

# Robertson News

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## New Information Centre opens in April

Invitation to the Launch of the  
**Robertson**  
Community Information Centre

The Community Information Centre Committee of the Robertson Shed Inc, on behalf of the Robertson community, takes great pleasure in inviting you to the launch of the new Robertson Community Information Centre.

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 8 2018**  
**AT 2.30PM**

The launch will be in 3 parts at 3 locations

**2.30PM** Formalities at the Christian Education Centre (new church hall) St Johns Anglican Church Robertson, Myerla Street (just off Hoddle Street, behind the Church)

**3.30PM** Walk around the corner and down the road (5 minutes) for the cutting of the ribbon at the Robertson Community Information Centre which is in the Lions Park of Hampden Park (next to the CRT Store)

**3.45PM** Afternoon tea served at the CTC@Robertson 58-60 Hoddle Street.



By Don Dyer

It's done! The Community Information Centre is about to be a finished project. Drive by at night and see it floodlit. Stop by in the day and see what it looks like in its garden setting.

The big Electronic board came in on time to advertise the Robertson Show. The

guidelines for the use of the electronic sign can be obtained from the Robertson Village website. It will be managed by the Robertson Fire Brigade in partnership with the CTC.

The Robertson Men's Shed have agreed to do the site upkeep work i.e. gardens, paths and the physical condition of the information boards.

The Committee that has managed the project from inception to now wants to acknowledge the significant volunteer contribution from individuals and local groups.

The financial support from local individuals, clubs and business people has been a major factor in the process. In total they have contributed some \$20,000 of the total fundraising to date of \$85,000.

Grants were received from the Wingecarribee Shire Council, State and Federal Governments and the Veolia Mulwaree Trust.

Every donor and volunteer that has assisted in the project will be acknowledged on the Honour Board on the site.

So now the Committee invites you to attend the opening, which will be held on Sunday 8 April. It will start at the Christian Education Centre (new church hall) at St John's Church at 2.30pm, move to the site for the unveiling and then to the CTC for afternoon tea. The Robertson School choir will take part. See you there!

RSVP for launch info@robertsonctc.org.au ph: 4885 2665

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## ROBERTSON BOWLING CLUB

Open 7 days a week

**Every Monday** - Social Carpet Bowls 11am - new players welcome  
**Every Wednesday** - Social Lawn Bowls (\$10 per player) - new bowlers welcome  
**Every Thursday** - Soccer Club Joker Jackpot and Pool Comp from 6.30pm  
**Every Friday** - Free Trivia - Joker Jackpot and Lucky Member draw from 7pm  
**Every Sunday** - Prize Tombola - Members Draw from 6.30pm

The Club welcomes new members with membership starting at \$10 per year. The Club is a major sponsor of Robertson's Soccer, Cricket and Hockey clubs. For further information call the Club on 4885 1306.

**Ally's Bistro** - open Mon & Tues lunch and dinner

**Mountain Spice Bistro** - open Wed to Sun lunch and dinner. Authentic Thai, Chinese and Australian favourite dishes.



# Classic Car Show on again at the Railway

The Robertson Heritage Railway Station is again hosting a Classic Car Show and Shine Event on our picnic area on Sunday 8 April.

There will be a sausage sizzle, gourmet coffee van, tea and home made cakes, model train exhibitions and vintage farm machinery on display. The history display in the heritage listed station will also be open.

There will be an art show in our gallery and the monthly village markets are on around the corner. It is a fund raiser for our volunteer non-profit railway association. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

There are no prizes for best car but it is usually a fun relaxed day for all concerned. The public is welcome to come and see these lovely cars from 9.30am—1.30pm. Come along and join in the fun. If you have a Classic Car or know someone who has, please bring it along.

**Saturdays and Sundays Tenth Annual Heritage Art Prize:** 10am to 3.30 pm until and including 8th April 2018

Further information ph Steve 4885 2323  
[stevercarey@bigpond.com](mailto:stevercarey@bigpond.com)  
<http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/classic-car-show.html>

## Robertson Heritage Railway Station Classic Car Show Sunday 8th April 2018 - 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

Exhibited car gold coin entry



- Historic Farm Machinery
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- Art show at the Fettlers Shed

P: Steve: 02 4885 2393  
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## Congratulations

On behalf of the Robertson Garden Club we wish to congratulate Leesa Stratford and her team of volunteers on a very successful 135th Annual Robertson Show.

The weather gods were kind and the volunteers (many of whom are Garden Club members also) showed the true spirit of Community before, during and after the Show. The camaraderie shown was evident in the smooth running of the entire Show. I was proud to be a small part of it. A credit to the Robertson Community.

Well done Leesa & your team.

Colin Hancock  
President Robertson Garden Club

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## The Real Joan Compagnoni!



By John Johnston

For the last edition of the Robertson News I had sent in a photo that I thought was a photo of Joan Compagnoni in her younger years. I was in the process of writing a small booklet of all the history of the Robertson School of Arts and I had sent photos and information to the Editor of the Robertson News before having it checked. This photo was

taken with two other people and someone had written their names on the back, one of which was Joan. I do apologise for the mistake and if I have offended anyone I am truly sorry. This photo is the real Joan in 1992.

## Launch of Book and Block

By John Johnson

As I have mentioned, I have written a book called the *History of the Robertson School of Arts Incorporated 1885 to 2017* and it was launched and went on sale at the opening of the new amenities block. The information was sought from old minute books and some of the older people who have lived in the Robertson district all their lives. This booklet is a record of how it all began and can be used for future generations. This is the first booklet I have written in my life and I have a lot to learn about book writing. This was a big task to write but I am very pleased at how it all turned out. My daughter Wendy was a tremendous help to me to make this presentable and readable for people.

**These booklets can be purchased at the monthly markets, or from the Secretary on 4885 2217 at the cost of \$15 each. We may have them available in the village and they will be displayed at different locations. All proceeds from the sales go to the Robertson School of Arts Incorporated Committee.**

The new Robertson School of Arts amenities block was opened by Pru Goward MP on Saturday 17 March. A plaque was unveiled by Pru and will be put on the wall of the amenities block. Funding of \$217,672 for the project came from Liquor and Gaming NSW and was made available through the Clubsgrant system. This is just one of the projects that the NSW Government has funded during the 2016-2017 period.

Also at the launch, five Life Membership Certificates were presented to—Mrs Jean Tobler, Mrs Pat Willard, Mrs Jocelyn Crowe, Mrs Hope Waters and Mr Jim Wilson Sen. Four Appreciation Certificates were presented to—Mr John Bracht, Mr Paul Robinson, Mrs June Shierlaw, and Mrs Kay Simpkin for their dedicated work in maintaining the property and work in fund raising for the hall. Mention was

made of Joan Compagnoni receiving her Life Membership Presentation on 4 December 2017 for 47 years of service as Secretary.

Some of the other special guests were Councillor



L to R—Jean Tobler, Pru Goward and Pat Willard

Larry Whipper, representing the Mayor, and Councillor Duncan Gair.

We now have been informed that the grant for the new stage curtains has been approved by the FRRR Small Grants for Rural Communities. The Committee was hoping to have them installed as soon as possible. There is still more work to be done on the hall and we may apply for further grants.

Now that we have this state of the art amenities block, it can be used for an emergency evacuation centre for the Robertson and surrounding areas when and if an Emergency arises.



John Johnson

# Church banner explained

By Graham Thomas

Over the last month or so you might have noticed a banner displayed under our normal church sign on the corner of Meryla and Hoddle streets, which read, *Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_*. It looked something like this, just a little bigger!



The idea of the signs and conversations people were having was simply to ask friends and neighbours about their opinion on Jesus, a sort of 'fill in the blank' type discussion. It was really well received and thanks to those who helped by sharing their honest answers.

But the conversation doesn't need to end there, can I encourage you to continue to investigate Jesus and talk about Jesus. Come along to one of our church services, and of course Easter is coming soon too, so there's an easy introduction to talk a little further. However, the best way to get to know the real Jesus is to read one of the four biographies of Jesus, found in the bible, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. If you don't have a bible get in touch with me and we'll give you one.

There's a great website which also continues this discussion, I encourage you to take a look at: [www.jesus-is.org.au](http://www.jesus-is.org.au) In that website you'll find some really interesting opinions and discussion about Jesus. Some of the answers to the *Jesus is* sentence that you'll find on the website are: ...gaining ground, ...an invisible sky fairy,...compassionate,...a loser,...unscientific,...alive. What about you, how would you fill in the blank?

Come along to church this Sunday and let's continue the discussion.

Church times are:

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of the month – 8am traditional service in the St Johns building

10am – weekly family service in the main church building

6pm – youth service during school term time, with a light dinner.

Everyone's welcome!

Graham Thomas, Minister  
Robertson / Burrawang Anglican Church  
[robertsonanglican.org.au](http://robertsonanglican.org.au) 4885 1210

# No More Street Trees in Robbo

By Stephen Austin (Ozzie)

Unfortunately our community group, More Street Trees in Robbo Inc., will not be proceeding further with our proposal to plant some more trees in Hoddle Street to make it a bit more friendly and pleasant.

We made our detailed application under Councils Village Community Action Plan many months ago. It was accompanied by a professional detailed landscape plan showing precisely what we proposed. Our Application also complied with Councils' Shire-wide Street Tree Master Plan and every other relevant Council design standard.

We have had a number of meetings with Council Officers both on site and at Council Chambers. We have consulted the RMS(Highways). We have made presentations to meetings of local community groups and consulted various local personalities. We had a meeting with Robertson Primary School and were very pleased that they wanted to incorporate some aspects of our project in their classes.

We even have a letter from the General Manager of Council which we understood supported the proposal and which was certainly offering support for our funding initiatives through our local member of State Parliament.

We understand that this support was given after Councils consideration of some 4 pages of objections from a local club. Although we have been made aware of some concerns about impact of the trees on parking and access, we understood Council Officers expert in those fields had no such concerns.

To our dismay we are now told for the first time, that because Councils support was only "in principle" we must do it all again by making a Development Application to the very same Council for the very same plan. Or perhaps an equivalent application to the "Assets Branch". At the time of writing Council has not been able to tell us which.

We are not developers, and we have no prospect of or interest in financial gain from this proposal.

We do not have the resources, inclination nor the fortitude for the odyssey of a Development Application or whatever the Assets Branch or Council or whoever decides these things, thinks is an equivalent.

So we apologize to our many supporters and thank you all for your support. Sorry we could not deliver.

Stephen Austin (Ozzie) 0425 202 732

# Vote 1—Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club!

By Aaron de Jager



**Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club has been named as a finalist in Inside Sport Magazines Best Club award.**

**You can vote for the Club at -**

**<https://www.insidesport.com.au/clubbies/best-club>**

Here a few highlights as to why it might be worthy of the Best Club award.....

Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club is the heart of our small community through the summer months. Robertson is a small town of approximately 2000 people in the NSW Southern Highlands and we draw players from our town and neighbouring towns and villages.

Over the past 10 seasons we have grown to become the dominant Club on the field, whilst also setting high standards for it. In these 10 seasons we have played in 9 First Grade Grand Finals, claiming victory in 5 of these. Our previous win in this Grade before this period of success was in 1972/73 - so we are making up for lost time! Also in this period we have claimed the 2nd Grade premierships 3 times, and the 3rd Grade premierships twice, as well as 6 x HDCA Junior Premierships in grades ranging from U10s to U16s. We also won the prestigious Country Cricket NSW 'Country Plate' in 2012/13 - a tournament open to all Country Cricket Clubs and small associations in the State. We claimed the HDCA/Bradman Foundation's 'Spirit of Cricket Award' for our conduct on the field last summer. We play hard but play fair!

It's not just on the field where we have been a leader in our area, as we have taken part in the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave, and The McGrath Foundation's Pink Stumps day on many occasions. We host trivia and games nights which are well attended at our Major Sponsor's

auditorium - the Robertson Bowling Club, and even convinced the great Kerry O'Keefe to host a Sportsman's Dinner with us a few years ago, which saw the venue jam-packed!

We have a fantastic culture at our club and attract players who come not just to play good cricket but also a good time. We have many current players at our club who are at least 3rd generation players wearing our colours. Our six surviving Life Members are still great supporters of the Club and it's a great thrill to see them through the year around town and at our Annual Presentation Night presenting awards. We have great sponsors from within the local community, and other clubs in the area strive to reach our standards both on and off field. In both the 2016/17 and 2017/18 seasons we are the only club in our district competition to field teams in all 3x Junior and 3 x Senior Grades. Not even clubs from larger towns with rich cricketing histories such as Bowral (the first club of D.G Bradman), Moss Vale and Mittagong can lay claim to this fantastic feat.

I may be a tad biased, but I believe we are a worthy nomination of the Best Club award in IS's 2018 Clubbies Awards.

## Aquatic Centre Update

**By Don Ferguson**

The Robertson Aquatic Centre is progressing well with most slab laying, plumbers "rough" in and retaining walls completed. The building erection has commenced. You will be aware that the RADSPA Committee purchased the Shed early last year to hedge against steel rises

Once the roof is on we expect Ocean Blue Pools & Liners will commence constructing the above ground pool. This is scheduled for mid April. The Committees first Claim to the National Stronger Regions Fund has been accepted. The Pool equipment has been ordered and will be installed as soon as the Pool and Decking have been completed. With a change to a Private Certifier rather than Council the progress has improved.

The Committee would welcome contact from persons involved in the progression of the Committee since 1982. Without the Committee Members early vision this project would have faltered. Our website: [www.robertsonaquaticcentre.com](http://www.robertsonaquaticcentre.com) contains AGM Minutes from 1983 onwards. They make very interesting reading and are a true reflection of the Robertson Village spirit. Our thanks to Robin Ezra for her work on this site.

Further info: Don Ferguson President 0419 445 413  
Ian Hunt Secretary 0418 871 027

# Yoga for Stress Management

By Jennifer Robinson

We all have challenges in our lives. If you look at your neighbours and those around you, some have struggles with physical issues, some financial issues, some with emotional or mental issues and some with relationships, work issues, life issues or combinations of the all these.

Our lives become busy out of balance and consuming in the DOING of life rather than the BEING in life. We become human doings and forget we are HUMAN BEINGS. Yoga offers an opportunity to take time out just for you. To rebalance, restore, heal, transform or simply just be. It can give you a solid base to be able to manage your life more successfully.

In my classes, I suggest to my students to leave all their troubles and issues out of the room where they leave their shoes. The class is their time to just be in the moment with themselves. To be with their body as it is and their breath.

Yoga helps the mind to focus on the present moment. In the mind we find our stress with all its chatter, noise, commentary of situations and fears, doubts and judgements. It is these fears, doubts and judgements that cause our stress. As they make situations more challenging and life circumstances harder.

My Yoga classes are a safe space to put all the harshness of the world and the mind at bay and give yourself time to relax, get fit, heal, rejuvenate and invigorate. To just BE. I trust that students leave the class with a sense of well-being. They leave with shining faces and that is conformation for me they are more themselves when they leave, than when they entered. One of the biggest stresses is when we are not ourselves or not allowed to be ourselves due to pressure from relationships or environmental circumstances. In my class you are accepted and encouraged just to be you with you and to accept your body as it is today.

.Stress creates contraction. Contraction occurs in the airways, blood vessels, energy pathways in the body called nadis in yoga which then creates increased or abnormal heart rates and breathing. This results in less oxygen in the brain therefore headaches, less body awareness so bad posture or postural habits begin. Reduced mental clarity and emotional robustness. Reduction in blood flow to major organs so reduction in organ health and function. Less energy flow causes build up in

energies in some parts of the body that cause pain, migraine and disease. Stress reduces bone density. It reduces immunity therefore you become more prone to colds and “bugs”. It creates imbalances in metabolic functions of the body. For women difficult menstrual cycles or simulates early menopause or a more difficult “change of life” transition will result if stress is not being managed well.

Yoga does the opposite, it opens and expands. It opens and expands the airways, relaxes the body and mind. Supports healthy blood vessels, increases the flow of energy through the nadis and therefore removes blockages which could have been the beginnings of disease, aging and chronic physical, mental and emotional problems. You get stronger and firmer muscles. Bone density is increased. Better sleep, invigoration, rejuvenation and anti-aging. You become more peaceful as your mind becomes still and therefore emotional and mental wellbeing is much improved. All this is achieved from just BEING and by practicing a little self-nurturing/ care YOGA.

The biggest obstacle with yoga will be YOU! You will have to practice and have faith in yourself and the yoga as I have. Yoga’s ability to support you to have a wonderful life cannot be underestimated. Stress may happen and your ability to manage it will improve from your own empowering application of yoga. Yoga is also fun and when you are smiling... you can kiss Stress GOODBYE! Yoga classes with Jennifer Robinson are currently held at the Robertson Community Centre on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings. The next Yoga course series commences on Monday May 7 and Thursday May 10. Both classes are a general class and are taught in a way that each class build on the previous one. Private sessions are available by appointment. Children’s yoga is also available privately or in groups.

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Life Consultant, Yoga &  
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To register call or text Jennifer on **0407 771 828** or email **jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com**

# ***The Passion of Music—Steel City Strings—a film by Tony Williams***

After a hugely successful sell-out premiere in Wollongong, the Southern Highlands will now have the opportunity to see ***The Passion of Music***, the latest film by acclaimed Robertson filmmaker Tony Williams. **Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 6pm at the Empire Cinema Bowral**

The film will be introduced by Robertson's Andrew Ford, composer and legendary host of ABC Radio National's *The Music Show*.

All the proceeds from the screening will go to the very worthwhile charity *Rare Cancers Australia*, whose founders Kate and Richard Vines live in Bowral. Put the date in your diary, or to be sure of a seat, purchase tickets now from: Empire Cinema Bowral (cash only at the Empire)

Enquiries and Credit card payment: Suzie Ward 0425 327 577 Tickets \$25 (includes glass of wine and light refreshments) children under 16 \$10

**Special note:** The Steel City Strings orchestra will be playing live at the **Burrawang School of Arts 24<sup>th</sup> June 2pm.**

## **Exciting new program of events at the CTC Gallery**

By Janet Waterlow

The Robertson CTC Gallery has now in place a new programme of interesting exhibitions and events. It commenced with a lively and interesting mixed exhibition of the creative works of artists and craftspeople who have been involved with the

CTC, currently and in the past. This exhibition is varied, showing art and sculpture, animations, jewellery and ceramics and so much more. Try not to miss it, it finishes on 15th April.

Following this will be a beautiful exhibition of the works of Cathryn Coutts, a botanical artist.



Dr Cathryn Coutts is a Robertson-based botanic artist and printmaker. She has exhibited widely in the Southern Highlands, Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions, as well as in Sydney and Canberra at the Australian National Botanic Gardens. Her work is held in private collections in Australia and Europe.

In addition to her artistic interests she is also a keen bush care volunteer, working in three locations in the Wingecarribee Shire - at Caalang Creek in Robertson, the Community Nursery at Moss Vale and as a REPS volunteer with the NSW National Parks team in the Robertson Nature Reserve. She has a keen interest in the conservation of native plants, and in the relationship between art and science in exploring the natural world.

In her art works she uses observation drawings in the field as a starting point, to become familiar with the plant in its natural habitat. From these drawings she learns to understand the structure and 'character' of an individual plant, while at the same time exploring the expressive possibilities that it suggests to her.

'Glimpses in a Rainforest' is being held in the CTC to support the local community and raise awareness of the rainforests growing in the Robertson area. The artworks aim to show the beauty of our native plants and emphasize the importance of protecting our endangered natural flora.

The exhibition will be officially opened on Saturday April 21 at 2pm, by Susannah Blaxill, one of Australia's leading botanic artists. All are welcome. Dates are April 21 to May 19. Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday 10am to 4pm, Saturday 10am to 1pm and Sunday 10am to 2pm.

Many other exhibitions and events are planned for the future, as the gallery is being revitalised - so watch this space for something special coming to the CTC.

### **Escape to SW France!!!**

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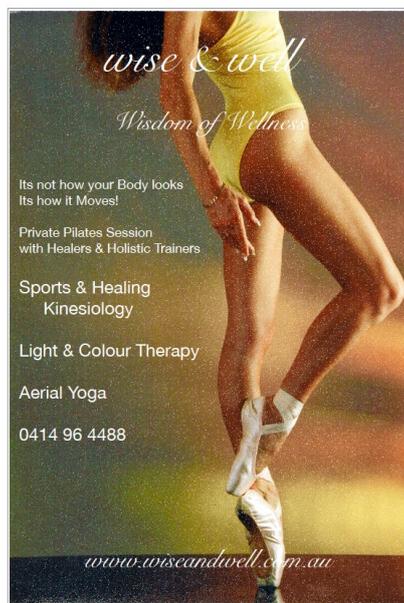
**Interested? Email: [fjclair@gmail.com](mailto:fjclair@gmail.com)**

(Or phone 0409 266228)

# All Things Woolly Coming to Robertson

All things woolly will come to Robertson School of Arts Hall on April 21 when the annual Wool Festival organised by the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association will be held.

The annual festival showcases the produce of local growers who offer for sale fleeces of varying colours and types suitable for spinning, weaving and felting. Available for sale will be a range of colours (browns, blacks, silvers and of course white) and a variety of breeds including merino, corriedale, border leicester, lincoln and crossbreds of varying fineness. Local breeders will be available to talk about their fleeces. Traders tables will include spinning, felting and knitting suppliers. The day starts at 10am and concludes at 2.30pm. Coffee, tea and a light lunch are available. For more information please contact Kathy Frey 4878 9318 or [kfrey@spin.net.au](mailto:kfrey@spin.net.au)



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## Robertson Autumn Farm Tours

During the month of April you'll get a chance to visit four local farms, culminating in a delectable luncheon prepared using all of the produce you have seen during the tour by Chef Steve Santucci at the Moonacres Kitchen.

We hope by this tour to give you an idea of what a "local food system" looks like. The tour starts off at the Robertson Bowlo where the long running Crop-Swap is held. Locals have gathered together every Saturday morning for the past three years to swap their home grown

produce. Sustainability isn't about personal self-sufficiency it has to happen in community. Our motto at crop-swap is "meet your neighbours.....needs". Growing your own food is actually about growing relationships and community.

Just a short walk from the Bowlo is the Moonacres Kitchen where a bus awaits to take you on your farm tour. (The exception is the Mauger's farm tour where parking is provided) All farms are local so distances are pretty short. After the tour the bus will take you back to Moonacres Kitchen so you can taste the produce that has come from the farm you've just visited as well as other local produce.

Come and visit the best little village in the highlands and get an understanding of why Robertson is a not just putting food on the table but building connection in its community.

Sunday 8 April—Hills Potato Farm  
Saturday 14 April—Moonacres Farm  
Saturday 21 April—Dtharowal Creek Orchards  
Saturday 28 April—Maugers Meets

For tickets just follow this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/robertson-autumn-farm-tours-tickets-42451386239>



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'Health is the greatest possession' Lao Tzu

# Robertson Garden Club

By Colin Hancock

The next Meeting of The Robertson Garden Club will be held at 1.30pm on April 9 at the Community Centre, Caalong Street. Visitors always welcome. This meeting will incorporate the Annual General Meeting and election of committee members for 2018-9. Our guest speaker for our May meeting will be Curly from Curly's Compost. Curly's motto is that he is No1 in No2's. Our Club members certainly agree.

Most people in the Community will know that the Garden Club organise and run the Open Gardens Weekend on the second weekend of October each year. Planning is well advanced for this year's event and as always, proceeds raised from the event are donated back to the Robertson Community. Last year's Open Gardens was a huge success and a record amount was raised and given back to Community Groups. This year the date will fall on 13th & 14th October. As in previous years we invite volunteers to assist our members during the weekend. If you would like to help in any way please contact myself on 0421 061 651 or Kerry Lyndsay on 0447 161 593. There are many areas that you can help from attending at one of the garden gates for a few hours or helping with the plant stall or selling tickets and many other functions that will make the event a success. Would you be interested in opening your garden on this weekend? If so please contact me and we can arrange to visit and discuss what is involved. New gardens, big or small not previously opened are always high on our visitors agenda.

## Bird Populations Changing?

The next REPS public meeting is on April 13 at the Community Centre in Caalong St. at 7:30 pm. The speaker is Dr Simon Robinson on the topic of *Are Our Bird Populations Changing?* If so, what's driving the change? Simon will discuss changes in bird populations in the Southern Highlands and some of the factors affecting them. Simon Robinson is a retired veterinarian with a keen interest in ornithology. He is Conservation Officer for BirdLife Southern Highlands and a member of Birdlife Southern NSW's Conservation Committee. Supper and chat after the talk.



### YOU CAN HELP CARE FOR ROBERTSON NATURE RESERVE

The rich volcanic soils of the Robertson area once supported 2,500 ha of unique rainforest known as Yarrawa Brush.

Although most of the rainforest was cleared for agriculture, a 5 ha patch adjacent to town was proclaimed a public park in 1884. Many local farmers have helped to preserve small private pockets of Yarrawa Brush by fencing out grazing stock. However, Robertson Nature Reserve is the undisturbed gem! If you have wandered the rambling trail through this enchanting reserve you may have wondered who keeps it looking so pristine.

While the interior of Robertson Nature Reserve is ecologically intact, the exposed edges of the reserve have been invaded by aggressive introduced plants such as small leaf privet, holly, ivy and honeysuckle. These environmental weeds are gradually being removed by National Parks and Wildlife Service Staff, Volunteers and Contractors.

A handful of dedicated volunteers from the Robertson Environmental Protection Society have been gradually tackling the weeds on the first Wednesday of the month between 9.30am and noon. But we need more helpers to protect one of the best and last remnants of the magnificent Yarrawa Brush. Weeding is as leisurely or energetic as you make it... from sitting and pulling out seedlings to hand sawing and drilling trees. No experience necessary!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO SAFEGUARD ROBERTSON NATURE RESERVE FOR THE FUTURE, OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE LOCAL NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OFFICE ON 4887 8244**

## STEPHEN JONES MP

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# Special Robertson Men's Shed Meeting for Seniors Week—On the Road 65 Plus

A free information session for people aged 65 plus—A chance to explore the many aspects of Aging and driving , on Tuesday 10 April from 12 noon—3pm.

The session will include:

- Discussions about limiting the impact that aging has on driving ability;
- Information on driving tests;
- Driver licence options and current road rules.

Come along and have a free BBQ with members of the Robertson Men's Shed at 12pm prior to the workshop with afternoon tea to follow.

**BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL**

On: [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/seniors](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/seniors) or phone: 4868 0888

Please note the session does not include any form of practical driving.

**The Robertson Men's Shed (RMSI) 2018 regular meetings open to all-comers on the following second Tuesdays of the month from 10 to 3pm at the CTC 58-60 Hoddle Street.**

Tuesday – 10<sup>th</sup> of April

Tuesday – 8<sup>th</sup> of May

Tuesday – 12<sup>th</sup> of June

Tuesday – 10<sup>th</sup> of July

Tuesday – 14<sup>th</sup> of August

Tuesday – 11<sup>th</sup> of September

Tuesday – 9<sup>th</sup> of October

Tuesday – 13<sup>th</sup> of October

Tuesday – 11<sup>th</sup> of December

## Urgently Required—Hoses for School

Robertson Public School is seeking the loan of large, industrial style hoses and sprinklers to enable us to water grass seed which we are sowing on the back playground (football field) this week. We would require this loan until the end of April. Any offers would be very much appreciated.

Susan Matthews, Principal  
Robertson Public School  
Phone (02) 4885 1284  
[susan.m.matthews@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:susan.m.matthews@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Robertson Fruit Shop



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## Robertson Choir aka *Descant Get Enough*

“If everyone started off the day singing, just think how happy they'd be.”

— **Lauren Myracle, Shine**

We are certainly a happy bunch in our community choir! Under the energetic Musical Direction of Alison Robertson, we are finding our voices and discovering the joy of harmony in 2 and 3 parts through arrangements of traditional and popular songs.

At present we are learning a beautiful song called *Wherever You Are* which was written especially for a choir of Military wives and speaks of the steady love of those who wait at home, while their partners serve far away. We will be joining with the RSL Rural Commemorative Youth Choir to sing this beautiful song at the dawn Service in Mittagong on ANZAC Day.

As several of our members have found, you never know what you can do with your voice until you open up and give it a go. We are a mixed group of men and women - some can read music, some have sung in other choirs, some have only ever sung in the shower and music notes on a page are a mystery. *Your* voice would be welcome, so why not come along and enjoy a free first session? We meet on a Wednesday afternoon from 4.30pm – 6pm at the CTC in Robertson.

Contact: Karen Wilmott. Mob: 0403044828 or email: [kwilmott1@gmail.com](mailto:kwilmott1@gmail.com)

## *Bellissima* at the CTC

Next *Bea Cinematheque* at 2.30pm Sunday 20 May—Visconti's *Bellissima* starring Oscar winner Anna Magnani. Further info [info@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:info@robertsonctc.org.au)

# Robertson CTC News

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

## Special Seniors Festival Workshops—\$5 each

**Thursday 12 April - iPads and Tablets** try it out and beginners info session; 1:30pm—3pm  
**Friday 13 April -Social Media** for Beginners. What is it and is it safe? Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; 10:30 am—noon.

No need to have a tablet, computer or social media account to attend these workshops. Call the CTC for details and booking.

**Thursday pm group sessions for iPads, tablets, iPhone and other smart phones.** Starting after the Seniors Festival. Short talks/demonstrations where we will look at one topic each week. You can meet and chat to others with the same device or try one of ours. There will be a \$5 charge to join the group and then \$5 each week that you attend. We will have a list of topics starting with the basics. Call the CTC to register your interest in the group and to request topics.

Very pleased to report that we have several new volunteers, come in and say hello, check out our new art exhibition, make use of the WiFi and have a coffee. One and One lessons and computer help by appointment.

Normal opening hours:  
**Thursday & Friday 10am — 4pm,**  
**Sat 10am — 1pm.**  
**Phone: 4885 2665 - please leave a message if we don't answer.**  
**email: info@robertsonctc.org.au**  
**www.robertsonctc.org.au**



Computer class on International Women's Day at the CTC

<b>Computer Classes at CTC@Robertson</b>		
All classes are taught by a qualified and experienced trainer. . Ph 4885 2665 karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au Cost \$60 (\$50 concession/senior) per 3 hour class, morning coffee and manual included. Discount for multiple classes.		
<b>Friday 6 April</b>	10:30am 1:30pm	<b>Free alternatives to Microsoft Office</b> – Don't want to pay for Word and other programs, look at some of the free options Libre Office, Google Docs, Office online.
<b>Friday 4 May</b>	10:30am 1:30pm	<b>Beginners</b> — Never used a computer or just having problems, this is for you.
<b>Friday 11 May</b>	10:30am 1:30pm	<b>Entertainment</b> —YouTube, podcasts, TV and music. <i>Will show how to access plus how to upload on YouTube.</i>
<b>Friday 18 May</b>	10:30am 1:30pm	<b>Photos</b> —putting photos onto your computer from camera, phone or tablet. Organising, simple editing and sharing via email.
<b>Friday 25 May</b>	10:30am 1:30pm	<b>Scanning</b> —scanning & simple editing of documents, photos and negatives. Especially suitable for storing and enhancing old photos.
<b>Friday 1 June</b>	10:30am 1:30pm	<b>Blog</b> —Start a simple free website or blog. Bring a few photos and ideas. Uses WordPress.
<b>Friday 8 Jun</b>	10:30am 1:30pm	<b>Password Management</b> – Never have problems with forgotten passwords again. Looks at LastPass and other options.
<b>Friday 15 Jun</b>	10:30am 1:30pm	<b>Cloud</b> —see One Drive on your computer? This is cloud storage, learn how to make use of that and others, iCloud, Google Drive, Dropbox.

# Robertson Events Calendar

## April 2018

Sun 1	<b>Easter Sunday Service</b> at 10am only	St Johns Anglican Church
Fri 6	<b>Free alternatives to Microsoft Office</b> 10.30—1 see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Sun 8	<b>Launch of Robertson Community Information Centre</b> from 2.30pm see page 1	Christian Education Centre
Sun 8	<b>Classic Car Show</b> 9.30am—1.30pm see page 2	Railway Commons
Sun 8	<b>Robertson Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
8,14,21,28	<b>Robertson Autumn Farm Tours</b> see page 8	Leaves from Mooncraes
Ends Sun 8	<b>Heritage Art Prize</b> see page 2	Fettlers Shed
Mon 9	<b>Robertson Garden Club</b> AGM 1.30pm see page 9	Community Centre
Tues 10	Special Mens Shed meeting for <b>Seniors Week—seniors driving</b> see page 10	CTC@Robertson
Thur 12	<b>Seniors Week workshop—iPads and Tablets</b> 1.30-3pm See page 11	CTC@Robertson
Fri 13	<b>Seniors Week workshop—Social media for beginners</b> 1.30-3pm see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Fri 13	<b>REPS</b> meeting 7.30pm see page 9	Community Centre
Ends Sun 15	Artists from the CTC—past and present <b>exhibition</b> see page 7	CTC@Robertson
Sat 21	Opening of <b>Glimpses in a Rainforest Exhibition</b> see page 7	CTC@Robertson
Sat 21	<b>Wool Festival</b> see page 8	School of Arts

## May 2018

Fri 4	<b>Beginners computer course</b> 10.30-1.30pm see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Mon 7	<b>Robertson Garden Club</b> 1.30pm see page 9	Community Centre
Tues 8	<b>Robertson Mens Shed Meeting</b> 10am-3pm see page 10	CTC@Robertson
Fri 11	<b>Entertainment</b> from the Internet 10.30am-1.30pm see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Sun 13	<b>Robertson Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Tues 15	<b>Deadline for June edition of Robertson News</b>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 18	<b>Photos on your computer</b> 10.30am-1.30pm see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Ends Sat 19	<b>Glimpses in a Rainforest Exhibition</b> see page 7	CTC@Robertson
Sun 20	<b>Bea Cinematheque—Sunday afternoon movie</b> Visconti's <i>Bellissima</i> 2.30pm	CTC@Robertson
Fri 25	<b>Scanning</b> on your computer 10.30-1.30pm see page 11	CTC@Robertson

## Regular Events

<b>Every Mon &amp; Friday</b>	Outdoor exercise class for all bodies and fitness levels, <b>Simply Fitness</b> 9.15—10.15am 0438294813	Hampden Park
<b>Every Mon &amp; Thur during school terms</b>	Yoga Mondays 6.15pm to 7.45pm & Thursdays 9.15am to 10.45 am 0407 771 828 and email to <a href="mailto:jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com">jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com</a>	Robertson Community Centre
<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Social Carpet Bowls</b> at 11am see page 1	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Robertson Garden Club</b> 1.30pm Colin Hancock mob 0421 061 651	Robertson Community Centre
<b>Every 2nd Tues</b>	<b>Robertson Community &amp; Seniors Group</b> 11:30am for 12 start. Contact Vinnie Shepherd (after 6pm) 4886 4344	Robertson Inn
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Tai Chi for Health</b> 11am	Robertson Doctor
<b>Every Tues</b>	Run club for all levels Tuesday 6am, <b>Simply Fitness</b> 0438294813	From Outside Butchers Shop
<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 Tues</b>	<b>Mindfulness Meditation</b> 3-4pm Contact Fiona Brown 0409 036 188	The Robertson Doctor
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Choir</b> 4.30pm Contact Karen Wilmott mob 0403 044 828	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Knitting Group</b> 10.30-12.30	The Cool Room Emporium
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Robertson Railway Modellers Group</b> 1.30-4.30pm	The Fettlers Shed
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Free Trivia/Joker Jackpot/Prize Tombola</b> see page 1	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>Every Sat</b>	<b>Crop Swap</b> 9.30 am	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>Traditional Service</b> at 8am every 1st and 4th Sundays of the month	St Johns Robertson
<b>Every Sun</b>	<b>Family Service</b> – 10am every Sunday and Youth Service 6pm Sun-days	St Johns Robertson
<b>1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>Catholic Service</b> 8am	St Peter's Burrawang
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>Catholic Service</b> 5pm	