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Stay calm, kind, clean and at home!



Tristen and Tim Hewitt, pharmacists at Robertson Village Pharmacy, are supporting their customers in a friendly and caring way. Keep them safe by following the social distancing and other guidelines (hugging your partner is still allowed!) Photo—Jenny Kena

Coronavirus (COVID 19) is putting us all on edge as each day we face new restrictions on our usual ways of going about our daily lives. But lets give a big shout out to the people and businesses on the front line looking after us in particular all the doctors and staff at the Robertson Doctor and the pharmacists Tristen, Tim and Nicola at Robertson Village Pharmacy as well as our food and grocery businesses, food suppliers and cafes.

Not to mention all of the businesses in Robertson, small and large so severely affected by this health crisis and the individuals helping out their neighbours and community in many small ways.

In this edition of the Robertson News we will be sharing some of the places where you can get official sources of information for the latest health advice and practical support. We will include the latest advice from the Robertson Doctor and the Pharmacy.

As the situation is changing day to day, we recommend you monitor these official sources regularly so that you have the best factual information.

“Stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary that you go out.” PM, 24 March

This edition has been mostly dedicated to COVID19 information. Articles submitted prior to the crisis escalating have also been included but may no longer be current. (but still of interest). Jenny Kena, Editor.

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What's happening at the Pharmacy?

Tim Hewitt sent through this important information on 22 March outlining how you can help things run smoothly.

Robertson Village Pharmacy continues to operate as normal.

Firstly a big THANK YOU for the patience everyone (mostly!) has shown us recently as we deal with an unprecedented demand for medications.

Our aim is to stay open, and this can only happen if none of us (i.e. ourselves) need to be isolated.. if this happens, we would have great difficulty in remaining open.

Social Distancing—We are asking customers to 'stand back' from our counter, distance from others, and not to crowd the pharmacy. If necessary, we may need to restrict the number of people in the shop at one time.

Payment by card is preferred to avoid cash handling.

Signing—We are not requiring the signing of prescriptions to avoid contact.

Medicine Shortages: There are **NOT** shortages of most prescription medications. Pharmacists have been directed by authorities NOT to dispense more than one month supply of medications at a time.

Some medications are in short supply, eg asthma puffers; PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR MEDICATIONS THAT ARE NOT VITAL FOR YOU. Some 'over the counter' products are in

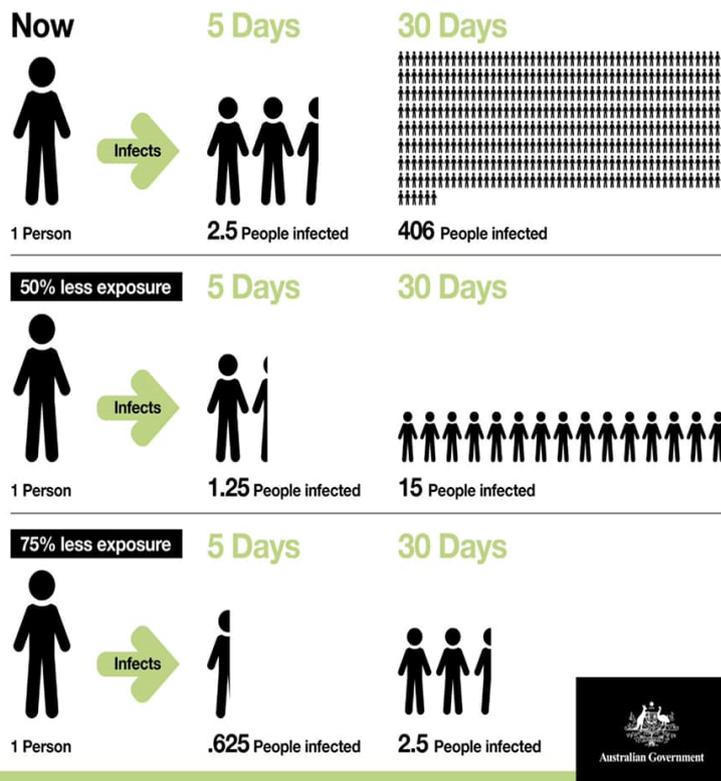
Short supply, or not available (hand sanitizers, child panadol etc).. we are doing what we can to gain supply, but most delivery dates are April/May.

Self Isolation

If you are required to self isolate (eg you have recently returned from overseas), then **DO NOT ENTER** the pharmacy, **CALL US** (4885 2936) and we will do what we can to arrange delivery of your medications.

Why social distancing matters

Social distancing of 1.5 metres decreases the exposure of coronavirus (COVID-19).



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How should I greet another person to avoid catching the new coronavirus?



World Health Organization

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9 March 2020

Special Notice from the Robertson Doctor

The Robertson Doctor published the following notice on their Facebook page on 22 March.

NOTICE TO PATIENTS, ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY & VISITORS TO OUR PRACTICE

From Monday 23rd March 2020 you should not attend the practice until you have been thoroughly triaged by practice staff. **DO NOT JUST WALK INTO THE PRACTICE.** We must ensure no infectious persons enter.

We are now able to do telephone and teleconference consults for those aged 70 & over, those with chronic disease or illness, those with compromised immune systems (cancer, heart, lung, blood pressure conditions) and pregnant women.

DO NOT COME TO THE PRACTICE IF you are suffering symptoms of fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, recent travel history or contact with any person with positive COVID-19

result. Call and we will assist you with details of what to do. If your symptoms are **SEVERE** you should present to your nearest emergency department.

Our practice will be enforcing social distancing guidelines so please be prepared to follow instructions you are given if you are within the practice environment. This will include approaching reception staff and their surrounds.

There may be patients sitting in the waiting room who are wearing masks and gloves, please be assured they will not be infectious patients. They will be patients who need to be seen by doctors and must wear masks and gloves to protect themselves or members of their family who are immunosuppressed, elderly or suffering chronic disease or illness. Please, no judgement of anyone and be respectful of others at all times. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our community as safe as we can. We will continue to update you on this ever evolving situation.

Important Contacts

Robertson Doctor Reception ph 4885 2569
For information outside of practice hours you can call HEALTH DIRECT 1800 022 222
Or The NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HEALTH INFORMATION LINE on 1800 020 080
EMERGENCIES call 000

Please contact me for assistance with any Commonwealth Government issue

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Robertson Village Pharmacy

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9:00am-12:00pm Sat

Your town, Your Pharmacy

A Snapshot of What's Happening, not Happening or Happening Differently in Robertson

Every day changes but here are some of the latest updates from businesses and organisations in Robertson as of 24 March (apologies for any errors or omissions)

Check with them directly for the latest updates. Most businesses are posting to the Robertson Commons Facebook page (and I usually also share these updates to the Robertson Village Facebook page) so if you can access it, Facebook is terrific for the most up to date information on business arrangements. All of the businesses are endeavouring to continue to provide services to the local community where Government directives allow. They are all doing a great job!

What's Open

- Robertson Butcher
- Robertson Supermarket
- Southern Rise Bakery
- The Robertson Doctor (but refer to page 3 for instructions—don't walk into the practice)
- Robertson Pharmacy (but refer to page 2)
- Enhance Petrol Station
- Robertson Post Office
- Robertson Newsagent
- CRT Agriwest Rural—open, deliveries still available
- Moonacres Kitchen—takeaway only
- Lucinda's Pantry—takeaway only, also offering home delivery
- Robertson Cheese Factory—Whey Café—takeaway only
- Siam Mist—takeaway only
- Pizzas in the Mist—takeaway only, extra items added to takeaway menu
- Urban Food Tribe—takeaway only, home delivery available
- Robertson Hotel (accommodation)



It's all good at the Robertson Butcher—Daryl says there is a good supply of meat and as butcher shops are treated in the same way as supermarkets he will be staying open. Photo—Jenny Kena

Robertson Fruit Shop



Shop B 99 Hoddle Street Robertson

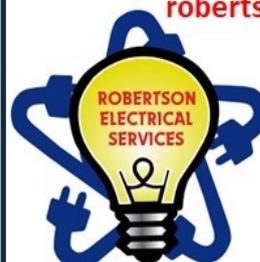
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Moonacres Kitchen is open for takeaway and a friendly welcome (at a distance)! Photo Jenny Kena

- **Mindfulness Meditation Group**—trailing online meetings

What's Closed

- **Robertson Public House** (except accommodation)
- **Robertson Bowling Club**

What Has Been Cancelled

What's Services Are Being Providing in a Different Way

- **Robertson Fruit Shop**—closed to the public but now providing a carpark pick up service and home delivery
- **St John's Church**—all services suspended including Easter but services will be moving to an online format
- **The SHAC**— no exhibition openings, exhibitions can be viewed online
- **CTC@Robertson**—closing to the public but will be providing IT assistance by phone and some printing services
- **Art Thesaurus**—open by appointment only
- **Perfume and Skincare Company**—products can be purchased online
- **Robertson School**—working towards online delivery of classes for all students

- **Robertson Markets**
- **Old Time Dances at School of Arts**
- **CTC Cinema**
- **JP Service at CTC** (but can still help people find a JP)
- **Anzac Day Services**
- **Events at Robertson Heritage Railway Station**—Classic Car Show, Cockatoo Run, Heritage Art Prize postponed
- **Burrawang Easter Market**
- **Mobile Library Service**
- **Sport Competitions**
- **Meetings**—Robertson Garden Club, Robertson Men's Shed, REPS
- **Robertson Fire Brigade meetings**

What's the message from all of this?

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Robertson Housing Forum- Building a picture of current and future housing for Robertson

February 29 at the School of Arts

By Michael Breen (submitted 15 March)

About forty people joined in the forum to build a picture of housing now and for the future of Robertson.

Karen Wilmot, filling in for Director, Southern Region Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, painted the outlines of the picture set down by the policies of N.S.W State Planning Department. Michael Park, Wingecarribee Shire Strategic Planner, filled in the evolving Shire detail which is in the process of formation.

We were fortunate to have Steve Thorne, internationally respected urban design consultant of 36 years experience currently working as City of Melbourne Principal Urban Designer, Director of Urban Design for the Victorian State Government. Steve was foundation member of the Victorian Government's Design Advisory Council. He chaired the Northern Territory Urban Design Review. He conducted Horsham 2040, the Christchurch Growth Strategy and South Auckland Growth Strategy and the Rouse Hill Project Review, the Adelaide Review Panel as well as on South Africa and Abu Dhabi review panels. Steve led a training program in urban design across New Zealand. He also ran an urban design training program for the Sultan of Oman's design office.

Steve showed snaps of Robertson as it is and sketched possible future visions which were environmentally and socially responsible. This could involve reducing the financial and environmental costs while providing appropriate and affordable housing. Currently the cost to Robertson people who drive to shop away from Robertson is \$3.2 million. He stressed that no one wants the linoleum roll out of soulless parts of Campbelltown or Renwick which bring the loneliness and isolation of suburbia. And that everyone wants to preserve the best of what Robertson now values. It would be disrespectful to try to reproduce Steve Thorne's entire presentation; suffice it to quote one of his final slides.

The AgeFriendly Robertson Group is grateful to the presenters and to those who contributed to the success of the Forum.



By Graham Thomas (submitted 12 March—note that services have moved to an online format now)

So how would you complete this sentence?
Jesus is...

Later this month (April 10 and 12) churches across the highlands will celebrate Easter, so I wonder if your answer will have anything to do that? So maybe something to do with his death or even his resurrection? But let's be honest, for most people their answer might be quite different. Here's a couple examples:

Jesus is... just a religious teacher.

Jesus is... an invisible sky fairy.

Jesus is... a revolutionary!

I could keep going but it's probably best to keep this article 'G' rated!

So, leading up to and including Easter, here's our plan at our Sunday services at Robertson Anglican Church. We're going to tackle some of those opinions of Jesus that push back a bit. So, on March 29 we'll think about whether Jesus was just a religious teacher. On April 5th I'll be responding the well-known Australian media personality who called Jesus an "invisible sky fairy!" On Good Friday we'll be hearing about Jesus the revolutionary, arguably the most influential person to ever walked the earth. And finally, on Easter Sunday we'll hear Jesus is "pro-life" but, thankfully, this has nothing to do with the abortion debate!

So, I've given you a bit of a taste and I hope it grabs your interest.

All services at Robertson Anglican Church, including Easter services, have been suspended until further notice. Services will move to an online format, if anyone would like to join in on this please contact the church office (office@robertsonanglican.org.au) or check the church's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/robertsonanglican/> for more details.

Graham Thomas, Minister, Robertson Anglican Church
Office Phone 4885 1210

Living in a Rural Village But For How Much Longer?

By Larry Whipper (submitted 14 March)

I premise this article acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the Land and paying respect.

I also acknowledge that there may be some who have differing view to these and respect the rights of others to hold and share those views. Although I am a Councillor, I have been a resident of Robertson for 30 years. 20 of those years have been spent serving this Shire as a Councillor and consistently standing for the preservation of environment, lifestyle and advocating for social and environmental sustainability.

Council have put the shire and also our village on notice. It is up to all of us to be vigilant and exercise our rights to ensure that our shire is protected from developments that may have lifestyle impacts which may impact on the character of the Southern Highlands and the relaxed and unique villages.

Council Planners have identified 6 NEW LIVING AREAS in a Local Housing Strategy (LHS) document. As we know the State Government have imposed a 1300 dwelling subdivision upon us at Chelsea Gardens Coomungie. This was against the adopted position of Council. So add to this a proposal further proposals— 1,100 dwellings in South Bowral, 100 additional dwellings in Moss Vale, 40 in Mittagong, 110 dwellings in Robertson East and believe it or not 500 dwellings at Colo Vale. All these proposals require expansion to the existing boundaries of the Towns and Villages and the rezoning of the land.

At the same time Council will consult on what is being called our Local Strategic Planning (LSPS) Statements. These are in fact aspirations and statements that should capture the uniqueness of Shire. What it we love, what is it we want to preserve and if we do need to accommodate growth where should this be?

Ironically this consultation opportunity which has been given to us to establish your feelings on how we can identify and preserve the existing characteristics and maintain what is important to us, has in the opinion of some been weakened and labelled as tokenism due to the fact that these 6 areas have been identified without establishing our Character Statements first.

There are concerns that by identifying these areas, there

has been an expectation planted in the minds of land developers and speculators.

The State Government have given us this opportunity to have input into how we want to see the shire grow, whilst maintaining the things that are important to us. This is a unique opportunity and it appears that it is being wasted. There is a requirement for Council to produce our LSPS by the 1 July 2020. But no pressure, deadline or demand on producing the LPS. Why have residents not been afforded the courtesy and opportunity to express their “sense of place”?

It seems we have put the cart before the horse and as such, people should not be blamed or labelled for feeling the process is little more than “tokenism”. Some are already saying that Council has given the “nod” to developers and land speculators and set up an expectation by identifying these land release areas without firstly consulting and being guided by the community. After making conscious choices to live in a *Rural Village*, do we really want our villages to become pseudo suburban outposts in rural settings, or do we want to maintain our village characteristics and our rural village lifestyles.

At the Council meeting on the 11 March two reports were presented to Council. The first was the LPS containing recommendations including 6 new land release areas. The second was the LSPS suggesting consultation, not with developers, but with community to gauge what is important to the m to preserve and value.

Based on the sound logic and the fact that the LSPS or Character Statement Document has a deadline of 1st July for submission to the Planning Department and that the LSPS should inform the Local Housing Strategy, I put forward an amendment to the motion to exhibit both documents consecutively.

The amendment called upon Council to defer release of the Local Housing Strategy until the Character Statements had been finalised. **This was defeated 6 votes to 3.** The village of Colo Vale was well represented in the Gallery and were very Vocal about their concerns about their village doubling in size and population. Based on the outcome of this decision of Council, I would suggest that you be increasingly vigilant if you want to protect what we have and what makes our lifestyle unique.

Public exhibition and Consultation will start sometime in March (watch out for the dates) and run for 8 weeks.

It is important you have your feelings heard. Don't miss the opportunity.

Get the Facts—How to Stay Informed

Websites

There is a lot of information on Government websites.

<https://www.australia.gov.au/> This site will link you to the latest Coronavirus news, updates and advice from government agencies across Australia

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources>

There are some great fact sheets here including one that summarises the basic facts, and special information for parents, about aged care residents, for travellers, and for employers.

<https://www.health.gov.au/>

For all the latest health information including how to protect yourself and others, symptoms and when to get tested. You will also find information here about the current status of the virus and case numbers.

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/symptom-checker/tool/basic-details> This will help you find out if you need to get tested

<https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus>

Links to information about financial support for individuals and businesses

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/affected-coronavirus-covid-19>

Find out how to apply for support

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Information from NSW Health including handy fact sheets and updates

Phone Numbers

For particular or specific advice, call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on **1800 020 080**. This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you are feeling unwell you can also contact HealthDirect on **1800 022 222** for 24 hour health advice.

Media

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/story-streams/coronavirus/> Latest news, ask a question, or listen to a daily podcast from Dr Norman Swan



Help us

stop the spread

-  **Clean your hands thoroughly** for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
-  **Cover your nose and mouth** when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or a flexed elbow. Put the tissues in the bin.
-  **Avoid close contact** with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
-  **Stay home** if you are sick.

health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	COLD	FLU
	Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
Fever 	Common	Rare	Common
Cough 	Common	Common	Common
Sore Throat 	Sometimes	Common	Common
Shortness of Breath 	Sometimes	No	No
Fatigue 	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Aches & Pains 	Sometimes	No	Common
Headaches 	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or Stuffy Nose 	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea 	Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
Sneezing 	No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19) visit health.gov.au

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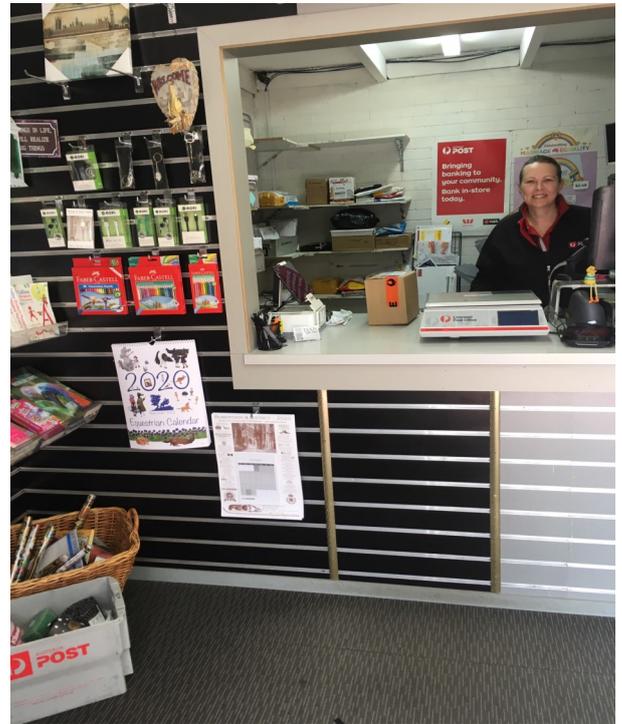
Acts of Kindness

Robertson is a kind community and we look out for each other. Many community members are looking at ways they can keep an eye out that their neighbours are okay, particularly older people and people by themselves.

This simple form is circulating around the world as a way to connect to the people around you that you might not know well and letting them know you are available to help. Why not make your own version of it?

You can download this form at <http://neighbourday.org/resources/connection-cards/>

And what about the simple idea implemented by Andrew Phillips on Robertson Commons to ask people to drop off spare rolls of toilet paper at the Post Office as a last resort for those who are desperate. Thank you Andrew and thank you to Mel at the Post Office.



Mel at Robertson Post Office—another friendly face keeping Robertson working Photo Jenny Kena

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail
<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep. **#ViralKindness**

Staying Calm

Here are some great tips for coping with the anxiety that you might be feeling—its from Head to Health. Download it in full from <https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support>

- **Get informed with the right information**—Consider only accessing trusted sources of information (e.g., ABC Radio, Australian Government Department of Health website, World Health Organisation website, etc).
- **Understand History**—as with similar events in the (distant) past, there will eventually be a return to normality
- **Get organised**—a good antidote to stress and worry is to get active and organised—make a to do list
- **Balance your thoughts**—whenever you recognise a negative thought balance it with a realistic thought
- **Shut down the noise**—just check the news and social media once a day, not constantly
- **Remember who you are**—remember to be gentle kind and respectful to yourself and others
- **Keep healthy routines**—try to keep up or get back to your normal daily routines e.g. meal times, bed time
- **Stay engaged**—social distancing doesn't mean not being social! Stay connected and catch up with others online or by phone
- **Do the things that you enjoy and that are good for you**—make time to do fun things regularly
- **Keep looking forward**—remember the famous saying 'this too shall pass'

All Change at the Cheese Factory

By Venetia Hendry (submitted 2 March)

You will have seen scaffolding and renovations happening at the top of Hoddle Street and perhaps wondered what is happening to this iconic Robertson building.

Last November the Old Cheese Factory changed hands after 30 years in the ownership of locals Alan and Liz Jackson and the purchasers, Frank and Gail Davlourous from Wollongong, have a full renovation planned to improve and develop this fascinating old property.



There are four businesses inside, with four entrepreneurial women at the helm.

- Cathy Delaney with The Cool Store Emporium for gifts and Bric a brac
- Catherine Grealish making delicious Southern Highlands Shortbread and Fudge on site
- Andrea Hope's new shop in Bliss In a Box, for flowers and confectionery
- and the Dairy Store, which is now run by Venetia Hendry and comprises SoHi Artisan Gelato, The Whey Cafe, and the well stocked Cheese Shop

and Pantry which features delicious produce such as fresh local bread, honey, milk and eggs and the pick of all things dairy.

There is an amazing range of homemade pickles, chutneys and jams on offer under the Robertson Cheese Factory's own label, and picnic bags to fill with your choice of mouth watering meats, cheese, crackers and condiments to take away. Local Robertson Spuds are baked daily and offered with a choice of toppings, and all the food and cakes in the cafe are homemade with an emphasis on simple, flavoursome dishes. It's a great spot to bring the family for ice cream or to enjoy a serve of fluffy scones with jam and cream .

Maybe you'd like to join the knitting group who meet there every Wednesday morning? Opening soon will be the Parlour, a small private space which can be reserved for groups during the week and at weekends will offer high teas. So truly something for everyone, don't delay a visit to see what's happening and to enjoy everything this historic spot has to offer .

Get an update from Venetia at venetiahendry@yahoo.co.uk



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Robertson Community Technology Centre

The CTC year started well with the wonderful news of our successful grant from the NSW Stronger Country Communities Program for a number of refurbishments of our building including a new kitchen, painting inside and out and upgraded lighting. This project will commence soon and we are working closely with the Men's Shed who will be assisting with some of the work.

In February, the CTC was abuzz for Celebrate a Love of Music—a series of music events for seniors, part of the Seniors Festival. It was a full house for most events as people came along to try out musical instruments, listen to young people perform wonderful chamber and jazz music, see how a



Jill Twigger launches Bill Sloane on his new musical career!

guitar is made and learn about the history of the song accompanied by a choir performance. It was a joyful time and we received great feedback from those who attended from near and far.

But now we move into uncertain times as, along with the rest of the community and businesses, we grapple with how to continue to offer a service to the community with our doors closed due to the coronavirus. We are very pleased to be able to offer IT advice and support by phone during our normal opening hours. We also plan to continue to offer printing services with a pick up and delivery option. We encourage you to contact us if there is something you need help with and we will do our best!

We will be keeping in touch on Facebook so watch that space!

The CTC business hours are : Thurs & Fri 10am - 4pm, Sat 10am - 1pm. Follow the CTC on Facebook to keep up to date with what we will be offering during the shutdown..

www.facebook.com/CTCRobertson

Or call us on 4885 2665
Email info@robertsonctc.org.au

Big Win for Robertson Men's and Women's Shed

With the announcement of a successful grant of \$291,000, for the construction of the Robertson Men's and Women's Shed, work will be able to commence very soon with the site already prepared adjacent to the Robertson Community Technology Centre (CTC). The shed will be completely self-contained with a workshop, meeting room and full facilities.

The CTC was also successful with a grant of \$62,140 for a new kitchen and substantial upgrade.



Volunteers from the Men's Shed and the CTC celebrate the funding of their projects with Wendy Tuckerman, MP.

We were fortunate to have our Member For Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman MP, officiate at a gathering of local participants on Thursday March 12 with her presenting (Proforma) enlarged cheques to John Kennis, President Men's & Women's Shed and Jenny Kena President CTC.

This was followed by her turning the first soil on the site for the new shed.

Morning tea followed with typical Robertson hospitality and excitement over these developments which will form a vital hub for the well-being of local men & women.

The men presently meet 10.00am every Tuesday at the CTC and encourage those interested to come along and be part of the friendly team.

Creative Studios and Shop Front Space available at The SHAC!

(Submitted 16 March)

Located in what was known as the Old Potato Shed, Robertson, The SHAC (Southern Highlands Artisans Collective Incorporated), is a not-for-profit association bringing together talented artisans and artists from across the Southern Highlands.

The SHAC is an exciting space where visitors can see a diverse range of up to 20 artisans and artists at work in their studios creating their works or browse in our dedicated art gallery and retail space. One-of-a-kind artworks are available for sale in the gallery and direct from the artists and artisans. Visitors can also commission bespoke work.

Regular exhibitions of up and coming and well established artists are held and our Gallery is pre booked through to the end of 2020. Moonacres have an International School opening on the premises – planned for April 2020. This will expand the creative vibe of the SHAC

The SHAC also holds regular workshops where participants can learn direct from our talented artisans and guest tutors.

The SHAC is now becoming the creative hub for visiting creatives and our resident artists and artisans of the Southern Highlands, where all can gain inspiration and guidance from each other.

A truly unique experience in the beautiful Southern Highlands. For enquiries contact:
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Check out The SHAC exhibitions online at

www.theshac.com.au/exhibitions

Dress up and connect online

Now is the time to become an expert in communication with friends and family by video. The BBC has produced a simple guide to some of the different options—**A Step by Step Guide—how to video call your family**

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