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ROBERTSON RAILWAY STATION FAIR

*Sunday, 10 October 2010
commencing at 9.00am*

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

- ▶ **Steam Locomotive 3642** visit. The steam train will remain at the Station for public viewing for approximately 2 hours. No loop train ride will be available on the day. Arrives approx. 12 noon.
- ▶ **“Cockatoo Run” Heritage Diesel locomotive** – Approx. 12.30pm departure - ‘Loop train’ tickets are available on the day – Robertson/Moss Vale return - \$10 adults, \$5 concession, \$25 family
- ▶ **Display of old historic farm machinery**
- ▶ **“Fettlers Shed” Art Gallery** – Art Exhibition "Floral Subjects" - paintings on canvas or paper. Pre exhibition flower painting and flower arranging workshops: enquiries please phone 0408 610 714 (or www.robertsonrailway.com.au)
- ▶ There will also be a **Kiosk** selling food and drink, etc.
- ▶ **Waratah Flower Show** – Waratah species in magnificent bloom in Station gardens, displays and sale of flowers.
- ▶ **Flower Arranging Competition** – Entries to Gallery by 4-6pm on Saturday, 9 October or 9am on Sunday 10 October. Enquiries: phone David Tranter on 4885 1394.
- ▶ **Miniature Railway and miniature steam train rides (outdoor)**
- ▶ **Model train display (indoor)**
- ▶ **Railway history museum - display and old artefacts**
- ▶ **Flower & Plant Stall, Railway Station souvenirs, Second-hand books**
- ▶ Also, visit the **Robertson Village Markets** just a short walk away (300 metres)

This promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable day for all the family with free entry to the public. So come along to the Robertson Railway Common and join in to make the day a great success!



Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor

The winding up of the Save Water Alliance is, quite simply, a tragedy.

The NSW government has tripled the number of bores and it is very clear from the latest geological maps the bore field is clearly, extensively connected to the highlands.

The farmers along Tourist Rd are right in the firing line. The rest of the highlands will be affected not long after pumping begins.

The project is being fast-tracked by the NSW authorities and the Department of Water meeting reluctantly held in the Moss Vale Civic Centre only served to increase doubts among the farmers and residents that the Water Sharing Plan is being gerrymandered to allow the Sydney Catchment Authority its annual water allocation.

When the bore field commences operation, many within close range will be forced onto the water market.

There is much work to be done and many people willing to help.

Bernard Eddy
Australian Water Network

To the Editor

I would like to thank the five gentlemen who rescued my car out of a deep culvert in Main St, Robertson on Sunday 8th August 2010. I did not know you, and I sincerely appreciated your time and assistance, ending successfully a difficult situation.

Thank you!
Roslyn Murchison

LIGHT HORSE GALLERY



An exciting new art gallery has opened in Robertson, an area known as the artistic hub of the Southern Highlands. Amanda Louth, an artist who has always dreamed of opening a gallery, feels she has found the perfect location. The new Light Horse Gallery is on Hoddle Street, in an historic building with lots of character and charm. Together with her partner Ken Forshaw, the old

“Elders” building has taken on a new lease of life. Ken has meticulously restored the building: replacing the footings and damaged weatherboards.

The building has had a chequered past – general store, dairy farmers, real estate and even a catholic church. The name of the gallery is taken from the days of the mounted volunteers West Camden Light Horse Squadron. The Robertson group used the building as their headquarters. Local dairy farmer Brian McEvilly recalls that his grandfather, Richard, born in 1856, was a Major in the Squadron.

Amanda, a resident of Robertson, has seen the quality of work produced by artists in the Southern Highlands and feels there will be no shortage of exciting and beautiful artworks to grace the walls of the gallery. Amanda brings to the gallery her long love affair with art and design. Having a degree in Art History and Theory from the University of Sydney certainly qualifies her for the academic side of the art world, however, it is her experience as an artist that is just as important. Further studies in colour and design honed her skills as an artist as well as courses at the famous Julian Ashton Art School. Her work has been exhibited in Sydney and a number have found their way to a collector in Paris. Working for Collins and Kent Fine Art in Sydney gave Amanda the experience and knowledge to run a busy gallery. It would seem the Light Horse Gallery is in good hands with a committed curator intent on showcasing mainly local artists and with a view to offering something for everyone to enjoy.

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ROBERTSON DOCTOR

turns 1 year old!!

The 7th September 2010 saw the Robertson Doctor celebrate its first year of operation. Since opening our doors we've seen 1,469 new patients and sat through around 6,500 consultations. We've come a long way since our first day and managed to survive our first Robertson Winter to see our second Spring!

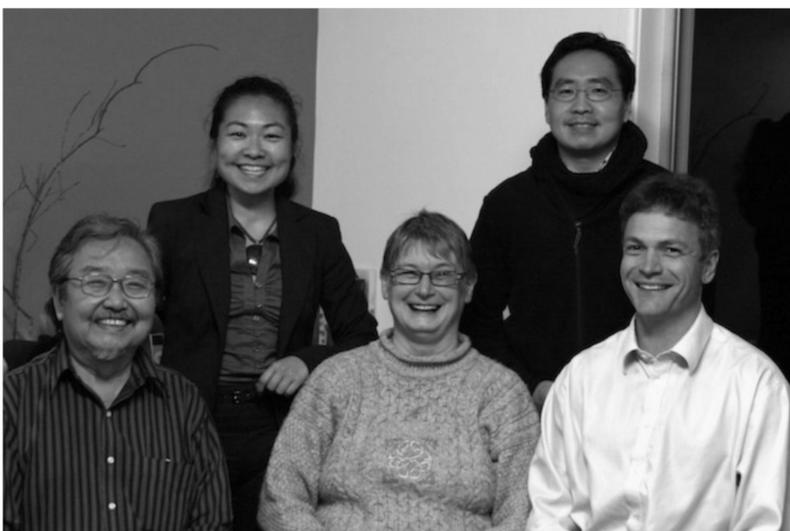
General Practice otherwise known as primary care is about coordinated patient care that focuses on promotion of health and prevention of illness. We are aware that seeing the GP often necessitates other visits to associated allied health workers and diagnostic services. In this first year we are very proud to have brought to Robertson a pathology collection centre, nursing, and psychology services. We are also now a fully accredited GP practice

GALLERY CHIRON, which is part of Robertson Doctor has successfully presented 6 exhibitions and the space will continue to lend itself to other endeavours that enhance creativity and foster healing ties within the community. Gallery Chiron is not just a gallery space, it's an empty space, and in an empty space you could: sing a song, read poetry, dance tango, practice yoga, place a sculpture, hang a painting, empty your head, make a circle of people and have a discussion, teach and learn things, create a ceremony to mark a special occasion (like our first birthday!)....anything is possible in an empty space.

Our second year kicks off with an exciting speaker program for October, which is Mental Health Month. Everyone is welcome to come to these public talks held at the surgery. It is also a great chance to meet our new in house psychology, Dee Neveling, who will start the speaker program with a talk on "Happiness" on Wednesday 6th October 6pm. (See community notices for full program)

On Friday the 26th November 2010 6pm, Gallery Chiron will be launching its birthday exhibition called "MIST". The mist is something intrinsic to Robertson and Gallery Chiron has invited local artists to reflect on their experience of the mist. We would also like to invite EVERYONE in ROBERTSON to reflect and share their experiences of the mist! You may have seen our special box in the waiting room asking for you to draw a map on the bottom of a script, from your place to the Robertson Doctor. We will include all your little "script maps" in the MIST exhibition as a group artwork by everyone who has made that little journey to our practice.... sometimes in the mist.

Wishing you Health and Happiness.



The services we offer:

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FETE FUN AT ROBERTSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Students, teachers and parents of *Robertson Public School* are inviting the general public to join them at the biannual School Fete on Saturday 23 October.

Robertson Public School P & C Secretary Charlie Wheatley said that the last day was a great day out for the entire family whilst supporting the school at the same time.

"The parents, citizens and staff behind the school have been working really hard to put on a great show for both the kids and grown-ups this year," Mr Wheatley said.

Behind the fun and laughter Mr Wheatley said the Fete also provided some serious benefits for the school.

"The Fete is also one of the P & C's major fundraisers with all proceeds going back into the school," he said.

Last year funds raised by the Robertson P & C Committee helped to purchase new reading books, sponsor the *Life Education Program*, finance the Peer Group Camp and subsidise the school's much envied music program.

"Our aim this year is to install Interactive whiteboards in the remaining classrooms of the school," he added.

This year's Fete will include rides, food stalls, novelty events and roaming performers.

"We encourage all family and friends of *Robertson Public* to come on down on Saturday the 23rd of October to get behind our great little school and enjoy what's shaping up to be a great day's entertainment," he said.

The Robertson Public School Fete will be held on Saturday 23rd October 2010 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Robertson Public School, 47 - 53 Hoddle Street, Robertson.

For further information or enquiries contact the P & C Secretary: **Charlie Wheatley** at Charlie.Wheatley@bluescopesteel.com

A Crafty Day for Tennis

The Robertson Tennis Maintenance Programme was given a real boost on Saturday 18th September. Roslyn Murchison and Carole Crone with a band of helpers held a day of craft at the School of Arts to raise funds.

The Robertson Ladies Tennis Group and the Robertson Patchwork and Craft Group attracted 100 ladies from all over the area, quilters, knitters, embroidery and sewing. It was such a successful and enjoyable day we hope it will become an annual event.

Below: Roslyn holding a doll made by Shirley from Goulburn



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LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE ATTUNED TO THE WEATHER.

Recently, through Clubs NSW, Robertson Rural Fire Brigade was successful in applying for a grant to install an automatic weather station (AWS) at the brigade fire station on Wallangunda St., Robertson.



The grant of \$4900, which was provided through Moss Vale Services and Mittagong RSL club's Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE) scheme, will enable the brigade to purchase a state of the art Davis Weather Station. All weather information that is collected by the AWS will be made available through a "live" feed from the brigade's web site:

robertson.rfsa.org.au

Through the web site, the Robertson Rural Fire Brigade is seeking to provide the Robertson community with a range of up to date information including Major Fire's, Local Traffic Incidents and Local Weather. You can even follow the brigade on "Twitter"(Robbo_RFS) where we will endeavour to give updates on situations in and around Robertson including incidents that require us to close local roads. For more information either check out our web site or come up to the fire station. We are usually at the station for a couple of hours on Wednesday nights for training from 7.30pm.

It is expected that the weather station will operational by early to mid November.



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THREE CREEKS CAFÉ SOON TO INCLUDE LOCAL ART SPACE, RESTAURANT, AND TAPAS BAR

We all know that Robertson is home to some pretty impressive artists. Soon you will be able to connect with some of them at your local café. Three Creeks is expanding into the adjoining shop to provide free exhibition space to local artists. There will also be a licensed bar/lounge and select secondhand books, DVDs, CDs and vinyls for sale. Those who have already enjoyed breakfast, lunch, dinner or coffee and cake will soon also be able to enjoy a cocktail and tapas plate, browsing the collections or just hanging out. How cool is that? There will also be special events such as film and trivia nights, discussion evenings or anything else you would like to organize in this unique community space.

Stay tuned for new opening hours or you will soon be able to visit the Three Creeks website to find out what's on.

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CTC Meet the Filmmaker Series

The Boys Are Back

Produced by Tim White



THE ART OF THE PRODUCER

TIM WHITE, producer of *Map Of The Human Heart*, *Oscar and Lucinda*, *Ned Kelly* and many other feature films, will introduce his film, **THE BOYS ARE BACK**. Clive Owen plays Joe Warr, a widower raising his young son alone in Australia, and trying to juggle parenting responsibilities with a career in sports journalism. The picture is tenderly directed by Scott Hicks (*Shine*). 'One of the year's best pictures', Baz Bamigboye.

Saturday 23rd October 2010 at 7pm

Café opens at 6.30pm.
Tea & coffee available. BYO beer/wine.

Adults \$10 children \$5 (CTC fundraiser).

Bookings recommended



58 – 60 Hoddle Street
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CTC Meet the Filmmaker Series

Shine

Director Of Photography Geoffrey Simpson



THE ART OF THE DOP

SHINE will be introduced by the film's cinematographer **GEOFFREY SIMPSON** who has shot many successful films including *Under the Tuscan Sun* and *Green Fried Tomatoes*. *Shine* is a true story about the power of music and the miracle of love. It won an Oscar for Geoffrey Rush and was nominated for 6 more Oscars. It also won the AFI Best Achievement in Cinematography for Geoffrey Simpson.

Saturday 4th December 2010 at 7pm

Café opens at 6.30pm.
Tea & coffee available. BYO beer/wine.
Adults \$10 children \$5 (CTC fundraiser).

Bookings recommended



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A Women's Event
On again by popular demand



Make your own
**Gingerbread House
for Christmas.**

**Friday 3rd December,
7pm**

St John's Church Centre
Meryla St
Robertson

Bookings Essential
Ask about bringing your daughter
with you

Anette Lee 4885 1210

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH OCTOBER ROBERTSON DOCTOR Speaker Program

This year's theme is about resilience through connectedness in the community. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to come along and listen to these great speakers we have invited.

Wednesday 6th October 6pm

Dee Neveling (resident Psychologist at the Robertson Doctor): Don't worry be Happy

Wednesday 13th October 6pm

Sandra Bolack: Towards a Suicide safe community.

Wednesday 20th October 6pm

+ *Triple Care Farm art exhibition opening afterwards*

Marie Rose: Art Therapy more than just an art class

Sunday 31st October 11am

Anastasia Yatras: Yoga practice and life practice.

Wear comfortable clothes to try out some easy yoga poses to support your daily life.

"Flower Arranging" Workshop

Saturday, 9 October 2010

Get ready to enter this year's Waratah Flower Show and Flower Arrangement competition during Robertson Heritage Railway Fair (entry free)

TIMES: 10am – 12noon - Formal and 2pm to 4pm - Free form

COST: only \$16 (\$11 when entering floral art exhibition/doing a painting workshop also)

INCLUDES: one waratah and native greenery, wire/bowl, morning afternoon tea, entry into Flower Show & Arranging Competition (prize for viewers choice)

Registration forms for workshops:
www.robertsonrailway.com.au

Defibrillator awareness training

The Defibrillator will now be housed in a purpose built box outside the Robertson Doctor.

Come along and see for yourself exactly where it is kept and get some basic training and tips about what to do in case of emergency.

Wayne Hewitt will be doing a talk and basic demonstration of defibrillation as well as highlighting the key importance of CPR in emergency situations.

ALL WELCOME!

ROBERTSON DOCTOR
WED 3RD November 2010
6PM – 8PM

EVENTS AT ROBERTSON "FETTLERS SHED GALLERY" With Open Gardens Theme

*Venue: Robertson Heritage
Railway Station Precinct,*

*Yarranga Street, Robertson
(behind 'Chats Café' & Motel &
Robertson Bowling Club)*

ROBERTSON OPEN GARDENS ART EXHIBITION

1 to 17 October 2010

(or by appointment)

Open 11am-3pm daily weekends during event 1-17 October 2010

(or by appointment)

Railway Fair 10th October 9am-5pm

Entries are invited.

Enquiries 0408 610 714

Registration & details:

www.robertsonrailway.com.au

Expect all images related to flowers and gardens at this local art exhibition organized as part of Robertson's Open Gardens Event.

Paintings on canvas or paper, any mediums and styles - feel free to enter your own painting or attend floral painting or floral arranging workshops.

Get involved by voting for your favourite art piece and view the beautiful Railway

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Southern Highlands Coal Action Group Community Meeting

No more coal mining in the Southern Highlands

Korean steel maker POSCO, in partnership with local coal miner Cockatoo Coal, are purchasing a 115sq km coal lease in Sutton Forest from Anglo American.

Boral has recently been granted a new coal exploration lease over 63sq km in the Berrima area.

If we don't stop it, serious coal mining is coming to the Southern Highlands!

**Come along to hear of the latest developments
and what we are doing about it.**

We'll be focusing on Landholders Access Rights and some possible development scenarios.

Tim Duddy from the Caroon Coal Action Group will be speaking. Tim has been leading the fight to protect the Liverpool Plains in the Gunnedah shire against BHP Billiton and Chinese coal mining interests for 5 years.

Please send in any questions you would like to ask to info@southernhighlandscollectiongroup.com prior to the meeting so that we can address your concerns.

Location: Bowral Memorial Hall
Bendooley Street, Bowral

Date: Thursday 7th October 2010

Time: 7pm

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 - 3rd 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

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Deadline

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