



# Robertson News

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## **ROBERTSON SPRINGTIME OPEN GARDENS 12th & 13th October**

Visit the gardens and support your local community to raise money for the CTC, Show Society and in beautifying Robertson.



Some of these gardens may not be open next year so this year is the time to see them. If you want ideas on how to oomph up your garden, you will find them at these gardens. Be inspired by great vegetable gardens, spring annuals, hedging, dry stone walls, gardening with pots and many more ideas you can try in your own 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 Light Horse 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.

Gardens open at 9.30am - 4.30pm on both days. Further details and information can be found on [www.robertsonopengardens.weebly.com](http://www.robertsonopengardens.weebly.com)



## From the Editor

I have been editing and printing the Robertson Newsletter now for nearly 14 years. Others have been involved in writing and sourcing articles and gathering advertising in order to keep the newsletter going, most recently Dorothy Baker in her capacity as President of the Robertson Chamber of Commerce. Hope Waters at the General Store has then seen to the folding and distribution to various businesses in the village. Originally an initiative of the Village Association, the Newsletter has been produced more recently under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

In 2 years time I will be retiring and expect to be leaving the Robertson area, so the question has arisen as to the future of the Newsletter. I have determined that I will continue editing and printing it until the 100th edition, which will be the April edition next year, 2014. Whether the Newsletter continues after that depends on finding someone else to take on the work of producing it. Assuming Dorothy and Hope are prepared to continue with what they do, someone with computer skills is needed to edit and compose the Newsletter and most likely an alternative arrangement for printing. The newsletter is currently printed on the St John's Church photocopier/printer with the church being reimbursed for the cost. This has been a very cheap option that may or may not be available in the future and a printing option that is more convenient to a new editor may need to be found. Alternatively the new editor could approach the church with a view to continuing the present arrangement.

Anyone interested in taking up this task should speak with Dorothy Baker at the OPS Gallery in the Cheese Factory or contact Barry Lee on 48851210 or by email at [bjlee@dodo.com.au](mailto:bjlee@dodo.com.au).

# Robertson Sewerage Scheme Officially Opened

In wonderful spring weather, the Robertson Sewerage Scheme was officially opened on Friday 27th September 2013.

Residents and businesses have waited many years for this day and the benefits it will bring to the village.

The Mayor thanked all for their patience and co-operation during the often delayed project.



## Road Closed

One of the alternative routes linking the coast and highlands has been closed to traffic on weekdays for the next month and a half.

Kiama Council has closed Jamberoo Mountain Road, between Daltons Road and Barren Grounds Road, to enable roads works to be carried out.

The closure is in effect between 8AM and 5PM Monday to Friday.

The work will not be finished until mid November.

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## It's Allergy Season!

For many of us, that's not a reason to celebrate. Already this spring we've seen a lot of people suffering with allergy. Most will have common symptoms such as sneezing, runny nose, sinus congestion, or just an itchy nose. For others they can also have itchy/watery eyes and feel run-down. It can often be worse in the mornings and on windy days (when airborne pollen levels are highest).

To help manage your allergy, try and identify the things that may be triggering your symptoms and then aim to reduce your exposure to them. It's not always easy but doing things such as staying indoors on windy days, removing suspect house and garden plants, cleaning your house regularly to remove mould and dust, and keeping animals outdoors may help.

The important thing for you to remember is that you don't have to suffer! There are plenty of good treatment options available to give you some relief and help prevent the hay fever symptoms. These include:

### Antihistamines

They aim to counter the body's reaction to the allergen and help to relieve itching, sneezing, running nose and eye symptoms.

Are available as tablets, syrups, nasal sprays and eye drops.

Some can make you drowsy and/or interact with other medicines so just ask for some assistance if you have any concerns.

### Corticosteroid nose sprays

The lining of the nose and sinuses can often get very inflamed with allergic rhinitis. These nasal sprays are effective in reducing this inflammation and even in preventing it in the first place.

Regular daily use is often needed to get the best results.

### Other treatments

Decongestants (tablet form or nasal spray) can help to dry up the nose.

Saline nasal sprays and rinses can help clear mucus from the nose and sinuses.

Lubricant eye drops (artificial tears) may relieve mild eye symptoms.

Ask a pharmacist or doctor for advice about the best treatment for you.

By Nick Knowles

Pharmacist, Robertson Village Pharmacy



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Have you ever been told that someone hoped they wouldn't see you again! And not been insulted by it. It may have been your doctor or dentist, a policeman or judge, someone whose services you have needed but who you would prefer not to need again. Well apparently this is the case with Meals on Wheels in Robertson. At the moment there is only one local resident taking advantage of this kind of assistance and while that might sound like good news, the question has been raised as to whether it is just that people don't know that this service is available. Local volunteers would be pleased if they really were not needed but are ready and willing to help. The information about Meals on Wheels is below and even if you don't need this kind of assistance yourself, you may be aware of others in the village whose day to day lives could be easier with it.



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*Wingecarribee Food Services is supported by financial assistance from the Australian Government*

### CTC@Robertson

Upcoming

Tech Savvy computer classes

FREE

**Thursday 10 October 2013**  
**Introduction to the Internet part 1 - 10am**  
**Thursday 17 October 2013**  
**Introduction to the Internet part 2 - 10am**  
**Thursday 24 October 2013**  
**Introduction to the Internet part 3 - 10am**

Bookings essential

### Robertson & District Calendar 2014

The calendar will be available FREE in late December, get your copy from local shops, newsagent and Post Office.

Behind the months there is list of local numbers ; please let me know if there is any changes to be made.

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## Bountiful Harvest

Local Robertson Artist **Cathryn Coutts** is part of the Botanical Exhibition **Bountiful Harvest** opening at the Light Horse Gallery Oct 12 and running till Sunday October 27.

Artists of Nature: Illawarra & Southern Highlands is a group of botanic and natural history artists who share a passion for nature.

Their latest exhibition **Bountiful Harvest** is a result of several field trips to a local winery, to study grapevine development over a yearly cycle. As the idea of the exhibition took shape, it was expanded to include images of the vineyard landscape and edible plants that reflect local produce.

During 2012 and 2013 the group spent several months learning how the grapes changed as they ripened. Watching this happen was a great way to learn to identify grape varieties and enhance the enjoyment of the wine at the end of the process.

The breathtaking natural beauty of the region has always provided the inspiration for their works; local flora and fauna, landscapes in which the plants are found, and local agricultural production such as winemaking.

The artists work in a variety of media including watercolour, oils, acrylic, drawing and printmaking.

Everyone is welcome to the opening at the Light Horse Gallery, 45 Hoddle St, Robertson from 2-4pm on Saturday October 12.

EXHIBITION OCT 12-27



**BOUNTIFUL HARVEST**

Artists of Nature: Illawarra and Southern Highlands

LIGHT HORSE GALLERY Saturday Oct 12 - 2-4pm ends Sun Oct 27

**A Visual Celebration of Grapes Vines & Edible Plants**

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## ROBERTSON RAILWAY OPEN GARDENS

Saturday/Sunday, 12/13 October 2013



The magnificent Robertson Railway Waratah garden will be open on Saturday/Sunday, 12/13 October 2013 as part of the Robertson village "Open Gardens" Springtime event.

Come and see the wonderful massed waratahs in full bloom, and buy waratah flowers, plants and seeds.

Many other gardens in Robertson are open as well over the whole weekend.

On **Sunday, 13 October**, the Station will be selling tickets for the loop train return trip of Robertson to Moss Vale which is part of the overall heritage-diesel hauled "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



Details are on the Robertson village website [www.robertson.nsw.com.au](http://www.robertson.nsw.com.au)

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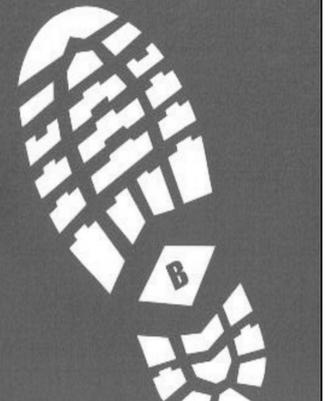
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in a quiet Café

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## Waffy Waf Set to Entertain the Southern Highlands!

Waffy Waf and The Big Dream Screen is a musical adventure filled with Kooky Characters and Crazy Songs.

Originally an illustrated children's book by local writer Scott Gibson and Sydney based illustrator Nicholas Beckett, the concept has been brought alive as a musical stage show that will tour the Southern Highlands in October and November.

Featuring a local cast of 12 actors and singers aged from 12 to 65, the show will entertain and delight the whole family with its story of love's ability to overcome adversity.

So come along and meet Waffy Waf, Big Splot and The Kitty as they embark on their crazy adventures and work their way through the mayhem that those conniving parents are always leaving for them!

Waffy will be coming to  
Robertson Community Hall

on  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October,  
show starts 2pm.

Tickets are \$10 + B.F.

Family Ticket Available for \$25.00 + B.F  
(1 Adult 2 Children – additional children \$7 + B.F)

**Contact : Kirsty Clancy—0424 627 826**

Limited tickets may be available on the door – \$10 per person.

## Discovering the Outback



Tony and Anna Williams have made many 4WD trips into the Australian outback. They share their adventures with two documentaries they have made. The first, 'Discovering the Outback', takes them across the Simpson Desert. In 'The Spirit of the Outback', they explore remote Queensland and stumble upon a unique outback sunrise concert. This desert performance features the African Children's Choir, William Barton, Paul Grabowsky and Kate Miller-Heidke.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm**

Café opens at 1.30pm.

Tea & coffee available.

Gold coin donation  
(CTC fundraiser).

Bookings recommended.



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### 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 4885 1313

### 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.

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### Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of **December**. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th November 2013**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577**, or **Email: [bjlee@dodo.com.au](mailto: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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