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A PLACE CALLED ROBERTSON

Tony Williams and Anna Hewgill have spent the last three years making a documentary about life in Robertson. As Tony and Anna say, "It's not a *Four Corners*, or a *7.30 Report*, neither is it a tourist promotional film, rather it is an impression of the town as we discovered it when we moved here five years ago. We have tried to let the town residents tell the story of the town rather than impose our own views.

Tony and Anna decided to donate all the proceeds of the premiere to the Robertson Fire Brigade and the Robertson Show. As Tony says, "In a summer like the one we are experiencing, who can question the value and dedication of the rural fire service, they need all the support they can get. And the Robbo Show has to be the friendliest and most fun rural show in the region, it's an absolute Robertson icon."

Richard Ruhfus from the Empire Cinema in Bowral has very generously made two cinemas available for the premiere at no charge given that Tony and Anna are going to donate all the proceeds to Robertson. The screening in Cinema 1 at 5.45pm will essentially be for people in the film and invited guests (at this point confirmed guests include the Member for Kiama Gareth Ward and Member for Throsby Stephen Jones). The screening in Cinema 4 at 5.30pm will be for the overflow from Cinema 1 and also for the general public.

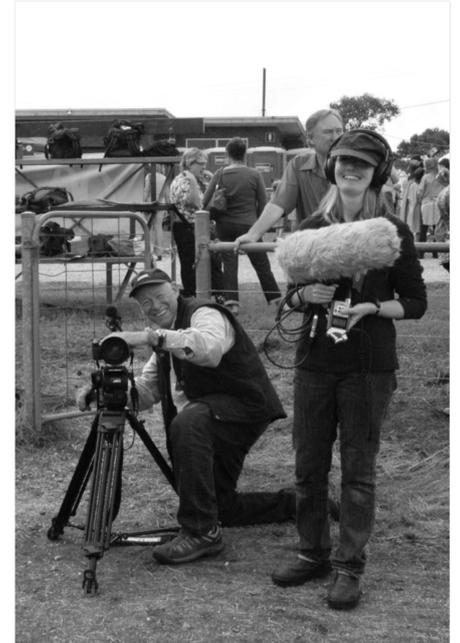
A PLACE CALLED ROBERTSON

A 72 minute documentary

A magical film celebrating the spirit of an Australian rural village.



"Everybody wants to feel part of a community don't they, they want to feel that they belong" – Heather Tait, Robertson resident.



A Place Called Robertson is a magical film that takes an affectionate look at the characters who live in a unique Australian country town. The values of these often quirky old-timers rub off on the newcomers who are seeking a tree change. And the new residents discover there is more to Robertson than just trees.

In a contemporary world that sometimes questions the advantages of social media technology, *A Place Called Robertson* is a snapshot of traditional Australian values that can be found in the heart of a community.

Directed, Photographed and Edited by
Tony Williams,
Sound and Production by Anna Hewgill

Friday 15th March 2013 at 5:45pm

**Cinema 1 and 5.30pm Cinema 4
Empire Cinema Bowral**

Bookings essential. Tickets \$15 available from the Empire Cinema Box Office.

All proceeds to the Robertson Rural Fire Brigade and the Robertson Show.

Trailer can be viewed at www.fourdonkeyfilms.com

Letters to the Editor.

Well, in this case from the editor. Two items.

Firstly, my wife and I enjoyed a great meal at the Cheese Factory Café recently on a Saturday night and while everyone probably knows that the Café is open daily for breakfast and lunch, or for coffee etc during the day, you may not know that they are open for dinner on the third weekend of every month. The next occasion for dinner is the 15th and 16th February.

Secondly. Recognise the people in these photos?



Paul and Juanita Risi sent Happy Australia Day and New Year greetings to their friends in Australia and particularly in Robertson. The move back to Ireland has been a good decision for their family there, although they miss Australia and especially the people. Paul is working at B&Q, the equivalent of Bunnings which is handy considering they are renovating the house that they have bought.

ERICA LONGHURST
Wingecarribee "Young Citizen of the Year"

Erica was nominated for her contribution to her school and her peers, her selfless generosity, capacity for compassion and strong volunteer work ethic. In addition to her continuously striving for academic excellence, Erica is an advocate for social justice and consistently looks out for her fellow students. When not assisting her colleagues, Erica can often be found volunteering her time at numerous regional organizations including St John Ambulance, Burrawang Rural Fire Brigade, Robertson Environment Protection Society, Berrima District Museum, to name but a few. Quietly spoken, strong of conviction and dedicated to community service, Erica's selfless contributions have made a genuine difference to our Shire.



Stop Press

We have just received notification that the Clothing Bins at St John's church will soon be removed. The problem of people dumping items other than clothing has become too problematic and the removal of them too expensive so the bins at Bowral, Mittagong and Robertson are all being removed.

Anzac Day

Thursday 25th April
10.15am
Burrawang Memorial
Wreath Laying
11.00am
Robertson Memorial
Wreath Laying
followed by
Service
in the
School of Arts.

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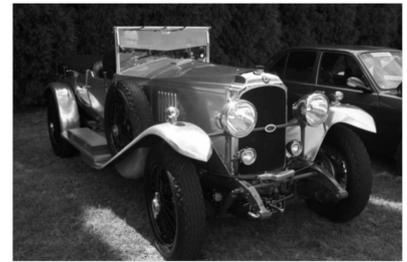


**ROBERTSON HERITAGE
RAILWAY STATION**

VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR DAY

**ART EXHIBITION
HISTORIC WORKING MACHINERY**

*Sunday, 14 April 2013
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 in Show', best British, American, Australian, European classic cars 30 years and over, commercial/pickups plus special prizes for the most original unrestored vehicle.

**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*

► **2013 Annual Fettle's Heritage Art Prize Exhibition** in the Fettle's Shed Art Gallery from Sat 23 February (continues Weekends: 23 February thru to Sunday 14 April - 10.30am to 3.30pm).

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/fettle-s-shed-gallery> / Ph 4885 1598 M: 0408 610 714.*

This exhibition is sponsored by RHRSI, Green Heart Gallery and Doggone Graphics for first prize, and Robertson Recollections, Robertson Chamber of Commerce & Tecknemodus for their special prizes.

► **"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.

► The Station also has an interesting history display showing the history of Robertson and 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!

www.robertsonrailway.com.au

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Health and Fitness in 2013

In working with all kinds of people with all different kinds of fitness levels, the challenge and question for most people is **How do I Get Started?**

While most people tend to start with a walking routine, which is ok, a better use of your time is following our start up guide to fitness. Grab some paper to help you with this exercise.

Define what you want

A new year brings new opportunities and now is your time to define what you want from your health in 2013. Knowing what you want will give you a better chance of achieving it and what you need to do to get there. Without going into the specifics simply make a statement on how you want to look and feel in 2013

Write: **My Plan is.....** -

Dedicate some time and money

Understand you don't need to run marathons to get fit, rather its consistency that's the key. So decide which times and days works best for you and go for it.

Write down: **My training days and preferred time(s) are...**

Like most things, an investment in dollars is required. Budget a monthly amount for all things health.

Write down **My budget per month is (\$ X) and includes** (includes X)

Get educated

Watch the marketing campaigns bombarding us this month with lemon detox diets, \$1 gym memberships, ab machines and super diet foods. Unfortunately there is no 'quick fix'. However there is a place for obtaining qualified, proven information at a local level.

I am running a series of work shops this year on learning to run and also healthy whole food cooking. If you would like details, shoot me a message and I'll get in touch.

Be accountable

So here is the thing about goals in general. When you have someone to be accountable to, you are 90% more likely to succeed. So give your piece of paper to a supportive friend, colleague or family member and keep them updated with your progress.

Or,

I can support you..... forward your response to me at southernhighlands@stepintolife.com and I will review your plan for 2013 and send you some resources (articles, videos, audios) that will support you on your new plan.

If you prefer to have the company of others as you exercise then come and try a trial session with Step into Life!

We have sessions on Monday and Friday at Hampden Park.

Call Liz on 0438 294813 for more information.

AUSTRALIAN BUTLERS TELL ALL!

In 1924, Fountaindale Grand Manor (formerly Hotel Ranelagh) was known as the hotel of choice for the rich and famous of Sydney. The ladies and gentlemen of Sydney society, schooled in traditional manners and bred with the sense of entitlement, filled the great halls. A bevy of servants, above and below stairs, waited on their charges, ready to fulfil every whim, with elegance and grace the order of the day.

The question - is Australian society any different today?

The answer - apparently not!

While our focus is firmly placed in the technology arena and teaching the younger generation not to loudly slurp their drinks or eat with their mouths open is on the back burner, the era of personal service and quiet discipline is alive and well in Australia. Good, old fashioned (discretion assured) service has never gone out of fashion - a fact recognised by the Australian Butler School. <http://www.australianbutlerschool.com/>

Yes, the Australian Butler School is here! Etiquette training is just one of the many badges they wear and training the butlers of tomorrow is a mission of great importance. A contemporary butler is a 21st century service professional, just as capable of polishing the silver as organising a party for 300 in a remote location on the other side of the world. He, and increasingly she, must be able to handle the smartphone, tablet and laptop as adeptly as the silver salver, champagne glasses and canapés. The secrets behind providing service that is so elegant, silent and seamless that it almost appears magical, will be revealed only to the select students participating in the School. Downtown Abbey meets Fountaindale Grand Manor. Add to the mix a magnificent Grand Manor, surrounded by sweeping driveways and heritage grounds, (not to mention its own train station) in the midst of the green, lush Southern Highlands and you have -

Fountaindale Grand Manor
Home of the Australian Butler School.
<http://fountaindale.com.au/>

Yes, Fountaindale Grand Manor is hosting the Australian Butler School, a partnership which will bring back the grace and elegance of its ninety year heritage. Fountaindale Grand Manor enthusiastically welcomes the Australian Butler School to its beautiful halls and we look forward to a long and rewarding relationship.



We do it outdoors.

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Fettle's Shed Railway Precinct Yarranga St Robertson

General (A) : Judge Pam Voysey

Special Built Environment (B) : Judge Anika Ekholm

**** Official opening & prize announcement **
Saturday 23 Feb 1pm
then**

EXHIBITION OPEN: 10.30am – 3.30pm

WEEKENDS ONLY: Sat Feb 23 thru Sun April 14 (Vintage Car)
Open Fri 1 & Sat 2 (Robertson Show) & Sun 3 March 2013
www.robertsonrailway.com.au for more details and entry or
ring 0408 610 714, 4885 1598 for alternate drop off.

1. Paintings & works on paper (excluding pure photography) eg Acrylic, oil, watercolour, gouache, pastel, mixed medium, 2D or 3D (within 1mx1mx1m dimensions). Work must suit the following categories: (A) General: Landscape or Streetscape, present or past, of Robertson or surrounding villages & towns of Wingecarribee – can be any subject, including railway themed or people orientated, with view to recording present vistas or recreating the past. (B) Built Environment: depicting past or present structures (building or machinery)
2. Works must be original and signed by artist and be produced within the last 12 months, not having been hung in a previous Fettle's Heritage Art Prize (please provide a paragraph description identifying location or subject matter geographically or historically).
3. Why not get painting early for the Wingecarribee Art Prize, subject matter Moss Vale or Bowral, and enter it into the Fettle's Heritage as well? Check out the BDAS or Wingecarribee websites for their details.
4. Thanks to sponsors RHRSI, Green Heart Gallery and Doggone Graphics for first prize. Robertson Recollections, Robertson Chamber of Commerce & Tecknemodus for their special prizes.

PUBLIC ADDRESS BY EMINENT ENVIRONMENT LAWYER

Dr Martijn Wilder

(Dr Wilder of Wildes Meadow, Southern Highlands has a distinguished background in academia, economics, investment and international law.)

“Demystifying Australia’s Response to Climate Change. Why is it important? Sorting out Fact from Fiction.”

Friday 8th February, 7.30pm

Robertson Community Centre, Caalong St., Robertson
(An initiative of Robertson Environment Protection Society)

All invited, \$2 admission, refreshments provided.

What has the Federal Government done with respect to its policies, rules and programs on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and climate change? We all hear about the carbon tax and emissions trading, what the government is doing and what Abbott will do, but it is all very confusing to someone who does not understand it or just relies on the headlines. This talk will demystify this somewhat; outline what the Australian Government is doing; what other Governments are doing; what will happen if there is a change of government in Australia; and what the current bushfires mean.

Graduating with first class honours in economics from the University of Sydney, Dr Wilder went on to take a law degree from the Australian National University, a Commonwealth Trust Fellowship to Cambridge and The Hague University where he developed an interest in environmental law. Now Head of the Baker & McKenzie Global Markets Group, he is also Adjunct Professor in Climate Change at the ANU. Last year he was awarded the Order of Australia for service in environmental law and climate change. According to Paul Keating, Martijn played the key role in thwarting international mining in Antarctica, the “common heritage of mankind”.

His current appointments include:

- Cambridge University Affiliate for climate Change Mitigation Research.
- Chair, NSW Government Climate Change Council.
- Director, Federal Government Program "Low Carbon Australia"
- Director\Clean Energy Finance Corporation (with \$10B funding).

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MUSIC IN THE RED BARN

At the **Sydney & Southern Highlands Music Society's** December 2nd concert the 'Orchestra 143' performed works by Haydn, Mozart, Boyce and Boccherini.



Conducted by David Angell
Horn soloist Graham Nichols.

The delightful concert was



held in 'The Red Barn'
Robertson.

For information on the
Music Society's 2013
concert programme contact
Robert Goldsack:

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Sydney & Southern Highlands Music Society is sponsored by McGlynn & Partners Lawyers, Robertson Chamber of Commerce, Robertson Recollections and Wallagunda Wildflowers.



CAR BOOT MARKET

Saturday 23rd Feb

8am to 3pm

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HAVE YOU BEEN PROTECTING YOUR SKIN THIS SUMMER?

While summer is most of the way through it's not too late to start being Sun Smart. We all know that overexposure to both the sun can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancers. Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. At least 2 out of 3 Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer before the age of 70.

UV radiation is the part of the sun's rays that damages skin. It is not related to temperature and can still be high on cool and overcast days. UV radiation passes through water and is strongest between 10 am and 3 pm.

Being SunSmart

Protect your skin using a combination of SunSmart strategies including:

- **Slip** on sun- protective clothing. Cover as much skin as possible.
- **Slop** on SPF 30+ sunscreen
- **Slap** on a hat. Wear a wide-brimmed hat that shades face, head, neck and ears
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on sunglasses – close fitting wrap-around styles that meet Australian Standards are best
- Take extra care between 10am and 3pm when UV radiation is most intense. You can even get an app on your smartphone that tells you when the danger time are!
- Babies under 12 months should not be exposed to direct UV and should be well protected from the sun.

Sunscreens

- Use an SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.
- Apply to clean dry skin 20 minutes before going outside to allow time for it to bond to the skin.
- Re-apply sunscreen every two hours, or according to directions.
- Don't use a sunscreen product after it's expiry date.

Sunburn

Sometimes, despite our best efforts to prevent it, many of us will still suffer from sunburn. There are of course varying degrees of sunburn, however there are few things that you can do limit the damage and aid recovery:

Avoid further sun exposure until the redness, peeling and pain have disappeared.

Drink plenty of water to replenish your fluid levels. Dehydration is another potentially dangerous side effect of too much exposure to the sun.

Take cool showers and apply cool compresses.

There are also number useful sunburn treatments available from pharmacies that can be rubbed or sprayed onto the skin. These products can provide symptom relief and help repair the skin.

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12noon – 8.00am Saturdays
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One GP is on call over these times to accept and respond to messages from patients taken by the call service.

The contact phone number for the telephone answering service is 48616 433.

The GP After Hours Clinic is located in the Day Surgery Unit at the rear of the Southern Highlands Private Hospital, Sheffield Rd, Bowral.

The Clinic operates

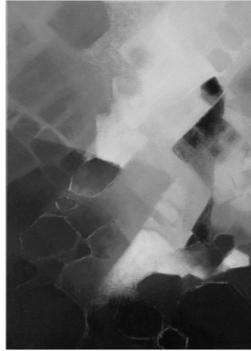
Saturdays 3.00pm – 5.00pm,
Sundays & public holidays

10.00am-12noon & 3.00pm-5.00pm.

The clinic does not bulk bill and charges apply.



World Day of Prayer
“I was a stranger and you welcomed me”
Prepared by WDP Committee
France



Friday 1st March 2013
1.30pm
St John's Anglican Centre
Meryla St, Robertson

Please Join Us

Enquiries
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Miriam Margolyes at the CTC



Miriam Margolyes, a veteran of stage and screen will introduce **The Age of Innocence**, the film that won her the BAFTA best supporting actress award. Martin Scorsese creates his most powerful and passionate film starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder and Miriam Margolyes. *One of the most elegant films ever made. Breathtaking, heartbreaking, amazingly rich* (Dennis Cunningham WCBS TV New York).
Film duration 133 mins. Rated G.

Thurs 7th February at 7pm

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

Bookings recommended.

Tea & coffee available. BYO wine.

CTC @ Robertson

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Calling All Cooks!

This year Robertson Show will be holding a great orange cake bake-off, at the show to be held on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd March.

The prize is a \$100.00 gift voucher redeemable at Hair on Hoddle.

CLASS 1

The Great Orange Cake Bake Off

Don't miss this great opportunity to join the elite cake cooks.

Special Prize \$100.00 voucher to be spent at *Hair on Hoddle*

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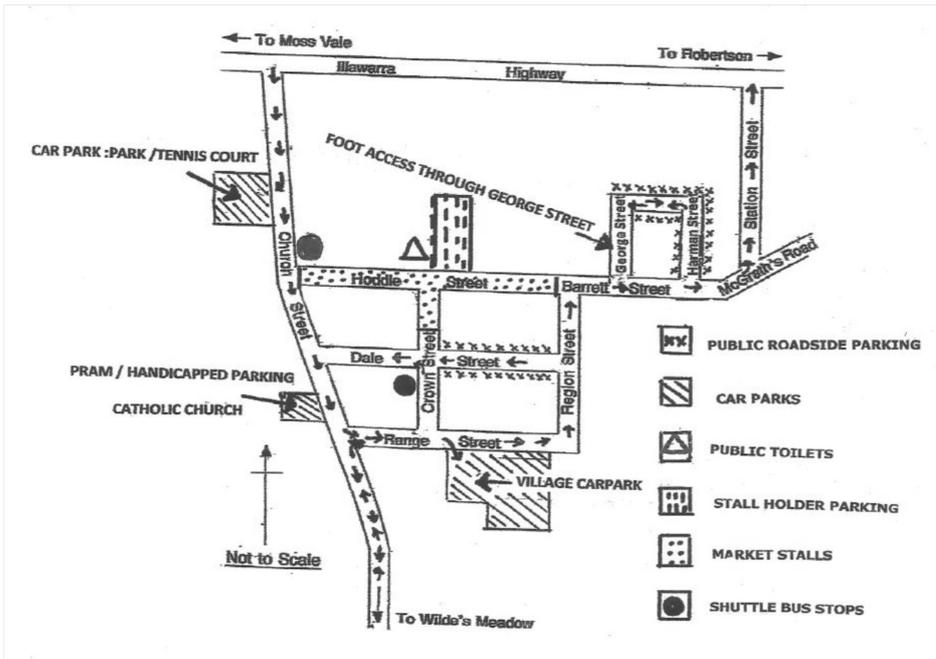


BURRAWANG EASTER MARKET 2013

On Saturday March 30th we will be holding the annual Burrawang Easter Market. We would like to inform you of a number of changes to Traffic Planning which are aimed at making entering and exiting the Village safer and easier for residents and visitors.

- **ENTRY TO THE MARKETS WILL BE CHURCH STREET ONLY**
- McGraths Road will be closed to all traffic between 6am and 2pm.
- After 2pm McGraths Road will be open to exit one way, travelling east towards the Highway (i.e. The Robertson end)
- Almost the entire Village will be a **NO PARKING ZONE**. The only public Parking will be Dale Street between Crown and Region Streets, and in Harman Street. There is now a footbridge in George Street, giving pedestrian access to the market from the west end of Harman Street.
- ALL OTHER VEHICLES MUST PARK and their passengers RIDE FREE – by shuttle bus FROM THE PARK/TENNIS COURTS TO THE VILLAGE (400 spaces) **or** PAY \$5 PER CAR TO PARK IN THE VILLAGE AT THE RANGE STREET CAR PARK. (600+spaces)
- PRAM AND HANDICAPPED PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH GROUNDS.

The Market Committee is working hard to do everything we can to avoid inconvenience to our Community. We thank everyone for their support, particularly your Robertson Rural Fire Service who will be providing us with some of their licensed traffic controllers, which will in return earn them some much needed funds for your local Brigade. We are all looking forward to another successful day for everyone – **THANKYOU**.



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

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 PO Box 3005 Robertson 2577. Thank you for your support.

Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of April. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th March 2013**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Huddle St, Robertson 2577**, or Email: bjlee@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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