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Kangaloon Sun Orchid listed under the Federal EPBC Act.

Denis Wilson, Chairman of the Save Water Alliance has advised.....

The Kangaloon Sun Orchid, a newly described species of Orchid, which is known to occur in Butler's Swamp, Kangaloon, (near Robertson) has been accepted by the Federal Minister for Environment, the Hon Peter Garrett MP, for listing under the Federal environment legislation for protection - the EPBC Act (Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999). It is classed as "Critically Endangered".

The records for this species (apart from at Butler's Swamp) are old records from Stockyard Swamp, and from the Wildes Meadow Swamp, (prior to that Swamp being flooded to form the Fitzroy Falls reservoir).

Wildes Meadow Swamp lost 80% of its swamp area, when it was flooded in the early 1970s, to form the Fitzroy Falls Reservoir, as part of the "Shoalhaven Transfers" system, to help supply water to Sydney and Wollongong.

Butler's Swamp and Stockyard Swamp are both potentially at risk from recent proposals by the Sydney Catchment Authority to pump water from the Kangaloon Aquifer. Although the Mr Rees declared last year that the Kangaloon Aquifer proposal was to be "put on hold", the SCA is still preparing to get the Minister for Planning to grant Development Approval to the proposal - so the threat is still live (even if not imminent).

I welcome Mr Garrett's decision to recognise the risk to this species, and to list it with the highest status of protection under the EPBC Act.

Like most Sun Orchids, this plant is shy to flower, and will only open its flowers on a bright, sunny day, and then only for a few hours. This plant (photo attached) is a lavender blue colour, with darker stripes. It was photographed flowering on the edge of Butler's Swamp in early November 2007. Only one single flower was reported as flowering in that season - and this is the specimen which I have photographed.

"Few plants are as rare as this one is. I am glad that it has been recognised as "critically endangered" under the National Environment Protection Legislation".

Ed. While many might consider this an obscure plant and of little practical interest except to those with a love for such things, Denis also commented"The listing of the rare Kangaloon Sun Orchid makes is just that much harder for the Sydney Catchment Authority to ignore the threat to the Upland Swamps in the Kangaloon Aquifer area. ", which may give many of us more reason to be interested in it.



Editorial

105 Years

Mrs Ada Lemmon, wife of the late Honourable Nelson Lemmon, passed away at 105 years of age in the early hours of 30th November 2008, in Brisbane.

The Lemmons lived at Hillview, Lemmons Rd, Robertson in the 1950's—60's.

Mr Lemmon was a member of Parliament in the Chifley Government. They are survived by their two children, Joan and John & the respective families.

Writing Competition

We received no entries for this month's competition but now that schools are back it is time to think about April's edition..

To enter for April's competition the article must be written by a primary school child (poetry, prose, journalistic) and be a maximum of 300 words. The competition is open to children in Robertson and surrounding areas.

Send to: Writing Competition,
PO Box 5 Robertson 2577 or
e-mail 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.

Potatoes and Bones



These two photos are of Robert and Katy Bone and their family. The first was taken in front of the Big Potato in April 2002 with their first child. Since then the family has grown with children Angelina, Brendon, Natasha, Chloe and Tammara and while the Big Potato hasn't grown any it is certainly in much better shape.



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Centre on Setting and Enforcing
Limits with a focus on parenting and
other close relationships

Dates: Sunday February 15, 2009
Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Price: \$100.00 (please phone David
if you cannot afford to pay the full
fee)

Bookings at Robertson CTC 4885
2665 or David Gotlieb 4862 1920

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training in Robertson – are you interested?

The CTC is organising an RSA course
through the Australian Hospitality
Academy. A minimum of 15 people is
needed in the course to be able to
bring it to Robertson. The cost would
be approximately \$100 per person
for the 6 hour course which would be
run on either a Saturday or Sunday in
February 2009.

We have had a few people register so
call soon so we can finalise a date.
Contact Monica at the CTC with your
details and preferred day(s) on 4885
2665 or
monicaengel@robertsonctc.org.au.

Robertson Village Choir starts a New Year of Singing

Wednesday 4th February 2009 at 7.30pm at the CTC@Robertson.
The choir meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month during school
terms.
\$3 donation to CTC per meeting.
The new choir leader is Ann Robinson. It is a friendly group with a varied
repertoire.
All welcome

Contact Jenny Kena ph: 4885 1568
jennykena@robertsonctc.org.au



SEWERAGE MORE DELAYS!

Despite previous advice it now seems our
sewerage scheme will not be ready for
approval at Council's meeting of 25th Feb.

We understand that although all issues had
been considered by the consultants ERM,
who prepared the environmental impact
study (EIS), Council decided to engage a
SECOND consultant – Connell Wagner – to
also approve the plan. Why this should be
necessary, we have no idea. But, needless
to say, further delays are the result. This
group now has the EIS, but have not
completed their report to Council and seem
unlikely to do so in February.

One particular area they are looking into
concerns the effluent transfer main, where
it joins the rail corridor at Sheepwash Rd.
Apparently this pipe will go through a "shale
woodland" which is an "endangered
ecological community" (not unlike the
residents of Robertson!). Despite the fact
that there are a number of similar
woodlands in the Highlands and that the
ERM report said any risk could be
addressed by "care in construction", the
whole of Robertson's sewerage scheme is
to be held up yet again.

Council will issue a media release as soon
as a new date for the scheme's approval
has been set.

Robertson Chamber of Commerce is deeply
concerned at the continuation of these
delays. It's hard now to believe that Council
undertook, in writing, in 1996, to have this
scheme operational by the year 2000!

The delay now extends to well over a
decade. The adverse impact on business
prosperity is immense. The continuing
hardship & expense suffered by residents is
great.

The postponed plans for growth in our
visitor accommodation sector are less well
known but in fact more far-reaching in their
long-term adverse impact on the prosperity
of the village.

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**ROBERTSON HERITAGE RAILWAY STATION Inc.
ROBERTSON CLASSIC/VINTAGE CAR DAY SUN.
12th APRIL 2009-commencing at 11.00am.**

Entry from 9.30am onwards.

Open to all clubs and to individual car owners. **Entry is free**

Held each year on the second Sunday (**Village Market Day**) of April. Attendance is free to all. It is a fun day. The event will feature **people's choice** trophies for best British, European, American,, Australian and Japanese classic cars 30 years and over, commercial/pickups, most original unrestored car and ladies choice. **There will be an entry fee for those wishing to enter the trophy competition.**

Robertson Heritage Rail Station Inc. (RHRSI). RHRSI is a volunteer not for profit group which has to raise funds to maintain and conserve the railway precinct. This event is one of our major fund raising fun days of the year. **Location:**Robertson Railway Common. Turn off Illawarra Highway at Yarranga Street (Motel on corner) or Meryla Street (Pub on corner) and follow signs.

Venue: Robertson Railway Station is a national Trust listed heritage structure. We regularly host visits by the famous 3801 train and steam trains from the Thirlmere Rail Transport Museum. The ride down from Sydney and up the escarpment is reckoned to be one of the prettiest in the country. The station complex consists of well preserved railway buildings, the "Fettlers Shed" Art Gallery and the Railway Village Common picnic area and park. It is an attractive location with gardens, trees, picnic shelters and a renowned Flugelman sculpture celebrating the building of the railway.

Vintage Machinery Display. There will be an interesting display of restored and functioning farm machinery and tractors.

Gallery/ Station Museum & Kiosk: RHRSI will be running a kiosk selling famous hot pies, meals, cold drinks, coffee etc. The Art Gallery will be open. Entry is free but a gold coin donation would be welcome. The station also has an interesting history display showing the history of the railway and the engineering feat of building this busy rail freight line.

Contacts. Steve Carey President, (ph 4885 2393

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SHOWGIRLS WANTED

In 2008 the Show Society held its Showgirl Competition for only the second time since 1979. The Show's Centenary Year was the impetus for the first Competition and attracted nine entrants, the winner being Miss Rosalind Bresnehan, a local Avoca girl, who subsequently went on to compete at The Sydney Royal and gained 2nd place in the State.

The main sponsor of the 2008 competition was the Perfume and Skin Care Company of Robertson, with bouquets supplied by Brides and Blooms, Marulan, and sashes supplied by the Show Society.

There were four entrants, Gemma Small, Albion Park, sisters Amy-Kate and Cathleen Tilley and Bronwyn Turner, all from Robertson.

The Committee was delighted to invite Rosalind (complete with Robertson 1979 Showgirl and her Royal Easter Showgirl ribbons) to sash the winner, Amy-Kate, and runner up Cathleen. In her address to the crowd, Rosalind claimed to be the longest reigning Showgirl.

Amy-Kate will represent Robertson in the Zone Finals at Albion Park in February 2009, and the Society wishes her the best of luck in her quest.

The Show Society is very keen to host the Showgirl Competition again this year and look forward to hearing from girls who may be interested in entering this very rewarding event.

Entrants must be aged between 18 - 24 years of age, and may be married or single.

This is not a beauty or talent competition. We are looking for girls to represent the Robertson Show and to promote country shows in general. Girls do not have to be "born on the farm", as long as they live outside the Sydney Metropolitan area, and they do not have to be employed in a rural position. Anything from nurses, teachers, students hairdressers, in fact any walk of life is fine.

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REPS Public Meeting

Friday 13th February 7.30pm
Robertson Community Centre, Caalong Street.

Observations of birds in slides and video

Speaker: Geoffrey Dabb, member of the Canberra Ornithologists Group

Geoffrey Dabb belongs to the class of bird watchers who began at about the age of 10 (in his case in about 1948 around his home town of Geelong, Victoria).

Geoffrey likes the format of Video for "explaining" about birds to groups like REPS, because, as he says: "I find video a useful medium for capturing bird behaviour, not achieved by the enormous number of still images that are now available."

Needle Know How

Come and join liked-minded women and men in an afternoon of comradeship – sewing, knitting, embroidery, tapestry and crochet.

Help/advice is given to beginners.

Fridays 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Cost is \$2 per session to cover insurance.

Only pay when you attend.

First session is free.

Tea/coffee is provided.

Work in a cool environment in summer and be warm and comfortable in winter.

Where? Robertson Community Centre, Calong Street Robertson.

Contact: Shirley Crockett 48851408



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ART GALLERY & EXHIBITION SPACE

Inaugural Fettleers "Heritage 2009" \$400 ART Prize

INVITING ENTRIES TO A NEW ART PRIZE COMPETITION

Subject: Landscape or Streetscape, present or past, of Robertson and surrounds – can be any subject, including railway themed or people orientated, with view to recording vistas/ recreating the past.

Condition: Paintings & works on paper (excluding pure photography) eg Acrylic, oil, watercolour, gouache, pastel, mixed medium, 2D or 3D (within 1m x 1m x 1m dimensions)

Eligibility: resident of Southern Highlands & Illawarra, pay entry fee of \$15 (includes year membership to RHRSl), deliver artwork between 10-1 WED 25 FEB (3 Holly St Bowral), 10-1 THURS 26 FEB (Fettleers Shed Gallery Yarranga St Robertson)

Exhibition: Judging & hanging Thurs 26 pm/Fri am

Official opening and prize announcement FRI 27 FEB 6pm Open Sat/Sun continues weekends throughout March (Thurs when train scheduled). Also open Fri 6 Mch Sat 7 Mch of Robo Show

PLEASE CALL 0408 610 714 FOR MORE DETAILS

Homeschooling

Are you homeschooling?

Keen to meet other families around Robbo?

Please join us at the CTC on Hoddle street on 13th February at 10.30am for a cuppa and a chat about what we can all do together.

For more information please call Pip on 4885 2415.

The Big Mulch Move

Saturday February 28

Come along and help spread some piles of mulch in Hampden Park, to beautify and maintain this local public area in Robertson. Bring a wheel barrow, shovel or rake etc. or just bring yourself. You may need gloves. Starts at 9am, near the walking bridge, north east end of the park. All Welcome.

Any queries, Steve Douglas 42714957 or Leon Hall 48882222.

ROBERTSON VILLAGE MEETING

Chaired by Rev. Barry Lee

6.00PM THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

AT THE ROBERTSON CTC

Everyone invited to attend especially village groups, organisations, clubs etc.

HOW DO WE PLAN TO SURVIVE IN TROUBLED TIMES?

(Robertsonians are very good at facing a challenge - please come-The Green Heart is still ticking!)

ॐ Anne Stowar

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

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Robertson Burrawang Soccer Club

Robertson Burrawang Soccer club had a very successful year last year getting minor premiership and premiership winning teams with both our under 16's boys and girls teams. We also had our 1st and 3rd grade men into the grand finals and our women made the semi finals.

In 2009 we are hoping to better these results again and we're on the lookout for new players from under 6's up! Registration days this year are: Thursday 12th Feb, Friday 13th Feb, Thursday 19th Feb and Friday 20th Feb these will be held at Hampden Park between 4-6pm.

We are currently also on the hunt for sponsorship as we need to upgrade our lighting for training and we want to keep our fees the lowest in the highlands! So if you would like to sponsor our club or even make a donation it would be greatly appreciated please call Robert Handley on 48851362 or 0419243520 for details on our sponsorship packages.

We look forward to your support in a very successful 2009

Yours in Sport
The Robertson Burrawang Soccer Club



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MAKING CONNECTIONS FOR LIFE

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During 2009 the Anglican Diocese of Sydney, including St John's Robertson, is making a concerted effort to connect with the people of our communities. On Sunday the 8th February churches throughout the diocese will join together via the Internet and Digital television for the **Big**

Day In, a combined service running from 10.00-11.00am, to launch the project. The preacher will be the Archbishop of Sydney, Peter Jensen and much of the service will come from Kellyville, north west of Sydney. During 2009 members of the churches will be seeking to connect with neighbours and fellow residents to build friendships and to give away copies of Luke's Gospel, called "The Essential Jesus". Well know singer and TV personality Colin Buchanan has produced a DVD for children, introducing them to Jesus, who he is and what he has done for them. The churches hope, with their parents permission, to be able to give a copy of the DVD to every child in our schools. There are also copies of the Gospel available in other languages, in audio CD format and copies of Mark's Gospel in magazine format.

Here at Robertson, there are various ways we may do this. Someone from St John's may knock on your door to offer you a copy of "The Essential Jesus", it may be someone in your club or organisation, they may be a friend or a member of your family. We simply want everyone to have the opportunity of reading the account of Jesus, written by a historian living soon after the events, so that you can make up your own mind about Jesus and who he is. If for some reason we miss you, give the Rev Barry Lee a call on 4885 1210 and we will make arrangements for you to receive a copy of one of these publications.

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

Roman Catholic

Burrawang

1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays — 8.00am

2nd & 4th Sundays — 5.00pm



Sunday Youth Night Church

Sync is a youth service held on the first Sunday of each month at Robertson Anglican Church.

It's for everyone around high school age, starting at 6:30pm. We finish around 7:30 and then have some food till about 8pm.

Come and check it out - we are in the new building on Meryla Street Robertson, behind the old church building.
More info?

Call Jon Bracht on 4886-4326

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.

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Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of **April**. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th March 2009**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577**, or Email: bjlee@dodo.com.au. (Submissions are best supplied by email or on disk. Hard copy should preferably be typed) Enquiries - 4885 1210

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