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Robertson: it's time to connect.

The days of pump-out trucks are numbered now that connection to the long-awaited Robertson Sewerage Scheme is finally available.

Work on the \$33.6 million dollar scheme, which included the installation of 25 kilometres of sewerage pipe work around the village, construction of a pumping station, enclosed sewage treatment plant, effluent transfer main and irrigation dam was commissioned at the end of June following two years of construction.

Wingecarribee Shire Council General Manager, Jason Gordon, explained the benefits of the new sewerage scheme.

"Apart from providing a modern sewage service for almost 700 initial properties and taking sewage trucks off the road, residents and guests can also look forward to cleaner waterways and a healthier environment," he said.

The hybrid scheme features a mix of traditional gravity sewerage areas and low pressure pumping units servicing the outskirts of the village.

"Not only are we removing what was partially treated effluent from the local waterway, we're now treating it to the point where it's become a valuable by-product," Mr Gordon said.

"In fact, in an average year, it's estimated some 140 million litres of effluent will be diverted, treated and re-used for irrigation".

As part of the scheme, effluent will now be transported to the newly constructed treatment plant off May Street, where it will undergo advanced tertiary treatment involving micro-filtration and ultraviolet light disinfection before being piped to the irrigation dam at Glenquarry.

Mr Gordon also thanked the residents of Robertson for their patience and support.

"This scheme is long overdue but after many years of false starts, residents and visitors to Robertson will finally be served by a first-class facility.

"The scheme is also fairer and more equitable," Mr Gordon added. "No longer will different houses be charged different amounts dependent on what type of system they have installed."

Each property has been provided with a connection point and owners will need to engage a licensed plumber to carry out the connection to the Council sewerage main.

"I understand many local plumbers have already started to make themselves known around the village," Mr Gordon said.

"Obtaining a group quote with neighbours is one way in which residents may be able to negotiate on connection costs."

"Whilst residents have until 30 June next year to connect and pump out subsidies will continue until December this year, to enjoy all the benefits, including a cleaner environment, I encourage everyone to connect as soon as possible".

Residents should have received a Sewerage Information Kit from Council with details how to connect to the newly completed scheme.

For further information, including PDF documents on connecting to the system, visit www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/water-sewerage or email wscmail@wsc.nsw.gov.au or phone 4868 0888.

Lizzy Goodfellow – Wingecarribee Shire Council Intern



Purpose-built irrigation dam at Glenquarry

Letters

Jenny Kena and Gary Norwell would like to thank all of their friends and relatives who helped them organise and celebrate their wedding at the Robertson Community Technology Centre on 7 July 2013. It was a joyous occasion. Particular thanks go to Monica Engel and Katie Locke for organising the catering for the wedding.

"We have been overwhelmed by the warm wishes we have received from many people in the Robertson community on this very happy occasion. Our celebrant Rona Goold, with her warm and loving manner, helped make this a special ceremony for us".

Thanks
Jenny



A Warm Welcome.

Two friendly police officers have moved into the refurbished police residence.

Dave is stationed at Robertson and Sarah is stationed at Bowral.

So if you need anything call 48851244 (Robertson station) or 48629299 (Bowral station)

'THE MAIL MUST GET THROUGH'

The world has changed now that the Computer says 'No' to incorrectly addressed mail. Since the invention of computers and robots much of the friendly service we accepted as 'normal' has gone. This is especially true of Australia Post. No more 'The mail must get through', well only if the computerized robot that sorts your mail can read the address on the envelope. If the address is not the 'correct address' for your property the envelope will be spat out, marked with 'Return to Sender', it will not even make it as far as Robertson. No matter if it is your pension, your power bill, the bank statement or a letter from great-aunt Enid. The results have been awful; power supply has been cut off, a pension cancelled, a death notice not received and more.

This is no fault of the local post office, Robert, Dawn and Cathy are real people & helpful.

It is hard to know if you have not received a letter. It can be even harder for those outside the mail delivery area or if you rent.

Fourteen years ago the Wingecarribee Shire Council gave every property a street number in the village and 5 years ago in the surrounding rural areas. The street number/rural number is used by all the emergency services as well as the post office. This number should be clearly visible at your gate, if you have an emergency it will be this number they will look for.

Find out your '**CORRECT ADDRESS**' and check that friends, family, banks, and businesses you deal with all use it.

WSC will tell you the street/rural number, contact Jan Giblin, Spatial Projects Office phone 4868 0875 Tues, Wed and Friday or email: jan.giblin@wsc.nsw.gov.au

The computer does not recognize lot numbers, property names or RMB numbers. You can arrange with Robertson Post Office, for your Mail to be held there but it must still have the correct address to get this far or have **c/o Robertson Post Office** clearly marked.

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- Are you displaying your correct street/rural number in a clear manner?
- Have you made sure your family, friends and all business contacts such as banks, doctors, power providers etc. know your correct address?
- Are you using a Lot number for a street number?
- Did you know that the least important part of your mailing address is your name?

By Dorothy Baker : Robertson Chamber of Commerce.

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Robertson Heritage Railway Station Springtime Events

This year we have not one but two great attractions to welcome Springtime in Robertson.

1. September Steam Day.

On Saturday, 28th September the Rail Transport Museum will bring a steam hauled tourist train to the Village. The train will travel to Robertson via Campbelltown, Picton & Bowral and stand at the station between 12.50pm and 3.00pm, which will allow visitors to see and enjoy a magnificent steam locomotive in all its glory, close up.

To add to the day we will have lots of attractions for young and old.

- A gourmet coffee van on site.
- Hot food kiosk
- Railway photo display in Fettlers Shed Gallery and history display in station building.
- Vintage farm machinery display of working machines from Berrima District group
- Ride on miniature steam train hauled by a replica of a main line steam locomotive.
- Working model train set up inside the marquee.
- Stalls, displays and information stands.

This will be Robertson Heritage Railway Station's main springtime event and will provide a full day's fun for all. Entry from 10.00am is free to all.

For further info go to our website robertsonrailway.com.au

2. Open Garden Scheme

The lovely Robertson Railway waratah garden will be open on Saturday, 12th and Sunday, 13th October as part of the village open garden springtime extravaganza. Come and see the wonderful massed waratahs in full bloom. On Sunday go for a ride on the 'Cockatoo Run' heritage tourist train to Moss Vale and return across the lovely highland meadows and make a day of it. Many other gardens are open as well at this time. Details are on the Robertson village website robertson.nsw.com.au

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A Brief Appearance



The face unfortunately didn't survive long in June's wind and rain, this led to a discussion among many of the locals, should we have a stronger more robust Mr Potato Face for the Big Spud?

Should the face be a permanent feature or just appear for special occasions like the show, Christmas, Red Nose Day, Movember?

Whichever, removable or permanent it will cost up to \$6,500 by a professional artist to make the sculpture. It may sound a lot of money but he it is more than just a bit of fun. It would attract visitors and our local businesses need visitors to stop here, take a photo or two, spend a little money in the cafes and shops, not just drive straight through spending their money in Bowral or Kiama.

Another idea is the 'Spud Family' where people can take a photo of themselves looking through the hole. What do you think of this idea?



Send a letter to the 'Robertson Newsletter' editor with your idea.

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Robertson Springtime Open Gardens

Robertson Springtime Open Gardens 2013 will be held on the weekend of October 12 and 13 with eight beautiful gardens open to the public. This year we have five new gardens to see with three in the town and two large country gardens with wonderful vistas of the countryside. Tickets to the gardens will be available at the CTC in Robertson on the main road (opposite Murray tractors), where a poster display of the gardens and descriptions can be seen. Tickets valid over both days are \$5 per garden, \$20.00 for all the gardens with a \$15 concession. Tickets can also be purchased at each garden.

Stop and browse at the Robertson Garden Club's monster plant stall where you can buy many of the plants seen in the gardens. Other attractions in Robertson include a botanical art display at the Lighthouse Gallery, craft exhibition at the Robertson Village Woodworks, antique shops and collectables, cafes and the local market on Sunday. Picnic among the beautiful Waratahs at the Heritage Railway station and visit Robertson's Nature Reserve where you can wander through remnants of Yarrawa brush and rainforest.

Proceeds from the Open Gardens will go to the Robertson Show Society, Robertson Community Technology Centre and in beautifying Robertson.

Gardens open at 9.30am - 4.30pm on both days. Maps with all locations will be at the CTC.

Further details and information can be found on www.robertsonopengardens.weebly.com



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Aussies in Ireland

While on holidays in the UK, the editor was able to catch up with two Robertson identities, Paul and Juanita Risi. They are both doing well in Ireland but miss Australia and their friends at Robertson.



Photos were taken at the Folk Museum where Paul couldn't resist getting behind the Post Office counter again.



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Caring for the Community

Robertson Wi-Fi

Thanks to the Robertson Rural Fire Brigade, Robertson now has publicly available Wi-Fi. Brendhan Waters, Robertson Fire Brigade Captain, along with support from Hume Coal, have put together a Wi-Fi network that covers most of the town's public areas.

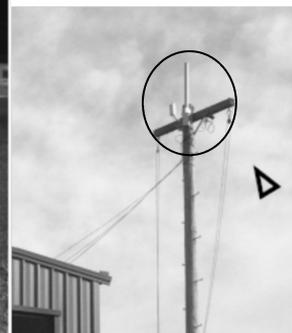
"Hume Coal were approached early this year by Brendhan on behalf of the Robertson Rural Fire Brigade and their plans to provide this service to the local community. Brendhan put in a compelling presentation, which aligned with our sponsorship program and we were pleased to be able to offer our support to get this worthwhile project off the ground." - Tim Rheinberger, Manager - Hume Coal Project.

General outdoor coverage is available from around Wallangunda Street (near the Enhance servo) through to about Camp Street (near the Old Cheese Factory) including Hampton Park and the Railway Common. There is also limited service available in some of the public venues and retail shops. As well as these areas, we have installed a unit that covers the Robertson Show Ground.

Since its inception in 2012, Brendhan has approached a number of community groups and businesses in an effort to put together a Wi Fi network that gives reasonable coverage throughout the public areas of the town. The network has taken time to design including site testing, resulting in a network that gives adequate coverage at an affordable price. To have an effective Wi Fi service, line of sight between " Hot Spots" or Aps (Access Points) is very important and the number of trees in Robertson has made this task somewhat difficult. Thankfully the town has many community minded people who have responded positively when approached to have an AP on their building. At present there are 7 APs installed, including the Show Ground, Waters' Newsagency, the Anglican Church, the Heritage Rail group's Fettlers Shed, The School of Arts, and the Rural Fire Station. Soon another will be installed on the Southern Rise Bakery building and two more at locations still under negotiation. Once inside the range of this service, our Wi-Fi network can be accessed through the "Robertson Wi Fi " network found in Wi-Fi settings of your device. This will take you to our log-in page where you will need to enter a voucher number. Vouchers are available at Waters Newsagency and Southern Rise Bakery. This initiative gives the average tourist an added reason to visit or lengthen their stay in our picturesque village. So whether you're a soccer mum (or dad) visiting Hampton Park on a Saturday morning or a rugby league supporter cheering on the Spuddies at the Show Ground or even a " Grey Nomad " doing a "lap" you can now stay connected to the internet whilst visiting Robertson. Proudly sponsored by:



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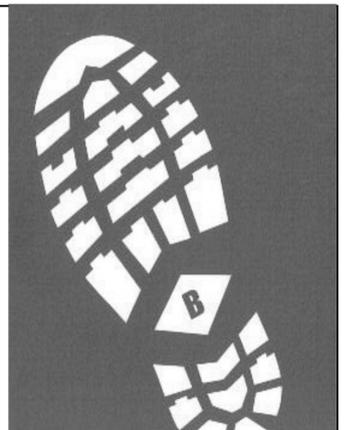
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Local residents will be sorry to hear that

Dr James Botham

is to conclude his time at Robertson on the 23rd August and return with his family to England. James has enjoyed his 4 years with us but family needs have drawn him back to England.

Dr Lim will be returning to the practice to ensure that local resident's needs are met.

There is a card to sign at the surgery for those who might want to pass on their best wishes to James.

The **Green Heart Gallery** is moving downstairs on Monday.....
Back to the space we were in a few years ago in the Robertson Cheese Factory on the ground floor.

The Cheese Room - run by Rachel & Ian is merging with the cafe so moving the cheese & gourmet foods into the cafe area.

Although initially disruptive this is an exciting change and hopefully good for all.

Kind regards,
Dorothy & Bernie



The Community Technology Centre
at Robertson presents

The CTC 2pm Sunday Cinema Series 2013

Homage to Dave Brubeck

Dave Brubeck, one of the world's great improvisational jazz pianists, died in 2012 at 91.

Tony Williams was a friend of Brubeck and will present this homage. Tony has dug up some great footage of the Dave Brubeck Quartet in performance.

He will also screen excerpts from Brubeck's classical work *To Hope, A Celebration* for orchestra and jazz quartet. This Moscow performance has insights into rehearsals where Russian musicians confront jazz for the first time.

Sunday 18th August at 2pm

Café opens at 1.30 pm.
Tea & coffee available.

Adults \$10 children \$5
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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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