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“RAILWAY STATION FAIR”

October long weekend
Saturday and Sunday, 3rd and 4th October 2009 – 10am-4pm

Magnificent massed Waratah display in the station open gardens.
(Gardens are open Saturday 3 to Wednesday 7 October 10am-3pm – guided tours available.)

Robertson Annual Waratah Flower show. Flower arranging competition Saturday.
(Enquiries: contact David at dh.tranter@bigpond.com or 4885 1394)
(Pre-fair floral arrangement demonstration and workshop Wednesday 30th September – enquiries Penny 0408 610 714)
Waratah flowers and native plants for sale.

Rail History Exhibition in the Fettle's Shed Gallery.
Fully operational model railways – both steam and electric.

Working historic farm machinery display.

Food - from snacks and drinks to full luncheon, coffee.

Robertson History museum in the station building, historic railway artefacts on display in the Perway/Fettle's Shed.
Station outdoor sculpture park (Reconciliation sculpture, Flugelman sculpture, plus historic railway artefacts)

Sunday only:

Visit by Vintage Locomotive (train information

www.3801Limited.com.au).

Tickets available from Robertson station for “Loop Train” to Moss Vale & return.

Market Stalls – particularly showcasing local produce, but including also Railway souvenirs and 2nd hand books, collectibles etc. (Contact Page at pagecoulson@bigpond.com or 4877 1164 for market stall information.)

Car Boot sale on the Village Common (pre-registration essential - contact Anne at annejw@bigpond.net.au or 4885 1598).

Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc which organises the Fair each year is a non-profit association run by volunteers and all funds raised will be used in the maintenance and management of the railway station site.

Enquiries: Anne Wilson 4885 1598
email annejw@bigpond.net.au



ROBERTSON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

A Brief and incomplete History

The committee was formed in March 1982 after a public meeting held at the school of Arts attended by 100 people. The aims of the Association were: The siting and construction of suitable swimming pool facilities in the Robertson District; To conduct fund raising activities to provide a proportion of the costs of such swimming pool facilities.

In the first few years a frenzy of fundraising activities included bikeathon, swimathon, market and cake stalls, bonfire, tombola, disco, catering for and cleaning up after public events, raffles, bingo, spring fair, choc wheel, Christmas Dance, tee shirts, hot potato stand and selling 1000 steak sandwiches at the 1984 Bong Bong Races. This dedication to fundraising meant that in a relatively short period of time the committee had raised a workable sum for the construction of a pool.

Problems arose in finding a suitable site for the pool. Areas looked at included the railway land now known as the Robertson Common, the CTC site, the skateboard site, the land behind the school, unmade roads in town, and other sites not specified in the records. Developing the swimming holes at Carrington Falls was also discussed. An ongoing theme throughout the minutes is the difficulty that the committee had dealing with the council. Then, as now, swimming pools were not valued highly by councillors. Council staff seemed to habitually disregard correspondence.

According to the minutes, plans were submitted to council in Nov 88 and possibly resubmitted in 1990. Without council support the committee was unable to apply for grants and funding from various bodies. The committee went into recess in March 1992 realising they were unable to rely on Council support at that time.

The committee reformed in April 95 and once again explored the possible sites for a pool. This new committee reviewed the plans and costings but did not seem able to move the project forward. The strong feeling at the 2005 AGM was that the money should be kept until such time as it was possible to build a pool in Robertson.

The 2008 committee has been working towards the construction of a 4 to 6 lane, 25 metre above ground, indoor heated swimming pool. A number of similar pools operate successfully in the Illawarra. Potential sites have been discussed and shortlisted, the frontrunners at this stage being the CTC site and the Bowling Club, but other sites could well be available and suitable.

It is proposed that the pool will be available for lap swimming, swimming lessons, aquarobics, injury rehabilitation and as a community facility for fun and recreation, open all year.

Report of AGM 27th September 2009

Hello to all Robertson Pool Supporters,

Thank you to all who attended our AGM. We ended up with about 60 supportive and enthusiastic people, and were able to form an energetic new committee which is determined to move this project forward.

The preferred site for the pool is on land owned by the Robertson Bowling Club and the next stage will be to submit a preliminary development application to the Council.

Councillors Larry Whipper and Jim Mauger, who live in Robertson, attended the meeting and were both very keen to see this project become a reality.

The work ahead of us now will be to continue raising funds and developing our design to ensure that we are able to build the best possible pool for the people of Robertson and the surrounding district.

We will need the technical expertise of locals in many areas. Design, energy efficiency, management and actual construction, will all benefit from community input. Please let the committee know if you feel you would like to help.

After 27 years the dream of a (heated, indoor, open all year), pool in Robertson is becoming a reality.

Jill Keft



Award winning local cheeses now available at
Robertson Supermarket
Bowral Cheese Store, Corbett Plaza
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Robertson Springtime OPEN GARDENS 2009

THE CASTLE 121 Illawarra Hwy



Eye-catching Robertson landmark, fantasy Irish Castle with 2 acres of lush gardens. Conifers, deciduous trees, exotic flowers and shrubs. Formal front garden & central fountain, Informal rear garden with pond, natives and rural outlook.

Every Day 3 - 18 Oct

SENTINEL FARM 116 Illawarra Hwy



Established and spacious country house garden on acreage adjacent to village. Contoured shrubs, flowering trees, water features, rural views, varied and interesting colour & form.

Sat/ Mon 3-5, Sat/Sun 9&10, Sat/Sun 17&18 Oct

FOUNTAINDALE MANOR Illawarra Hwy



Nearly 14 acres of established and landscaped grounds, with its own weir and creek. Sweeping lawns lead to traditional gardens. There are fountains and statues, and deer and peacock roam the grounds.

Every Day 3- 18 Oct
Weekend admission by donation to charity

THE WILLOWS Lemmon's Rd



Orchids, begonias, pieris and kalmia feature in this 5 acre cold climate garden. Cherries, crab apples, rare trees and shrubs, mini arboretum. A large bonsai collection, with horticulturalist on hand to answer gardening questions.

Sat/Sun/Mon 3 to 5 Oct, Wed 14 Oct

HERITAGE RAIL GARDEN

Station Precinct Yarranga St.



See masses of Waratahs at their flowering peak in the railway station's landscaped gardens. Horticulturalist David Tranter will conduct tours of the gardens, outdoor sculptures, and the railway buildings with their historical displays.

Guided tours by donation

Sat 3 to Wed 7 Oct, 10am - 3pm

IDYLLWILDE

5 Rotherwood Rd
Wildes Meadow



Wonderful views and a wide range of cool climate trees and shrubs are features of this delightful 2 acre garden, part of a 22 acre farm. Variegated tulip trees & a herb & vegetable pottager garden are also highlights.
Not suitable for coaches.

Fri/Sat 9 & 10, and 16 & 17 Oct

LLORAN Yeola Rd



Established trees, native birds - finches, wrens and robins. Spectacular escarpment views are features of this large rural garden. Interesting sections include a walled garden of cottage plants & roses. 5km from Robertson off Belmore Falls Rd. **Not suitable for coaches**

Tues 13 to Thur 15 Oct

ACMENA HILL Lot 4 Mackey's Lane



A celebration of the delights of garden-making in retirement. Fruit trees and vegetables blend with cool climate ornamentals and natural rainforest. A wonderful garden of pleasures, shared by humans, bird life, wombats, and other native animals.

Sat 3 to Wed 7 Oct

THE MOORINGS Fountaindale Rd



Mature 4 acre garden amid rolling hills on a 100 acre working farm. Contrasts of foliage, colour & form, topiary, water features, maples, azaleas & conifers. Turn from Hwy into Fountaindale Rd 2.2 kms down, on the right.

Fri/Sat/Sun, 9 to 11 Oct.

BARREN GROUNDS Jamberoo Rd



Superb natural spring wildflower garden. A Mass of flowering heath including Banksias, hakea. Easy table-land walks lead through banks of wildflowers to wide coastal views.

FREE - OPEN EVERY DAY

Robertson's Open Gardens are proudly sponsored by:-

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Recollections**

**All gardens open from 10 - 4
admission is by donation to a
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**Enquiries:
Micki Boehme 02 48851080**

MODERN TEACHING FUN FOR HIGHLAND SCHOOL

Most parents will quickly concede defeat when challenged by their children on the latest computer game, but one Southern Highland's school has taken the opportunity to tap into children's inquisitive nature and love of technology.

Robertson Public School recently introduced the *Mathletics* educational program and Relieving Principal David McAndrew said the program had become very popular with the students within a short period.

"We introduced the *Mathletics* Program across the school at the beginning of the year and now regularly see almost half the student body earning reward certificates each week," he said.

The mathematics-based program caters for students from 5 to 18 years of age and features tutorials, animated support and real-time speed and skills tests that target weaknesses.

The school allocated every pupil an individual password which they can access both in-class and at home.

Successfully completed tasks earn points and students who gain the minimum weekly target receive a reward certificate.

"Children readily embrace new technology and are eager for new challenges and this program is a fantastic addition to our already extensive range of teaching aids," Mr McAndrew said.

Mr McAndrew said the program encouraged the students to test themselves and learn at their own pace.

"One of the unique features is that the children can challenge students from across the world in real time and have fun at the same time," he said.

The launch of the program comes on the back of other recently introduced teaching resources including the introduction of the school's first Interactive whiteboard.

The whiteboards are attached to the Internet via a computer and allow the teachers to project images, text and even sounds direct from the World Wide Web to a classroom full of students.

"We introduced the whiteboard in our Kindergarten class last year and based on positive feedback are looking at several more units by year's end," Mr McAndrew said.

For further information
or photo opportunities
contact: David
McAndrew on 4885
1284 or
Andrew@det.nsw.edu.au

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About the Village

We would just like to make a special mention of local RFS member Cathleen Tilley who spent her 21st birthday helping to fight the fires in the Shoalhaven region on the 1st of September. After midnight on the 1st other members of the RFS surprised Cathleen with a birthday cake complete with a 21 candle to help her celebrate.



On the 14th of August, Hope Waters and Cathleen Tilley made the trip down to the Star City Casino in Sydney to attend the 12th Annual Top Shop Awards night. Hope and Cathleen are happy to announce that Robertson Newsagency came back with the first prize for their region spanning the South Coast, Illawarra and Southern Highlands areas. Hope would like to extend special thanks to the Newsagency's loyal customers who helped to make the win possible.



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Fire Sale ! Fire Sale !

A MASSIVE CLEARING SALE

in support of the
Robertson Rural Fire Brigade

Why? To raise funds for the purchase of equipment and to improve facilities at the Fire Station. Visit www.robertson.rfsa.org.au for details of the services provided by your local Brigade.

When? Saturday 17 Oct 2009 from 11 am.

Where? At the new Station in Wallangunda St

What? The **Sale Catalogue** will comprise up to 500 lots including: Farm machinery, mowers, pumps, tools, garden implements, fencing materials, antiques, silver/silver plate, artwork, pottery, glassware, furniture (indoor/outdoor) objets d'art, computers, embroidery, quilts, fancy attire, china, books, cds, toys, cycles, garden ornaments, household white goods. Check your garage, shed, spare room, and attic for items you can afford to do without.

How? The sale is by **Auction** with sellers having the option of donating between 20% and 100% of the hammer price to the Brigade. Reserve price guidance, storage of lots prior to sale, and assistance with transport of lots is available. Sale Day will be **A BIG DAY OUT** with refreshments and diversions for the kids!

The Victorian experience of early this year is a reminder of how vulnerable rural communities can be to the impact of bushfires. Your assistance in helping the RFS volunteers raise funds will be very welcome.

Brendhan Waters, Robertson's Brigade Captain.



For further information and to enter lots contact Philip Bailey or Tim Coupland on 4885 1653, Mick Lynch 4885 2167, Peter Marshall 4885 1632

Rural Fire Brigade volunteer, Philip Bailey, with some of the lots to be auctioned in the clearance sale to be held at the new Robertson fire station in Wallangunda Street on Saturday 17 October from 11 am. Over 200 lots had been entered at the time this issue went to press in mid September and it is anticipated that the catalogue will comprise over 450 lots by sale day. There may still be time for sellers to enter lots; phone Philip on 4885 1653 for details. And don't forget to make a note of the sale in your diary. Viewing will start from 10am. Refreshments courtesy of the RFB mobile canteen will be available throughout the sale. Visit www.robertson.rfsa.org.au for sale updates.

Home-made jams and cakes will be on sale along with potted plants. Donations of produce for the stall will be much appreciated ; just bring them along on the day or contact Philip to arrange collection.

Matt Brown MP

Your Local Member

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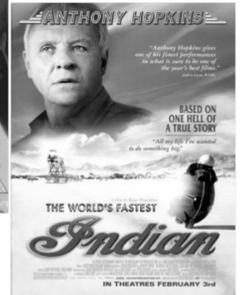
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CTC @ Robertson

Films at the Robertson CTC

Saturday 17th October at 7pm
Tony Williams presents **REBECCA**, starring Laurence Olivier & Joan Fontaine. Olivier is generally regarded to be the greatest actor of the 20th century, with six oscars and 14 oscar nominations. Rebecca was also Alfred Hitchcock's Hollywood debut.



Saturday 21st November at 7pm
Tony Williams presents **THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN** starring Anthony Hopkins. The film will be introduced by the award winning Director of Photography, **Dave Gribble**.

Adults \$10, children \$5 (CTC fundraiser)
Cafe opens 6.30pm
Bookings recommended 4885 2665
Robertson Community Technology Centre
58-60 Hoddle St, Robertson

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The Robertson Track is heading into town

Work is well underway with construction of the shared pathway in Robertson, along the Illawarra Highway from Fountaindale Road heading west. Works Engineer Royce White tells us Anthony Martin's crew has prepared the footing and a contractor has been engaged to construct the block-work wall. "Anthony's crew will then continue with backfilling and construction of the 325 metre long concrete pathway," says Royce.

The work being done at the moment is Stage 1 of the 2.5m wide pathway is estimated to cost \$482,000. The work is being part funding with \$241,000 provided by the RTA and \$135,000 under the Federal Government's Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Manager of Design and Projects Manager Dominic Lucas stresses that only stage 1 is funded and is currently under construction. "A master plan is necessary if future stages are to attract RTA, PAMP and pathway construction funding," says Dominic, advising the RTA has indicated it proposes to extend the asphalt overlay through the centre of Robertson Village to the railway line on western end. "Consequently the RTA is seeking Council's future intent for the construction of a traffic management scheme involving the construction of kerb blisters and either a shared path through the village centre as supported by the PAMP or an on-road cycleway with an off-road pedestrian path."

Following an information session last week, the feeling of councillors was to apply for RTA grant funding to construct a shared path up to the Old Cheese Factory, then from there we will provide an on-road cycle lane through the village, line-marked adjacent to the vehicle travel lanes in both directions. This proposal will be referred to the next Bicycle Working Group meeting before any decisions are finalised. In the meantime we will apply for PAMP grant funding to construct the kerb blisters, entry treatments and pedestrian crossing opportunities.

Article courtesy of "The Whisper"



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

5.00pm - 2nd Sunday - Communion

Roman Catholic Burrawang

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

Introducing God



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

This course runs for 7 weeks and includes Dinner and discussion round the table.

At St John's Christian Education Centre
Introductory Session (Free)
Wednesday 28th October
7.00pm

For more information or to book
Ring Rev Barry Lee on 4885 1210
or email bjlee@dodo.com.au



Make a Gingerbread House

Make the night a Mother and Daughter Evening and bring your daughter (10 years and over) or your Mum (100 years and over) to help you decorate a house for Christmas...

St John's Church Centre
Meryla Street, Robertson
7pm, 4th December 2009

Kit Cost \$30
Extra \$2 for your helper.

Kit Cost includes speaker, supper and all materials to make your own gingerbread house.

Arrange to Book and Pay ASAP
48851210



Sunday Youth Night Church

This month's youth service will be on the second Sunday of the month, ie October 11th.

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.

Advertising

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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 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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