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At Last ! Work starts on new sewerage scheme



Construction work has now officially begun on the new Robertson sewerage scheme.

The first patch of soil was dug on Monday 11th July at the back of Shackleton Street. It marks the start of an extensive construction program over the coming months.

Moss Vale sub-contractors, About Time Plumbing, are working with AJ Lucas to deliver the work.

Wingecarribee Shire Council General Manager Jason Gordon said he was pleased that construction had now begun.

“Extensive planning and liaison has gone into this project and many people will be pleased that construction is now underway,” he said.

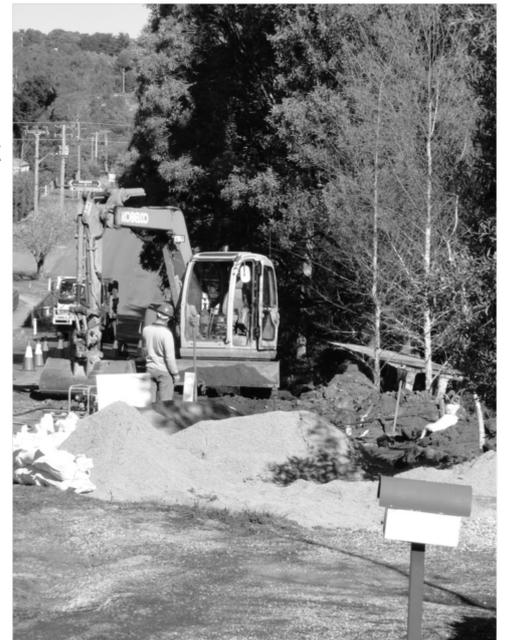
“Many residents and businesses in the village are looking forward to the new scheme being in place as it will be a great benefit to the community and also the local environment.

“The project is now well and truly on the way.”

AJ Lucas Project Director Alan Massoud added: “We are pleased to be starting construction work on the scheme and will continue to work with the local community as we move forward.



Wingecarribee



“We also ask people to be patient with us as we try to minimize the community impacts wherever possible.

“As with any construction program there will no doubt be some inconveniences along the way. However we ask for people’s understanding as we carry out the work.”

Letters to the Editor.

Dear Editor

Being long term dog lovers and residents of Robertson and walking dogs around the various streets and Hampden Park, we have noticed recently a large increase in the amount of "dog poo" being left everywhere. This is a discredit to our village and everyone living here and especially in Hampden Park where so many games

are played. We do ask all dog walkers to PLEASE respect our community and everyone who resides here and carry bags with you to clean up after your pets.

This applies not only to all public areas but also when walking in front of people homes, even on outer streets and roads, as there is nothing worse than to be greeted by "a large pile" when walking out the front of your home. We might not have the sewer yet and don't need to turn our village into one!

George Phillips

Dear Editor

There has been a sad event in the cemetery, which I am confident is wind-related, not a result of mindless vandalism. I mention this so that relatives might not be too distressed when next they visit this grave.

This perfectly lovely head stone has blown over in the winds of Mid July 2011. In the process, it has cracked in two and been chipped. You can see the fresh flakes and you can see how it hit one side of the grave wall-edge and that caused it to split on the diagonal.



In the same windy week, half of one of the

huge Sally Wattles (Blackwood Wattles) in the Cemetery grounds also came down. This tree was noted for the huge load of vines which were growing over the tree, and they acted like a spinnaker, trapping the wind and greatly increasing the loading on the tree. A neighbouring Blackwood Wattle, which did not have so many vines, survived the winds just fine.

So it is apparent that the damage was all caused by the Force 10 winds we have recently experienced.

Denis Wilson

Open letter to Wingercarribee Shire Councilors

Dear Sirs,

We refer to the public meeting held in the Robertson School of Arts on Monday 17th of May, 2010 at which the residents commented on the Draft DCP for the township.

That meeting was called by council following a recission motion which overturned a council decision not to allow residents the opportunity to have their say due to the misconception that Steven Thorne's DCP Appraisal dealt solely with the village LEP.

At that well attended meeting various points of view were expressed by members of the public. Towards the conclusion of the meeting a question was presented from the floor asking those present to indicate their view on the retention of the acre and half acre zoning minimum sub-division for Robertson. There were approximately 140 in attendance and all but one voted to abandon the idea of large lots.

There was a very positive and unified feeling at the meeting favouring the concept of increasing the population of Robertson so that a viable range of retail businesses and services would establish in the town. It was particularly clear that the local residents did not want to have to travel a 45km round trip to larger centres

in order to meet their daily needs.

The spontaneous vote, a 15 minute Power Point and a number of comments from the floor all in support of restricted but rational development to allow the village to become a viable, productive rural community do not appear in the official minutes as provided by your staff. This matter has been raised with the planning department and been met with a less than satisfactory response.

The minutes the Chamber received from council are a clear distortion of the events of the meeting and do not reflect the majority views of the village members in attendance.

Our Robertson Chamber's primary and serious concern is that the record of a progressive and clear statement of will by residents should be misrepresented in a manner which denies our right to a deliberative say in the village's future.

There are other examples of inaccurate and incomplete records of Robertson community consultation sessions.

There seems little point in conducting community consultation if records are not a faithful reflection of proceedings.

We respectfully request that those councillors present direct the preparation of accurate minutes truthfully recording that meeting's proceedings and outcome.

Our local citizens seek your leadership on this matter to ensure our community's wishes are honoured.

With Kind Regards,

Bernard Eddy
Robertson Chamber of Commerce

p.s Since the drafting of this letter a meeting was held with Mark Pepping and Susan Stannard(WSC Strategic Planning). One of the main aims of the meeting was to rectify the inaccurate and incomplete records kept at council.

Whilst many undertakings were made by council staff, over a month has passed and no response to our requests has been received.

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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!

§§ * Invitation to Local Community Groups *** §§**

Local community groups are invited to run stalls, activities, etc. at our Fair. Any expressions of interest can be referred to Anne Wilson – contact 4885 1598 or e-mail - annejw@bigpond.net.au

Suggestion—Robertson Writing Week

The writer is not a peculiar kind of person, every person is a peculiar kind of writer or storyteller or poet. Many people feel the urge to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboards but they are shy or scared or lack the warm up exercises to get started or the encouragement to get going.

Last week Sydney held its Writers' Festival. Tens of thousands of participants listened to over four hundred writer presenters. Great show. Great entertainment. Many's the hem of a sacred writer's garment was touched, hand shaken or copy of their book autographed. What about us?

How about a Robertson Writing Week? The emphasis would be on writing. People go away with writing done, encouraged to do more or join with others to form an ongoing group. It would be a cosy winter's event, morning exercises and suggestions, then writing and evenings of writing shared around the fire with the help of mulled wine.

Many small towns have put themselves more on the map with this kind of festival like Ballina with its Coast Country Music Festival or the Collector Pumpkin Festival. In Ireland Listowel in County Kerry is celebrating its 40th Writer's Week. It is a town about the size of Robertson. It has grown a lot since I attended the third one in 1974. But the programme shows what can be done, if you have a look at on the net.

Can't you see it? "Robertson Writing Week. Come write with others, enjoy quietness, visit waterfalls, walk in rainforest and come away with your own created treasure under your arm." No big intimidating names, no large expenses, just an affordable rich week of tranquillity into which to write your stuff with support. No previous experience necessary.

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Steadycam comes to Robertson

Oscar Award Winning Inventor of the Steadycam, Garrett Brown recently lead a team of steadycam trainers and technical personnel taking part in a week long Steadycam Workshop in Robertson.



The workshop included 30 inductees to the art of Steadycam operation. Keeping apace with the digital revolution in the film industry, the principles of steady cam have completely freed up the director's choice of actor's movements on film. Single camera shoots would usually yield a total output of one or two minutes of on screen time in a day—most of the time being eaten away laying long dolly tracks for huge cameras. Now the cameras are beautifully light in comparison and steady cam enables an operator to walk around with the rig strapped to his body, a well co-ordinated team can easily shoot up to 30 minutes of edited film in a day!

Garrett Brown has used his brilliant innovation on nearly 100 movies including Rocky, The Shining and Return of the Jedi. He holds 50 patents worldwide for camera devices including: Steadicam JR for camcorders; Skycam, which flies on wires over sporting events; and MobyCam, the underwater camera that chases the swimmers at the Olympics. He is a member of the American Society of Cinematographers, the Directors Guild, the Screen Actors Guild and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Garrett has just been inducted into the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame.



The steadycam workshop in Robertson was co-ordinated with a lot of help from the Chamber of Commerce. The full compliment of trainers, trainees and technical crew numbered over 50. They stayed at Fountaindale Grand Manor and had wonderful evenings out at Three Creeks Café as well as the newly run restaurant at the Cheese Factory.

Participants who intend to spread the word about our much-admired village made many complementary remarks.

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Census night 2011 - August 9th

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It is conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) once every five years.

During the Census every household and person in the country is required to answer specific questions on the paper form or through eCensus online.

When is the next Census?

The 16th Census of Population and Housing will take place on the night of 9 August 2011. The 2011 Census also marks a significant milestone – 100 years of national Census taking in Australia.

Why is it important?

The Census underpins Australia's democracy and is crucial to communities, private institutions and all levels of government when planning infrastructure, community services and facilities where you live.

Is Census information private and confidential?

Yes – all information collected through the Census is strictly private and confidential. No one outside of the ABS (including other Government agencies) will ever see your Census responses. Also, individuals or households cannot be identified in Census results or data.

Is the Census compulsory?

Yes, the Census is compulsory. The Census is authorised by the Census and Statistics Act 1905.

How is the count conducted?

Census Collectors will start delivering the materials you'll need from 29 July 2011 so you can participate in the Census.

You can complete your Census form online through the eCensus.

The **eCensus** is fast, secure and easy, with online help available, and is protected by the strongest encryption technologies, making it safe and keeping your information confidential.

If you complete the eCensus for your household, the Collector will not need to return to your dwelling.

You can also complete a paper Census form. After Census night, Collectors will return to collect the completed form, so have it ready for collection on the 10th August 2011.

WHY BE MEDICINEWISE?

The NPS, Australia's lead organisation on the quality use of medicines, is currently running a campaign to encourage people to be more aware of the medicines they are taking. For those who are taking prescription medicines, it is important to know what exactly you're taking and why it has been prescribed for you. It is also important to know how it could affect you and even if a particular medicine is the best option in the first place. We all take medicines, but too often we take them for granted. Being medicinewise will help you to get the most benefit from your medicines and ultimately, will help you make better health decisions for you and those you care for.

The NPS's 3 steps to being medicinewise

- **Know it's a medicine:** Medicines don't just come on prescription – they include over-the-counter medicines from the pharmacy, supermarket or other store, as well as herbal remedies, vitamins and other supplements. Medicines come in many forms including tablets, lotions, drops and inhalers.
- **Find the active ingredient:** The active ingredient name is shown on the medicine's packaging. If it is a prescription item it is also on the label applied by the pharmacist. Knowing the name of the chemical in your medicine that makes it work will help you to avoid confusion, such as accidentally double dosing if you use different brands with the same active ingredient.



Ask the right questions: By asking questions to get the information you need about medicines from trusted sources, you can get the most benefit from your medicines and make better informed decisions about them. Your local Pharmacist can provide you with free, reliable and up-to-date information whenever you need it.

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For a small rural community Robertson has a wonderful choice of cafés and restaurants and they all have different hours.

This list may help when you need a coffee or don't feel like cooking.

Café Pirouette

Open 7 days for breakfast and lunch 7am to 4pm :
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Winter time Open Wed to Sunday for breakfast, coffee,
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Pizzas in the Mist

Wednesday to Sunday Take away from 5.30pm
Wednesday to Saturday Restaurant from 5.30pm

Robertson Bake House

Coffee and cakes Monday to Saturday 6am to 5pm

CTC

Internet café 10am to 4pm Wed to Sat

Robertson Bowling Club

Open 7 days. Dinner 6pm to 9pm Lunch (closed Tuesday)
Coffee 11am to 10pm

Robertson Inn

Open 7 days. Coffee 10am to late : Dinner 6pm to 9pm

Robertson Pie Shop

Monday to Friday—7.30am—6pm Saturday & Sunday—8am
—6pm.

Enjoy.



Highlands Christian Fellowship Returning to our roots

Where it all started

Around twenty years ago a number of families in Robertson began meeting in house groups, in response to a powerful move of the Holy Spirit. A group soon formed into a regular communion and was called Robertson Christian Fellowship.

For the next fifteen years the church met in the Robertson Community Centre, worshipping on the old piano (with its occasionally defective keys!) and holding Sunday School in the hallway.

The move to Bowral

As much as we loved being in Robertson we felt we should move to Bowral. With this move came a change of name - to Highlands Christian Fellowship. More recently, we were greatly blessed in being able to purchase the former St. Thomas Aquinas church at 6 Banyette Street, which is where our Sunday meetings (at 9.30 am) now take place. In addition, we were able to buy the renovated former schoolhouse next to the church.

Robertson Meetings

As of next month we will be holding meetings again in Robertson. On the first Tuesday of each month there will be a house meeting at the home of Neil and Elyse Atkins at 18 Caalong Street. The meeting will be on the first Tuesday night of each month, starting at 7 pm. We welcome anyone interested in finding out about God, studying the Bible or in sharing Christian fellowship. In addition, we plan to hold a Sunday family service at 5 pm on September 18th in the Community Centre in Robertson.

Who we are

Highlands Christian Fellowship is part of a national denomination called Restoration Fellowships of Australia, formerly Associated Mission Churches of Australasia. Our roots are in the Pentecostal and Charismatic Renewal movements. We have a strong focus on biblical teaching, the support of families in raising godly children, praise and worship, and sharing the good news about Jesus.

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Robertson Garden Club

Robertson Garden Club meets on the first Monday of each month at 1.30pm in the Robertson Community Centre. The guest speaker at the September meeting will speak on Orchids. Afternoon tea will be served after the meeting. New members will be welcome so why not join us to foster Friendship in Gardening.

Ian Roxby

Spring Clean Up

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ROBERTSON OPEN GARDENS 2011 - 1-9 October and 5-13 November

This year we have three new gardens as well as our favourite gardens open in spring.

There are two new gardens in Mackey's Lane: Harlam's Hollow, a beautiful garden with a rainforest and alpacas, and Binnia Farm, a large garden with sweeping views and sheltered garden rooms featuring colourful plantings. Off Belmore Falls Road is Robertson Park; an exciting must see garden set above the escarpment with amazing views and its own waterfall.

Another feature this year is that the gardens will be opening from the long weekend in October from the 1st to the 9th plus from 5th to the 13th of November. This gives everyone a chance to see Azaleas and Rhododendrons in flower plus early roses. Don't miss out on Robertson's super gardens, mark your calendar today.

More details will be on the website www.robertson.nsw.au and the brochure will be available from Robertson shops in the next few weeks.

ROBERTSON in the GARDEN

Spring and summer vegetables – do the hard work now and reap the rewards later.

The cold and wet has lead to soggy, boggy gardens and disappointing winter harvests in many Robertson vegetable patches.

This August clear out and weed the beds that you are planning to use over the next 6 months. If they are very wet don't dig them over just yet as you may damage the soil structure.

Most vegetables like a fairly neutral soil pH (acid/alkaline balance). Our soils tend to be very acidic and the constant addition of fertilisers makes them even more so. Now is the time to counteract that acidity with the addition of lime or dolomite (lime and magnesium).

Lime needs to be added well before you fertilise your soils to allow the nutrients in the fertiliser to be available to your plants. Lime now and then add your fertilisers, preferably organic, in September. If you are using old manures, composts or gentle powdered fertilisers such as Healthy Earth, pellets of chook poo or blood and bone, you can plant your seedlings out as soon as you have fertilised. Chemical fertiliser is prone to scorching new plants and some contain heavy metals which you probably don't want in your food crops. Check the labels.

Late winter/early spring is the time for last plantings of broad beans, onions and peas, and new plantings of spring onion, lettuce, silverbeet, cabbages and broccoli. Keep some space for the later spring planting of frost sensitive crops like tomatoes and cucumbers.

Also ready to plant in August are globe artichokes, both green and purple, and asparagus also in green or purple varieties.

Divide your rhubarb if it is getting out of hand. Rhubarb is a hungry plant so give it a good feed now. 'Silvan Giant' is an excellent variety with strong deep red skinned stems.

Potatoes, certified virus free, are available now, just wait to plant until the frosts are less likely, as the leaves of the potato are very frost sensitive. Dutch Cream and Ruby Lou are both fantastic varieties you won't find in the supermarkets.

As always all of the above, plus local experience and advice are available at your local Robertson Nursery.

Jill Keft



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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