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\$6 MILLION TREE TOP WALK APPROVED

The lemma Government has cleared the way for a major tourism project including a new tree top walkway to be built near Robertson. The \$6 million Illawarra Fly is expected to be the largest of its kind in NSW. Planning Minister Frank Sartor gazetted an amendment late last year to the Kiama Local Environmental Plan to allow the development to proceed.

Matt Brown said the project would deliver a major boost to local tourism and the economy.

"The Illawarra Fly will be an exciting new tourism focus for the region," Mr Brown said.

The 600-metre long walkway will be elevated 25 metres above the ground, offering spectacular views from the rainforest to the Pacific Ocean. The walkway will be built at Knights Hill in the Kiama region, with the nearest town being Robertson. The complex will include two lookout towers, a café, and an arts and craft centre stocking products mainly sourced from the local area. The Illawarra Fly is expected to attract up to 200,000 visitors in the first year of operation- and inject up to \$6 million into the local economy each year.

"It will be a boost for jobs in the region- creating 50 in the construction stage and approximately 30 sustainable jobs in the long term," said Matt Brown.

Mr Brown said the company behind the proposed Tree Top Walk is Canopy 01. Mr Neil Wade, Director of Canopy 01, says this project follows the highly successful Otway Fly built in Victoria, which is the longest and tallest elevated walk of its kind in the world.

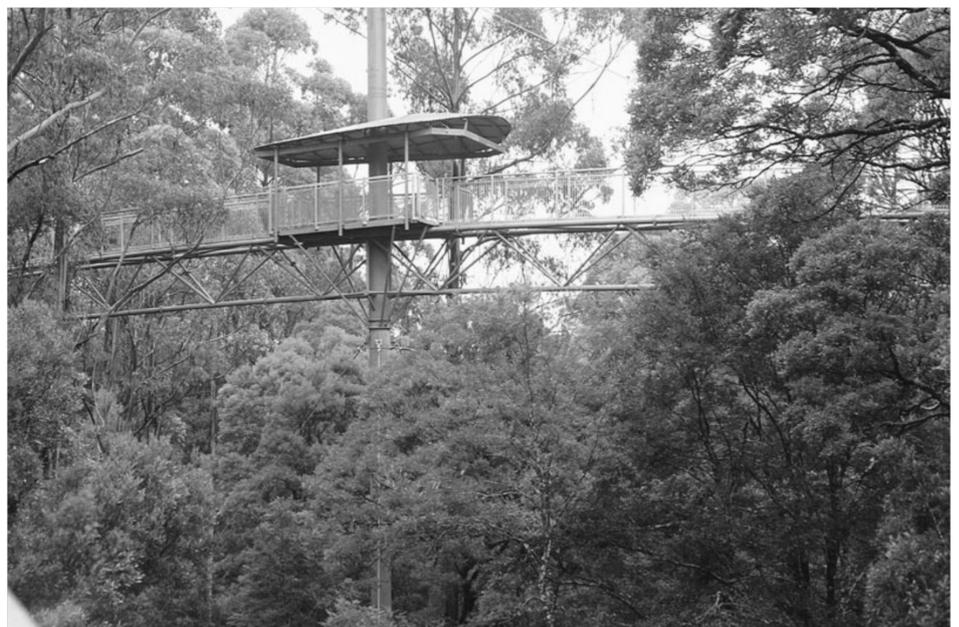
"The project is a fantastic opportunity to encourage more residents and visitors to experience the scenic Illawarra Escarpment, which contains one of the largest areas of rainforest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion.

"The Illawarra Fly will provide accessibility for everyone- from young children, to people in a wheelchair- to some of the absolutely spectacular natural scenery this area is renown for," he said.

Subject to the approval process, the company expects to have construction start in mid 2007, and welcome the first visitors at the end of 2007.



Matt Brown MP and Mayor of Kiama, Sandra McCarthy check out the spectacular views to be seen from the Illawarra Fly.



Otway Fly in Victoria built by the same company that will build the Illawarra Fly.

Springtime in Robertson 2006

ROBERTSON OPEN GARDENS

A very big thank you to all those who opened their gardens during October for "Springtime in Robertson".

Many visitors commented that they hadn't been to Robertson before and didn't realize how beautiful it was.

Thank you also to the many volunteers who manned the gates of the gardens to raise money for charity. The help given by Robertson Garden Club was greatly appreciated - in particular the work done by Jane Hope. Her advice and effort in helping to get it all together was invaluable.

We look forward to sponsoring this event again next year and would be happy to hear from any garden lover, or owners, who would like to be involved in Robertson Open Gardens next spring. Ideas and comments on this event would be most welcome.

Micki and Dion Boehme
Robertson Recollections
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CTC Thank You's

I would really like to give a big thank you to all the participants and supports of the Robbo Fun Day!! THANKYOU, It was a great fundraiser for the CTC, we made about \$500 and that is what keeps us being able to do inspiring community events like the fun day, music night, exhibition of local artists, movies etc

Special thank you to:

Anthony Bonito - who came up with the idea, coordinated it, did the publicity and suggested it be a fundraiser for the CTC
Dave Young for light set up and especially capturing the spirit of the event photos

The officials for the spud Olympics: James Benjamin, Richard Langford, John Hughes, Denis Wilson (aka Uri) and Greg Chapman
Lew Price and Matt Campbell for the spuds and Robert Goldsack for the potato sacks

Anne Wilson for the space at the railway and for feeding us!

Lynne Price and Karen Young for selling tickets all day

Graham carpenter for the lights

Maxine for the hip hop dancing and Monica Engles for the Belly dancing

Jane Maxwell who organized the lantern making workshops and made the most magnificent lanterns that were auctioned off at the end of the night

The Joneses (Rick and Andrew) for helping with the movie set up.

And with Bill providing some of the best movie entertainment

Scott and Dan for playing the music

Matt and Hatt for the chai experience. Patty and Beth for other treats

Look forward to the next one 2007!

Thank you all, Love, Rebecca

Springtime in Robertson 2007

SPRINGTIME IN ROBERTSON 07 A CELEBRATION OF VILLAGE LIFE

It's on again, for the 4th year! Planning is already under way for *Springtime in Robertson 07*. Our village will again be the place to be, this October, for locals and visitors alike. The celebrations will run for 2 weeks / 3 weekends, from 28th September to 14th October.

The one criticism of last year's program seemed to be that with so much on - fairs, jazz, opera, big brass, open gardens, lantern parades, cabaret, steam trains, art exhibitions and more - people needed more warning.

The obvious solution is to plan further ahead; to firm up the program early, so everyone has plenty of notice about the events. It's important for the local community and it's also important for effective advertising and marketing to attract visitors from further afield. With that in mind, this year, the coordinating group would like to have submissions for events, from their organizers, at least in outline form, by the end of April - and to finalise the program by the end of June.

This year Marion Tyree has agreed to act as events coordinator for *Springtime in Robertson*. She'll be contacting organisations and businesses in coming weeks to gather ideas for events and to encourage the widest possible community participation. But what finally goes into this year's program is, of course, up to all of us. *Springtime* doesn't belong to any particular group, apart from the Robertson community as a whole. Its success depends on active participation by as many people as possible. Over the last three years events have been initiated by a wide range of community groups, by individuals, and by local business.

Certainly, it's a great time for any community group to organise a fund raiser, getting the benefit of much wider publicity and promotion through inclusion in the program.

Both the Ratepayers Association and the Chamber of Commerce are actively involved in the coordinating group, but anyone with an interest in helping to make Springtime a success is welcome to join in. Your help is really needed, whether it's to organise an event, or help someone who is. It's not a formal committee - just an ad hoc group of interested parties, aiming to act as a coordinating and marketing "umbrella", under which, organisers of particular events can do their own thing.

Remember that old request on invitations: "please bring a plate"? In a nutshell, that's how *Springtime in Robertson* is meant to work. The more of us who can "bring a plate" (i.e. an event) to the party, the better the feast will be. Please give it some serious thought.

For more information about any aspect of Springtime in Robertson you can contact:

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Bernard Eddy	4885 2400
Micki or Dion Boehme	4885 1080
Joan Compagnoni	4885 2280

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Robertson Show 2007

TINY TIMS AND DARING GIRLS OF THE HORSE WORLD

This year at the Robertson Show we will see quite a few new events and displays as well as all the old favourites.

In the Horse Section, which runs over two days, starting at 8.30am Friday, we have introduced a new class for Miniature Horses. These are not ponies, but very small horses and well worth a look. They were included as a last minute addition in 2006 but following representation from various breeders, we will have more classes in the judging on Saturday. After the horse ring events have concluded the Miniature horses will show us their stuff with performance classes, including such events as going over the jumps riderless.

An exciting new attraction for us will be the Girls! Girls! Girls! Trick Riding Show. This involves Daring stunts performed by beautiful, fit and talented young ladies on the backs of galloping horses, all trained by the legendary Heath Harris of horse-training-for-the-movies fame.

There have also been major changes to the Pavilion entry times and judging times. This was so that we could open the Pavilion at 9am on Friday rather than after lunch after the judging, so there will be more time for viewing of all the wonderful exhibits that we receive from all over the Southern Highlands as well as from exhibitors in the Wollongong area.

Entry forms must be in the office by 6pm Tuesday 6th March and Exhibits must be in the pavilion by 8am Thursday 8th March.

In the Pavilion we have a new Competition, The Ron & Dorothy Brewer Group 5 Wool/Article Garment Competition, with the winner from Robertson Show entered into the South Coast Zone Judging and the winner from that Show going on to compete against winners from zones all over the state at The Royal Easter Show. Many people from all over the state will remember both Ron, who was a champion spinner, winning in shows all over Australia, and his wife Dorothy, who capably ran the Pavilion and was President of Goulburn Show. This is run along the same lines as our popular Rich Fruit Cake Competition, so if you think you are a pretty good cook or craftsperson, enter into the Robertson Show. Another new Competition of interest to budding authors is a Short Story Competition, and can be in the form of narrative prose or verse, must be between 500 - 10,000 words and must be your own work. Joint entries are acceptable and there are some good cash prizes for the winners in the various categories.

Other attractions include The Dog Show, Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Poultry, the Childrens' Pet Show, Bullocky demonstration, Farnyard Nursery and lots more. There will also be Sideshows, commercial stalls, food stalls and a bar, as well as a dining room open to the public for a more peaceful cup of tea or lunch.

Because the Alpacas are such a hot item at the moment, Robertson has extended its Alpaca Show from Saturday morning to a two day show, Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th March. They are also holding fleece judging competitions as well as special classes in the pavilion in the Spinning, Knitting and Weaving Sections.

We will be having lots of fun events for the young, fit or brave to enter - Some of the options to test your skills include Motor Bike Barrel Race, Gumboot Throwing, Push Bike Races, Ride on Lawn Mower Races, Keg Throwing, Ute Pull and of course the Famous Robertson Potato Races.

In the evening there will be Dog Jumping and Haystacking Competitions and to finish with a bang the Demolition Derby followed by fireworks, so plenty of things for all tastes.

For all enquiries on any aspect of our show please contact **Secretary: Leesa Stratford on Phone Mobile 0411 537 600, Email robertsonshow@bigpond.com, or President: Rosemary Turner Phone 4885 1053, Mobile 0409 244 574,**

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ROBERTSON VILLAGE AQUIFER MEETING ROBERTSON SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 6 PM

Federal Minister for the Environment, Senator Ian Campbell's decision to exercise his right to intervene in the Kangaloon Aquifer pumping is the only thing preventing seven large production bores from firing up alongside Tourist Road and pumping day and night for the next six months.

Hundreds of metres of 22mm pipes are laid out along the Tourist Road borefield in readiness for this potentially disastrous 'test pumping' to begin. Two of the production bores are located right beside the vulnerable wetlands of Stockyard and Butler's Swamp. The nationally listed endangered species in Butler's Swamp are the subject of our application for a 'controlled action' under the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act.

The Sydney Catchment Authority's own research advice documents a '2 metre lowering of groundwater levels' during a test pumping last year - OVER ONLY TWENTY(20) DAYS.

The Save Water Alliance - comprising representatives from the Wingecarribee Shire Council, Sydney Water Catchment Task Force, Robertson Environment Protection Society, Southern Highland's Business Chamber, Robertson Chamber of Commerce, the NSW Farmers Association and the Upper Nepean Groundwater Community Reference Group - has formed in order to lobby both state and federal governments on this issue in particular AND, the dire state of water resources management in Australia in general.

The Save Water Alliance invites you to attend, learn more about the implications of this 'test pumping', and, have your say.

It is our contention that the proposed 'test pumping' is a testament to the Sydney Catchment Authority's mismanagement of the state's water resources. This folly has been labelled an economic absurdity and an environmental obscenity.

Please tell all your friends to join us at 6pm on Thursday February the 1st.

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Ann Sudmalis on the Aquifer

On the 24th March, you will have the opportunity to make a decision that will affect the way NSW survives or prospers for the next 4 years.

Like you, I have some serious concerns at some aspects of the way NSW is being run and I want to do something that would make a difference. That is why I chose to run for Parliament and was fortunate to be preselected for the seat of Kiama, which takes in the Robertson District.

Some of you will already know of my 10 years environmental science teaching experience, my 17 years building a family business, perhaps my time on Kiama Council for 4 years or even my three year stint with the regional development board.

Apart from all this, you need to know of my intense interest in the Kangaloon Aquifers. I am totally against these water resources being pillaged by the State Labor government for the use of Sydney consumers. I have been working with the Save Water Alliance and I am distressed to think that potentially 5 ecosystems may be affected by this environmental vandalism.

The whole of the Robertson community is up in arms about this criminal abandonment of community consultation processes by the Sydney Catchment Authority and Sydney Water, and so they should be. We can all write to the premier, extend our support to our community groups who are acting in the best interests of the special local environment. We can, and should, get involved.

The fact of the matter is despite the rhetoric of the state government, no-one actually knows the impact this extraction will have on the local eco-system. Why take a chance when, with a 5 year moratorium to complete the required studies, we can better protect the environment we all share.

I would love to hear your ideas on this critical subject and perhaps together, a better solution can be found.

Ann Sudmalis

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Kangaloon Aquifer

“An over-sized Dragonfly and an odorous bog”

It has been all “go” around Robertson over the Christmas break. While some people have been on holidays, the Save Water Alliance (a recently formed group dedicated to fighting for the Kangaloon Aquifer) has been having meetings with anyone who will listen to them about the Kangaloon Aquifer.

The SWA lobbied the Federal Minister for Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell, who wrote to the State Minister, Bob Debus, pointing out that the proposal to pump from the borefield involved putting at risk certain Endangered Species and an Endangered Ecological Community (Butler's Swamp).

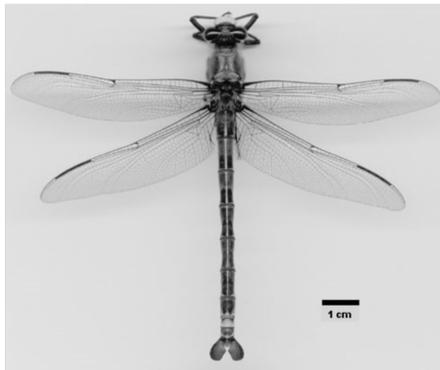
That produced a sharp reaction from Mr. Debus, who told the Daily Telegraph in Sydney that his interpretation of this Federal interference was that: “An over-sized dragonfly and an odorous bog are more important than the needs of thirsty Sydney residents and a potential new water supply.” Daily Telegraph 13 December 2006. “Mystery Dragonfly threat to our water” by Simon Benson.

Well, it is nice to see how Mr. Debus regards the environment of Kangaloon, seeing as he is the Minister responsible for the Environment in New South Wales.

As a matter of record, the Giant Dragonfly does exist. It is deemed to be a threatened species under the NSW Threatened Species Act. Guess who is the Minister responsible for its protection? You guessed it - Bob Debus.

Denis Wilson
17 January 2006

Committee member
Save Water Alliance



Stop Press

Just before going to print we learnt that Malcolm Turnbull, the new minister for the environment has placed a “stop work” order on the pumping of the Kangaloon Aquifer, due to the presence of at least two endangered species. The Latham's Snipe, a migratory bird that breeds in Japan but migrates here in the warmer months and the rare Leek Orchid are both found in the area and could be affected by changes in the water system cause by pumping.

This is by no means the end of the story but it is a small victory in the battle to have the government face up to the effects of pumping from the aquifer.



Sign petition

Support the 5 year moratorium
to allow scientific research

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www.savewateralliance.org.au

Café Pirouette & Fine Food Deli

Early birds heading down Hoddle Street at 7am on a Sunday morning would have noticed the café in the Village Centre has reopened.

New proprietors Lynne O'Brien & Caroline Marsh have opened Café Pirouette and Fine Food Deli offering breakfast, lunch and dinner Thursday to Monday.

"We decided to open for breakfast, lunch and dinner after chatting with many locals" said Caroline.

Lynne & Caroline moved from the Southern Highlands to Bathurst 18 months ago to run an exclusive country retreat. Having put that property on the map as a venue of choice for large functions and events, Lynne and Caroline longed to return to the Southern Highlands.

Lynne, who has worked as an event producer of large corporate and private events in Sydney, Canberra and internationally for over 20 years and Caroline an advertising food and pharmaceutical lawyer left their respective careers 4 years ago to embark on some new ventures together.

Café Pirouette is the result of all they have done to this point.

"We love farming and Robertson allows us to grow produce and free range eggs from happy chooks and serve meals that Lynne and her team love to prepare. We support local produce and organic wherever possible."

"We both love dining out often during the week. Breakfast meetings are a fabulous way to start a working day.

For us, being on a position to cater to all these needs in this beautiful village is the perfect new challenge.

Robertson is nourishing for our souls and locals have been incredibly welcoming - we love being here and plan to stay."

COLE PORTER TO 'HIT THE BOARDS' IN MITTAGONG

The Highlands Theatre Group is currently in rehearsal for its major musical presentation for 2007. This year it's the all-singing all-dancing sparkling FUN musical ANYTHING GOES by the great Cole Porter. It's crammed full of really well known and loved Cole Porter melodies including *You're the Top*, *I Get a Kick Out of You*, *Easy to Love*, *It's De-Lovely*, and of course the title song of the show, *Anything Goes*, which concludes Act 1, with a big tap number. The show is being directed by Anne Robinson, who recently directed the stunning WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION.

A cast of around 40 singers, actors and dancers are assembled and are working with great enthusiasm to hone this show to perfection. If the laughter at rehearsal is anything to go by, audiences are going to LAP up this production. Life can be a bit too serious at times - we all need a good laugh - and after all, laughter is the best medicine.

Show opens 21st March at Clubbe Hall, Frensham School, Range Road, Mittagong, with a PREVIEW performance. All tickets for this show will be on sale ONLY at the door, no pre-bookings - and tickets for the preview night will be at a reduced cost.

Remaining shows will be March 23,24,28,30 and 31 at 8pm, plus three matinees on March 24,25 and 31 at 2pm. Bookings will open on Monday 26th February at Southern Highlands Tourism, Main St, Mittagong - or phone them on 1300 657 559.

Ticket prices will be \$24 (adults) and \$20 (concessions). Group bookings are also available at a discount price for ten or more people attending the same performance. For Group bookings contact Bronwyn on 0417 693 977.

You MUST plan to attend - this show will definitely give you a LIFT !!

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The Tale of Two South Streets

There have been two "South" streets in Robertson which has caused confusion for many years to some residents. The correct South Street runs from east to west the length of the village. The incorrect South Street runs from the highway at the rail crossing up the hill to the correct south street. Our address being on the unsealed section of the correct South Street (the section that council & councillors always ignore) is always hard for people to find because of the confusion with the street signs.

After two years of letters & telephone calls to council they have now agreed to a name change to the incorrect south street. The new sign post at the highway will now read, "Sassafras Way" & not south street.

Thank you Wingecarribee Shire Council.

Tony Nesbitt



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUMPING OUR RIVERS DRY – WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PLANTS & ANIMALS?

Flying at 50 metres above the ground for hundreds of kilometres counting waterbirds requires lots of concentration, and ornithologist Richard Kingsford has been concentrating for the last 20 years. His aerial survey is one of the longest-running waterbird surveys in the world. He's now Professor of Environmental Science at UNSW and for 18 years before that was Principal Research Scientist with the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service and Department of Environment and Conservation

He has won five environmental awards in the last seven years, including a Eureka Award in 2001.

Professor Kingsford is an internationally recognised expert on the ecology of migratory birds, rivers and wetland systems in the arid and semi-arid zones of Australia, and on the ecological impacts of river regulation. He has undertaken extensive research on the Cooper Creek within the Lake Eyre Basin and similar systems in the Murray Darling Basin; and helped establish environmental flow regimes to protect ecological values in the Macquarie Marshes in NSW. He is widely recognised and respected by the Lake Eyre Basin community for his work on improving community access to, and understanding of, scientific research activities. His long involvement in the Lake Eyre Basin community process led to the development of the Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement. He continues to be actively involved in the process through his position as the Cooper Creek Catchment Committee's independent scientist, nominated by Australia's major scientific organisations.

His illustrated talk, *Pumping Our Rivers Dry – What Happens to the Plants & Animals?* is another in the series of public meetings on important environmental issues sponsored by the Southern Highlands NPA. His talk will be especially relevant to Southern Highlands landowners who could be affected by plans to pump water for use in Sydney.

**7:30 p.m. Tuesday 6 February,
CWA Hall, Elizabeth Street, Moss
Vale (next to Fire Station).
Refreshments. Gold coin donation.**

FARMING PROFITABLY IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

A Talk by
DR COLIN GRANT

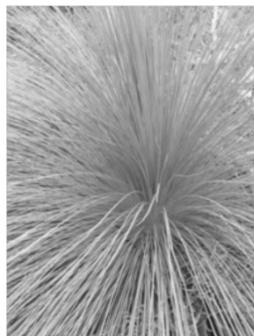
Robertson Community Centre, Friday
evening, February 9, 7.30pm
All welcome, light refreshments, gold
coin donation

Dr Grant is a distinguished scientist and senior public servant, now Deputy Executive Director of the Bureau of Rural Sciences and previous Deputy Chief Executive of the Australian Greenhouse Office. He will deal with the impact of climate change on the production, management and economic performance of a variety of agricultural production systems in relation to current and historical weather patterns drawn from data recorded at over 3000 weather stations in Southern Australia and about managing farming in a variable and changing climate and the risks involved, drawing on the experience of the insurance industry, one of the first major industries to bear the brunt of climate change losses.

NICKED OVER XMAS

The Xanthorrhoea fronting the Reconciliation Garden at the entrance to the Robertson Railway Precinct (see photo), which has been nurtured by railway volunteers for the past 4 years, has disappeared over Christmas. If it should reappear in your neighbour's garden, would you kindly ask them to return it (no questions asked). We maintain these gardens for your enjoyment and "freebies" are not part of the deal. If you should note signs of vandfalism, would you kindly let us know.

Robertson Heritage Railway Station
Committee



NEEDLE KNOW HOW

It is planned to start a needlework / craft group to be held at the Robertson Community Centre, Caalong St. The day is yet to be confirmed, but will probably be on either a Thursday or a Friday, for half a day.

The cost of hiring the centre for a half day is \$16.50 and this amount would be divided by the number who attend on the day.

D.I.Y Coffee and biscuits will be available.

Shirley Crockart has a wealth of knowledge and experience, and any number of books and patterns available to get us going. She was awarded the Standard of Excellence at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 1995.

Need to know more....

For those who are interested in joining us please contact either:- Shirley 4885 1408 or Jane Hope 4889 2998

Robertson Village Meeting

6pm

Tuesday 13th February
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Centre

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To find out more: EMAIL
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Increase in Break, Enter & Steal offences in Robertson/ Burrawang Areas

Unfortunately, there has been a slight increase in Break, Enter & Steal offences in the Robertson, Burrawang and Avoca areas in the last few months. Police are investigating these incidents. Please be more diligent by locking and securing your premises, activating any alarms that are installed and locking the front gates to rural properties. If you see anything suspicious or have any information that may assist police, contact Crimestoppers on 1800333000 or Robertson Police on 48851244.

Robertson CTC.

The winds of change are blowing through the CTC with the coming of the new year. We are sadly saying goodbye to our president, our training coordinator and our manager. If you are interested in being a part of the CTC crew as manager/training coordinator please contact us for more details.

Training - This term we will be running courses in response to public demand as we settle in the new training coordinator. So if there is something you are interested in doing please call us. We will still offer one on one training.

Art class has started back up on Wednesday nights from 6.30-9.30, so if you hear the whispering of your muse grab some paper a pencil and head down to the CTC to join art guru Steve Fearnley and the friendly folk in our class. The class costs \$20/\$10 concession.

There will be **Monster garage sale** here at the CTC on market day February 11th from 9am and the café will be open also selling our fine Vittoria coffees.

It is a little known fact that the CTC has a back **office that is available for short term hire** - one day or for a couple of weeks. The advantages of using your community centre for your office are many - we have a café for your lunch, and coffee breaks, it is a beautiful spot to organize a meeting and there is plenty of off road carpark space.

Thursday night music is back on for the year - starting at 6pm and warming up at 7pm it has been a lovely summer activity to meet friends and enjoy the unrobertsonly warm weather in our beautiful garden.

As a not for profit organization the CTC can offer those folk who need to **work for unemployment benefits** (now there is an oxymoron!) a place to do your hours. With many facets we can offer a diverse experience in gardening, art, the café or computer/office support. So let your community work coordinator know if they don't already.

February the 3rd the CTC will be holding a **band bonanza** at the School of Arts. Six local bands will be entertaining us with their homegrown music. Entry is \$10/\$5 concession with proceeds going to the CTC.

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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*

104 years Old

Mrs Ada Lemmon, formerly of lemons Road Robertson and wife of the late Nelson Lemmon, member of the Chifley Government, celebrated her 104th birthday recently.

Local People Honoured as Citizen of the Year

Grace Avery shared this year's citizen of the year with Terry Oaks-Ash. Grace received her award for her services to the disadvantaged in the community through Anglicare, her presidency of the Moss Vale High School P & C and her work as treasurer of the Fitzroy Falls Underprivileged Children Camps. Those who know Grace will know that they didn't mention half of what she does in the community.

Ross Muller, past student of Burrawang School and currently captain of Moss Vale High was awarded the Young Citizen of the Year for his work to foster an appreciation of the significance of our Vietnam Veterans.



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 \$35. (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 Dorothy Baker at the Old Potato Shed gallery (4885 2400). Thank you for your support.

Deadline

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