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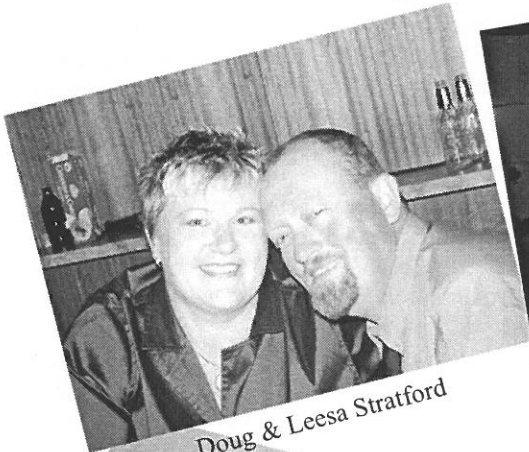
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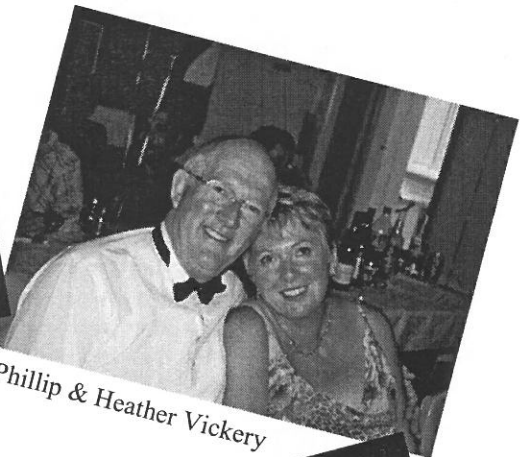
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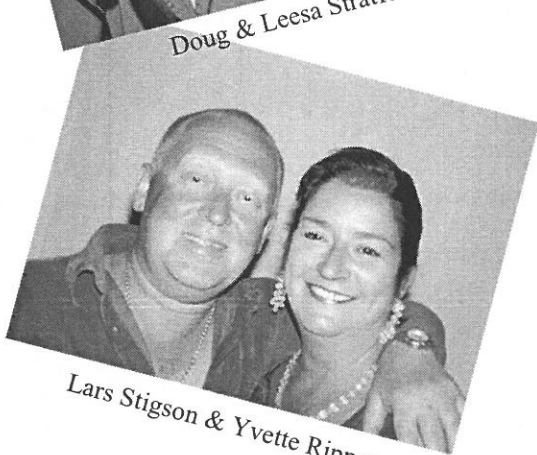
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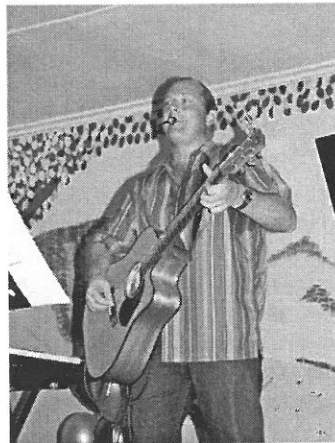
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Phillip & Heather Vickery



Lars Stigson & Yvette Rippon



Jude Hennessey Flying Solo



Bernadette & Peter Masters

The Robertson Show Committee members would like to extend their special thanks to Troy Pryor for organizing this years very successful Show Ball. Held at the Robertson School of Arts on the 21st February 2004 attendees kicked up their heels to Jude Hennessey "Flying Solo". Raffles and lucky door prizes were awarded on the night and donated by local businesses. The committee wishes to thank all the sponsors for their generous support and to advise everyone to get in early to ensure a table at next years ball!

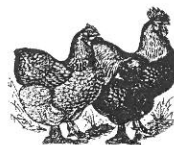
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Having read now several editions of the Robertson News (and visited Robertson in the past), I thought it was about time I wrote to congratulate all concerned with keeping the Community so well informed about what is happening, by compiling and distributing this journal. The support of local business and reports of people moving in and moving out, together with concerns for the environment and heritage all bodes well for building a caring and safe community into the future. I imagine that anyone moving into Robertson must soon feel "at home" and welcome!

It is not always easy to find time and energy to "get involved" in the community and those who do deserve much thanks and encouragement.

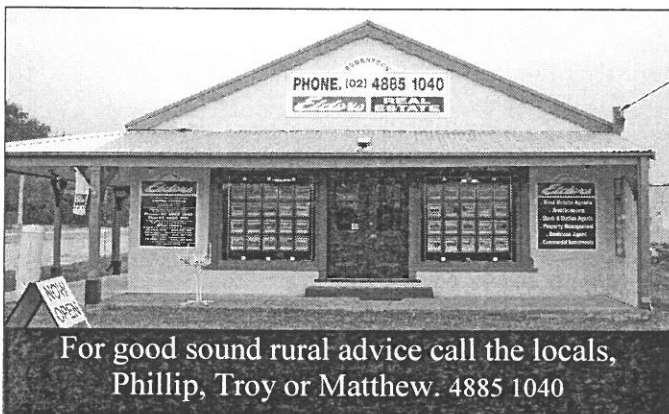
Well done to all concerned and keep up the good work!

Dennis Freere
Meopham, Kent,
(Village/Parish Councillor)

Sunday School Bus

St John's Robertson has been considering running a small bus to pick up children that wish to attend Sunday School. Sunday School runs at the same time as the main morning service which is from 9.30am to approximately 10.30am. While the congregation would welcome parents in the service while their children attended Sunday School they do not want any children to miss the opportunity to attend.

If any parents would be interested in such a service they should ring Rev Barry Lee on 4885 1210 to express their interest.



For good sound rural advice call the locals,
Phillip, Troy or Matthew. 4885 1040

Scoops Borbely

Over the last few weeks I have been asking a lot of questions regarding community issues. So hold on and here we go!

Question: Why isn't the Caalong Street footpath finished? Answer - Because council ran out of money, so it may be some time yet before we see an end to the footpath to nowhere. Question: Why does council refuse to seal Caalong Street? Answer: Because the road is too wide, it is not an R.T.A. road, and well um...Next Question: Will the proposed new toilet block ever get started? Answer: Yes! Tenders have been called and an August completion date has been set. Question: When will the C.T.C. be launched? Answer: At this stage the C.T.C. will open on the 30th April 2004. Question: So what are the latest developments to the sewerage issue? Answer: Nothing. Another meeting will be called soon and hopefully Mark Williams will be available for questions.

The Burrawang Rural Fire Brigade held its A.G.M. on Wednesday 31st of March. Anyone interested in joining the brigade please phone Steve Horton on 48 864 232.

Zac and Melinda from the Robertson Country Inn are working hard to provide the community with great entertainment. Friday nights offer \$1 Pool and free Juke Box 7-10pm. Saturday nights host live entertainment from 8 - 10pm with \$3 schooners and vodka cruisers. Sunday night live entertainment from 2pm. Jazz last Sunday of every month. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the raffles every Thursday and a "Snow Party" in June featuring a mechanical snowboard. The kitchen will be re-fitted soon and a timber deck will be constructed to the side of the inn. With a new Chef and new menu it's all happening at the Robertson Country Inn!

Congratulations to Leah Mauger on her 21st Birthday! Leah celebrated her birthday at home with friends and family on the 13th March 2004.

The First Friday of the Month Dining Group has had some very enjoyable gatherings over the last few months. Many of those who have fallen by the wayside are coming back to join the group again. Anyone interested in joining the group please phone Cherry Archer 48 8512 76.

A D.A. has been submitted to council for permission to open a Wine Outlet at 42 Hoddle Street, Robertson. The small business will sell Southern Highland wines only and support the local vineyards throughout the shire. Watch this space...

Remember to purchase your Mothers Day Scratchies from Hope at the Robertson Newsagent/General Store.

The Southern Highland Casserole Club once again helped Ronald McDonald House Westmead - The generous donation of frozen meals helps families with seriously ill children. If you would like to help these families please phone Adrienne Pearson on 02 9845 0600 or visit the website rmhouse@chw.edu.au

Burrawang Easter Markets Saturday 10th April. Enquiries 0431 073 042
Robertson Family Dance Friday 16th April and Friday 21st May - For enquiries please contact Hope Waters on 48 851 248

Thank you to Larry Whipper who always graciously responds to my nosy questioning!

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Robertson residents reject Council's Proposal

with Belinda Borbely

This was the message conveyed at a meeting held on Tuesday 24 February at the Robertson Community Centre. The meeting was called to address and update local residents on the latest developments to the proposed Robertson Sewerage Scheme. The majority agreed that Robertson needed a better sewerage system and acknowledged that the present system of on-site pump out or seep away is a potential environmental hazard. However attendees felt that the proposal introduced by council is unacceptable and inappropriate in relation to its location and implementation. Key factors regarding the location of the S.T.P and installation costs to householders were discussed at great lengths.

Council's Water and Sewerage Manager Mark Williams was invited to the meeting but declined with apologies to attend another engagement. Councillor Larry Whipper answered many questions and briefed everyone on his knowledge of the low pressure pump system and why "Site A" was the preferred site to construct the S.T.P. Councillor Larry Whipper was asked by residents to convey their messages to council and speak on their behalf. He granted the request - regardless of his own personal views.

Site A is private land owned by the Hindmarsh family situated a short distance away from the Robertson Showground and in the vicinity of a new housing development. Council's plan is to purchase 100 acres of the property and construct the S.T.P using only five acres. The remaining 95 acres has not been allocated to development by council at this stage. A "blanket" approach has been formulated in the plan to fully enclose the S.T.P to prevent possible noise and odour escape. Members of the community are outraged by the council's lack of information and the effects that the proposed S.T.P location will have to the village and its welfare. The most shocking revelation is coming to terms with the fact that a private property zoned "agricultural" could be re-zoned instantly to benefit a council's agenda.

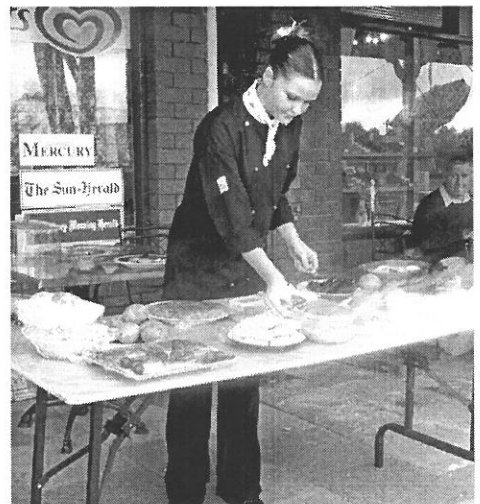
A sewage treatment plant based in the heart of a village, that is the "Eastern Gateway" welcoming much needed tourism to the Southern Highlands is not an acceptable or viable proposition - situated alongside a main tourist route is simply bad planning. These issues are not based on the "emotional" wrath of a community directed at council, rather it is an issue of land owner's rights and residents concern for the welfare of its community and infrastructure as a whole.

A new association has been formed and introduced to Robertson residents called "The Robertson Rate Payers Association". It will be the driving force in delivering information to all members of the community concerned with current and future issues regarding Robertson. The association officers consist of the following members, President - Frank Kerner, Vice President - Jim Mauger, Treasurer - Fiona Hindmarsh, Secretary - Anne Carter, Public Officer - Tony Griffiths, and Liaising Officer - David Sommers. The purpose of the association will deliver a stronger message to council while gaining weight and strength in "rate payers having their say".

The Robertson Rate Payers Association accepts that a centralized sewage scheme can have great social, environmental and economic benefits. And whilst the sewerage of Robertson is vital, the association believes the residents of Robertson should be given equal access to the same sewerage system as the rest of the Shire, and any sewage treatment plant be built in a location with the least impact upon the residents and the village - on a property where someone is willing to sell their land.

POTATO TUESDAY

A day in our calendar that all will remember as the terrible shame of Seamus O'Flaherty. The fact that it falls on a Monday harks back to the Irish in our heritage and, in the spirit of the day, a "Great Potato Cookoff" was held on Sunday March 22nd. The venue chosen was Waters General Store where spuds abound and the competition was fierce. This inaugural event inspired many in the community who knew of the famous legend to spend hours toiling over hot potatoes and even hotter stoves to produce a feast fit for an Irish King. People came from miles around to proudly display their wares and our local Chef from Robertson Inn, Rachel, was asked to judge (and judge ye fairly) the eventual winner. First prize went to Martin Calladine for a truly inspired Potato Loaf with feta cheese, leeks, sour cream and bacon wrapped around the outside. Second prize could only have been won, in true Irish tradition by Kay (a lady who doesn't eat potatoes) for her fabulous Potato Soup and Third prize went to Kathleen for the most unusual dish of all - After Dinner Mints made with potato, coconut and peppermint oil and dipped in chocolate. First prize was 1Kg of potatoes, Second 2Kg of potatoes and 3rd, 5Kg of potatoes. It had been decided that if you came second or third you just needed more practice than the winner. Hope Waters said "that it is not often that the community gets together to share a meal and that it was wonderful to see". Participants were heard to mutter, "just you wait 'til next year, I'll be a force to be reckoned with". Seamus O'Flaherty would have been proud and, for those of you who have no idea of what we're on about, look out for the date on your 2005 calendar and make sure you're there. If not to compete, then at least to sample the goodies and enjoy some great community spirit.



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MOSS VALE HIGH SCHOOL'S MUSICAL 2004

Over the past 40 years, hundreds of teenagers from Robertson and its surrounds have received their secondary education at Moss Vale High School, which is committed to providing its students with a large variety of extra curricular activities as well as excellence in the curriculum.

Following the success of the school's musical, "Godspell" last year, the students were keen to see another show performed this year. So the Rogers and Hammerstein Musical, "Cinderella" was chosen and rehearsals are well underway.

Several of our local teenagers are involved in the production in major roles:

Rebekah Ricketts as the Queen

Amy Gleeson MacAloney as the Stepmother

Cathryn Ricketts as the Fairy Godmother

Rhys Betland as the Herald

Ashley Mumford as the steward

Jenna Bartlett has been cast in the chorus and her lovely singing voice ensures that she has several small solos

All these young people, and the local High School, deserve the support of the Community and everyone is invited to attend the performances of "Cinderella", to be held at MVHS Hall on Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May at 7:30pm. Although ticket prices have not yet been set, they will be structured so that families will be able to have a night out at a very reasonable cost and give their support to our talented youngsters.

Bookings can be made by phoning MVHS on 48681717.

This production of the classic fairy story is suitable for all ages.

Should you require any further information or have any questions, please contact me by return e-mail or on 48851574 after school hours.

Yours sincerely, Sue Causer (Director)

AUDITIONS!!! AUDITIONS!!!

Following upon the Highlands Theatre Group's production of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF in March/April, there are upcoming auditions for the group's mid-year production, DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE. This wonderful comedy will be directed by Gillian Dunstan (Lady Brockhurst in 'The Boyfriend'). There are parts for 5 men and 4 women (varying ages). Auditions will be held in the Theatre at the Mittagong Playhouse on Saturday 1st May.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays, and the show will take to the boards the first three weekends in August.

If you are interested, please contact Gillian - she will give you all information about the show, the characters, rehearsals, all show dates and so on. She can be reached at email address: pickwick@hinet.net.au, or phone 4883 7979.

Robertson Garden Club Inc

The Robertson Garden Club held their AGM on March 1, 2004. The previous committee has been re-elected for another exciting and interesting year.

President : Mary Taylor 48 623343

Secretary : Jane Hope 48 852498

Treasurer : John Hamper 48 724070

The plans for 2004 are:-

APRIL	A talk on the Sissinghurst Garden by Cheryl Campbell
MAY	A visit to a local garden - Brooke Maurice
JUNE	Lyn Keft from the Robertson Village Nursery will talk about Composting and Mulches
JULY	David Hamper - The Environment
AUG	Wariapendi Natives
SEPT	A visit to the garden of Dawn and Dean Wilson
OCT	A coach trip with Bowral Coaches to the Canberra Botanical Gardens and the Tulip Farm

The Robertson Garden Club welcomes all visitors. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month except Public Holidays, then they are held on the 2nd Monday of that month. All meetings are held at the Robertson Community Centre, Caalong Street Robertson at 1.30 pm.



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Robertson Environment Protection Society

REPS continues working on Caalong Creek Reserve with the Robertson Primary School. REPS (Robertson Environment Protection Society) has been busy working on numerous projects to start 2004 in a healthy and active way. Monica Engel is co-ordinating seed collection and propagation days with Mrs. Armstrong and Yr 4. Beth Boughton showed the Yr 4 class the work that has been undertaken by REPS and the community since 1988 when the first funding was received to reforest the Caalong Creek Reserve. Robertson Yr4 were excited to see photos of Ian Hindmarsh as a young boy, working with the Phantom Spud and the Tidy Town Team. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm that the Robertson Primary School Children have to participate in this project that began 16 yrs ago. Steve Douglas co-ordinated a weeding day in the Caalong Creek Reserve and many thanks go to Jane and Peter Marshall new members to the community and their hard work knocking over a few Hawthorn and Privets on such a hot day. Tas Engel was an essential member of the REPS team providing cooling water squirts to help the workers through the day.

Regular planting and maintenance days will be held throughout the year and the next day being the 17th April 2004 from 9.30 till 12.30 come anytime and help us maintain the new plantings.

It is a very rewarding experience to see the size of the trees and the difference we can make to improve our environment. The blackberries along the creek are the next weed to be targeted and information is being gathered about the most environmentally sensitive way of managing this common problem in Robertson. If you go to sleep for a few years like Sleeping Beauty, the blackberries will take over and these days there aren't many princes around to cut their way through. REPS is in contact with council and will be sharing the information we receive, with the community. Regular Weeding days at the Robertson Nature Reserve on the first Wednesday of each month 10am till 12noon have had an added boost to their ranks with the regular assistance of Joe Petre from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Helen Tranter has been faithfully working away with the weeding for years so it is good to see more support for such an important project. Pinkwood park is progressing well and the planned planting and flowering of local trees and plants throughout the year will certainly brighten the entrance to Robertson.

The next meeting of REPS is on Friday 2nd April 2004 at 7.30pm at the Robertson Community Centre. Please note this meeting has been brought forward due to Good Friday.

Our program of guest speakers for this year is very exciting with possible involvement with the botanic gardens and the development of a regional herbarium. We are currently working to develop this concept and we are looking forward to working with the new technology centre.

Guest Speakers are Bi-Monthly on the second Friday of the month at 7.30pm.

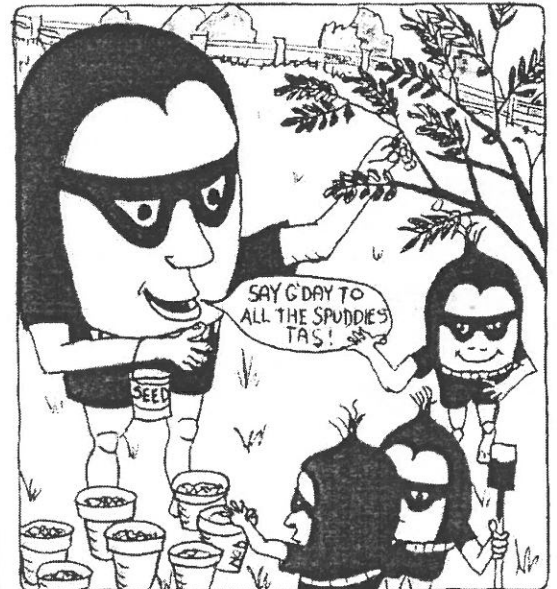
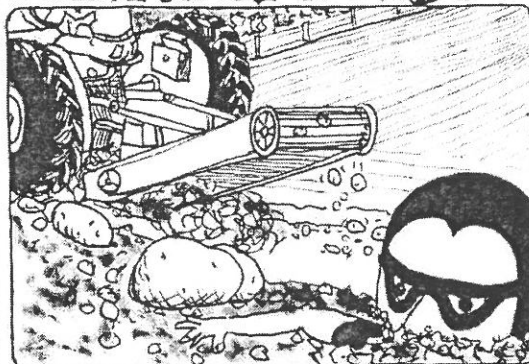
Donations are appreciated to assist with the accommodation of speakers from out of the area.

Any enquiries regarding REPS please phone 4887 7055 or write to REPS PO Box 45 Robertson NSW 2577.

Membership is Family \$20.00 and Single \$15.00
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The Wingecarribee Health Service values health and encourages active participation of the community in health service planning, development, service delivery, and service evaluation. Community input is regarded as fundamental and essential to meet the health concerns of our community. We call this "Community Participation" and the Wingecarribee Health Service has a Department solely dedicated to supporting this process.

The Department is co-ordinated by Heather Gale, a local resident, who is currently based at Bowral Hospital, and available for contact Tuesday through to Thursday. I have been a part of Health Services for 20 years and believe community participation in Health is a democratic right. Good Health Services don't just happen, they need your ideas and help. If you'd like to be involved in this interesting and informative process, you will be helping yourself and your community:

- to have a say
- to use your knowledge and experiences to address local health issues
- to identify health needs
- to work together to create better health services and be proud of them.

If you would like to share your health concerns and provide your input, consider joining the Wingecarribee Community Participation Network, (known as the CPR's). The CPR's meet once a month at Bowral Hospital for health service information and discussion. Perhaps you may like to hear more about Community Participation; contact Heather Gale, *COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COORDINATOR*, ph 4861 0287.

Cheers and good health, Heather Gale.

**ROBERTSON ALL SET TO
CREATE MOTORING
HISTORY.**

At 11 am on Sunday April 18th the Autumn air of Robertson will be filled with all manner of dignified hums from the engines of a whole host of magnificent vintage cars when they gather together in front of Robertson School of Arts.

This will mark the very first vintage car rally to be held in Robertson and it is planned to become an annual event of considerable interest to car owners, car enthusiasts and, indeed, to just about everybody.

In conjunction with the rally itself, the Sydney Model Auto Club will be holding an outstanding exhibition of model cars from 10am to 4pm within the Robertson Fettlers Shed Gallery where it will also be possible to purchase some of these perfect miniature replicas.

Following their meet at 11 am, the vintage cars will parade at a leisurely pace around the village before mustering again at the Robertson Village Common alongside the newly renovated Robertson Heritage Railway Station, of which the Fettlers Shed Gallery is an integral part. Here, at the Common, the proud owners will be displaying their meticulously restored examples of motoring history until 2 or 3 in the afternoon, so it obviously promises to be a terrific day out for the whole family. And, by the way, if you own a vintage car and would like to bring it along as well, please contact Steve Carey on 02 4885 2393 for further details.



Kangaloon Kapers

A new year has brought some changes at Kangaloon School. We farewell Mr Tony Butler as our acting principal and have welcomed Mrs Ann Madigan from Moss Vale School who is our acting principal until July this year when Mr McInerney intends to return. We have also welcomed five new Kindergarten children to our school as well as five new children in various grades. It is wonderful to have a new input of people and ideas into our school and it helps us to maintain our motto "strive to achieve."

Once again there has been a busy start to the term with 3 swimming carnivals in which we were involved and in which some of our children swam very well.

The last few weeks we have been preparing and collecting art and craft works for the Robertson Show. We were very proud to receive awards for some of our works. The standard of the exhibits seems to be getting higher each year! We entered the knitting section for the first time and were very fortunate to have support from many community members. Because many of our pupils now travel to our school from Bowral and don't visit the show this year we bused all grades to the show on Friday afternoon and they certainly enjoyed looking about at everything, especially their own work and of course buying the show bags and fairy floss.

Other activities this term have included a Twilight Fete at the Community Hall, a science day at Berrima School, a soccer clinic and the Life Education Van at Glenquarry School.

As Easter approaches we are preparing an Easter guessing competition to help raise money for Diabetes Australia. A Pedlars Parade will be held in conjunction with the Easter Raffle and will raise money for our Yr 5 & 6 students to attend a 5 day camp at Morrissett. Any readers who would like to support these good causes please join us on Wednesday 7th April at 10am for a cuppa.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fettlers Shed Gallery Heritage Railway Station Yarranga St, Robertson

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One day only: Easter Saturday 10th April,
10am to 4pm both days,
admission free.

This is an opportunity to see the combined work and fine craftsmanship of the members of the ROBERTSON GUILD. Many of the exhibits will be for sale and some of the craftspeople will be in attendance to meet and answer any questions.

THE SYDNEY MODEL AUTO CLUB

One day only, Sunday 18th April,
10am - 4pm admission:
gold coin donation for charity.

The Sydney Model Auto Club has kindly agreed to bring to Robertson's Fettlers Shed Gallery an exhibition of their fine automobile models to coincide with the Vintage Car Rally on Robertson Common. Come to the Railway Station and be overawed by the vintage majesty of the originals together with the exquisite perfection of their miniature replicas. This exhibition will appeal to all!

FASCINATING FUNGI

(Toadstools & Mushrooms)

One day only, Sunday 2nd May,
10am - 4pm Admission free

A rare opportunity to see and learn all about fascinating fungi! This is the time of year when fungi are at their best! There will be real specimens, exquisite photographs, a slide show with a talk, a microscope for your use, books for your perusal, and of course, members of the Sydney Fungal Studies Group to talk to, and to answer your questions. Don't miss this chance to take a close view into this weird and wonderful world of nature. Some of the photos by professional macro photographer, Roy Freere, will be for sale.

THE MOTOR BIKE EXHIBITION & RALLY

One day only, Sunday 9th May,
10am - 4pm Admission free

To coincide with a big motor bike rally in Robertson: An exhibition of rare motor bikes including a unique Triumph 3 cylinder 1,000 c.c. Along with memorabilia of races from Isle of Man, and Australia, trophies, photos, signed machines and posters, and exquisite model replicas. All this with many motor bike enthusiasts to talk to. Don't miss this exciting day in Robertson at the Fettlers Shed & common.

RAILWAY STATION NEWS

The monthly Robertson to Moss Vale Loop Train trips are proving popular and the next trip will be on 9th May. Tickets can be purchased at the station up until 1pm on the day of the trip. Unfortunately there will be no train on Easter Sunday.

We have been told that the 3801 steam engine will be coming to Robertson on the 16th May and stopping here for 2-3 hours.

The History of Robertson Group is now meeting from 10am to 4pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Fettlers Shed. Anyone interested is welcome to come along.

Helen Tranter

AUDITIONS

Highlands Theatre Group auditions
for DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE - Sat. 1 st
May, Mittagong Playhouse.

For information contact
the Director, Gillian Dunstan on
4883 7979, or email at
pickwick@hinet.net.au.

REPS Meeting
Friday 2nd April 2004
7.30pm

Robertson Community Centre

Guest Speaker—Arthur Murray
Logging and Sawmilling in the
Robertson District

From 1944 to 1954. Arthur and his wife felled and milled many of the large trees of the area. This history is an important part of our forest history and will be a fascinating talk with an old-timer.

Gold Coin Donation
Supper provided

Did You Know?

Southern Highlands Community Transport runs a fortnightly shopping trip to Bowral. We will pick you up at your door and drop you off with your shopping bags in the afternoon. Our buses have seatbelts and are air-conditioned. The cost for Robertson residents is \$6.00 return.

To check if you are eligible to use this service please phone 48 615 456. You need to be registered to access our services. Pick up is between 9.00am and 10.00am returning around 2.30pm to 3.00pm.

Police Update

Reducing Road Trauma

The Driver Education Awareness Program (DEAP) was designed in late 2003 by a group of local people committed to keeping our road users safe. It is available to all members of the community who have a Drivers Licence or are eligible to apply for one within the next twelve months. The program is designed to increase participant understanding of social and legal obligations when using our roads and develop skills, knowledge and attitudes in road safety.

Conducted over eight weeks and in two hour sessions, the program will be offered in April, July and September. Sessions will run in the Bowral area from 7pm to 9pm on Thursday evenings, with a short break midway. The cost per person is \$40, payable before the course commences. Tea, coffee and course notebook will be provided. The course will cover - Ambulance and Rescue Services, Law Enforcement and increasing road safety, Coroner and family impact statements, Prevention of Spinal Cord and Brain Injury, Substance Abuse, Legal System and Insurance Cover, and Awareness of other road users.

For further information please contact Chris Roberson 0414 629 299, or Kim Davis 48 68 0708

Police have noticed a number of drivers in the local area not wearing seatbelts. Remember that wearing a seatbelt could save your life, so buckle up before you start your vehicle. Local police will also be enforcing the 40km school zones, parking restrictions, bus stops and the proper use of pedestrian crossings.

The Robertson Show

Just as the dawn awakens the sky
You hear the first call of "Hello!"
A crack on the Tannoy, and then comes the cry,
"And welcome to the Show!"

The Show! The Show! The Robertson Show!
With all of the fun of the fair.
So it's leap out of bed and it's off we go.
And it's off with all worries and care.

At the pavilion are two cheery blokes
Who are calling through mikes to the crowd.
They're both Bruce, sound alike and they're each cracking
jokes.
It's amusing, confusing and loud.

Who cares? Over there, amid bright, golden straw
Are fine cattle with wide, gentle eyes.
Australian Holsteins and Jerseys galore.
And each one of them worth a first prize.

Out in the centre and grand, gleaming horses
All trotting and prancing for joy,
As their riders sit straight while surveying the courses.
A loof adult, smart girl and small boy.

Now comes the smell of the hot dogs and onions,
As a white haired old Gran with her brood
Hobbles on with a grin, and ignores her sore bunions
In the quest for this open-air food.

Bumper cars, home-made jam, quilts and prize flowers.
Alpacas, cream cakes in a row.
All mixed in together for forty eight hours.
Every year. Every Robertson Show

Arthur Jackson

The Big Picture

We are all guilty of jumping in the car and driving to Bowral for "just a few things". Most conveniences can be purchased in the local area with the added benefit of supporting small business. Sue Crick Editor of the Burrawang Herald hit the nail on the head when she said "how vital it is to have our two local shops and the Village Hotel continue in operation. An alternative scenario doesn't bare thinking."

Robertson has lost many shops over this past year due to a lack of patronage, while other businesses have down sized or reduced their opening hours. The remaining businesses in town need your support more than ever. They can provide beautiful and unique giftware, brew the finest coffee beans, make the most luxurious soaps, prepare gourmet meals to go or dine in, provide diversity in fine antiques and bric-a-brac, then add a Country Inn, a Bowling Club, a Gallery, a Pie Shop, Guesthouses, Lavender Farms, Tractors Sales, Growers, Hardware and Gardening Supplies, Woodworks, Hair Dressers, Mechanics, Painters, Gardeners, Beautician and Massage Clinic, Real Estate Agents, Grocery Stores, a Bakery, a Post Office, a Newsagent, a Marriage Celebrant, Churches, Plumbers, Builders, Electricians.....and so on.

All of the above are working hard to provide the best service they can in an economic climate that is fickle, unpredictable, and adhering to the ridiculous regulations set upon them by government. The Big Picture is this - if our village services and small businesses cannot rely on local trade the ultimate effect will be closure. If this occurs then we will all have to seek our needs somewhere else which will be costly and time consuming. To live in a village such as Robertson or Burrawang is a privilege often forgotten.

Before you get in your car again consider the above and please "Buy Local".

Church Services

Anglican

St John's Robertson

8.00am Traditional Services
2nd Sunday- Communion
4th Sunday- Morning Prayer

9.30am Family Service/Sunday School
Every Sunday

St David's Burrawang

8.00am - 1st Sunday - Communion

Presbyterian, Burrawang

2.00pm - 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Uniting Robertson

8.00am - Every Sunday

Roman Catholic

Until further Notice
All Services at Burrawang.

Burrawang

11.00am - Every Sunday

Robertson Christian Fellowship

(Community Centre)

3.00pm - Every Sunday except the 1st
Sunday in the month

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