

# Robertson News

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## Robertson School of Arts needs \$150,000



difference for all using the hall. To build the new toilets at least \$150000.00 will be needed.

If you are able to help financially with a donation toward the project it would be very much appreciated. Donations are tax deductible. If you are unable to help financially you may be prepared to help out with some of the other jobs that need to be done. The Committee would love to see more people come along to their meetings which are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in January, April, July and October at 4.30pm at the hall. If you are interested in the community please come and join this very rewarding committee.

**Further information contact Jean on 48851490 or Pat on 0408238575.**

The CTC@Robertson and the School of Arts Committee are joining forces to hold a **special fundraising family event on Saturday May 14.** Read all about it on page 3.

The hall known as the Robertson School of Arts is owned by the Robertson community and looked after by a small committee of 9 people from our community. These 9 people are aged between 60 and 95 years.

The hall needs painting inside and out, the gutters need cleaning and the gardens could do with some TLC. The grass is mowed by a very helpful resident. The committee is in the process of doing the necessary work to try and build a new toilet block as the present toilets are very old. The hall is used as our local school hall and this would make a big

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# A Little School News....

Congratulations to Beaurepaire class who gained first prize for their class contributed artworks at the Robertson Show, based on the theme "The Farm". Beaurepaire all contributed chalk pastel sketches using blending techniques to create hens which made for a very colourful display and obviously caught the eye of the judges. Well done to our Year 6 students and Mrs Williams.

Last month, Year 6 students attended the Rotary Science Discovery Day at Mittagong RSL. Our students competed against 9 other schools, including public, private and independent schools. Students were given project based tasks including designing a chair that would hold a medium-sized dog, designing an earthquake tolerant skyscraper, powering a city with electricity in the most efficient way possible, building a hand that could grip objects, designing a bridge that was strong enough to withstand a certain amount of weights, developing a prototype hover board, developing a buggy that could carry



its load over uneven surfaces, and connecting towns with rail lines as efficiently as possible. Students had to use teamwork, strong communication skills and critical and creative thinking in order to complete the tasks well. We are very proud of our students who gained 3rd place overall on the day. Well done Year 6!



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**A correction of historical facts**—in the February edition, mention was made that the reason a need for a pool in Robertson was identified was that two children had drowned in Caalong Creek. Two children did tragically drown at that time but it happened on properties, not in Caalong Creek. Thank you to Mrs Waters for this clarification.



# A Night of Music for the Whole Family with special guest artist John Waters

On May 14th, kicking off at 7pm, the Robertson School of Arts will become a live music venue with the lights turned low and its floor strewn with attendees of all ages relaxing at long tables, kicked back on picnic rugs and cushions brought from home and dancing in front of the stage to an electro-acoustic mix of "Folk, Blues and Beyond".

It's a fundraiser - with proceeds from tickets, raffle and bar and beverage sales being split evenly between the School of Arts (SOA) and the Robertson Community Technology Centre (CTC@Robertson). The SOA, also functioning as the school hall for the Robertson public school, is in need of some upgrading to meet the demands of the future as a social hub for the Robertson community and the CTC relies on grants and fundraisers like this one to support its ongoing technology programs and other community activities.

Fourteen musicians are all donating their time for a good cause and will perform in four separate acts.

*Sue Wallace and Steve Coupe*, (also renowned puppeteers from the Australian Puppet Centre at Sutton Forest), will do songs they present regularly at the Southern Highlands folk club. The exotic trio, *Lost and Found*, will perform their unusual mixture of blues and folk music featuring lush vocal harmonies and excellent instrumental accompaniment. Singer/Songwriter *Alex Boston Trio*, currently appearing regularly in local venues, will present a set of his rocking country pop originals. The talented six-piece band, *Coupe and the Roosters+Hen* will get the hall rocking with a mixture of rousing earthy blues, foot-stomping gospel blues folk rock, gypsy jazz manouche music and a few surprises...including John Waters who will be the special guest artist!

John Waters, as well as being known for his achievements as a film, theatre and television actor and musician, especially his one-man show *Looking Through a Glass Onion*, is now a local

**SATURDAY, 14TH MAY, 7PM-10:30PM**  
A fundraising family event for the School of Arts and CTC@Robertson

**RAFFLE and DOOR PRIZES:**  
Art donated by Carlos Barrios, a musical prize from Power Point Music & a beautiful dinner, 1 Nights' accommodation for two and a sunroom breakfast at the newly refurbished Robertson Hotel.

**EARTHY FOOT-STOMPING GOSPEL-BLUES FOLK- ROCK GYPSY-JAZZ MANOUCHE MUSIC !**

**A NIGHT OF MUSIC FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY @ ROBERTSON SCHOOL OF ARTS**

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Tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/KUUB> and at the door : \$20 adult, \$10 under 18 and concession, under 12 Free. Bar & beverages on sale (no byo). Free snacks courtesy of the the School of Arts Committee.

and the 2016 Australia Day Ambassador for the Wingecarribee Shire.

And last but not least, there will be some fabulous raffle prizes including Robbo's very own nationally acclaimed artist Carlos Barrios generously donating an original ceramic artwork, alongside a beautiful dinner and one-night stay for two donated by the newly refurbished Robertson Hotel in Fountaindale Road, a music prize donated by Powerpoint Music in Bowral and a pottery prize donated by Neil Boughton. It's going to be a fun night, not to be missed!

Tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/KUUB> (and at the door) \$20 adult, \$10 under 18 and concession, under 12 Free. Free snacks. Bar/ beverages on sale (no byo). 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm-10:30pm.



Why do some composers want to take their music back to basics? Why do some singers want to scream and shout? Why can none of us resist hitting a drum? Musical history has been a continual struggle between careful design and the urge to make a noise. As human beings we need both. In his book and radio series, *Earth Dances*, Andrew Ford showed that music often renews itself when it strips away sophistication. In this workshop, he'll take us through some of his favourite examples, from Haydn to the Beatles, from Bartók to Blossom Dearie. Among other questions he'll answer is: Why would a choir want to sound like Julia Gillard?

**An invitation for music lovers to join Andrew Ford on his next Amazing Musical Journey.....*Earth Dances*!**

**Sunday 10 April 2016 1pm to 4.30pm CTC@Robertson**

**Cost: \$50/\$45, includes sparkling high tea! Booking and pre-payment are essential**

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Composer and presenter of ABC Radio National's *The Music Show*, **Andrew Ford** is also known for his writings.

*Proceeds of the day go towards the running of the Robertson Community Technology Centre*

# Robertson CTC News

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager



Qualified trainer, CTC Manager Karen Mewes, provides one-on-one training by appointment at very reasonable rates. Here she is working with Tony.

As this edition comes out Seniors Week will be underway with free technology based talks and workshops running at the CTC from Thursday 1st April to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> plus the Young at Heart short film screening on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. We have sessions on iPads, Facebook, Privacy and Security, Windows 10, Tablets and Smart Phones. Please call or look at our What's On Board outside the CTC for further details. We finish the week with Andrew Ford's Amazing Musical Journey on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you to everyone who filled in our survey we are currently analysing the results and will consider all the comments. The winner of the survey competition was Diane Aquilina .

The next training courses are listed below. Each is a course in itself so you can attend one or several. One on One Training is available at other times by appointment, call and let us know your requirements. Our Thursday & Friday volunteers can assist if you just need a little help to do something and with photocopying, printing, laminating and binding. We have several computers set up with Windows 10 for you can try it out and will be running a course specifically on Windows 10, suitable for beginners or anyone who has moved to Windows 10 or is considering the upgrade.

**The CTC is currently looking for volunteers to assist at the Centre on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday. If you are friendly, welcoming and can provide some basic IT assistance, we would love to hear from you.**

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CTC Computer Courses	Day / Date	Details
		<b>All courses \$65 / \$55 concession &amp; Seniors.</b>
Beginners part 1	Friday 15 April 10am-12	Gain confidence in using a computer, start using the internet.
Excel – Beginners	Thursday 21 April 10am-12	Create, edit and understand spreadsheets
Beginners part 2	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 10am-12	Using email. Saving and finding files.
Excel – Intermediate Part 1	Thursday 28 April 10am-12	More on formulas, print options. Hidden rows and columns.
Photos on Your Computer	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 10am-12	Transferring photos to your computer, basic editing, options for sharing and printing photos.
Facebook and Social media	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 10am-12	Start using Facebook to stay in touch, understand privacy options and levels.
Excel – Intermediate part 2	Thursday 12 May 10am-12	Using functions and more complex formula. Using Names.
Password Storage and Management	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 10am-12	Using the same password for lots of accounts or having problems remembering them all, learn how to keep them safe using Lastpass.
Cloud Storage	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 10am-12	Learn about free and paid cloud storage options, Dropbox, OneDrive, Google Drive, iCloud.
Windows 10	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 10:30am-12:30	Find your way around the new Windows 10.
Blogging and simple websites	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Set up a free blog or simple website using Wordpress
iPads part 1 – Beginners	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 10:30-12:30	Set up and start using your iPad
iPads part 2 to part 4 to be run Saturdays in June.	Saturdays in June / July 10:30am- 12:30	Will look at Apps, photos, backups, calendar and reminders, maps and directions, Siri.





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## *Thank you so much Robertson!*

On behalf of all of us here at The Robertson Inn, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for being part of bringing your pub back to life! It has been a wonderful three and a half years.

We are so proud to have put your local in the SMH Good Food Guide in both 2014 and 2015. These reviews are clearly very nice, but what we have genuinely loved to see, is you guys coming in and enjoying \$10 steaks on Tuesdays, Trivia, 2 for 1 T-Bones and kids eat free on Thursdays (Sparkles the fairy is known by most kids in Robertson by now!), Raffles on Friday evenings, followed by Live music every Friday night.

It is also great to see you guys having birthdays and events on the weekends. We have even had a bunch of locals get married here at The Robertson Inn!

Robertson locals have also sold out Diesel's Dinner & Show on May 26th.  
Sold out over 2 months in advance!

Shannon Noll is coming on April 14th,  
you better get in quick for this one.

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# A Waddle Down Hoddle

by Naomi Janzen

*Naomi takes us on a culinary walk down the main street to look at eating out in Robertson.....*

When I was deciding whether to move to the countryside, an important non-negotiable on my list was "someplace close with really good food". A lunch at the Robertson Cheese Factory, at the time a sprawling gourmet deli, sealed the deal. I was keen to leave city life behind - but not city food. Little did I know that six years later my beloved small village would rival the Leichhardt neighborhood I'd come from when it came to being spoiled for culinary choices.


Starting in the East, everyone knows about the iconic **Robertson's Famous Pies** shop at the Jamberoo Road junction. A tourist hotspot (especially if you ride a motorcycle), this place serves what it says it does: pies! From fruit to meat, large family-sized to small, it's got them on offer every day of the week.

Next, we come to the newly refurbished and rather upscale **Robertson Hotel** with its understated, elegant bar occasional live jazz and - starting now - Friday and Saturday night fine dining in their grand, fireplace-warmed dining room. I haven't had the food yet but if they've put the same care into the menu that they have already put into the decor, it will be spectacular.

Though the **Cheese Factory Café** has gone through several incarnations since that first visit, it has found its footing again as a cafe with hearty and healthy fresh bistro-type food made on the premises daily, from morning to late afternoon, and it's only a short stroll through a passageway to a well-stocked cheese shop and gelato case with goodies for taking home for entertaining or out on picnics.

The next stop is the quirky, atmosphere-rich **Rockabella's Roadside Diner** with it's tequila-highlighted full bar, Tex-Mex/Classic American Diner options, and local favourite Thursday night \$3 gourmet soft and crispy tacos. Oh - and if you're eating gluten free - I've never seen a better selection of both sweet and savoury temptations in that category. Right next to that, the new kid on the block is **Petite Fleur Patisserie** - a real French bakery that makes quality gourmet pies, frittatas and classic pastries, among many other delights, using only real ingredients like butter and fruit. No wonder everything is so yummy! Open every day except Monday, with indoor and outdoor seating to enjoy your coffee and treat, it's already becoming legendary.

Now it's time to cross the street to **The Robertson Inn**. Not to be confused with the Robertson Hotel,



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Penne with Roasted Chicken, Avocado, Onion, Cracked Black Pepper and Cream

Penne with Char Grilled Eggplant, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Artichokes, Olives and Pesto

Linguine with Pesto, Semi Dried Tomatoes and Cream

(Extra Sourdough 2.00 pp)

the Inn is also known as "the pub". But you're in for a surprise if you're expecting typical pub food. They've got that for sure but what earned it its place in the Sydney Good Food Guide is the delicious, upscale country inn fare they do an equally fine job of.

And just over the road from that, in a small but much loved commercial centre, you'll find **The Pirouette Cafe**. As I write this, anticipation is building around the recent sale and rumoured plans for expansion from a breakfast, lunch and coffee spot to a full restaurant with evening dining - and an organic fruit and veg shop. I'm told this Robertson icon's regulars won't be disappointed whatever changes come, as the former owner is still on the premises assuring their coffee gets made the way they like it!

A little further west, we come to **Chat's Cafe** in the new post office building. Still supplying the town with burgers and generous portions of fish and chips, it too has recently changed hands and now, in addition to the casual Aussie menu items, you can get real home-cooked Indian food by arrangement.

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Heading out of Chat's, this time we take a sharp left turn to find, tucked away in the Robertson Bowling Club next to the railway station (you have to venture down a driveway or two to find it), the understated but wonderful **Mountain Spice Thai**. Open every day bar Tuesday for lunch and dinner, this three year-old gem is as popular for takeaway as it is for eat in family dining. Offering Asian and Indian, French and Aussie classics all made with fresh, locally-sourced ingredients, you can circle the globe in one sitting and drinks from the Bowlo bar are the best deal in town.

Back out on the main street, and only a block further down Hoddle, it's **Pizzas In The Mist** on the corner of Caalong. You can't miss its warm red trim and inviting facade, the smell of woodfired pizzas - or the crowds of happy diners at white-clothed candle-lit tables in the evenings Wednesday through Saturday. People come from all over the Highlands to eat in and takeaway what many declare to be the best pizza anywhere while its gourmet menu keeps it busy with special celebrations and romantic dinners for two.

Finally, and last but not least, in the far west of Hoddle, right before the servo, is the **Southern Rise Bakery**. Handing freshly baked hot pies, quiches and coffee over the counter to a loyal following of commuters from the very early morning and supplying the sweet tooth of locals throughout the day with cakes, donuts and Aussie classics like lamingtons, this bakery is much more than an afterschool bread stop!

I'm still not exactly sure what it is about this 1500 person town that has attracted such a variety of talented chefs. Maybe it's the artistic vibe. All I know is I'm proud of the quality and diversity we have to offer.

Now all we need...is a gym!

## Take your Trolley down Hoddle

By Jenny Kena

*Jenny looks at some of the fresh food options in Robertson.....*

This time, grab your shopping trolley and set off down the main street for fresh food supplies. This time let's start at the western end of Hoddle Street.

The new owners of **Robertson Recollections** also have a **coffee** roasting business— pick up some fresh beans here.

Cross the street and head up to the **Robertson**



**Butcher** in the Robertson Shopping Village for fresh **meat** supplies as well as roast chickens, **fresh eggs** and salads. Daryl is renowned for his gourmet meats including his regular new sausage varieties! Daryl and Karen are also providing a fresh **fruit and vegetable** service now with twice a week deliveries of pre-ordered fruit and veg boxes from Highlands Fresh in Mittagong.

Speaking of **fruit and vegetables**, another option is the home deliveries available from **Moonacres** organic farm. Or if you have a surplus of home grown produce or something else to swap, there is the **Crop Swap** every Saturday from 9am-10am outside Rockabellas.

Further along Hoddle Street on the northern side, the next stop is the Robertson Supermarket, **The Friendly Grocer**. Here you will find Robertson **Potatoes**, meat from **Maugers Meats** who have been selling home grown beef and lamb from their farms at Robertson for over 44years. Neil and Heather also offer fresh fruit and vegetables and of course a selection of **wine** to have with your home made dinner plus all the other regular grocery items. Looking for fresh **bread on a Sunday**? This is also available at the Supermarket and from the **Petite Fleur Patisserie** (and from the **Sunrise Bakery** every other day of the week!).

Outside the Supermarket on Thursdays and Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings our local fishmonger, Lars and Yvette of **Arwon Seafoods**, sell **fresh seafood**.

The final stop is the Cheese Factory which is open every day providing a large variety of local and imported **cheese**. You can also pick up some **organic gelato** for dessert.

Not available in the Robertson shops (I don't believe) but a part of the local fresh food scene is Robertson truffle grower **Yelverton Truffles** who grew the largest truffle ever grown in Australia in 2014.

# Robertson is next in the Southern Highlands Food and Wine Clusters project

By Jill Dyson

An exciting new project is being rolled out across the region called the Southern Highlands Food and Wine Clusters. This is a "ground up" initiative, supported by the Moss Vale and Rural Chamber and brain child of Vice Chair, Brigid Kennedy who has The Loch at Berrima.

This project is a great example of people working together to support each other for mutual benefit. The Loch in Berrima grows vegetables during the week and is open for farm gate sales on Sunday from 10 - 4. This is just a sample of the many wonderful farm gates on offer. Brigid's experience in collaboration in Walsh Bay as Chair of their Chamber of Commerce showed her how good business with co-branding and marketing can be in a region if everyone in "like businesses" works together. So geographical clusters are being formed to encourage visitors to look at other businesses in an immediate location.

Nine such areas or "clusters" are planned in the area, where the tourist and locals alike can explore what the Southern Highlands has to offer. Meeting the farmer on his or her land raises awareness and knowledge of where your food and wine comes from.

Brigid approached Jill Dyson formally of FoodPath Culinary Tours. Jill had run food and farm tours in the Highlands for 5 years so knew all the local food producers. Prior to that Jill ran Slow Food Southern Highlands with her partner Nick Padol for several years. When the data bases were developed more than 100 food businesses were identified. This number has now grown to 130.

So far



just the Joadja and Moss Vale areas have been showcased with the other rural areas to be developed during the year. Clusters for the towns will follow next year. Joadja Cluster opened on 16 Oct 2015 as our pilot; and 16 March 2016 saw the launch of the Moss Vale Cluster with Larry Whipper, Mayor of Wingecarribee, cutting the ribbon.

## Robertson is next on the list!

As well as showcasing what is best in the Highlands in the food and wine scene by forming them into Clusters, a great sense of community has evolved between the Cluster members as they collaborate with each other and cross promote. This increases awareness of what is amazing about their particular part of the Southern Highlands.

The benefits to the area as a whole are that visitors will have a good reason to come back again and again – exploring a different cluster each time. While still enjoying their favorites of course. We will be starting work on the Robertson Cluster in the next few months with an opening at the end of winter. So watch this space!

[www.southernhighlandfoodandwineclusters.com.au](http://www.southernhighlandfoodandwineclusters.com.au).

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# Joan celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!

By Lyndy Scott

On 4 February 2016, Joan Compagnoni (Mrs C) turned a whopping 95 years old! Locals celebrated with her over a fun lunch at the Burrawang Hotel.

This was followed on 7 February by a HUGE family – they came from everywhere – and friends' birthday party at the School of Arts – no home would be large enough for the Compagnoni crew! Friends included many from the ZigZag railway days – Joan's been a member for decades.

Her birthday cake was huge too and all enjoyed a slice or three. By the way, Joan is STILL secretary of the School of Arts.

Joan's birthday was acknowledged at a REPS community talk on 12 February where she was presented with a big bunch of fresh-cut flowers. Joan is a long-standing REPS member and loves their interesting talks. At two of them, she experienced



Joan Compagnoni surrounded by some of her huge family at her birthday celebration.

first-time ever events in her life – cuddling a baby wombat and handling a snake! Robertson wishes you many more happy birthdays Joan and will put on a shindig for your 100<sup>th</sup>!

**Message from St Johns**—Robertson is such a wonderful town for families, such a warm and welcoming community. Would you like to meet other parents with young children? Have a safe and friendly environment for your child to play and develop their social skills? Jumping Joeys is a playgroup on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12, during the school term. There's craft and a snack for the children and morning tea and a cuppa for the parents.. Maybe your child has grown up and you're 'enjoying' the teen years. Then your teens are welcome to come and learn they have a purpose and hope at R.Y.B.S (Robertson Youth Bible Study) on Friday Nights, during school term from 6:30 to 8:30pm. There are many opportunities at St

John's Anglican to meet people and get involved. Our services are in Robertson and at St David's Burrawang. Or if none of the above are we're you're at, perhaps you enjoy quilting and other craft and would like to join other like minded ladies monthly on Saturday mornings. Or perhaps you would prefer to play table tennis socially on Monday morning in the Sunday School hall. So many opportunities in a beautiful community. If you would like know more please visit us at one of our groups, see our website at <http://robertsonanglican.org.au>, phone our office, or see our Facebook page. We look forward to meeting you.



## Final Service at Kangaloon Uniting Church

Sadly , the Kangaloon Uniting Church is closing. The closing service will be held on Sunday 15 May 11am. Already we know that there will be a number of descendants of the pioneers who established and built this historic church attending. It is the wish of our congregation that as many people as possible, who have had contact with our church, know of this event, spread the word and attend the closing service. For further information please contact either Narelle Schofield 4883 4260 or Rev Michael Earl on 02422433569.



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## For the Diary.....

### REPS community talks April 2016

**Friday 8 April 2016 at 7.30pm**, followed by supper at Robertson Community Centre.

Do you love the environment and don't like methane messing it up? Do you love your cattle and sheep, wish they didn't produce so much **and** grew faster? **More meat, milk and wool – less methane**

Professor John Black will talk about the exciting outcomes – and that's just so far – of the National Livestock Methane Program. It aims to reduce methane emissions while increasing productivity of Australia's livestock. Methane, animal productivity and environmental sustainability are very closely linked. Scientists have identified a range of treatments – supplements, forages, genetics – which producers can use to lower methane emissions and increase productivity. He will reveal a lot more in his talk and in answer to your questions!

**Annual Wool Festival 2 April** All things woolly will come to Robertson on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 when the annual Wool Festival organised by the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association will be held. It showcases the produce of local growers who offer for sale fleeces of varying colours and types suitable for spinning, weaving and felting. Sheep naturally come in a range of colours (browns, blacks and silvers) and depending on the breed can be used in different craft projects. Fine merinos, medium corridales or cross breeds for soft garments and stronger border leicesters or lincolns for rugs or sturdier outer garments. All of these will be on display with growers and spinners available to give advice to beginners. There will be a fashion parade of knitted and felted garments which shows the creativity of local craft groups. The speed knitting competition is **always** hotly contested with knitters asked to complete a square in 15 minutes. This year, weather permitting, we will have a number of black lambs being shorn with their fleeces for sale straight from the sheeps back. For further information about the festival or the BACCSBA and its activities contact Kathy Frey (Secretary) on 48789318.

### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Saturday 28th May 2016

Burrawang School of Arts, Hoddle Street,  
9.00AM TO 12 Noon

As a community we all have been touched by cancer in some way, and this is a time to demonstrate solidarity and give to those who we hope can be cured. The funds raised from the Morning Tea helps and supports thousands of Australians affected by cancer. The Burrawang Morning Tea is one of the biggest in the region, so everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a scrumptious morning tea, great raffle prizes and a trading table. The Warner family look forward to seeing you at their 21st annual fundraiser for the Cancer Council.

### RHRS Classic Car Day---Robertson Railway Common--Sunday 10th April.

The Robertson Heritage Railway Station is holding a fund raiser day on Sunday 10th April showcasing many wonderful motor vehicles built 30 years or more ago. A gold coin donation is required from entrants. Vintage working farm machinery will also be on display. There will be hot food,

gourmet coffee, a model train exhibition, the Fettle's art prize artwork in the Fettle's Shed gallery on display and the history exhibit in the heritage listed station building will be open. Car clubs and individual classic vehicle owners are welcome. There are no prizes but a great day of viewing and car comparison will be had by entrants and visitors alike. The Common will be reserved for entrants only but there is plenty of parking in the vicinity. Come and have a fun day at the railway station. Contact Steve ph. 4885 2323 for information.

### Neil Lawrence's film *Ka-Ching! Pokie Nation* - CTC Saturday 30th April 7pm

A documentary made by the late, legendary and much-loved ad man Neil Lawrence is to have a special screening at the CTC. Neil introduced his first film *To Spring From The Hand* at the CTC in 2014, and he was very much looking forward to screening his latest film *Ka-Ching! Pokie Nation* in Robertson again. Tragically Neil died in a diving accident in the Maldives shortly before the film was to be premiered in Sydney in 2015. The film will show industry insiders explaining how designers engineer these machines to merge complex algorithms with flashing lights and musical cues to keep people inexorably coming back to the bandit. Their success is such that 'pokies' are now listed alongside life-wrecking narcotics such as cocaine and heroin in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the reference book for psychiatrists.

Co-producer Mitzi Goldman saw the power of the story being told, and spoke on Lawrence's passion for his subject. "Neil drove this piece and I worked alongside him, navigating the "human highway" to use one of his favourite phrases. And it has been a busy, fast and at times dangerous highway. "Neil's untimely and sudden death has shocked and saddened us all. It has been an honour to create this film with him, his last work and a passion piece," said Goldman. The screening of *Ka-Ching! Pokie Nation* will be held at the CTC on April 30th at 7pm. Neil's wife Caroline and the film's producer Mitzi Goldman and editor Andrea Lang will be at the screening and answer questions about the making of the film.

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Robertson Events Calendar		
April 2016		
Fri 1— Sun 10	<b>Seniors Festival events</b> inc free technology information sessions <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 2	<b>Annual Wool Festival</b> <i>See page 10</i>	School of Arts
Thur 7	<b>Robertson Community—Our Village Our Future Meeting</b> 6.30pm <i>See page 12</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 8	<b>REPS community talk</b> 7.30pm <i>See page 10</i>	Robertson Community Centre
Sun 10	Robertson <b>Markets</b> 9-2 mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Sun 10	<b>RHRS Classic Car Day</b> <i>See page 10</i>	Railway Common
Sun 10	<b>Amazing Musical Journey .....Earth Dances</b> 1pm-4.30pm <i>See page 3</i>	CTC@Robertson
Thur 14	<b>Shannon Noll at the Robertson Inn</b> <i>See page 5</i>	Robertson Inn
Fri 15	<b>Computers—Beginners—Part 1</b> 10am-12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Thur 21	<b>Excel—Beginners</b> 10am—12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 22	<b>Computers—Beginners-Part 2</b> 10am-12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sun 24	<b>Wedding Fair 10am-3pm</b> therobertsonhotel.com	The Robertson Hotel
Thur 28	<b>Excel Intermediate Part 1</b> 10am-12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 29	<b>Photos on your computer</b> 10am-12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 30	<b>Neil Lawrence's film Ka-Ching! Pokie Nation</b> 7pm <i>See page 10</i>	CTC@Robertson
May 2016		
Fri 6	<b>Facebook and Social Media</b> 10am-12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sun 8	<b>Robertson Markets</b> 9-2	School of Arts
Thur 12	<b>Excel Intermediate Part 2</b> 10am-12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 13	<b>Password and Storage Management</b> 10am-12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 14	<b>Folk, Blues and Beyond Concert</b> 7pm-10.30pm <i>See page 3</i>	School of Arts
Sun 15	<b>Last service at Kangaloon Uniting Church</b> <i>See page 9</i>	Kangaloon Uniting Church
Sun 15	<b>Deadline for June edition of Robertson News</b>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 20	<b>Cloud Storage</b> 10am-12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 21	<b>Windows 10</b> 10.30am—12.30pm <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Thur 26	<b>Diesel's Dinner &amp; Show at the Robertson Inn</b> <b>SOLD OUT!</b> <i>See page 5</i>	Robertson Inn
Fri 27	<b>Blogging and simple websites</b> 10am-12 noon <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 28	<b>iPads part 1—Beginners</b> 10.30am-12.30pm <i>See page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 28	<b>Australia's Biggest Morning Tea</b> 9am-12 noon <i>See page 10</i>	Burrawang School of Arts
Regular Events		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Robertson Garden Club</b> 1.30pm Geoff King ph 4885 2592	Robertson Community Centre
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Wuka Plukas Ukulele Group</b> mob 0429 826 431 Jenny 7-9pm	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Trivia Night</b> 7.30pm	Robertson Inn
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Social tennis</b> 1-3pm Contact Lyndy Scott 4885 2805	Robertson Tennis Court
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Live Music</b> <i>See page 5</i>	Robertson Inn
<b>Every Sat</b>	<b>Crop Swap</b> 9-10am	Outside Rockabellas
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	Communion(1 <sup>st</sup> ), Morning Prayer (4 <sup>th</sup> ) 8am	St Johns Robertson
<b>Every Sun</b>	Family Service – Sunday School 9.30am	St Johns Robertson
<b>1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	Catholic Service 8am	St Peter's Burrawang
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	Catholic Service 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang

# New Information Centre planned for Robertson

By Don Dyer

During 2015 Wingecarribee Shire Council conducted a series of meetings with Robertson residents to discuss what they might want in "Our Village - Our Future". From these meetings a plan was put together and since then, with the help of the Robertson Shed Inc. (the Management organisation for CTC@Robertson) much action is under way to achieve some of the planned objectives.

The first activity centres on building community spirit and involvement in the village and attracting more tourists to Robertson. To achieve this there will be a community information centre located in the centre of Robertson and using visual and computer based technology, it will display what's on in the community and what attractions Robertson has to offer. These attractions will be built around the geography, geology, history (e.g. the dairy factory), nineteenth century architecture (e.g. the Robertson Pub) and unique rural ventures (e.g. the truffle farm) of our village. The planned location for this Community Information Centre (CIC) is along the main street somewhere between where the current sign in as the CTC. This is because it is the centre of the village and has nearby toilets, Hampden Park attractions, the Heritage Railway and parking.

The objective is to have a structure of architectural merit that residents can be proud of – so expressions of interest are being called for from artists, architects and designers for the project. Because of the wealth of talent in and around Robertson and the desire for local ownership preference will be given to those who live in the area.

The expression of interest is designed to attract submissions from which a short list of 3 will be

chosen. Each finalist will be given \$1,000 to produce their final design and the winner will be chosen from these. Expressions of interest close at midnight on Monday 4 April. There is a sub-committee of the Robertson Shed Inc. managing the community project and the process. With the assistance of two qualified people it will choose the three finalists. The eventual winner will be chosen by the group following an invitation to residents to offer their views on what the finalists have submitted.



The project management group consists of the CTC President Jenny Kena, and local residents Don Dyer, Neil Harvey, Ian Wallace, Steve Chowdhury and Peter Glass. They have set themselves the task of raising \$50,000 plus much in-kind support for the Community Information Centre. Wingecarribee Shire Council has been very supportive and has contributed \$20,000 toward this "Our Village – Our Future" flagship project. Expect to see the selected designer around mid year. **The next Robertson Community – Our Village Our Future meeting will be held on Thursday 7 April at 6.30pm at the CTC@Robertson. All welcome. Please RSVP to [info@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:info@robertsonctc.org.au)**

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