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FETTLERS HERITAGE ART PRIZE 2013 'AN OPENING FOR DUX'



"Winter Morning Robertson" - Gina Brewster

Thank you so much to those of you who braved the weather on Saturday 23 February, to make the opening of the Fettle's Heritage Art Prize Opening and Prize Presentation such a success. The gallery always looks great with lots of people and with 40 - 50 odd, it looked fantastic!

At 12.50pm expectations were not high, looking out the gallery door, with the rain bucketing down and no-one yet to welcome, including all the helpers!! Very anxious person:)

Sorry for those over the mountain, that did not venture out - I can well forgive you, and would have done the same, if it had been me!

Presentations went well and a thank you to all for the support, bringing along some friends as well. The guest speaker and exhibition opener, Anne Judell, appeared to enjoy talking with all the artists and thanked everyone for the privilege of belonging to such a vibrant art community.

For those not in attendance, paintings were all very worthy and the judges, Pam Voysey and Anika Ekholm, agonised over their decisions. (knowing they would also be judged in return!)

Congratulations to all the winners: As shown by these photos and descriptions, there was a very mixed selection of medium.



Anne Judell & Patrice Cooke



"Corbett Plaza" - Tracey Miller

Thank you again to all entrants - your paintings look terrific hung - as always it comes together in the end, and the initial fright at drop off is dispelled, once paintings are on the walls.

Tell all your friends to pay the Fettle's Heritage Art Prize a well deserved visit - it's a very worthwhile exhibition.

Open weekends until April 14. (closed over Easter)



Virginia Hughes & Micki Boehme

RHRSI Prize Winner (sponsors RHRSI, Green Heart Gallery, Doggone Graphics): Gina Brewster 'Winter Morning Robertson' (mixed media)

Robertson Chamber of Commerce Prize: Tracey Miller 'Corbett Plaza' (acrylic)

Robertson Recollections Prize: Virginia Hughes 'Livestock Loader' (watercolour, gouache)

Highly commended - RHRSI: James Kearnes 'Kangaloon Bull' (Mixed Media)

Commended - RHRSI: Mary Mowbray 'The CBD Rocks' (Oils)

The Teknemodus Built Environment Prize: Patrice Cooke '3 views triptych' (Oils)

Highly commended B/E: Monica Markovina 'My Home' (ink, patinated copper)

Commended B/E: Marjorie Parsons 'Carlos's Door' (watercolour)

From the Editor.

The next edition of the Robertson News will need to be finalised and printed well ahead of distribution at the beginning of June., due to the editor going overseas. All articles and ads must be in by the 15th May, **at the latest**. Anything submitted after that date **will not be included**. The August edition on the other hand may be a little late so this should be born in mind if advertising activities or events in early August.

CLIMATE ACTION NOW WINGECARRIBEE is pleased to invite you to THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF EXPLOITING COAL SEAM GAS

A presentation by DR PETER STONE
Director, Gas Industry Social and Environmental
Research Alliance

Thursday Evening, 11th April, 6 – 9 pm
Gibraltar Hotel, Bowral Country Club Golf
Course, Boronia Street, Bowral

Dr Stone will address a number of burning
questions including:

- What is coal seam gas?
- What risks are involved in extracting coal seam gas?
- Can the use of coal seam gas significantly reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions?
- What are the economic pros and cons of exploiting coals seam gas?
- Does coal seam gas exploitation result in significant job opportunities?

Admission \$15 for non members, \$5 for
members and students.
Register at www.canwin.org.au

Mountain Spice

Wise men believe variety is the spice of life and with that in mind the new Asian bistro at the Robertson Bowling Club, aptly named Mountain Spice, has plenty of variety in a scrumptious menu. Under the watchful eye of experienced chef, Theeradet Boonrod, the bistro opened its doors March 25 and as well as catering for Asian cuisine Thee, as he likes to be called, is equally at home preparing both Oriental and Australian dishes.

Born in Thailand he migrated to Australia as a young man and began training at the Regency TAFE College in Adelaide and comes to Robertson with an impressive background. To broaden his skills Thee has worked in such places as Adelaide's Terrace International Hotel, the Hilton Hotel in Cairns, before being appointed as head chef of a 250-seat restaurant and bistro at Mt Gambier. In 2004 he moved to the Central Coast opening his own Thai Restaurant at Umina Beach which he ran for six years before accepting the position of head chef at the Hardy's Bay RSL Club where he introduced a variety of Asian cuisines as well as Oriental meals.

Married with two young children Thee now wants to pass on his kitchen skills onto the people of Robertson enabling them to experience first hand the delights of Asian cooking. "Cooking is my passion, it's something that I take enormous pride in and when I serve my meals and see how people appreciate them that's the reward I'm looking for." A quick look at the menu reveals such delicacies as Pad Thai made up of thin rice noodles with tamarine, palm sugar sauce, served with crushed nuts and lemons, or drunken noodles which comprise flat rice noodles with chilli, garlic, basil and mixed vegetables.

There's much, much to choose from, stir fries, rice dishes, curries, Aussie favourites, snacks, salads, desserts and kids meals which include free ice cream and a choice of topping.

Mountain Spice is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner and the Robertson Bowling Club is located in Yarranga St., Robertson.

Inquiries: 4885 1306.

A Thank You from Tagaqa District School

The Head Teacher, Mr Emosi Jale writes in part.....

I wish to express our very sincere gratitude for your schools donation of new T-Shirts to all our pre school students .

The children were really thrilled by these outfits and our school was really blessed for the timely donation.

I would also like to thank the customers of Robertson Supermarket and also "Lars Stigson" for the Financial Donation of \$300.00 to the school. Our school receives only \$2120.00 from the government and \$2000 from the parents every term to run the school. The amount of money is only enough to pay for two ancillary staff and the other expenses are usually met by donation and fundraising. Your donation will be used to pay our electricity bills for the month and we do really appreciate your contribution to this cause.



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Sydney Royal Gold & Silver Medals for Locals

Small Cow Farm has again won awards with winning cheeses at this year's Sydney Royal Cheese & Dairy Competition.

Cheesemaker Mark Williams says "This competition, judged prior to the Easter Show each year, was not without controversy. Some artisan cheese makers were not in agreement with the supermarket chain Aldi being allowed in the competition, as they were not making the cheese or naming their cheesemakers. No doubt the Show Society will re-think this issue for next year."

Small Cow Farm won gold for their popular Fettice (fetta), Brie and Camembert; silver for Eastern Fetta (gourmet fetta) and Redella (washed rind). They were also included on the Australian Cheeseboard Perpetual Trophy for a third time, along with four other gold medal winners, representing a cross section of Australian cheeses with their Brie.

Redella is the most recent creation at Small Cow Farm, and selling well in traditional wooden boxes imported from France.

We put down our success to fresh milk and attention to detail, or as one customer described it, "I can taste the love in it!" As for new cheeses in the making? "We are always looking for something special and different - just for the challenge" says Mark.



WANTED IN-HOUSE CHEF/COOK

Occasional weekends and holiday periods cooking healthy fresh meals for family/events.
Great pay and setting. Must be experienced, passionate and energetic.

Contact Marly 0402912251 or email marlyc@bigpond.com

Robertson Show – Home Cheese Makers Competition

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Reknown cheese maker & teacher, Carole Willman, travelled from Victoria to judge this year's competition. She was impressed with the overall quality of entries and would like to see more hard cheeses entered, such as cheddar and parmesan.

There is a growing group of home cheese makers nationally, eager to produce an authentic product to impress dinner guests or just enjoy the fruit of their efforts. As an ancient tradition cheese making satisfies a creative urge in us.

Next year's competition promises to be more interesting with a Master Class being offered on the Saturday.

Robertson Origin of New Breakfast Cereal

Australian owned company Freedom Foods newest breakfast cereal 'Pro-teen Crunch' is the creation of former Robertson resident Linda Simpkin. Pro-teen Crunch is unique in that it is based on chickpea flour, rather than wheat. At Freedom foods, we develop and manufacture nutritious tasty Breakfast cereals, Muesli bars and Biscuits for people with allergies or dietary intolerances to Gluten, Wheat and Nuts at our dedicated Gluten and Nut Free facility located in the Riverina NSW.

When I was growing up in Robertson, it was all farming land producing potatoes, milk and beef. It is a great place to grow up. Everybody supported each other and the community as a whole. I had a privileged childhood with dedicated teachers at Robertson Primary School and surrounded by strong community leaders involved in the Girl Guides, Scouts and a plethora of local fund raising activities. Robertson was and continues to be a safe and harmonious community. The best part of my role in New Product Development, I aim where possible to source all ingredients from Australia to keep smaller communities like Robertson alive and thriving.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

32ND ANNUAL ROBERTSON WOOL FESTIVAL 2013



Saturday 6th April 2013

School of Arts

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The courses are free.

Just drop in to 58-60 Hoddle Street, Robertson (opp. Murray Tractors), phone 4885 2665 or email info@robertsonctc.org.au for more information.

An Australian Government Initiative

Chemical Clean Out at Council Depot Saturday 13 April

Residents can drop off their unwanted household chemicals – **FREE of charge from 9.00am to 3.30pm.**

Chemicals that can be dropped off include residential quantities (20kg or 20 litre maximum container) of:

- pesticides and herbicides,
- paints and paint products,
- solvents and household cleaners,
- motor oils and fuels,
- car batteries,
- gas bottles,
- fire extinguishers,
- fluorescent globes and tubes,
- pool and hobby chemicals (ie. photography),
- acids and alkalis,
- poisons, and
- floor care products and ammonia based cleaners

For more information call the **Environment Line** on phone 131 555 or visit www.cleanout.com.au.

Yehudi Menuhin

Introduced by Philip Bailey



Philip Bailey was Yehudi Menuhin's personal assistant for over two decades. He was present when several Menuhin documentaries were being shot. Philip will discuss two of these films with excerpts from **Family Portrait** and screening the whole of **Violin of the Century**. Philip has written his own Menuhin biography and is a raconteur whose intimate knowledge of Yehudi provides a rare insight into the life of the most lauded musician of the last century.

Sunday 14th April at 2pm

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

Café opens at 1.30pm. Tea & coffee available.

Bookings recommended.



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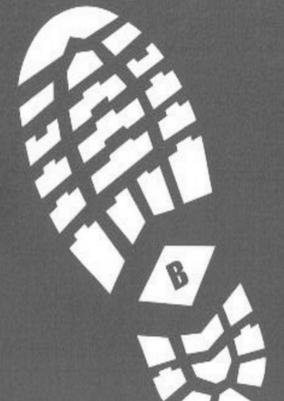
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200 Year Anniversary in the Southern Highlands

This year marks the 200 year anniversary of Jane Austen's *Pride And Prejudice* and to celebrate, the Highlands Theatre Group is proud to bring it to the region.

This production is special for the group as this is their first home grown script. Whilst *Pride And Prejudice* is one of the world's most well loved books and has been made into a popular mini series, there is no definitive stage play. So after more than a year of careful research and planning, director Jim Cheesley has written his version which the theatre group committee are confident, patrons will enjoy and embrace.

Whether you are familiar with one of the literary worlds' most famous romances or you wish to know what all the fuss is about between Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy, visit the Mittagong Playhouse this April for a night to remember. It's suggested that you book early as Jane Austen Society's in Sydney and Canberra are joining the local society for this event.

Join the Highlands Theatre Group email list to get show updates and go in the draw at the end of each production for two free tickets to the next one! To join, fill in a form at the venue or contact us through our website - www.htg.org.au

WHERE: Mittagong Playhouse, Bowral Road, Mittagong

WHEN: Apr 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 at 8pm

Apr 14, 20, 21 and 27 at 2pm

TICKETS: \$18 special - all tickets for opening night

Remaining performances \$20 - \$24 with family and group price options

BOOKINGS: Book online at www.htg.org.au and click on the yellow 'BOOK' button or

contact Southern Highlands Tourism on 1300 657 559



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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 4885 1313

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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 **June**. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th May 2013**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle 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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