



# Robertson News

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## Rail Motor CPH 18 Returns



On **Sunday, 13 April 2008** the Robertson Heritage Railway Station (RHRS) will be hosting a number of special events, namely a Vintage & Classic Car Day, Visit of Historic Rail Motor CPH 18 and a Display of Historic Working Vintage Machinery. Also, the Fettle's Shed Gallery will be hosting a "Changes in Transport" Display and Exhibition of framed "collector cards" with a transport theme as part of The National Trust's Heritage Festival 2008 theme of "Our Place".

There will be 6 trips on the Rail Motor between 10.15am and 3.15pm alternating between Robertson/Calwalla and Robertson/Mount Murray. People will enjoy taking "a ride back in time" in this grand old 'lady' of 82 years which has been lovingly restored and is in top working condition.

### Sunday 13 April 2008

#### **RIDE** Historic Rail Motor CPH 18

Take "a ride back in time" on the beautifully restored Rail Motor CPH 18

Limited seats (6 trips) – DON'T MISS OUT!

BOOK EARLY - *prior to the day* ring 48851394 or 48852823 and *on the day* from 9.30am at the Station

#### **TIMELESS** Vintage and Classic Cars

Pre-war to Classic Holdens, Fords and Leylands. People's Choice trophies for best British, American, Australian, European, and Japanese classic cars 30 years and over PLUS special prizes for the most original unrestored vehicle and Ladies Choice.

DON'T MISS OUT!

***Free general admission for all cars but a small fee of \$10 applies for entry to competitions.***

Please contact Murray on 0407 903 857 or Chris 02 4465 1616 (Email: [laurel.bank@bigpond.com](mailto:laurel.bank@bigpond.com))

#### **VIEW** Historic Working Machinery & Gallery Transport Display

The very popular vintage working machinery - very OLD and yet can be enjoyed TODAY in the "Robertson Common" Grounds.

"Changes in Transport" Display and Exhibition of framed "collector cards" with a transport theme shown in the Fettle's Shed Gallery.



On this day we will also see the inaugural opening of the "Fettle's Perway Shed". This particular shed will display the tools and equipment used by fettle's when they worked in the Robertson area. Of particular interest, the New South Wales Rail Transport Museum has lent us a Villiers Quadricycle, the type used at Robertson in days past.

This promises to be a very entertaining and special occasion and we would like as many people as possible to visit us on the day and participate in the rail motor rides and presentation of their cars and machinery.



Darryl Etherington, Passenger Train Manager for Heritage Train Company 3801 Ltd, drawing winning tickets for raffle held between February 29 and March 16th 2008 at the Fettle's Shed Experience, "One Potato Two Potato"

## Fettle's Shed Experience

Penny Levett, Manager of the Fettle's Shed Experience, reported a high visitor interest for the "One Potato Two Potato" exhibition, particularly during the Robertson Show and the following two weekends. She especially wanted to thank all the wonderful potato growers who lent their support during the show as well as the locals who supported with product and visitation.

Penny is very excited that the exhibition, in its entirety, has moved to Bowral & District Art Gallery 1 Short St, Bowral over Easter - will keep you posted as to response.

The Fettle's Shed Experience, Art gallery and Exhibition Space is open Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays and other days for Private Viewings.

The raffle draw took place on the first official, combined Cockatoo Run and Illawarra Flyer - 3801 diesel train - Darryl was more than happy to oblige with raffle draw. Fundraising for the Robertson Railway precinct helps to keep this fantastic heritage train tradition alive and every passenger on the 3801 train (voluntarily run) ensures the experience can be there for the next generation to enjoy!!!

First prize - fruit and vege box from Jim's Fruit Barn Robertson, won by Heather Tait at Supermarket 2nd prize - a family pass to new Illawarra Fly Tree Top walk, won by Ian Wallace 3rd prize - ride on Heritage Rail Motor (during Vintage and Classic Car Day at Robertson Heritage Railway Precinct on 13th April) won by Marion Harvey

### RAFFLES

A raffle will be running through duration of every exhibition at The Fettle's Shed Experience over the next few months, for your chance to win a Family pass to the Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk.

### "OUR PLACE - Transportation, its effects on Robertson's development" from 10th April

In keeping with this theme and the Vintage & Classic Car Rally on Sunday 13th April, framed collector card series of all transport forms will be on display and for sale!!! ( a great day so don't miss it!) Exhibition will continue for another 2 weeks until Fungii season is upon us and those fantastic fanatics take over with something a little bit different. This special exhibition in May will be "Alice in Wonderland" and Penny wishes artists who paint fantasy, fairytale, mushrooms, mystical and magical, stary or whimsical or anything that could fit in with this theme to ring her on 0408 610 714.

Any artist in the area is invited to ring Penny to arrange an exhibition

## Writing Competition

Congratulations to David Phillips, of Kangaloon Public School, winner of this editions competition for his report on Sorry Day

### "Sorry Day".

Yesterday, on the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 at Parliament House, Canberra, the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, said sorry. Sorry for the way the Aboriginal children were torn from their loved ones. Sorry for the despair, sadness, anger and pain they felt as they were shoved into an environment completely unknown to them. Sorry for the "stolen generation". Sorry that the Government of Australia made a law that did so much damage. Australia hopes that this will lead to a brighter future between Aboriginal and white Australians.

Report by David Phillips

To enter for June's competition the article must be written by a primary school child (poetry, prose, journalistic) and be a maximum of 300 words.

Send to: Writing Competition, POBox 5  
Robertson 2577 or  
e-mail [bjlee@dodo.com.au](mailto:bjlee@dodo.com.au) or  
talk to your Senior Teacher

Name:.....  
Year.....  
School.....

A \$20 book token will be awarded by the Robertson Chamber of Commerce. The winner will be chosen by the Editor of 'Robertson News'. The next issue will publish the winning piece in April.

### 'Mindfulness Meditation' for health and wellbeing.

Date: 22nd April - 27th May  
Time: 11am - 12.30pm or 7.30pm - 9pm  
Cost: \$70 per person

Some of the immediate benefits are:  
\* Decrease in heart rate, blood pressure, pulse, less stressed, sleep better, more relaxed, more energy.  
\* Learn to live in the moment, noticing everything around you, and within you. Become more efficient, more organized.

Bookings essential. Contact Trish on 4885 2859

## Matt Brown MP Your Local Member CAN I HELP?

Terralong House,  
125 Terralong St, Kiama  
Telephone: 4232 1082  
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Email: [kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au)





## 27<sup>th</sup> ROBERTSON WOOLCRAFT FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
10am to 3pm

Robertson School of Arts,  
Illawarra Hwy.

10am	Doors open for Fleece Sales and woolen products
12 noon	Fashion Parade
12.30	Hand Made creative Garment Competition
1pm	Knitting Competition
1.30 pm	Wet Felting Demonstration
2pm	Kids Creative Art Competition
2.15	Needle Felting Demonstration
2.30	Giant Raffle Draw

### ALSO THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Refreshments  
Coloured Sheep  
Woodwork  
Spinning

Proudly brought to you by the  
**South Coast & Southern Tablelands Branch**  
of the  
**Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association of NSW**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

### **SMALL CHEESE - BIG SHOW**

In the hectic life at Small Cow Farm the decision to send cheeses to the "Sydney Royal Show" was almost aborted. At the last hour 5 cheeses were hastily packed and sent by courier to join the many other entries judged in the 2008 Sydney Royal Cheese and Dairy Produce Show.

This year turned out to be the highest ever number of entries totalling 288, with Small Cow Farm winning four Silver Medals for their PetitVache Brie, Heart-shaped Camembert, Fetice and Marinated Fetta. Not a bad result for a small business!



## Robertson Community Technology Centre News

### **Public Trustee's TechnoSeniors**

Feed your grey matter with a range of computer classes, seminars and workshops with Public Trustee's TechnoSeniors during Seniors Week 2008.

### **Claymation Workshop with Penny Osterhaus –**

Learn how to make a short film using plasticine figurines (blobs). The DVD of your work will be available to purchase. Surprise the grandkids.

### **Searching the Internet with Anni Heino –**

Getting to know your browser, using bookmarks, and Internet privacy. There is a world of information at your fingertips.

### **Pictures on Your Computer with Stephen Fearnley –**

Learn how to scan your photos onto the computer, store them and send to friends and family.

### **Basic Computers with Jim Foran –**

Learn how to find your way around your pc. How to find documents and files, where to store them, how to find programs and hardware – what does all this mean. An introduction to computer use.

### **Email with Sheila McInnes –**

Learn how to send emails, attachments and manage your addresses. Sheila will look at some of the popular email accounts.

### **Free to all Seniors**

## LIVE LIFE

**Registrations  
essential**

Phone: (02) 4885 2665

NSW Seniors Week  
6-13 APRIL 2008  
[nswseniorsweek.com.au](http://nswseniorsweek.com.au)

Email:

[training@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:training@robertsonctc.org.au)

### **CTC Open Mike and Jam Session**

The new CTC Music Night. Book a performance spot or just come along and enjoy the night.

**From 7pm until 10.30pm - \$3.00 entry**

Thursday April 10 and 24

Thursday May 8 and 22

### **Attention all Chess Players**

We now have 2 chess sets available at the CTC. Come along and have a game. Would you like to start a chess club?

### **Volunteers Needed**

We have positions available at the CTC for volunteers. We need a cinema co-ordinator, school holiday activity co-ordinator, fundraising co-ordinator. We also have shifts in the centre available for keen volunteers. A great way to meet people and make a contribution to your community.

*Southern Highlands  
Funerals*



*Colin & Laurelle Boland*

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## Co-operative Recycling

Permaculture, carbon footprints, climate change, biodegradable, eco-consumerism, recycling, sustainability, waste minimisation – everywhere we go these days we are bombarded with ecological buzz words. Unfortunately, our local Council does little to really support individual efforts to recycle efficiently and the reality of living on a ¼ acre block is that self-sufficiency isn't really possible. So what can you do to make a difference to your little patch and Robertson as a whole?

When we first moved to Robbo we were filled with big plans for a permaculture garden, growing all our own vegetables and fruit, re-using grey water, going solar – you name it, we were going to try it. But the truth was that with only ¼ acre to play with, 2/3 of which was taken up with a house, we just didn't have enough space to do it all ourselves. So instead of thinking big, we started thinking a lot smaller - a portable chicken house.

Because we have so little space, we worked on the theory of maximum gain for minimum input and in terms of recycling capability, space required and returns, six chickens seemed to solve a lot of our problems: they would consume most of our kitchen waste, a large proportion of our garden waste and supply us with fertiliser and eggs. What we didn't bargain on was how much waste they could consume or how useful eggs are as a bartering commodity. The more we looked at our chickens, the more we thought about how many more we could accommodate and how many households could they support in terms of recycling household waste, without us having to sacrifice our entire backyard.



A few chats over the back fence and it soon became clear that other households in the street were facing similar problems – the will to be more self-sufficient was there, but the resources weren't necessarily available to most of us to go “all the way.” The result 6 months later is that our 12 chickens absorb all the kitchen waste from three households (a total of 11 people), as well as a significant proportion of garden waste (grass clippings, edible weeds such as milk thistle, and clippings). In addition, they consume waste vegetables from Jim's Fruit Market on a fairly regular basis too. Our busy little chickens produce enough eggs to supply all three households with a fairly steady supply of fresh, organically produced eggs that taste all the better for having come from happy chooks. In return for our “recycling” service, one neighbour gives us surplus vegetables from their garden and the other takes our excess green waste to the tip. The green waste that we can dispose of on site gets composted and made into potting mix that is dispersed back to the three households and the worms take care of whatever is left.



Even the chook yard itself has turned out to have gardening advantages. Initially we were worried about the aesthetics of the yard as part of our main back garden, but in reality it takes up less than 1/6 of the available space. We planted a variety of fruiting citrus trees inside the yard, so they are continuously fertilised and weeded (and very lush as a result) and a passionfruit vine is beginning to cover one end of the outside fence. And another unexpected benefit was that we got to know our neighbours much better and we're a much stronger community because of it. So don't get down-hearted if you have a small backyard – think about what you can do if you join forces with your neighbours. One day Council might get around to giving us a green waste service, but by the time they do, we may not need it anymore!

Old Potato Shed

# Gallery

Signatur Handknits  
Mollydale Yarns  
Belisa Cashmere  
Honoré Leathergoods

The gallery displays an ever changing selection of work by Australian craft makers, artists and designers including  
Leather : Metalwork : Handknits : Etchings : Cards : Jewellery :  
Paintings : Hand-dyed Yarns : & much, much more.

**OPEN** 10am - 5pm : Sat. Sun. Mon. Thur. Fri  
Shop 3-74 Hoddle Street, ROBERTSON NSW 2577  
Ph: 024885 2400

# ॐ Anne Stowar

B. Soc. Stud. (Syd), M. A. A. S. W., Dip. Teach. (IYTA)

## YOGA TEACHER

Classes in Robertson - Term 2 begins 28th April  
Thursday Evening 6pm—7.30pm  
Friday Morning 9am—10.30am  
**Details - Anne 4885 1341**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## REPS Public Meeting

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008,  
7:30pm

at the Robertson Community Centre  
"My Place"

Two 'mini -talks' by REPS members  
Chris and Lynn Stevenson, and  
David Mee

All are welcome to come along and hear about the exploits of these relatively new residents of Robertson detailing how they established their respective properties!

Chris and Lynn have lived in Robertson for two and a half years. Their talk will cover the trials and tribulations of building an energy efficient home, focusing on the design and installation of a self-sufficient solar and wind energy system. Chris will provide details of the set-up and electronic controls as well as comment on the efficiency of the system. Lynn will talk briefly on progress to date of native plantings on the property as well as plans for the future, including the anticipated regeneration of that part of Caalang Creek which transverses the property. Their talk will be accompanied by plenty of pictures. Questions (and well-meaning advice!) will be welcome.

David and Judith Mee have had their flower farm at Robertson for the past 9 years. Of the 25 acres, less than 5 are devoted to field-grown flowers of the protea family and their relatives. Initially, all the flowers were picked weekly for collection and sale by others. The business has now changed so that they now do the sales as well, not only their own flowers, but those of other growers as well. Sales are mainly directly to florists in the Illawarra. Other activities on the property include regeneration and expansion of remnant rainforest patches, some surrounding a part of the Nepean Headwaters which flow through the northeastern part which is filled with ferns and other water loving natives. This illustrated talk will discuss such topics as: what makes a good florist flower; other garden activities, especially growing flora native to the Robertson environment.

All Welcome - Gold Coin Donation -  
Light Supper

## Robertson School of Arts Inc

Sorry we missed the last couple of editions but our monthly Old Time Dances, on the third Friday of every month at 8pm are still drawing a good crowd. Why don't you come along and have a good night (and Supper) with us, all for \$8.00, with children under fourteen half price. Then there are the ever popular Markets on the 2nd Sunday of the month, with a variety of stalls both inside and out.

It is your district hall, not a council one, and is available for hire. So help keep it going. Ring Edna Casey on 4885 1216. Incidentally, we can always do with a little extra help as it is a small committee.

Joan Compagnoni—Secretary  
4885 1280

## Sweet Treats for Women



Friday 2nd May  
7.00pm



Dr Helen Rienits speaking on

"Puberty Blues to Menopausal  
Madness"

St John's Church Centre  
Robertson

Enquiries :Anette Lee 48851210

## Tennis

Social tennis at Tourist Rd Oval,  
Tuesday nights from 7pm. BYO  
BBQ

Men's Comp starting 29th April for  
10 weeks.

Ring Margaret for details  
48882260

## Anzac Services

Friday 25th April, 2008

10.15am Robertson Wreath Laying at the  
Memorials

11.00am Burrawang Wreath Laying at  
the Memorial and Service in the  
Hall.

This year it is our intention to screen the photos of those who served. Rev Barry Lee at St John's church would be pleased to scan any photos that residents have of local men or women who served in the armed forces.

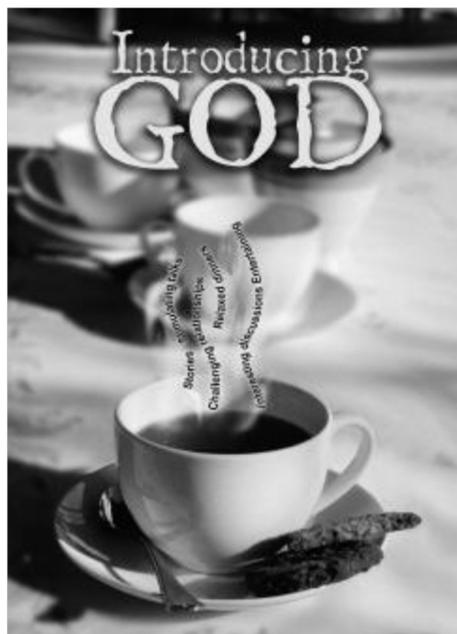
Quilt & Craft Show at Darling Harbour  
Sunday 15th June 2008

Bus leaves Robertson 6.45 am, returns  
approx 7 pm

Bus fare and Entry to Show \$35.00 per  
person inclusive

or a day in Sydney without the Show  
\$20.00 per person

Phone Jenny 4886 4422



## Introducing God

An opportunity to explore what the Bible says about God in an informal setting.

This course runs for 8 weeks and includes Dinner and discussion round the table.

At St John's Christian Education  
Centre

Introductory Session - Friday 9th  
May at 7.00pm

For more information or to book in  
Ring Rev Barry Lee on 4885 1210  
or email [bjlee@dodo.com.au](mailto:bjlee@dodo.com.au)

## IT'S ON AGAIN – SPRINGTIME OPEN GARDENS

Open Gardens will again be a highlight of 2008 Springtime in Robertson. Well, they will if generous local garden lovers again agree to open their gardens to the public.

As best we can judge, all involved in last year's open garden programme thought it a great success. With over 2,000 visitors, garden owners raised quite a lot of money for charity. They also enjoyed sharing their garden with appreciative visitors from all over the Highlands, from Sydney, and Interstate.

The event is certainly good for Robertson, generating favourable comment from visitors who often say they hadn't been to Robertson before, and had no idea how beautiful our district is.

We are ever-grateful to those who've taken part over the last three years. We certainly intend to sponsor the open gardens again in 2008, and hope those who participated last year will be willing to take part again.



We're also looking for new gardens for 2008. We think it would be wonderful to have new gardens to offer those coming back for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time. We know how much effort it takes to prepare a garden for show, but the feed-back from those who have done so is that there's a good deal of fun and pleasure to be had from the experience – plus the chance to raise money for a charity that's important to you.

Give the idea a thought, and by all means, contact us for more information.

Micki & Dion Boehme  
Robertson Recollections  
48 851 080



### Easter Markets Competition Winners.

St John's Church ran a Children's Video and Craft session in the Dale St hall during the Burrawang Easter Markets and included a Easter /Year of the Potato Hat Competition. Dual winners of the easter hat competition were Isabella Lawrence and Isabella Fisk, while the winner of the best Vegetable Character was Ziggy Taylor.



## Church Services

### 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

### **Roman Catholic** Burrawang

1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays – 8.00am  
2nd & 4th Sundays – 5.00pm

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

### 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**

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of **June**. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th May 2008**. 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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