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A Head of Steam

The anticipation was high, much work had been done, coffee was brewed, lunches prepared, cameras ready.

The arrival of the tourist heritage steam train 3642 on Saturday 21st July was heralded by a shock for the organizers. She arrived on the wrong track. There was no way for the 400 passengers to reach the platform. The 'head of steam' was from Ian Wallace and the team of volunteers at Robertson Heritage Railway Station who had planned this event with great care and attention to detail. They had no idea this could happen. It has never happened before.

A freight train following behind 3642 passed on the track next to the platform.

Apparently those who are paid to work on the railway did not know that the famous heritage steam train carried passengers!!!!

3642 backed up and returned on the correct line next to the platform and the bemused but not upset passengers disembarked then headed at speed for the warmth and comfort of the local café's, the pub, Bowling Club and Fountaindale Grand Manor for lunch.

From what I hear the businesses did well to feed, satisfy and please the large number of visitors in time for the return trip to the big smoke.

The many local children on the platform experienced the thrill of a heavy locomotive pulling in (twice); those of us old enough to remember steam trains enjoyed a nostalgic moment (or two).

So, congratulations and thank you to the NSW Rail Transport Museum and the Robertson Heritage Railway Station for bringing us the magnificent sight, sounds and smell of the steam locomotive 3642 and giving visitors a great thrill.

Dorothy Baker, Roberson Chamber of Commerce.



Letters to the Editor.

Dear Robertson Residents.

As the sewer works in the Village advances, I have had a small number of concerns raised in relation to restoration works.

From my understanding, any works that are carried out which impact on private properties or to the local environment need to be restore to an agreed level and returned to a state that is as close as possible prior to the work being carried out.

I believe that the Public Relations has been carried out professionally and to satisfaction, but there may be some instances where this has not occurred? If you feel this is the case, please let me know, so I can advocate on your behalf.

Sincerely yours,
Clr Larry Whipper

Finding a Justice of the Peace in Robertson.

We have quite a few JP's in Robertson, but like policemen you can never find one when you need one.

You can go online:

www.jp.nsw.gov.au/jp/findjp.html

type in the post code, and there is a list of JP's with contact numbers.

Also the Robertson Chamber of Commerce president is now a JP, contact Dorothy Baker 4885 2400 during business hours.

John and Marie Lemmon turned 80 years young a week apart.

Marie (nee Mackey) & John previously lived in Lemmons Road, Robertson.
Happy 80th

LOCAL is the FUTURE

Interest in the local, handmade and vintage niche is getting bigger. More consumers are rejecting the high-volume goods of the mass-market imports, instead turning to the business of craft and the specialist. An article called 'The Crowds That Shun the Mass Market' by Anita Patil in the UK's Guardian says this is true in New York, London (and so too, Robertson).

The local and personal connections that small retailers and craft workers rely on help them compete with the bigger guys. Although prices might be a little higher for some (not all) locally grown or hand made products there is the pay off "People want to support an independent and feel good about it".

As luck would have it, Robertson has more than its fair share of local, independent, hand crafted and vintage "Niche is becoming crowded".

That is a big positive and another reason we live in a great area.

No complaints from me.

Dorothy Baker, Green Heart Gallery.



A truck spotted by Tony and Anna Williams while driving through Scotland recently.

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Robertson Spring Festival 13th - 14th October 2012

OPEN GARDENS

Eight of our beautiful local Gardens will be open over both days from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. The Owners have spent weeks preparing their Spring Gardens for your delight. On Saturday a Community Bus will travel around some of the Gardens for those needing transport. The cost will be \$5.00 per Garden or \$20.00 entry (\$15.00 concession) to all Gardens, valid over both days. Proceeds from the Open gardens will be divided among the Rural Fire Service, CTC, and the local Show Society.

For further Information:
www.robertsonvillage.com.au and follow links.
The Robertson website is now up and running - it is well worth a visit.



Robertson Heritage Railway Station

- Visit by iconic steam engines 3642 and 3265.
- Come see and hear these magnificent engines
- Robertson Public School children will march to greet the steam train, re-enacting the first march in 1932
- Three mounted lighthorse-men in full regalia will also greet the train
- Robertson Public School Choir
- Invited dignitaries including Minister for Transport
- Cutting of large celebratory cake by one of the original (1932) children and a currently enrolled school child
- Brass band
- Station and grounds will be ablaze with stunning waratah flowers
- History display in station building
- Gallery open featuring photographs of NSW railways
- Perway Shed open displaying railway artefacts
- Model trains
- Miniature train rides on steam-hauled model steam locos

Old Machinery/Tractor Club.

Tractor Runs & Display by Berrima Dist Old Machinery Club & Aussie Ladies Tractor Run.



Other activities

- Soccer Club sausage sizzles
- Light Horse Gallery—Botanical Art Display
- Robertson Wood Works special display.
- Garden Club plant stall in the CTC
- Local Galleries, Antique Shops, Cafes, Markets etc

Further Information

www.robertsonvillage.com.au

Phillip - 4885 1368 (Open Gardens)

Pauline McFetridge - 0412819848 (Tractor Runs)

"Light Horse Gallery" - 4884 1171 (Botanical Art)

Green Heart Gallery

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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 27 October.

Robertson Public School P & C Secretary Mary Creagan said the day will be 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 worked really hard to put on a great show for both the kids and grown-ups this year," Ms Creagan said.

Behind the fun and laughter Ms Creagan said the Fete also provides 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," she said.

Last year, funds raised by the Robertson P & C Committee helped to purchase new Guided Resource Reading Books, sponsored the *Life Education Program*, assisted in financing the School Information Board and subsidised the school's much envied music program.

"Our aim this year is to raise additional funds to continue resourcing the school," she 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 27 of October to get behind our great little school and enjoy what's shaping up to be a great day's entertainment," she said.

The Robertson Public School Fete will be held on Saturday 27 October 2012 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: Mary Creagan on 0488 7567 94

REPS Community News

Felicity Roos from the Department of Primary Industries will be speaking on
Soil – What? Where? And most importantly WHY?
Where: Robertson Community Centre, Caalong St Robertson.

When: Friday 10 August 2012 - 7.30 pm

Speaker background: Felicity Roos graduated from The University of Sydney with a degree in Land and Water Science (Hons). For the last two years she has been working for the Department of Primary Industries on projects looking at increasing farm efficiency (water & nutrients) and running workshops on soil biology and carbon.

Felicity is going to talk broadly about soil: what it is, its role and importance to agriculture and ecosystems (beyond getting stuck under your nails), the role carbon plays in all of this, and why everyone should know something about soil.

Soil is a thin skin that coats the entire land surface of the earth which varies considerably with location, altitude and climate. It is a complex and fascinating chemical, physical and biological system, and to understand how it works you have to understand how all the different aspects interact and how they can be influenced.

Soil is essential in the mobilisation of nutrients so that plants can access them, in breaking down pollutants, cleaning our water, in regulating air temperatures, and supporting all the life on earth.

Soil is a very broad and detailed subject and we still have an awful lot to learn, particularly about soil biology. You may have heard researchers say that we know more about Mars than we do our deep oceans here on earth, well we know more about the deep oceans that we do about our soil! Though, hopefully, I'll be able to answer your questions.

All Welcome, Gold coin donation.

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The Village Woodworks

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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ROBERTSON RURAL FIRE
SERVICE
from June Long Weekend Sausage
Sizzle
at the Village Woodworks.



Robertson Doctor has both a
resident Dietitian & Clinical
Psychologist.
Referrals are required to see these
allied health professionals.
Please call 4885 2569 for further
information.

BUS TRIP

PARRAMATTA VS EELS GAME, AT
PARRAMATTA STADIUM
Saturday 11th August, 2012
leaving Moss Vale returning Moss Vale
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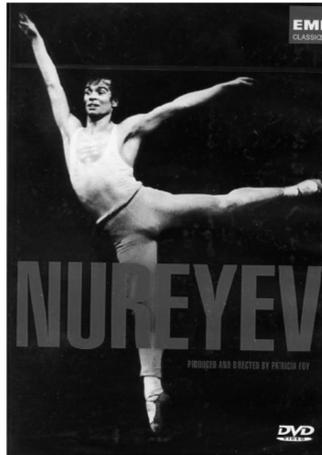
This is the second last game of the
seasons at Parramatta Stadium
and will be for the wooden spoon
Their will also be a raffle
1st prize; Voucher to the value of \$120
at Scottish Arms Hotel
2nd prize: My Life Story by
Nathan Hindmarsh,
3rd prize: Mystery Prize

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CTC Cinema Talk Series 2012 Rudolf Nureyev

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Blue Robinson who was personal
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dancer of all time – **Rudolf
Nureyev**, will talk about his time
spent with the dancer and
introduce Patricia Foy's film
Nureyev. Blue's book, *A Year
With Rudolf Nureyev*, will be on
sale at the CTC. Blue is from Wild
Wood Gallery in Fitzroy Falls.

Sunday 26th August at 3pm
Wine, cheese and coffee included.
Adults \$20 children \$10
(CTC fundraiser).
Bookings recommended.

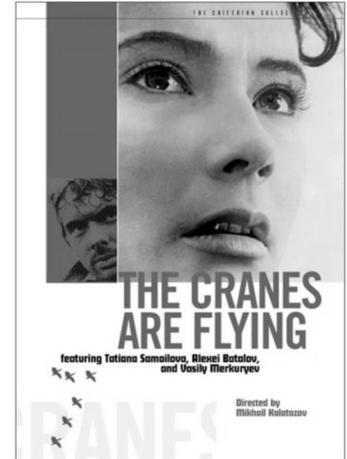


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CTC Cinema Talk Series 2012 The Cranes are Flying

Introduced by Tony Williams



Award-winning film director **Tony
Williams** will give a talk on the
Russian director Mikhail Kalatozov,
with excerpts from his extraordinary
film *I Am Cuba*, and screening the
whole of his masterpiece *The
Cranes Are Flying*. Both films have
stunning cinematography and visual
techniques ahead of their time. *The
Cranes Are Flying* won the *Palme
d'Or* at the 1958 Cannes Film
Festival.

Sun 23rd September at 3pm
Wine, cheese and coffee included.
Adults \$20 children \$10
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Bookings recommended.



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Fountaindale Grand Manor - Xmas in July over till next Year

June 2012 saw Fountaindale close its grand doors to begin the build of our first *'Fountaindale Xmas in July'* extravaganza. With the unknown always over our shoulder it was a time of expectation and, to be honest, exhaustion.

How time has flown – four weeks later and here we are carefully placing precious items away for next year – yes, next year! The success of our inaugural event has ensured that Fountaindale Grand Manor Xmas in July will become an annual production building success upon success with each passing year. Exciting isn't it – can't wait to see what surprises next year will bring!

Speaking of which, planning is well underway for July 2013. We have shops occupied, return lunch and dinner reservations ready to be inputted into our booking system and many enquiries about a Manor House in a place called Robertson – wonderful news for all of us! And yes, the ice rink will be back – no doubt about that one!

A special acknowledgement of thanks to those who helped make this concept become a reality - and of course, the great team at Fountaindale, Coty and Andrew Farquhar and Carla Offord. A special thank you to the Maugers for donating their lower field for the Xmas in July parking.

For those of you interested in supporting us in July 2013 by taking a shop space or sponsoring an activity or perhaps entertaining the crowds, please feel free to give us a call on (02) 4885 1111.

Merry *'Fountaindale Christmas in July'* to everyone till next year from Alan, Carol and Family.



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



Pet's Blessing & Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 16th September, 3pm
Robertson Uniting Church
Illawarra Highway, Robertson



Bring your pet or pets along to this Special Service to say thank you to God for all the love and companionship that these precious animals give to their owners. We will also be able to say thank you for the treasured animals that have been our loved pets but are no longer with us..

Service led by Rev John Balding
More Information 4868 1134 or 4885 1490

All pets welcome and the responsibility of their owners.
(bring the pooper scooper!)

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Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of **October**. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th September 2012**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577**, or **Email: hjlee@dodo.com.au**. (Submissions are best supplied by email or on disk. Avoid formatting text as much as possible. Hard copy must be typed) Enquiries - 4885 1210

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