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## The Robertson Show - An "Event of Excellence"



Last year's dog section attracted more than 700 entries and was extremely popular with show patrons

The Robertson Show is set down for the weekend of March 9-10 but the champagne corks have already been popped to toast the show society taking out the much sought after "Event of Excellence" at the Southern Highland News Business Awards held in October.

Late last year well-known real estate agent Judy Fisk took it upon herself to nominate the show in the awards and much to everyone's delight Robertson came up trumps. Show Society president Rosemary Turner said winning the award was testimony to the tremendous amount of work carried out each year by members of the committee in conjunction with a dedicated band of volunteers.

"It doesn't matter what event is being staged, be it the Olympic Games or whatever, it cannot be successful without volunteers," Mrs Turner said, "And at Robertson we have, without doubt, the best team of volunteers you could wish for and on behalf of the society I thank them for their efforts."

But the celebrations are a thing of the past and it's back to the grindstone with this year's show only a matter of weeks away. Family orientated, the show promises to have something to interest everyone with a kaleidoscope of events and activities to suit one and all. Entertainment kicks off early Friday with the Spud Olympics for the district's school children, about the same time as riders take centre stage on the showground for the start of the ring events. Hindmarsh Pavilion is always a point of interest as patrons cast an eye over countless exhibits ranging from farm produce, cake decorating, cooking, the needlework, arts and photography among others. As the show's program schedule continues, so the tempo of entertainment increases through such events as the ever popular kids pet show, dog jumping, bicycle races and the Elders Moss Vale potato races, which have become part and parcel of the Robertson Show in recent years. Let's not forget the beef cattle and dairy sections, the dog and poultry exhibits, which always attract keen interest, as does the hay stacking contest when all the "young lions" try to outdo one another.



Chief poultry steward Jenny Andrews with two new arrivals



Toni Parrish of Kangaroo Valley taking out last year's women's potato race

Also organisers would like to hear from any girl willing to enter the Land Sydney Royal Show competition. Due to a shortage of nominations the competition was not held in 2011 and Jess Ditton, who was crowned in 2010, would like to hand her title over come March 9-10. Secretary Leesa Stratford said the competition is open to any girl, 18 and over, who lives outside the Sydney Metropolitan area, with the winner going onto the zone section of the NSW Showgirl competition.

"This is a great opportunity for someone to not only carry the flag for the Robertson Show Society but for the Southern Highlands as well," she said, "and it also gives the winner the chance to be involved in a tremendous community project."

As in previous years the 2012 show will have something for every member of the family.

Enquiries: 4885 1620 or the show secretary on 0411 537 600.

## Letters to the Editor.

It is great to see the new pedestrian Rail Crossing going in at the intersection of Illawarra Highway and Sassafras Way.

I first raised this matter about 10 years ago and it has taken persistence over that long to get through all the bureaucratic mumbo jumbo.

Persistence does pay however and the negotiations between Council, the RTA and State Rail have now been concluded and work has started.

This will be a real safety addition to our village. With the footpath in Calaang Street, the Fountaindale Rd Footpath, the village is slowly becoming more pedestrian friendly.

I will continue to look for opportunities to embellish upon this network as the opportunities arise. Work in Hampden Park has breathed new life in to what is a real family and sporting asset for the shire and the filling in of the open drain alongside of the Primary School will also be completed soon. These are all benefits for our village and I am happy to be able to represent and advocate for the needs of our Village And its residents.

If there is anything I can do to assist with or to advocate on your behalf at Council, please let me know on 0407932922

Clr Larry Whipper

Dear Editor,  
If you cast your mind forward to the time when your great, great grandchildren are wanting to enjoy a swim in Robertson where do you imagine they are? Wouldn't it be lovely if they were in a place which best suited them and their parents, 'cos it was safe, convenient, relaxing for children and parents and linked with other community facilities? But wouldn't it be unfortunate if it were not such a place? And wouldn't it be unfortunate if our

generation was responsible?

I do not know all the ins and outs of discussions or negotiations about the pool. However, hopefully as a community we can be adult enough to come to a mutually satisfactory discussion and choice. Surely we owe this not only to future residents but also to those who baked the first cakes for fundraising.

As I see it the best place would be close to the railway precinct, and near the Club, sure a Bowling Club but also a landscaped Community licensed premises. This I understand was the original desired site. OK the past may have been rough but this is a New Year, and I see a much more open and inviting spirit in the Club, more child-friendly and keener to reach out to the broader community attitude.

Certainly there will be hurts to resolve or forget. It may take time, or even need help from a neutral mediator, but my hope is that we can all be sufficiently adult to put the good of the community and future generations above past conflicts. Couldn't the building of the pool be an opportunity for building the community, developing generosity of heart, and cooperation?

Michael D. Breen  
Caaalong Street.

## Robertson - Pedestrian Friendly?

Work started at the beginning of January on a safe footpath across the railway line on the Illawarra Highway near the junction with Sassafras Way. It is a 'step' in the right direction. The RTA and Railways hope to have the path finished by mid to late February, progress depends on the weather.

At the eastern end of the village the path from Fountaindale Road to the Post Office, passing the Robertson Cheese Factory, will also be completed sometime before the end of the financial year, a council worker told Robertson Newsletter.

Even when this work is completed there are sections without a footpath, it will still not be possible to walk from east to west in the village without walking on the road and criss-crossing the Illawarra Hwy. If you cross at the pedestrian traffic lights leaving the Primary School you will find yourself in thick grass with no path at all. Travelling North to south is even harder.

WSC knows all this, it was discussed at length with them at a village community meeting, lets hope they are still listening.

Dorothy Baker RCoC



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**VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR DAY  
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**Sunday, 15 April 2012, commencing at 11.00am**



► **Vintage & Classic Car Day**

We will be hosting a Vintage and collectable cars of all models. There will be trophies for 'Best in Show', best British, American, Australian, European classic cars 30 years and over, commercial/pickups plus special prizes for the most original unrestored vehicle.

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**Venue: Robertson Heritage Railway Station.**

**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 of \$10 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](mailto:steve@accn.com.au)

► **"Cockatoo Run" Heritage Diesel locomotive** – The Station will be selling tickets for the loop train return trip of Robertson to Moss Vale which is part of the overall "Cockatoo Run" journey from Sydney to the highlands. Enjoy a pleasant train ride through the lush green rural countryside - approx. 12.30pm departure/return approx. 3.30pm - 'Loop train' tickets available on the day – Robertson/Moss Vale return - \$10 adults, \$5 concession, \$25 family

► **Historic Working Machinery** –

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

► **2012 Annual Fettlers Heritage Art Prize Exhibition**, in the Fettlers Shed Art Gallery from Sat 3 March 11am (continues Weekends: March and April 10.30am – 3.30pm)

Celebrate 80 years of Robertson Railway History and involvement with the Unanderra-Moss Vale link line by visiting this fantastic art exhibition where paintings, sculpture, ceramics and other artworks are inspired by Robertson and surrounding villages, the varied subject matter executed by talented artists from Wingecarribee Shire and surrounds. Free entry but gold coin donation would be welcomed. All support for this exhibition, donations from raffles or product purchase help to maintain Robertson Heritage Railway Station and gardens. For more details Website: <http://www.robertsonrailway.com.au/fettlers-shed-gallery> / Ph 4885 1598 M: 0408 610 714.

This exhibition is sponsored by local Robertson business and Robertson Art Galleries as well as Arthead of Moss Vale.

► The Station also has an interesting history display showing the history of the railway in this area.

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

**This promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable day with free entry to the public so come along to the Robertson Railway Common and join in to make the day a great success!**

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**At Robertson Recollections**

26 Hoddle St, Robertson 10.00-5.00 (Closed Wed.)

## **Robertson Post Office Has Sold!**

Paul and I would like to take this opportunity to let the community know that we have sold the Post Office. We are both happy and sad. Happy yes, that we can move on with the next phase of our life and move to Ireland to help offer support to my parents, but also sad that we have to leave a community that has been such a support to us.

The new owners of the Post Office are Robert and Dawn Strauss, they are a Sydney couple that understand the beauty of the Southern Highlands and now wish to make it their home. They have had a varied career in business and are eager to meet you all. They will commence their training with us mid February and will hopefully take over sometime in March.

We hope that you will continue to offer them your support and that you will allow them some time to settle into the new position of Post Master and Post Mistress.

Paul and I thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and support through the last year trying to sell and please bear with us as I am sure there will lots of tears in the coming months.

Warm regards, Paul and Juanita Risi

## **'Local' is a good way to be**

If we want to keep our local services and shops we need to use them as much as possible.

There are plenty of empty shops in Robertson. A lack of spending across the board last year and a disappointing Christmas from a commercial point of view could lead to more closures in 2012. It may be a rough ride.

If landlords would lower the rents, that would help. Locals buying locally and using the local services (whenever possible) is the attainable answer, saving on petrol as well as time spent on the road.

Contact details of local services and shops are on the new Robertson & District Calendar which is available free at most local shops. Pick one up, hang it by the phone and use it, you'll be helping a local.

By Dorothy Baker,  
Robertson Chamber of Commerce

### **2012 Fettlers Heritage Art Prize**

Entries are now being accepted for this years FETTLERS SHED HERITAGE ART PRIZE.

Win one of 5 prizes - total value \$1,150 - a picture or sculpture of Robertson or surrounding area. (can be a landscape, portrait, built environment, event or train)

This is an annual competition open to all residents of Wingecarribee Shire, Wollondilly Shire, Wollongong City and Shell Harbour City Councils, including Kiama and Illawarra regions.

This year we are excited to announce a total Prize Money of \$1350.

First Prize \$400 - donated by the Robertson Heritage Railway Station who are celebrating 80 years of Robertson Railway History.

\$200 - donated by Arthead in Moss Vale

\$150 - donated by Robertson Recollections

\$100 - donated by Robertson Chamber of Commerce

\$100 - donated by Teknemodus for the special Built Environment category

\$400 - combined Galleries prize - donated by Light Horse Gallery, Three Creeks Cafe, Village Woodworks, Gallery Chiron and Green Heart Gallery

Entries must be delivered to the Fettlers Shed in Yarranga St Robertson on Wednesday Feb 29 between 1pm-3pm.or by arrangement ring Penny 0408 610 714 (Bowral) Anne Wilson 4885 1598 (Robertson)

For more details and entry form: [www.robertsonrailway.com.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.com.au)

Open 10.30am – 3.30pm weekends in March and April

OPEN Friday & Saturday of the Robertson Show.

Official opening and prize presentation 11am Sat March 3rd

## **PIZZAS IN THE MIST**

**Wednesday & Thursday Nights—\$20 Per Person**

Pasta - Choice of 6

Wood Fired Sourdough - Balsamic & Extra Virgin Olive Oil  
Glass of Wine

Pinot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Sewing Group

Shirley, the founder of the group turned 80 on a rather significant date - 20/11/2011- and the group celebrated with a special cake for a special Robertson resident.

The group meets each Friday afternoon at the Community Centre at 1.00pm until about 4.30pm. New members are always welcome - you can be a beginner where there is always help on hand for tuition or an expert. Cost is \$2 per week only payable when you come.



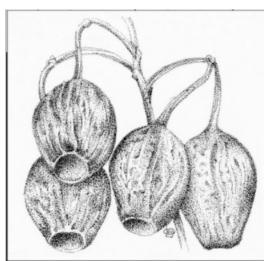
Photo from L to R - Sandra, Birthday girl Shirley, Standing - George, Colleen, Angela

## REPS Meeting Friday 10th February Robertson Community Centre Caalang St, Robertson

**Speaker**  
**"Bugman" Stephen Fellenberg**  
**Entomologist**

Free Meditation and chat Group.  
First Saturday of the month, 6pm.  
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## Millennium Artists Present "Paradise Lost" A Selection of Botanic Works



Bowral and District Art Society  
Gallery  
1 Short Street, Bowral.

Friday 13th April 2012 to  
Monday 23rd April 2012  
10am - 4 pm daily

Opening Remarks and Introduction of  
the Artists  
1.30pm Saturday 14th April 2012

Hazel Fisk	Gwenda Levy
Clare Benson	Cathryn Coutts
Helen Moon	Mary Williamson
Iona Willis	Margaret Botticchio
Janette Barlow	Mary Rose McDonald
	Jennifer Small

"Paradise Lost" features Botanic inspired works by a group of internationally exhibited and award winning artists from Sydney, South Coast and Southern Highlands workshop based at the Bowral and District Art Society under the mentorship of Jennifer Small.

Contact No: B D A S Office  
4861 4093  
[www.bdasgallery.com](http://www.bdasgallery.com)  
or  
Jennifer Small 48 613 316

## "The Music Man"

"Rollycking fun and frolic for all ages" says Steve Cheers, the Director of The Highland Theatre Group's forthcoming production of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man".

Choreographed by Eloise Knight, with local landscape gardener Jonathon Purvis and music teacher Keva Abotomey leading a cast of fifty, "The Music Man" tells the story of travelling musical instrument salesman Harold Hill, who earns his living stirring up trouble in small town U.S.A.

Posing as a band leader and organiser he then offers to solve the self created 'problem' by establishing the town band to whom he sells his band uniforms and musical instruments before rapidly moving on.

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# ROBERTSON in the GARDEN

So - the coldest Southern Highland's summer on record and yet another challenging season in the vegetable garden.

Those two hot days between Christmas and New Year really gave my basil a hurry on however, and hopefully yours too. Harvest all your basil before the cold nights start or it will be unusable.

Here is a pesto recipe I have used for many years:

Basil leaves - 1 1/2 cups firmly packed

Pine nuts - 1/4 cup

Garlic cloves - 2 roughly chopped

Extra virgin olive oil - 1/2 cup

Parmesan cheese - 60g finely grated

Process basil, garlic and pine nuts in food processor until almost smooth, with motor running add oil.

Transfer to a bowl and add Parmesan, season with salt and pepper.

If you have excess Italian parsley you can use 1cup basil and 1/2cup parsley.

Delicious stirred through pasta with a few extra pine nuts sprinkled on top.

Coriander Slow Bolt is a frost hardy annual. All parts of the plant can be used in cooking and the dainty white flowers will attract beneficial predators such as ladybirds and lacewings into the garden.

Try this recipe for Pumpkin and Coriander Soup

Butternut pumpkin - 450g chopped

Garlic - 2 minced cloves

Olive oil - 30ml

Coriander - 1/2 bunch chopped, keep some for garnish

1 teaspoon vegetable stock powder

Cumin seed - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground

1 litre water

Cream - 300ml

Brown the garlic in olive oil.

Add chopped pumpkin, veg powder and cumin.

Add water, bring to boil and simmer for 15 minutes (or until soft).

Remove from heat and add the coriander. Let cool for 5 minutes.

Blend, reheat and add cream. Garnish with a little chopped coriander.

Any left over Pumpkins can be entered into the Robertson Show.

Looking forward to Autumn - the most beautiful season in Robertson.

Jill Keft - Robertson Nursery

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**Editor : Barry Lee**

## **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

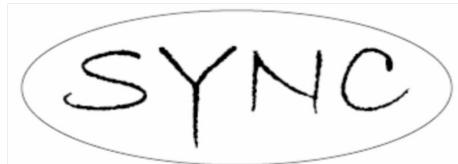
5.00pm - 3rd Sunday

## **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