everyone in the community that has chosen the CTC as the place to hone their skills. On offer for training we have courses ranging from basic computer skills to advanced specialised programs like MYOB and digital imaging using Photoshop. At the CTC we pride ourselves on our versatility and responsiveness to the community's needs so if there is something you are interested in doing that we don't do at the moment or if there is a course you have been unable to attend due to the time we have it scheduled please let us know and we will do what we can to accommodate you. And don't forget we offer one-on-one training at the CTC or at your home. Also if there is anyone who is interested in teaching in the community we would love to meet you so please drop in sometime.

The CTC is running our third annual **photo competition** - "**Really Robertson**" being the theme. You will no doubt remember that last years winners were made into the beautiful art postcards that are now for sale around the village maintaining Robertson's feel as the artistic community we know and love! Entries are \$5 per adult \$2 for kids. Limit of 2 photos per person to be printed out in A4 format and the entries are to be in by October 4<sup>th</sup>. First prize is a Toshiba Gigabeat X30 30GB MP3 Player from Harvey Norman worth over \$500. Entry forms are available from the CTC now.

Also for **Springtime in Robertson** the CTC will be the sponsor of the Spud Olympics being held at the Commons on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This inaugural community event is being organized by Anthony "Bones" Bonito and will include games (all involving potatoes), lantern parade, eats and beats (food and dancing at dinner time) and movies put on by the Robertson Film Club. Our **bellydancers** have been shaking their coinbelts and warming up the space on Tuesday nights and will be performing at the eats and beats. If you are interested in joining our group please call us.

**Womens Group** meeting on Thursday morning 28 September at 9.30am til noon. Guest speakers will be Nikki McAdoo from the Highlands Community Centre and Mignon Aistrophe from Wingeacarrabee Health Service. This is a free session sponsored by Judy Fisk of RJ Mackey and we will be discussing a range of women's issues and developing an agenda for a series of morning discussions for women of all ages. For more information call Rebecca or Jenny on 4885 2665 or just come along on the morning no booking needed.

Wednesday 18 October **Art Classes** will be starting again. Local artist Julie Krone will lead a six week session before she heads off with her family to South America. This class will be experimental drawing, including some basic print making techniques based on sketching. Classes will be held from 7-9pm and will be \$55 for the 6 weeks or \$10 per class. All welcome.

Our **October School Holidays** schedule is being finalised as this goes to print but we will definitely see Penny running some more of her popular claymation workshops - spaces for these are limited so please phone us to book in. **check out our website robertsonctc.org.au** or drop in to find out what else is on offer.

**Thursday Night Music** has been attracting some new local talent lately so if you haven't been down for a while make the effort and be amazed at how many talented musicians there are in the area. We are still supporting Pizzas in the Mist putting in the group order, so consider us for a dinner date!

**Robertson Community Cinema** - Our September movie is Death in Venice - the choice of one of our most loyal patrons Colin Gray who's birthday it is this month.

Thanks to the Mittagong RSL and the CDSO Committee the CTC has received a grant to finish off our **disabled**

**access.** This means hand rails at the entry and in the bathrooms and a disabled car park out the back and we would like to thank Chad Henderson of Henderson's Concreting Service for giving us a very generous deal for the car park space and getting the project underway so quickly! Come and check out Chad's handiwork.

At the CTC we now have a team of 40 **volunteers** but still have room for more! If you are interested in being involved in any capacity from a weekly volunteers shift to being on the steering committee please come in and meet us.

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## **The happenings of the Sugar Shack**

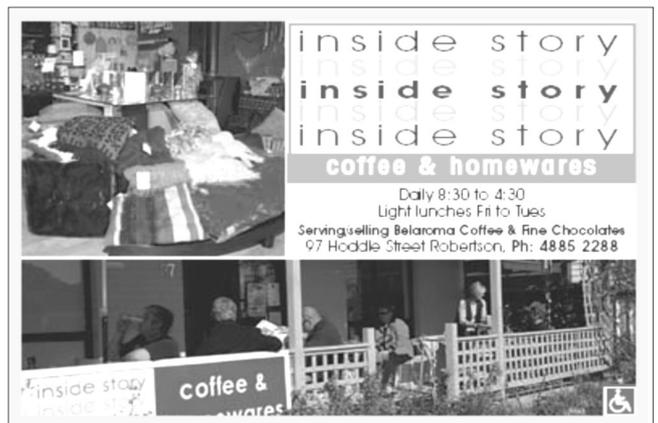
The sugar shack at 95 Hoddle street Robertson, opposite the big potato, has been the subject of much discussion recently because of the construction going on around it. The building has been a part of Robertson's history for over 100 yrs. On a foggy July day in the 1920's the sugar shack was moved on a sled pulled by bullocks from Hoddle lane behind the Old Cheese factory to the position it's in now, to make way for the railway line. Many of the older residence of Robertson may remember that it was the house that Agnes Munchenburg grew up in. Back then they also owned the land that is now 93 Hoddle street and the General Store, which was horse paddocks. Times have changed but for the last 80 yrs it has been kept in the same family. Now it's being restored to it's former glory at the front and an extension is being put on at the rear. So that it can last another 100 yrs of Robertson history.

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## Village Snippets

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If you'd like to participate in the hip-hop classes they are held at the Hall on a Monday afternoon:

4yrs-9yrs - 4:20pm

9yrs and up - 5:00pm

Adults and teenagers interested in participating should get in contact with Maxine as she is looking to hold classes on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

Numbers: 0408635999 or 48852996

Come Christmas shopping at Birkenhead Point - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2006. Cost \$30.00 - cheaper than drive and park.

Proceeds go to Robertson Tennis Club Maintenance Program

Enquiries: Roslyn - 0407851809

### Fundraiser in aid of Camp Quality

You could win a trip for two to Hawaii by purchasing tickets in a raffle to be drawn on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, 2006.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - - Return Air Fares to Honolulu + Transfers - 1<sup>st</sup> class accommodation - Twin Share - 4 nights

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Dinner Bed and Breakfast for 2 at Burrawang Hotel

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Decorated Cushion

Tickets available through Nat and Hope Waters at the Robertson Newsagency or Jamberoo Golf Club

### Congratulations

We'd like to congratulate the Robertson first grade hockey teams. Both the men's and the women's teams won their grand finals. The Women's team beat Moss Vale 4-1 and the Men's team beat Burrawang 4-2.

Designer Nails & Beauty has relocated to 25 Hoddle St, opposite the Robertson Service Station.

## HELLO ROBERTSON – IT'S TIME TO TALK

There are thirty-three groups in Robertson - really quite amazing when you stop to think about it. What is the population? We'll know for sure when they compile the information gathered in the recent Census, for now let's take a punt and say around 1,800.

The Robertson Chamber of Commerce has asked the Reverend Barry Lee to chair a meeting attended by a chosen member of each and every one of these groups. When I say groups, I am, of-course referring to societies, associations, guilds, etc.

There are a heap of things to talk about starting with telling each other just what we have planned over the next year or so.

We Robertsonians are renowned throughout the highlands as a very enterprising bunch of busy bees. The problem is, most of the time, most of the hive hasn't got a clue what most of the other half of the hive is doing.

We can put this right and have a worthwhile chinwag.

Please contact me, tell me whom your group would like to nominate and we will arrange a time and place. Please pick up the phone or get on-line as soon as you can.

Bernard Eddy RCOC

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## ROBERTSON WEBSITE TURNS FIVE

This year robertsonsw.com's older brother, the one with the dash - turns five. In announcing this happy occasion, the Robertson Chamber would like to pay long over due credit to the last five years of hard work done by our intrepid web volunteers.

The original work group need a pat on the back for their faith and foresight. They are Lisa Shepherd, Fiona Heywood, Dion Boehme, Hope Waters and Rona Goold. Lisa Shepherd very kindly did all the original 'hands-on' web set-up. Fiona Haywood assisted with professional advice and by sourcing inexpensive hosting.

Rona Goold was a key player hosting the web through its formative years and creating a site that compared very well with others throughout the Highlands. In so doing, she received expert help from Anne Heino and Jack Taranto.

It is vital to note the Chamber's intention to continue the spirit of the web as an on-going partnership between local business and community groups.

Put this down and get on line. Find out what's planned to help Robertson celebrate spring this coming October.

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## NO GAOL FOR SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

A strong community campaign has ensured the 500-bed correctional centre to be built by the NSW Government will not be in the Southern Highlands, after the shortlist of 4 sites, all in the Nowra vicinity, was released on 18 September.

Matt Brown MP, Member for Kiama, said the opposition from the Highlands was fierce, with residents not wanting to disturb the ambience and serenity of the area with such a large and controversial development.

"I'm pleased the Government has listened to those concerns and found more appropriate sites to look at for the facility," he said.

Matt Brown says while the \$130 million facility will not be located in the Highlands, the area will still benefit from having the facility in the Shoalhaven region.

"The construction process, beginning in 2010, will use a significant amount of locally sourced labour and materials.

"Once complete, the gaol will create 200 jobs for the region, pumping \$10 million in wages alone.

"That's money being spent in our restaurants, shops, cafes and at other retailers," he said.

The shortlist of four sites, announced by the Minister for Justice, Tony Kelly, are all within 13 kilometres of Nowra (2 on Yalwal Rd, 1 on the Princes Highway, and 1 on Forest Rd).

Over the next three months, the Government will consult with all stakeholders including members of the community, interest groups, council, business groups and landholders to ensure wide input into the proposed sites. The final assessment, to be made by the Department of Corrective Services, will consider a wide range of factors, particularly environmental, cultural, economic, safety and security-related.

An announcement of the selected site is to be made by State Cabinet at the end of the year.

## ROBERTSON SEWERAGE UPDATE

The Wingecarribee Swamp Steering Committee, which has been meeting for the past 8 years since the Swamp collapsed, was updated on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September on the status of the Robertson Sewerage Scheme (by Alan Benson, Sydney Catchment Authority Program Manager, Operations & Major Projects Division). The issues addressed included: gravity or pressure reticulation; treatment plant (intermittent aeration or membrane bio-reactor); effluent purity, transport and re-use; environmental impact; timing; cost; and agency contributions.

The following is a summary of his address and the questions and answers that followed:

- The system will be run by Council, with Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) assistance.
- SCA contributions come from their "Healthy Catchment Town & Water Scheme" which is run by the Department of Energy and Utilities.
- There is a set funding subsidy for each scheme of which there are many, usually 25-40% of the total cost.
- In the case of Robertson, SCA will fund half the total cost, currently estimated to be \$17 Million.
- Their aim is to see Robertson properly sewered for the next 20 years, withstanding 1 in 20 years floods.
- It is designed to cater for 2000 people (whose wastes are roughly equivalent to that of an average dairy farm) and assumes that that each person will require 230 litres of water per day.
- Three alternative reticulation schemes have been considered: gravity (laying pipes along the contours), pressure (initial treatment at each house) and a hybrid of the two.
- The advantages of the pressure system are that it less vulnerable to contamination (e.g. by animal wastes or stormwater) and is cheaper than the gravity system.
- The treatment plant will be "state-of-the art", fully enclosed to limit external odours, and either intermittently aerated to stop anaerobic fermentation (the "IDEA" system) or involving a Membrane Bio-reactor. In either case the effluent will be finally sterilised with UV light.
- The consequent products will be pure water and dry compost (the by-product) which will be removed from the site every 3 months or so and sold for agriculture.
- The treated effluent will be reticulated in polyethylene pipes parallel to the railway line, which generally follows the edge of Wingecarribee Swamp, a wetland of international significance with several endangered species.
- This tertiary-treated effluent will be available to downstream farmers to water their pastures in times of drought, thus reducing their groundwater demands.
- Effluent not required for agriculture will be discharged into the Wingecarribee River downstream of Sheepwash Road, where it will become available for Berrima, and ultimately Sydney.
- This will have a "neutral or beneficial effect" on the river, that is it will not degrade the ambient river quality and could even improve it.
- The purpose of locating the treatment plant close to Robertson is to aerate the sewage at its source and protect the ecological integrity of the swamp, which is managed by SCA according to a (statutory) Management Plan which is available for public comment and eventually adopted by Government.
- Approval for the Robertson Sewerage Scheme is subject to an Environmental Impact Study (EIS), which will begin this month (September).
- It is expected that the resultant EIS will be on public exhibition in November 2006 and approved, with or without amendments by February 2007.
- The current aim is to construct the system in 2007/8 and have it operating by mid 2008, however changes occasioned by the EIS could possibly cause delays.

- David Tranter

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**BOOKINGS OPEN FOR MYSTERY THRILLER - PLUS MORE AUDITIONS !!!**

The Highlands Theatre Group, ever busy, is thoroughly immersed in the show it is rehearsing for presentation in November. This is the comedic mystery-thriller **BONE-CHILLER by Monk Ferris**.

Josiah Travers has died - but instead of leaving a 'normal' will - he has provided a rhesus (a puzzle made up of pictures and words). A group of family and acquaintances is invited to the house to solve the puzzle - and whoever solves it will inherit the fortune. It is guaranteed that the audience will try to solve it too! Try and stop them!!

All sorts of unexpected things happen - and people turn out to be not quite who people think they are. It's a fascinating journey - but also a VERY funny one. You will be absorbed in the drama of the situation one minute, and laughing the next - and you're guaranteed a great night of fun and entertainment - and puzzling!!

Darrell Hope is directing this production, and he has assembled a very talented cast, which includes Jan McPhail as Theodosia Travers, the family matriarch, and Nicolle Dickson (of 'Home & Away' and 'Celebrity Survivor' fame) as Zita van Zok, a clairvoyant, and Theodosia's companion. Others in the cast include Michelle Thornton, Richard Archer, Edwina Fleurshannon, Ossie Bruckard, Tracey Poulter, and Ebony and Tiana Hope.

Bookings open for the show from Monday 16th October at Southern Highlands Tourism, Main Street, Mittagong. You can phone them on 1300 657 559. Performances will be on November 3,4,10,11,17,18 at 8pm and November 12 and 18 at 2pm - at the Mittagong Playhouse.

**Auditions**

Following on from BONE-CHILLER, HTG will present Cole Porter's all-singing all-dancing fun-filled musical **ANYTHING GOES**, to be directed by Anne Robinson. AUDITIONS will be on Sunday October 22nd at The Highlands School of Performing Arts (THSPA) beginning at 12 noon. (Just cross over the bridge at Bowral Railway Station, and turn left. THSPA is on the RH side, cnr. Kirkham & Willow Rds). Singers and dancers are required.

Three roles in particular need GOOD SINGERS - Reno Sweeney (played in Sydney by Geraldine Turner) needs to have a good belting voice to sing *Blow, Gabriel, Blow* (made famous by Ethel Merman - so that gives you an idea of the power needed). Also Billy Crocker and Hope Harcourt need to have GOOD voices, and be able to dance.

For enquiries about roles on offer, or to obtain music for auditions, phone 4862 1509. Songs from the show MUST be sung at auditions. It's a particular style that is looked for, and HTG needs to know they can find the right people for the roles. So ring - and ask about the show - could just be YOU are the person they are looking for.

**Springtime in Robertson  
FULL LIST OF EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat/Sun 30/9 & 1/10	RAILWAY HERITAGE FAIR	Station	10 - 4
	HANDMADE IN THE HIGHLANDS	Woodworks	10 - 4
	ABORIGINAL ART EXHIBITION	Station	10 - 4
	CELESTE COUCKE CERAMICS	CTC	10 - 4
	OPEN GARDEN		10 - 4
	LIVE MUSIC AT CHAT'S CAFÉ	Motel	12 - 4
Mon 2 Oct	SPUD OLYMPICS/SUNSET LANTERNS	Station	2 - 10pm
	HANDMADE IN THE HIGHLANDS	Woodworks	10 - 4
	ABORIGINAL ART EXHIBITION	Station	10 - 4
	CELESTE COUCKE CERAMICS	CTC	10 - 4
	OPEN GARDEN		10 - 4
Fri 6 Oct	LESTER COOMBS COUNTRY DANCE	Robbo Inn	7.30pm
Sat/Sun 7 & 8 Oct	OPEN GARDENS		10 - 4
	HANDMADE IN THE HIGHLANDS	Woodworks	10 - 4
	ABORIGINAL ART EXHIBITION	Station	10 - 4
	PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION	CTC	2-4 Sat only
	COUNTRY MUSIC WEEKEND	Robbo Inn	Afternoon
	LIVE MUSIC AT CHATS	Motel	12 - 4
Sun 8 Oct	ROBERTSON MARKET	School of Arts	7 - 3pm
Fri 13 Oct	GOULBURN JAZZ BAND	St John's Church	7.30pm
Sat 14 Oct	NSW POLICE SHOW BAND	School of Arts	7.30pm
	PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION	CTC	2-4
Sat/Sun 14 & 15/10	LIVE JAZZ AT ROBERTSON INN	Robbo Inn	Afternoon
	ART EXHIBITION "QV2"	Station	10 - 4
	OPEN GARDENS		10 - 4
	HANDMADE IN THE HIGHLANDS	Woodworks	10 - 4
	BRUSHFEST	Burrawang	All day
	LIVE MUSIC AT CHATS	Motel	12 - 4
Sat 21 Oct	ROBERTSON SCHOOL FETE	School	9 - 3
	PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION	CTC	2 - 4
	LOCAL BAND "BONANZA"	Robbo Inn	Evening
Sat/Sun 21 & 22/10	OPEN GARDENS		10 - 4
	ART EXHIBITION "QV 2"	Station	10 - 4
Sun 22 Oct	OPERA GALA	School of Arts	2pm
Sat 28/10	GERADINE TURNER IN CABARET	School of Arts	7.30pm
Sat/Sun 28 & 29/10	BARREN GROUND WALKS		10,12.30 & 2
	ART EXHIBITION "QV 2"	Station	10 - 4
	PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION	CTC	2 - 4 Sat only
	LIVE MUSIC AT CHATS	Motel	12 - 4
Sun 29 Oct	SYDNEY BALALAIKA ORCHESTRA	School of Arts	2pm



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## The Galapagos Islands Darwin's Living Laboratory

A talk will be given on the Galapagos Islands of South America by biologist, Dr Kevin Mills, on Friday, 13 October 2006 at 7.30pm in Robertson at the Robertson Community Centre, Caalong Street. Kevin recently visited these islands, famous for their wildlife, particularly giant tortoises, sea-swimming iguanas and seabirds. Charles Darwin's observations during his visit in 1835 became a cornerstone of his Theory of Evolution. This presentation will cover the wildlife of islands, as well as geological history, the current environment and the conservation of these unique islands, which are located 1,000 kilometres off the western coast of South America.

## Volunteer Referral Service

*Volunteering is an interesting and rewarding way to help others, to use your talents and experience, to meet other people and to make a difference in our community.*

The Volunteer Referral Service (VRS) of Volunteering Wingecarribee is run by volunteers to help you find the kind of volunteer opportunity that suits you and the time you have available. Come and find out about the many opportunities that exist in all kinds of fields throughout our district.

The VRS is located at Volwing Cottage 556 Argyle Street Moss Vale and is open Monday to Friday, 11am-2pm. Call in or phone 4869 4617 to make an appointment. You can also email [volwing@bigpond.com](mailto:volwing@bigpond.com) or download a copy of "Volunteering in the Wingecarribee Shire" at [www.volwing.org.au](http://www.volwing.org.au)

Jenny Kena, Volunteering  
Wingecarribee Project Officer

## ROBERTSON BURRAWANG CRICKET CLUB REUNION

On Saturday 30th September at the Robertson Bowling Club the Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club will hold a reunion dinner with guest speakers Doug Walters and Len Pascoe.

Come along, catch up with old teammates and indulge in sports memorabilia. There's an auction, raffles, a lucky door prize, dinner and two celebrated cricket names to entertain you.

Cost per head is \$50.

On Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 11 am there will be a Reunion Golf Morning. After a round all are welcome back at the Bowling Club to watch the NRL Grand Final on the Big Screen.

For further information contact David Missingham 4885 1219

## JOIN THE BUS FOR A MUSIC AND LUNCHEON CONCERT WITH THE HIGHLANDS SINFONIA

A musical outing from Robertson is being organised on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006. A special bus will leave Robertson in the morning to attend a concert at St Jude's Bowral and return in the afternoon. The Highlands Sinfonia concert will be a varied program of orchestral items and will be followed by a luncheon. The event is in aid of the Volunteer Referral Service of Volunteering Wingecarribee. There will also be a stall of homemade cakes for purchase at lunchtime. The all inclusive price for the concert, luncheon and the return bus trip is \$22.

For bookings, phone Jenny Kena at Volunteering Wingecarribee on 4869 4617. Numbers on the bus are limited so book early!

## FETTLERS SHED SCHEDULE FOR 2006

October, Long Weekend 30,1,2, & 7, 8  
**LOCAL ABORIGINAL ART  
WORK**

Dreamtime comes to Robertson!

14&15, 21&22, 28&29 October  
**QV2** - a group of seven local artists will be displaying their work at the gallery during the Robertson Spring Festival.

Wendy Nubley, Andra Dahl, Carole Rogerson, Stuart Gibson, Louise Star, David Young, Alhana Reid.

Summer Recess  
(Mid December - late January)

All enquiries  
[fettlers\\_shed@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fettlers_shed@yahoo.com.au)  
Leanne Stefanac 02 48851 720

## ROBERTSON SHOW AUXILIARY NEEDS YOU!

Are you interested in art, photography, craft, handiwork, flowers, vegetables, cakes, and preserves, actually anything we exhibit in the Show Pavilion at the Robertson Annual Show?

If so - why not join us? We fundraise for the Show at social events such as parades, luncheons, Cup Day or anything we can arrange that will interest a broad selection of people.

At show time, we organize the pavilion display of entries that is always admired by Showtime visitors.

We have fun, get a great deal of satisfaction out of what we do. If you decide to be a part of our group you will catch up with old friends and make many new ones.

You will be encouraged to feel very welcome.

For more information contact Margaret Park 4886 4576 / Joan Jacobs 4887 7392



Your local **Small Cow Farm** cheese is now available from **The Cheese Shop, Robertson, The Cheese Store, Bowral** and the **Bowral Farmers Market**

Whether you crave our creamy camembert, divine fetta or melodious blue, it is available 7 days a week. Try the PetitVache Brie with smoked salmon on rye bread for a gourmet lunch or the Marinated Fetta scattered over a dish of roasted vegetables.

## HIGHLANDS NATURAL HOOFCARE

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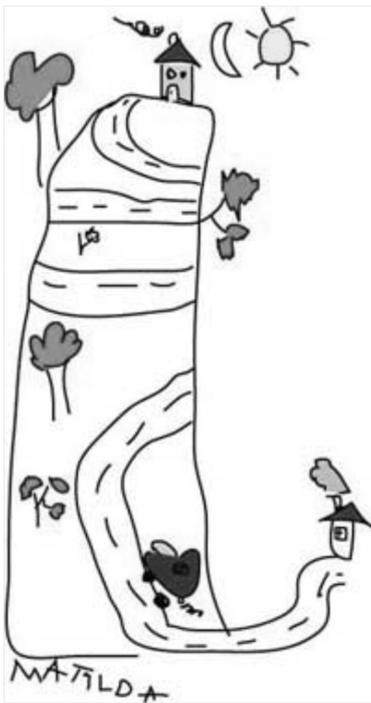
## Have you picked up your copy of the Robertson Transport Guide yet?

With information collected as part of the Robertson Transport Project, the guide has details of all the different types of local transport – buses, trains, taxis, community transport, medical transport and leisure travel.

The guide was designed by Anni Heino and illustrated with a beautiful drawing by Matilda Langford.

Look out for it at the CTC@Robertson, Waters Newsagency, Robertson Supermarket and the Tourist Information Centre at Elders Real Estate.

Or it can be downloaded from the Internet -  
[www.robertsonctc.org.au/Imagesshed/transportbro.pdf](http://www.robertsonctc.org.au/Imagesshed/transportbro.pdf)



## Morning Coffee and Talks for Women

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
9.30am -12noon at the  
CTC@Robertson  
Free women's information session &  
morning tea

### Program

#### 9.30-10.30 What can you do if.....

a friend, neighbour or family member tells you she's experiencing violence in the home

*Nikki McAdoo – Highlands Community Centres, Bowral*

#### 10.30-11.00 Morning tea/coffee\*

#### 11.00-12.00 Healthy lifestyle for the well woman

Diet and exercise and looking after yourself through regular checkups  
*Mignon Aistrope, Women's Health Nurse, Wingecarribee Health Service*

**12.00 A Wise Women Café??** -If you can, stay behind for a chat about setting up regular coffee and talks sessions for women

Further enquiries – please call Jenny or Rebecca at the CTC  
ph: 4885 2665

*All women, young and older, very welcome – just come along.*

Organised by the CTC@Robertson with thanks to Highlands Community Centres and Wingecarribee Health Service. The CTC would also like to acknowledge the kind support of RJ Mackey Real Estate with this event.



## 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

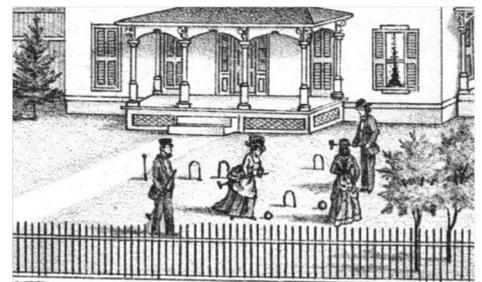
2nd & 4th Sundays – 5.00pm

*Robertson Christian Group now meets at  
East Bowral Community Centre*

## TRY CROQUET AT EXETER

People of all ages are discovering Croquet is fun. Come and see for yourself at the Southern Highlands Croquet Club, Exeter Park, Exeter. No experience necessary, just wear flat shoes.

For further information contact Nan on 4862 4201 or Helen on 4868 2541.



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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.

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#### Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of **December**. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th November 2006**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577**, or **Email: [bjlee@dodo.com.au](mailto: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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