

# Robertson News

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Kangaloon Public School—Past Picture supplied

school house up in the hills”, Kangaloon Public School. Commencing at 10:00am and filled with family fun games, historic displays, vintage cars and machinery displays, it will be a day that will go down in history and one you won't want to miss!

For further information, or to RSVP, please contact Kangaloon Public School ph 4888 2215 [Kangaloon-p-school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Kangaloon-p-school@det.nsw.edu.au) or [www.facebook.com/kangaloonpublicschool150years/](http://www.facebook.com/kangaloonpublicschool150years/)

## Kangaloon Public School 150 Year Celebration

**Kangaloon Public School is celebrating a 150 Year Milestone! Are you a past student of Kangaloon Public School?**

2019 will mark an important milestone year for Kangaloon Public School – 150 years of providing continuous education to local children. To help celebrate, the Kangaloon Public School and the Kangaloon P & C Association have a special event planned.

Everyone is invited to join past and present students for the Family Open Day on 6 April at “the little



Kangaloon Public School—Present Picture supplied

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# Ink, Brush, Willow

Studio 4 The SHAC Robertson



Penny, Penelope and Phoebe in their studio space *Ink, Brush, Willow* at The SHAC Picture supplied

painter, familiar throughout NSW for her expressive and uplifting interpretation of local landscapes and for her inspiring work as an art teacher for over two decades.

**Willow** - Penny Simons is an established sculptor known for her whimsical woven creations. Her practice focuses on creating works from foraged nature such as willow and recycled plastics to create environmentally aware sculptures and garden structures.

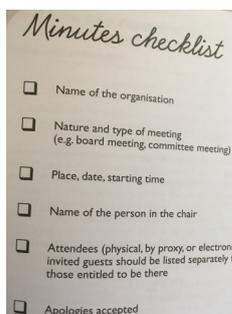
The SHAC, (Southern Highlands Artisans Collective) is a new concept establishing itself in the Old Potato Shed at Robertson, Hoddle St, next to the Big Potato. It is a collection of working studios for artists and artisans of the Southern Highlands, an inspiring destination you can visit, witness artworks being created, enjoy meeting the talented residents and purchase an original artwork.

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

Visit Studio 4 at The SHAC Robertson, the exciting new working space of three award winning local artists, painter Penelope McManus, willow sculptor Penny Simons and printmaker Phoebe Middleton. *Ink, Brush, Willow* is open to the public 11am – 4pm Thursday – Sunday. Come meet the artists, view new works in the making and works available for purchase.

**Ink** – Phoebe Middleton is a large-scale lino print maker, exhibiting in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania. She produces strong graphic images, drawing from her background in animation and graphic design, inspired by local history and the native environment.

**Brush** - Penelope McManus is a landscape



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The Management Committee of the Robertson Shed Inc (CTC@Robertson) currently has a vacancy for a minutes secretary. Can you help? The Committee meets monthly and training will be provided if needed. A great skill to add to your CV! Contact [jennykena@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:jennykena@robertsonctc.org.au)

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# Music in the Mist Concert

Raising funds for the Robertson Men's and Women's Shed

By Nigel Walker

John Waters Picture Supplied

On Friday May 3 at the Robertson School of Arts the Robertson Men's and Women's Sheds are

presenting a family variety show to raise funds for our new shed. Fully catered at modest prices, there will be plenty of food and drinks including a BBQ, wine and beer, soft drinks, tea and coffee. [Definitely no BYO please]

Doors open at 6pm and the show runs from 6.30pm to around 10.30pm with a brief intermission. So, there will be plenty of time to enjoy some good food and drinks. A very big thank you to all the performers who will be donating their services for this fundraising event.

Presenting and leading off our wonderful range of acts we have the *Robertson Songsters* who will be singing our show open. They are a true musical force in our town. The 15 or so in the group will present a wonderful range of songs for us all. Nothing lifts the spirits quite like group singing.



Rapunzel's Party Picture supplied

Southern Highlands based group *Rapunzel's Party* will follow. They are Helen Archer, Louise Bell, Geralyn Cheers, Olive Hodgson, Marita Luck and Glenys Trouncer. Along with soaring vocal harmonies, these versatile women play guitar, flute, harp, bass, recorder, tin whistle, piano and percussion with passion and sensitivity, performing a compelling and constantly evolving array of songs exploring themes of love, life and liberation.

Then we will present *Catwalk* a fabulous female barbershop quartet from the Illawarra. With a depth of

experience singing with both Wollongong and Endeavour Harmony Choruses, they are presenting for the first time the set that they will perform at the National Competition in Hobart in May.

The second half will commence with our very special guest performer— renowned and highly accomplished musician, singer and actor John Waters who will present a set of his favourite songs. John has been working, performing and singing for over 40 years, and was part of the Australian children's television series *Play School* for almost 20 years. We are extremely fortunate to have this Robertson resident appear at our show.



Bruce Greenfeld and Gary Norwell from Yellow Shakattack Photo Jenny Kena

Robertson based band *Yellow Shakattack* will present a solid set of blues and rock 'n' roll music to end our night. Bruce Greenfeld fronts *Yellow Shakattack* with his lead guitar and outstanding vocals, also featuring John Goodwin on harmonica and vocals, John Newell on Rhythm guitar and vocals, Gary Norwell on drums and Gordon Blakey on bass guitar.

Tickets are \$20 adults/\$10 children/\$50 for a family of four and are available online at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) They will also be available at the CTC 58-60 Hoddle Street Robertson (Thur-Fri 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-1pm). Further sale points will be advertised soon.

## STEPHEN JONES MP

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# Allegri Singers Preparing for May Concert in Robertson



Allegri Singers of Bathurst promise an exhilarating experience, continuing the choir's 40 years of performances, with their first ever visit to the Southern Highlands. St. John the Evangelist Church, Robertson, will be the venue on Saturday 18 May.

Under the inspiring musical direction of William Moxey, and accompanied by the excellent Ian Bates on piano, the choir will present a varied programme, guaranteed to stir the emotions. Classical choral works from composers Haydn, Fauré, Bruckner, Saint Saëns and Vaughan Williams will sit alongside items from the choir's lighter repertoire, and some instrumental duets. The concert will begin with a surprise 'a capella' arrangement of a well-known

overture by Rossini!

The concert commences at 2.30 pm. with afternoon tea at interval and will finish at approximately 4pm. Tickets \$30 / \$25 concession from [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) Destination Southern Highlands, Mittagong, or cash at the door.

## Guest Speaker at Women's Shed Meeting in April

The next Robertson Women's Shed General Meeting is on Thursday 11 April 5.30pm at CTC@Robertson 58-60 Hoddle Street Robertson with special guest speaker local pharmacist on safe use of medicines.

### ANZAC Day Services

Thursday 25th April 2019

**Burrawang** wreath laying at 10.15am with short service outside.

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- Every Sunday** - Prize Tombola - Members Draw from 6.30pm

The Club welcomes new members with social membership starting at \$13 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.

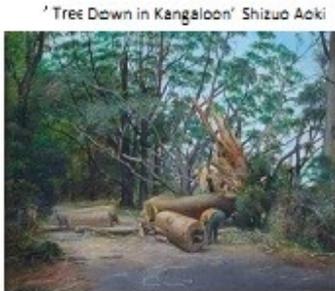
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# Two Fettle's Heritage Art Prize Exhibitions



'Tree Down in Kangaloon' Shizuo Aoki

2018 Winner

A Fettle's Heritage Retrospective exhibition is being held at CTC@Robertson 58-60 Hoddle Street until 13 April. Opening hours 10am-4pm Thursday-Friday, 10am-1pm Saturday.



Find out more at [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au) or phone 4885 1598.

## Return of the Cockatoo Run!

The first trip of the reintroduced Cockatoo Run was a great success, with two heritage diesel-electric locomotives hauling the train from Sydney and returning in bright, warm and sunny weather. The day seemed to be enjoyed by the passengers and the many sightseeing visitors to Robertson station. The various eateries in Robertson responded well serving the 200-plus passengers and good reports were given to us at the station just before the train



'Cockatoo Run' arriving at Robertson station 3 Feb 2019 Picture supplied

The 11th Annual 2019 Fettle's Heritage Art Prize exhibition officially opened on 23 March and will continue on weekends to 14 April from 10am—3.30pm in the Robertson Heritage Railway Station precinct Yarranga Street.

departed for Sydney. It was a very good day, with many happy people and a spirit of goodwill pervading. The next 'Cockatoo Run' train comes to Robertson on Sunday 28 April and is expected to continue on to Moss Vale, as used to be the common practice. It is expected that Robertson Heritage Railway Station will sell tickets at the station after 12-midday on 28 April for what we term the "Moss Vale loop", Robertson - Moss Vale – Robertson, which is a scenic and enjoyable trip. Find out more at [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au)

## Robertson Aquatic Centre Rebuild

By Don Ferguson, RADSPA Committee

Since the collapse of the partially completed building in May 2018, the RADSPA committee has been working with SafeWork NSW, RADSPA's insurer, grant providers and our legal representatives to achieve the best result for our community. The site has been examined by insurance loss assessors and forensic engineers to consider the cause of the collapse. When these assessments are completed the collapsed building will be demolished. This has involved a long and expensive process and the Committee has met with a wide range of groups. We are now working towards a revised building design with a different building company. This will be subject to obtaining funding to complete the project.

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# Robertson Rural Fire Brigade—how it all began

By Quentin Waters

**This year marks 80 years since what is believed to be the beginnings of the Robertson Rural Fire Brigade, and the devastating fires of 1939 that left much of the Wingecarribee in smouldering ruins. Since then few fire emergencies in the district's history have ever rivaled that of January 1939. Although it has been somewhat overshadowed by the catastrophic Black Friday fires the day before - Friday, 13 January 1939 - that swept through Victoria leaving almost 10% of the state in ash, thousands of homes and buildings destroyed, and 71 dead.**

to have to proceed from there with the engine covers raised. Encountering fires again at Cutaway Hill they had to turn around and head for Bowral. Here there was no options left but to stay put at the Berrima District Hospital as telephone calls revealed Macquarie Pass was also in flames preventing access to the coast. Resuming their trip at 5.30pm, they soon burst the radiator at Mittagong, necessitating hasty repairs before again running into fires and thick smoke at Yanderra. Finally they reached St. Vincent's Hospital at 9.30 that night. The ambulance later making its way back to Goulburn from midnight in another 6 hour ordeal.

Here in the eastern end of the district, our green hills and rainforest were not spared either. That afternoon the fires came the closest they have ever come to the village of Robertson itself. But we were the most fortunate of all, with Ken Sharpe's father telling him of a southerly change at about 5 o'clock turning the flames away at the railway crossing and saving the town. Those outside the town were in for a far more grueling fight. Among them were properties surrounding the Wingecarribee Swamp that were repeatedly menaced as fire took hold of the peat, smouldering away in the depths of the swamp only to pop out in new locations. The railway line was badly



Jim Wilson Snr with Bedford Picture supplied

By the next day however, Saturday, 14 January 1939, the horrific weather conditions had reached NSW. Across our own district temperatures well in excess of 40 degrees were recorded, while strong westerly winds of almost 100 km/hour described as a blast furnace drove numerous fires across the region, destroying almost everything in their path. Penrose was all but wiped out, while almost every other town and village suffered losses of their own. In Mittagong, only the centre of the town remained, with houses north of the Hume, south of the railway, west of Henderson Avenue, and east of Main Street going up in smoke.

The fire wrought havoc across the region's roads too. The thrilling tale of a Boorowa man's ambulance trip from Goulburn onwards tells of them first driving through the flames at Paddy's River where the intense heat vapourised the petrol in their lines, causing them

damaged, and by nightfall almost the entire length of the Illawarra Escarpment was ablaze. It is believed that day was the genesis of the Robertson Rural Fire Brigade.

In the aftermath of the bushfires efforts were made to create a more organised firefighting force. That winter Wingecarribee Shire Council (Moss Vale) reported that 9 bushfire brigades were then formally established in Bundanoon, Burrawang, Exeter, New Berrima, Penrose, Sutton Forest, Robertson, Tallong, and Wingello, while steps were also being taken to form brigades in Avoca and Wilde's Meadow. Meanwhile Nattai Shire Council (Mittagong) wrote that steps had been taken to form brigades in Glenquarry, Kangaloon, and Robertson. Even then it wasn't until 1949 that State legislation created the predecessor to the modern Rural Fire Service of 1997 (itself born out of the Royal Commission following the 1994 fires).

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Over the following 8 decades, it appears there have been 6 captains of the Robertson RFB. William Missingham Snr served as captain for quite some time before Ernie Pull became the mainstay for many years.

In the 70s Jim Wilson Snr became captain and he along with Clem Murray and Keith Gardiner kept the brigade going for many years through thick and thin. Perhaps the longest serving captain over the years, Jim Snr has also been with the brigade for almost its entire history, having joined the brigade when he was just 16 fighting fires with rucksacks and wet potato bags. He was recently recognised by the brigade for his exceptional service over the more than 7 decades that have followed.

In 2001 the torch was passed on to Jim Wilson Jnr, who captained the brigade through the 2001 Christmas Day Fires among others. John Alcorn then lead the brigade for a few years from 2004. When he moved out west in 2005 Jim Jnr was briefly captain again before Brendhan Waters became the present captain in 2007.

In the beginning the fire brigade was a rather loose term. There was no significant equipment or a truck, and certainly no shed to put it in. At first it was just a collection of farmers and whatever they could find to beat out the flames. Later the Wilsons would take the fridge off the back of their butcher's truck and put one of the Missingham's tanks from the sawmill on the back to carry water around when the call came. Then, as with most brigades across the state, their first real appliance was an ex-army Blitz. In the 70's they upgraded to a Bedford firetruck. This was kept in a shed built in '73 at the top of the hill on Wallangunda Street. A location so chosen as it allowed them to push the truck out the door and roll-start it down the hill.

In the 90's they were furnished with a Category 10 pumper. By the 2001/2002 campaign the brigade had a Cat 2 tanker with a dogbox cabin, creating interesting moments communicating between the driver in the front and the rest of the crew in the dogbox. 2004 saw an upgrade to a modern Cat 2 tanker which served the brigade well until 2011. Since then the brigade's primary truck has been a Cat 11 pumper which is well suited to Robertson's dual roles of urban firefighting and bush fires. This has been supported by a Cat 7 truck and a Personal Carrier for the eastern end of the district also stationed in Robertson. All of this being based out of a modern shed built on Wallangunda Street in 2009, all together totaling an investment reaching towards a million dollars in the town by the State, a testament to the world-leading firefighting organisation built up over the last 20 years by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

But of course none of that would be possible without the men and women who volunteer their time to use that equipment in the service of others during times of emergency like the 1939 fires, or 1965 which happened on Robbo Show Day, raining embers down on the showground that Saturday, but that's a tale for another time...

*From: Eric Pull, Ken Sharpe, Brendhan Waters, Jane Wilson, Jim Wilson Snr, and newspapers: The Sun, Sunday, 15 January 1939, Goulburn Evening Penny Post, Monday, 16 January 1939, The Sun, Monday, 16 January 1939, The Sydney Morning Herald, Monday, 16 January 1939, The Scrutineer and Berrima District Press, Wednesday, 18 January 1939, Illawarra Mercury, Friday, 20 January 1939, The Southern Mail, Friday 20 January 1939, Goulburn Evening Penny Post, Wednesday, 8 February 1939, The Southern Mail, Friday, 31 March 1939, The Southern Mail, Tuesday, 6 February 1940, The Southern Mail, Tuesday, 10 December 1940, Southern Highland News, Monday, 28 November 2010, Southern Highland News, Monday, 6 December 2010*

## Social Dance at Robertson School of Arts

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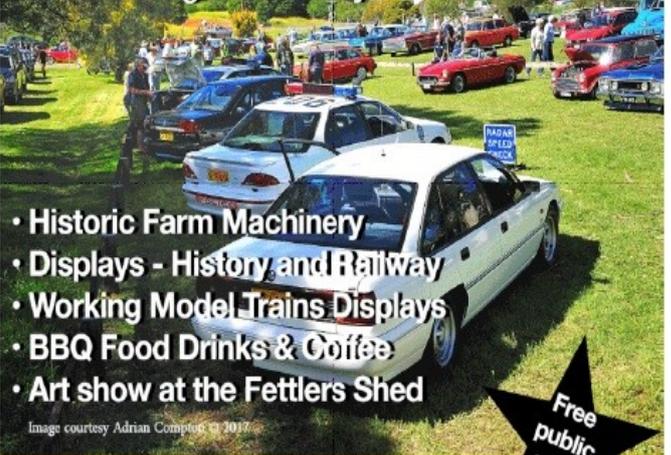


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## Robertson Heritage Railway Station Classic Car Show Sunday 14th April 2019 - 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

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- Working Model Trains Displays
- BBQ Food Drinks & Coffee
- Art show at the Fettle's Shed

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# Age Friendly Health Forum

By Michael D Breen

“You must be joking! Have fifty people listen to six presentations from 1pm to 5pm on a Saturday afternoon? Sounds impossible!” Well, it did happen in the Robertson School of Arts on February 23.

Seven professors and practitioners from the Sai Medical Unit Australia spoke about health as we age. That was the first topic addressed by Dr Ketan Bhatt, geriatrician. He explained that as we are living longer we need to pay serious attention to exercise including strength, and balance activities. Thirty minutes a day was recommended, which could sound a lot but is a good investment. It is the habit which is important. Insuring a healthy diet means being aware of Vitamin B12 and Vitamin D, in consultation with our GP.



Chatting and learning during afternoon at the Health

Ketan commended the online services of [myagedcare.gov.au](http://myagedcare.gov.au) for advice and information or on 1800 200 422 Monday to Friday 8am-8pm and Saturday 10am-2pm

Exercise demonstrations and advice from Doneel Dass and Vic showed how easy it can be to fit 150 minutes of health improving exercise into a week. Their presentation made me realise how our towns need more seats in public places if people are to be encouraged to get out and walk around. This is also a great help to combat isolation.

Dr Jaslyn Doshi's session on infection left us with the take home recommendations to get annual flu shots as well as protection against pneumonia. She reinforced the message that our immune system works best with good diet and exercise. We also benefit from careful discussion with our doctor so as not to misuse antibiotics.

They are vital in some situations but the bugs are getting smarter than the antibiotics and so caution in the use of antibiotics is needed now.

‘Dementia is not a normal part of ageing’, Ketan reminded the audience. It is possible to manage some of the risk factors such as blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, and alcohol consumption. Memory loss is a normal part of ageing. So it is healthier to say ‘I forgot than I am getting dementia’.

‘Most older Australians are unprepared for end of life decisions’. Physician Dr Sahil Vora from Westmead Hospital pointed out. Any number of events or accidents could leave us unable to explain how we want to be treated and not treated. This leaves doctors and relatives the difficult tasks of deciding on our behalf. Modern medicine provides more ways of keeping people alive, but is that what the individual wants? We can manage the situation by drawing up an Advanced Care Plan stating in what ways we want to be treated in an emergency; if say we were to be unconscious. ‘Advanced Care Planning Australia’ online is a good place to start. You can get forms and fact sheets to record your personal wishes. You can also get planning advice on 1300 208 582.

Mid afternoon over a healthy afternoon tea the room buzzed with people meeting new and friendly others and comparing notes, buttonholing presenters and building friendships. This was a handy reminder that it is not possible for a community to be wise while excluding older people or any age group for that matter. Watching the general age of the people there it is clear that we also need to hear from other groups about what it is like for them in their world now; say from adolescents or parents of teenagers.

The forum concluded with a presentation on oral health from Kamala Varatharajan. She reminded us that the more we care for our choppers the more they will allow us to eat what we enjoy. And there was yet another warning about the destructive amounts of sugar in cans of soft drink. ‘Soft’ is misleading as sugar is ‘hard’ on teeth and on those wanting to avoid obesity.

People attending the Forum reported having gained lots of useful information to make their lives healthier and more comfortable.

The Forum was organised by the Robertson Futures Group who aim to make Robertson an AgeFriendly community. That's one where all ages are valued and respected and assisted to live in their homes as long as possible. Age is just another stage.



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## Robertson Show Society Auxiliary— Results of Guessing Competition

Robertson Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc. 2019 Show Guessing Competition. The Robertson Show Society Auxiliary thanks all the people, both from the local community and from further afield, for their support of the 2019 Robertson Show Guessing Competition. The funds raised are all used to maintain and to make improvements to the Show Pavilion and other Showground facilities. We also thank the generous donations of prizes by local community members and businesses.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Queen Size Patchwork Quilt made and donated by Ann Robinson Winner: Mandy Villima  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Garden Tote Bag, Leather Gloves, SS Garden Trowel and Fork donated by Mt Murray Nursery Winner: Graham Thomas  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Basket of products – donated by Robertson Village Pharmacy Winner: Fiona Donnelly  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$30 Gift Voucher donated by Moonacres Winner: Sophie Fotis  
5<sup>th</sup> Prize Clutch Purse donated by "Add To Cart" at [www.babymacshop.com.au](http://www.babymacshop.com.au) Winner: Kate Gilber  
6<sup>th</sup> Prize 50 kg bag Hills Robertson Red Soil Potatoes donated by Hills Family Potatoes Winner: Annabel Robertson  
7<sup>th</sup> Prize 6 bottles of Watchmen Shiraz 2016 Margaret River Wine donated by a local community member Winner: Peter Whatman

## And Show Winners and Thanks From the Robertson Garden Club

On behalf of The Robertson Garden Club I extend our congratulations to The Robertson Show Society, their President, Leesa Stratford, all of the organising committee and the many volunteers from our wonderful Community on the success of this year's Show. The Garden Club were amongst the major sponsors of awards in the Horticultural sections of Champion Rose, Grand Champion Dahlia, Champion Fruit, Champion Vegetable and many other minor prizes. Long time Garden Club member Trish Pemberton donated Champion Pot Plant. It is pleasing to note that several of our members were able to take out some of these awards as well as "Most Successful Exhibitor" and many other awards at this year's show. Special mention must go to Karen Wilmott who was successful in winning Most Successful Exhibitor in the Decorative Flower Arrangement. Other winners were: Ian Roxby of Robertson - Champion Rose, Bill Bunt of Moss Vale - Champion Dahlia, Champion Pot Plant - Ken Fuller of Robertson First Place Protea - Geoff King of Robertson Many of our members are also members of the Show Society and Ladies Auxiliary and all helped enormously in the smooth running of the Pavilion as well as the Showjumping over the week leading up to and during the Show as well as backing up for the cleanup on Sunday. My sincere thanks goes out to all of those involved. The Garden Club meets on the first Monday each Month at the Community Centre in Caalong Street. Meeting starts at 1.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Colin Hancock - President 0421 061 651

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# Robertson Events Calendar

## April 2019

Sat 6	<b>Kangaloon Public School 150 Celebration Family Day</b> 10am see page 1	Kangaloon Public School
Wed 10	<b>Business Chamber in Robertson</b> meeting 6.30pm see page 12	Robertson Public House
Thur 11	<b>Robertson Women's Shed</b> General Meeting 5.30pm see page 4	CTC@Robertson
Fri 12	<b>Koalarama at REPS Meeting</b> 6pm-8.30pm see page 9	Robertson Community Centre
Sun 14	<b>Robertson Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Continues to Sun 14	<b>Fettlers Heritage Art Prize Exhibitions</b> see page 5	Fettlers Shed and CTC@Robertson
Sun 14	<b>Classic Car Show</b> 9.30am-1.30pm see page 7	Robertson Railway
Thur 25	<b>Anzac Day services</b> see page 4	Burrawang and Robertson
Sat 27	<b>Social Dance</b> 7pm-11pm see page 7	School of Arts
Sun 28	<b>Cockatoo Run in Robertson</b> see page 5	Robertson Railway

## May 2019

Fri 3	<b>Music in the Mist Concert</b> 6.30pm-10.30pm see page 3	School of Arts
Sun 12	<b>Robertson Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Mon 15	<b>Deadline for June Edition of Robertson News</b>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 17	<b>Word Beginners or Refresher</b> 10am-1pm see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Sat 18	<b>Allegrì Singers</b> 2.30pm see page 4	St Johns Robertson
Sun 19	<b>CTC Cinema</b> 2.30pm see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Fri 24	<b>Word Part 2</b> 10am-1pm see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Fri 24	<b>Excel Beginners or Refresher</b> 10am-1pm 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>	<b>Yoga</b> —Mondays 6.30pm to 7.45pm, Thursdays 9.30am to 10.45 am, Thursdays 5.45pm-7pm 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	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>1st 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	TBC—contact Vinnie
<b>2nd Tues of month</b>	<b>Robertson Men's Shed</b> 10am-3pm ph 0467 316 070	CTC@Robertson
<b>1st &amp; 3rd Tues</b>	<b>Robertson History Group</b> 10am-1pm Contact Helen Tranter ph 48851394	Fettlers Shed Robertson Railway
<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>Social tennis</b> 1-3pm Contact Lyndy Scott 4885 2805	Robertson Tennis Court
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Mindfulness Meditation</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm Contact Fiona Brown 0409 036 188	The Robertson Doctor
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Songsters</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 Thurs</b>	<b>iPad and Tablets group</b> 1.30pm	CTC@Robertson
<b>2nd Thur of month</b>	<b>Robertson Women's Shed</b> meeting 5.30pm	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Free Trivia/Joker Jackpot/Prize Tombola</b>	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>Every Sat</b>	<b>Crop Swap</b> 9.30 am	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>Every Sun</b>	<b>Robertson Railway Modellers Group</b> 1pm-4.30pm Neil 0457 355 970	The Fettlers Shed
<b>1st Sun, 4th 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 Sundays	St Johns Robertson
<b>1st, 3rd, 5th Sun</b> <b>2nd, 4th Sun</b>	<b>Catholic Service</b> 8am <b>Catholic Service</b> 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang

# Robertson CTC News

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager



Seniors Festival 2019—Free Technology Talk at the CTC

Thanks to everyone who turned up for the free technology talks over seniors week and extra thanks to our volunteers and our cake makers for helping make it such a success.

## Cinema

Our cinema program for the year is up and running with films every 2nd month.

Next will be My Afternoons With Marguerite (starring Gerard Depardieu). Sunday 19 May 2:30pm

## Technology

If you just need a little help to get onto the internet or to scan / print a document our volunteers will be happy to assist. We have a room full of computers and business equipment or you can bring your own laptop and log onto our WiFi (\$4 for barista made coffee and WiFi).

### iPads and Tablets Group - Every Thursday

Learn some tricks and tips for your iPad or tablet. Casual group 1:30pm—3pm every Thursday \$5 to join and \$5 each week you attend.

As well our Friday morning computer classes we can assist with whatever you need to learn on your computer / tablet / phone in a One on One lesson (appointments are essential for these) cost \$65 / \$55 senior or concession per hour.

## Art

Come in and see our monthly exhibitions.

Local Artists, no exhibition fee, contact the CTC if you would like to exhibit here.

**The CTC is OPEN: Thurs & Fri 10am — 4pm,  
Sat 10am — 1pm.**

**58-60 Hoddle Street, Robertson**

**Phone: 4885 2665 - Please leave a message if we are unable to answer straight away.**

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Website: [www.robertsonctc.org.au](http://www.robertsonctc.org.au)

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## Computer Classes at CTC@Robertson

All classes are taught by a qualified and experienced trainer. . Ph 4885 2665  
[karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au)

**Cost \$65 (\$55 concession/senior) per 3 hour class, morning coffee and manual included.  
Maximum of 6 per class.**

If you can't make a Friday please contact us, with sufficient interest we may put on extra classes or adjust.

<b>Friday 17 May</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Word Beginners or Refresher</b> — Suitable for complete beginners or to update and refresh skills, lots of tips. Can use alternate programs if preferred.
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Word part. 2</b> – follow up from part 1. Taking current knowledge a step further—lots of tips for those already using Word. Columns and calculations in tables. Create professional looking documents.
<b>Friday 31 May</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Excel Beginners or Refresher</b> — Create and understand spreadsheets for data or calculations. Learn how to create and read formula and to format your data.
<b>Friday 7 June</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Excel part 2</b> - follow up from part 1. Taking current knowledge a step further—lots of tips for those already using Excel. Introduction to functions, conditional formatting.

# Meeting to Discuss (re) establishing a Business Chamber in Robertson

All business owners/managers, organisations and interested community members are invited to a meeting in the Winston room at the **Robertson Public House on Wednesday 10 April at 6.30pm** to gauge support and interest in (re)establishing a business chamber in Robertson. Please come along and support the future of our town.

Further information contact Tim Hewitt at Robertson Village Pharmacy [robvpharm@gmail.com](mailto:robvpharm@gmail.com)

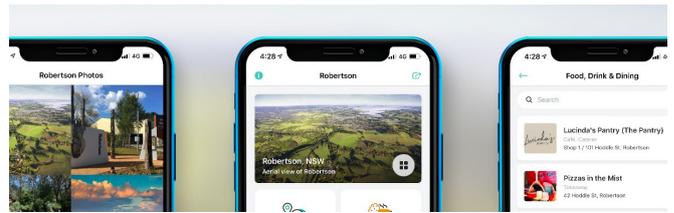
## Robertson app—another way to find out what's on in Robertson

Have you heard about the new Discover Robertson app developed by Mitchell Page, Creatio in Robertson?

This free app has been developed as a resource for locals and visitors.

Whether you're planning a visit to Robertson or you live nearby, the Discover Robertson app has

everything you need to get around town. Find places to eat, shop, explore and more.



Download the Robertson app today to discover local businesses, activities and events.

Available for free for iPhone & Android: <https://apptown.com.au/robertson/download/>

You can submit your events to the app by clicking the **Add your listing** button—listings will appear as soon as they have been approved by the Administrator.

As Mitchell says “There’s so much in this little town that people don’t know about it”.

*The new app as a great addition to the other information channels for Robertson including the Robertson News, the Robertson e-news, the Community Information Centre electronic and paper noticeboards, Robertson Commons and Village Facebook pages and Robertson Village Website. Find out more about these at <https://robertsonctc.weebly.com/community-information.html>*



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