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BIG WEEKEND IN ROBERTSON

Not only did they hold a very successful Robertson Show, but the really big news from Robbo is that "Mr. Potato Head" visited Robertson and "personalised" our famous Big Potato.

Wikipedia tells us "Mr. Potato Head was born on May 1, 1952. The original toy cost \$0.98, and contained hands, feet, ears, two mouths, two pairs of eyes, four noses, three hats, eyeglasses, a pipe, and 8 felt pieces resembling facial hair. The Original Mr. Potato Head kit did not come with a "Potato Body," so parents had to supply their own potatoes for face-changing fun."



The spuds face was taken down during the night; he was damaged but not beyond repair. His fame then took off, captured by the media from local newspapers and radio interviews, to national TV, YouTube and even as a quiz question in the 'Sunday Tele'. The only unfortunate thing was that the media called the artists who made the face 'vandals'; Most locals think it was vandals who took the face down.

Many thanks to the artists who made us laugh:
Richard Simpson, Lida Sun, Dave Tilley, Jemma Dickson and Amy-Kate Tilley



The Robertson Bowling Club

3.5 Acres in the centre of Robertson with a large north facing clubhouse. A place to play outdoor bowls, carpet bowls, cards, or bingo. There is an auditorium with stage, the snooker/pool table. This clubhouse is only 27 years old and enjoyed by many members and visitors. This clubhouse has come a long way from the one room building situated on leased land in Caalong Street, around 60 years ago.

There is also the Ladies Bowling Club and throughout the year they hold many functions, fundraisers and enjoy the game of bowls. Just last week they raised approx. \$350 in their Easter Raffle.

There is the unique Potato Triples Bowling competition held each and every year where everyone who participates receives a small bag of Robertson Potatoes. Teams are always full and I understand that usually there is a waiting list.

The stories of the years gone by when the farmers encouraged the potato marketing board inspector stationed at Robertson. He was a keen bowler, so the locals would engross him in a game of bowls and there would be a mass exodus of loads of Robertson Potatoes. So as you see the Bowling Club has had many advantages to all of the

locals now and in years gone by. Just ask the old time spud farmers next time you're at the Club.

As recent as last month a development application was put into council for the proposed Robertson Swimming Pool. It is hoped that this will eventuate in the future, as the swimming pool committee have been fundraising since the early 1980s.

Many sporting clubs have benefited over a long period of time from the sponsorship and generosity of The Robertson Bowling Club, the use of the facilities for presentation nights or functions.

I understand that there are approx. 500 social, full, and junior members. This is a pretty good achievement in a town with a population of around 1,500 people.

if you would like to join, the club would love to have your involvement now, the club has seen ups and downs before and survived and this time we all need to work together in Robertson to again climb the hills and mounds, and make it all continue.

The Robertson Bowling club over many years has provided enjoyment for gatherings, parties, weddings,

engagements, fundraisers, meetings, functions, dinner parties, trivia nights, just a place to chat, a social venue and most of all we need this to be what it has always been, a viable hub and centre of the village for each and everyone to enjoy.

The club advertises on its own website and facebook sites and wants everyone in the community to feel welcome, at all times.

A successful children's disco was held, a prawn and Beer night, and a Wine and Cheese Night. These are just some of the functions that have recently been successfully held and all are welcome

The communities commitment to and involvement in this facility is essential for the long term viability of the club now and in the future. I am sure if you have something to offer, whether it's an idea, a donation, a membership, it will all be welcomed

A further special meeting is to be held on the 2nd May at 10:00am in the club

Judy Fisk

No August Edition of Robertson News

As a result of the editor being overseas there will be no August edition of the Robertson News. Advertisers and community groups should please take note of this and ensure that we receive notice of events for August and September in time for the June edition, the deadline for which is the 15th May. The deadline for the October edition is the 15th September.

More Awards for Small Cow

Small Cow Farm at Robertson did marvellously well in the Royal Easter Show Dairy Awards this year winning a gold medal for brie and a silver for camembert.

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ART EXHIBITION**

**Sunday, 11 April 2010
commencing at 11.00am**



► **Vintage & Classic Cars** –

We will be hosting a Vintage and Classic Car Day including pre-war to classical and collectable cars of all makes and models. There will be 'People's Choice' trophies for best British, American, Australian, European and Japanese classic cars 30 years and over, commercial/pickups plus special prizes for the most original unrestored vehicle and 'Ladies' Choice'.

**Venue: Robertson Heritage Railway Station, Railway Common
Yarranga Street, Robertson**

(The Station and Grounds will be open from 9.30am for entrants)

Open to all clubs and to individual car owners, it is free general admission for all cars but a small fee applies for entry into the competition. For further information please contact Steve Carey, President, on 02 4885 2393 or e-mail: steve@accn.com.au

► **Historic Working Machinery** -

There will be a very popular and interesting display of restored and functioning vintage working machinery in the "Robertson Common" grounds.

► The "**Fettlers Shed**" Art Gallery will also be open. There will be an exhibition of artwork for the **2010 Annual Fettlers Heritage Art Prize**. Entry is free but a gold coin donation would be welcome.

► There will also be a kiosk selling food and drink, etc., and railway museum and souvenirs.

► Also, visit the **Robertson Village Markets** just a short walk 300 metres away.

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**HERITAGE STEAM TRAINS VISITS TO
ROBERTSON**

**Sunday, 18 April 2010 &
Monday, 26 April 2010**

Steam loco 3237 will be assisted by heritage diesel loco 4204

On **Sunday, 18 April and Monday, 26 April 2010**, heritage train operator 3801 Limited will be running a special steam-hauled 'Cockatoo Run' train from Sydney to Robertson and Moss Vale (and return to Sydney), hauled by steam locomotive 3237 assisted by heritage diesel locomotive 4204. These will be special occasions as 3237 is 117 years old this year and is one of the oldest operating steam locomotives in Australia.

Here is a wonderful opportunity to ride behind the oldest of these grand old locomotives still in service, in comfortable steam-era carriages, and to savour the sight, sound and smell of steam in a rural setting between Robertson and Moss Vale – the loop return trip which is part of the overall "Cockatoo Run" journey from Sydney to the highlands. Sightseers are welcome to view the arrival and departure of these historic trains from the heritage-listed station and spacious adjoining grounds.

**Would you like to travel on this train between
Robertson and Moss Vale and return?**

On these days, intending passengers can purchase tickets at Robertson station for the return trip Robertson-Moss Vale, with the proceeds going to Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc.

Prices are Adults: \$10.00;
school children and concession fares: \$5.00;
Family: \$25.00.

Intending passengers should be at Robertson station before 12.30pm for an expected departure for Moss Vale at around 12.40pm, depending on train movements on the day. Expected arrival back at Robertson is usually around 3.30pm, but can vary slightly.

For further information contact us on 4885 2823.

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New Owner and New Menu
at Three Creeks

I have recently taken over Three Creeks Café. I made my tree change from Bondi to Kangaroo Valley 2 years ago expecting to retire to the garden from a 30 year teaching career but only a year on I was already searching for the theme of the next chapter. After a life of exploring cafes from the customer perspective I decided to try standing on the other side of the counter. I was fortunate enough to secure the services of Cheryl Patterson as the Chef. She is well known by foodies in the district from her previous cafés, Source and Café Kangaroo both in Kangaroo Valley where she also lives. We have recently been joined by apprentice chef, Josh from Berry and Margie Chabaud, originally from Melbourne whose French father gave her a life long interest in food and wine. She lives near Robbo and has already been cooking in the district for a few years.

Now that it's getting colder I thought your readers may wish to come and tantalize their palates next to our new log fire. Some specials to wet your appetite; tomato, red lentil and chorizo soup, mezze plate of home made dips, authentic beef bourguignon served with Robbo potato gratin, fluffy three cheese soufflé, crème brulee or chocolate mousse tart accompanied by a velvety coffee made from Toby's Estate selected beans. Or simply come for tea and scones served with local raspberry jam and double cream. Hope to see you there.

Regards
Penny

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FOR ROBERTSON SWIMMING POOL
Membership trebled at Robertson Show

Judging by visitors to the Robertson Show this past weekend there is absolutely no doubt of public support for a Swimming Pool at Robertson.

The Robertson & District Swimming Pool Association Inc. (RADSPA) launched a Membership and Fund Raising Campaign with a stand at the Robertson Show on Friday and Saturday.... "we have trebled our membership over the two days" advised Don Ferguson, Vice President of RADSPA, "and appreciate the support given to us by the Show Society to launch our fund raising drive".

A Staged Development Application was lodged with Wingecarribee Shire Council in January for this Community Project of a 25 metre 4-lane covered pool, heated and operational year round - a first for the Southern Highlands. This will cater to all ages, from youngsters learning to swim to seniors needing exercise and therapeutic support. A major Raffle is underway with a \$5000 Coral Seas Travel Voucher and accommodation packages at the Harbour View Hotel in North Sydney. There is a sellers bonus prize for the person selling the most tickets. Limited edition T-shirts and caps - shown below worn by Volunteer Chris Stevenson - are also available for sale.

RADSPA is looking for volunteers and supporters. For Membership enquiries, donations or support in selling Raffle tickets contact the Secretary, Sharon Turner on 4885 1425 or at PO Box 3059, Robertson, 2577 www.robertsonpool.org.au



Matt Brown MP for Kiama and Councillor Jim Maugher,
visited the stand to show their support
L to R: Chris Stevenson, Matt Brown MP, Don Ferguson and Jim Maugher

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NEW TO THE MAIN STREET - GALLERY & WORK STUDIO

RICHARD HARE CHAIRS is settling in Robertson, opening Richard Hare Gallery on the corner of Hoddle and Caalong St with his work studio 'Traditional Greenwood Chairs' planned at the rear of the property. Richard Hare is a Master Artisan of Fine Dining Furniture traditionally crafting Windsor chairs by hand as made 16th to 18th century, as well as Ladder-back chairs and tables. Each chair / table being custom crafted for each client ensures a unique chair or dining suite every time.



Richard has always worked with wood. Starting with a Forestry Degree in NZ and then hand building his first home on Stewart Island. He crafted beautiful hand-cut dove tailed jewellery boxes and furniture. He learned the traditional art of making chairs in England in 1995. Richard also tutors four such workshops a year (as he attended in England) for just six students each course with his partner Gwynna facilitating the 'in residence' event providing delicious meals for all and generally ensuring everyone experiences *taking a break from the ordinary*.



Richard, one of just a handful of such people working wood 'unplugged' in the Southern Hemisphere earns his living working his craft full time as he did in NZ for six years before living 4.5 years on a tiny South Pacific Island. His work is sought after by the discerning buyer who appreciates the time honoured quality of hand-crafting a chair using methods predating the Industrial revolution. These old methods ensure these chairs will become tomorrows antiques.

As far as chair-making was concerned, the baby was thrown out with the bathwater when the industrial revolution came along. The very methods ensuring a chair will stay together were tossed out for sake of mass production, and we all know what a short life span modern, mass produced chairs have in today's world. Traditional Greenwood Chair-making, the most sustainable and environmentally friendly use of a tree you could imagine, holds the carbon in the chair for hundreds of more years. Nothing is wasted, not even shavings made in the process ensuring the 'softest footprint' imaginable.



Richard's mission statement is " *to preserve the past ... to enrich the present to inspire hope for the future* " and believes investing into heirloom quality dining furniture future generations of your family will thank you for is a wise purchase guaranteeing quality and nothing less. His work is beautiful and the comfort of his chairs is second to none.

Richard and Gwynna are warmly embraced by the Robertson Guild and Chamber of Commerce with their business seen as a very welcome addition to Robertson. Another local business retailing high quality Australian Art and Craft is joining Richard and Gwynna in this venture. Jason Huxley, a young passionate wood turner, producing traditional architectural turnery i.e. veranda posts, balustrades etc. can turn his hand to any unusual request as well as the usual and will be living and working alongside Richard. Gwynna plans to hold complimentary exhibitions of other Artisans work in their main gallery aiming to draw people back to the western end of Robertson regularly.



footnote: *Richard and Gwynna were planning to be open in March ahead of Easter unfortunately due to unexpected delays with owner of the property, opening date of their gallery at this time is unknown. Watch the corner of Hoddle & Caalong is all they can say*

The 'Old Potato Shed Gallery' is changing its name to 'Green Heart Gallery' and joining a new artisan in town Richard Hare. He makes wonderfully fine handcrafted wooden furniture. We hope to see you when the doors open at our new location, 45 Hoddle Street, sometime after Easter. Cheers, Dorothy

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- Must be delivered in person, before 10:00am Sat. 01/05/2010
Robertson School of Arts Hall.
(To the YARNSPINNERS stand)
- Description of method & materials used must be included

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A wreath laying will take place at the
Robertson War Memorial
at 10.15am
to be followed by a

Commemorative Service
commencing at
The Burrawang Memorial
at 11am.



The Robertson Doctor will be
holding seasonal flu vaccination
clinics for over 65's on Wednesday
21st April.
Please call reception on 4885 2569
to make your appointment.

ROAD WORKS

Wingecarribee Shire Council
advises that Stage 2 of the
Robertson Cycleway/Footpath is
scheduled to commence
between March and May.

Exhibition Celebrating 60 Years of Moss Vale Girl Guides

Friday 19th March, 2010

5pm-7pm

\$5.00 Donation

Wingecarribee Shire Council
Chambers
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**Don't forget that there will
be no August Edition of
The Robertson News
so think ahead about
community notices and get
them in the June edition.
The deadline for the June
edition is the 15th May.**

CTC 2pm Sunday Series
An Afternoon with PETER
SELLERS
Sunday 18th April



Tony Williams looks at the genius that is
Peter Sellers including an excerpt from
his sound sketches, excerpts from early
film work including the experimental
Running Jumping Standing Still film,
and The Pink Panther followed by the
main feature **THE PARTY** one of the
funniest films ever made.

The Art of ALFRED HITCHCOCK
Sunday 30th May



Tony Williams examines virtuoso single
shot scenes used by various directors
that have been inspired by Alfred
Hitchcock. Including Orson Wells,
Martin Scorsese, Antonioni and Robert
Altman. This talk with film excerpts will
be followed by the movie **VERTIGO**

Café opens at 1.30pm

Adults \$10 children \$5
(CTC fund raiser).

Light refreshments available

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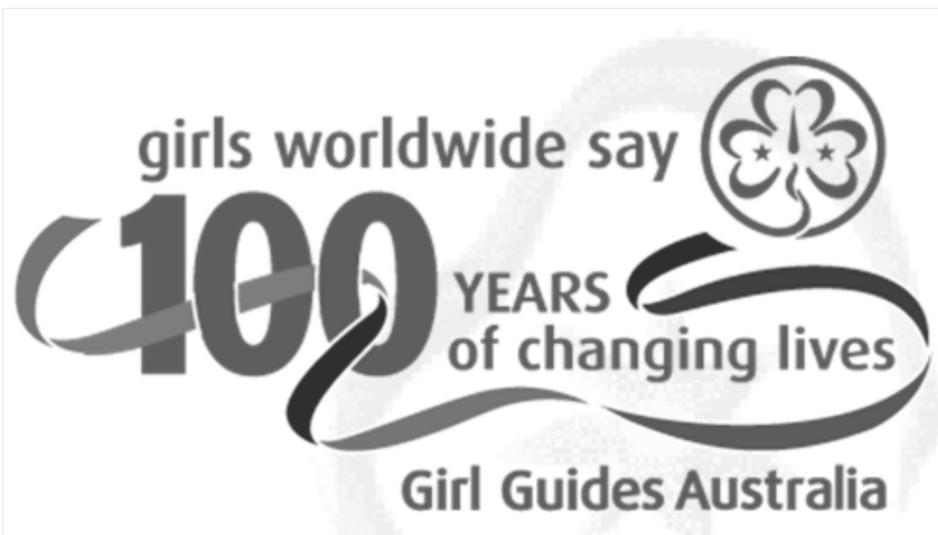
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Moss vale Girl Guides Celebrate Guiding Centenary

Girl Guides Australia has a good relationship with UNIFEM, and in many areas supports and helps at their annual breakfasts.

The mission of Girl Guides Australia is to enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members. We do this through a balanced programme, which educates and grows girls towards their potential. At this time, Girl Guides Australia is working with the United Nations' Millenium Development Goals, and has developed from them Global Action Themes which are being promoted in Guide meetings at all ages.

2010 is an important year for Guides all over the world, and also for Guides in Moss Vale. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (familiarily known as WAGGGS) celebrates its centenary and in recognition of this we have 2010 as the Year of the Girl Guide. Moss Vale Guides are also celebrating 80 years ago, a Girl Guide Unit was registered at S.C.E.G.G.S. Moss Vale for girls attending the school. 60 years ago, a Girl Guide Unit was opened for all local girls. Thora Brown was the Captain of that first unit, and Thora is living in Moss Vale still, and very proud to be that first Leader.

Moss Vale Guides have a Junior Guide Unit for 7 to 10 year olds, and a Guide Unit for 10 to 14 year olds. A Senior Guide Unit for 14 to 18 years olds is located in Bowral, with several Moss Vale girls attending. The Olave program operates for 18 to 30 year olds, and is a less structured program to accommodate life with that age group. Leaders and girls for these Units are always needed. Interested people are asked to contact the District Leader for Moss Vale at 48694 765.

Ed. If you have missed it, there is an invitation to an Exhibition for the centenary of the Girl Guides in this editions Community Notices on Page 7.

Church Services

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St John's Robertson

8.00am Traditional Services
1st Sunday- Communion
4th Sunday- Morning Prayer

9.30am Family Service/Sunday School
Every Sunday

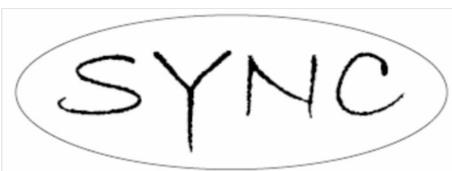
St David's Burrawang

5.00pm - 2nd Sunday

Roman Catholic

Burrawang

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



Sunday Youth Night Church

1st Sunday of the Month

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

A single insertion is \$35. (Discount of \$5 for members of Robertson Chamber of Commerce) 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 OPSGallery now at the Robertson Cheese Factory ph/fax 4885 2400 or POBox 3005 Robertson 2577. Thank you for your support.

Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of **June**. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th May 2010**. 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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