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Let's Talk About the Skate Park

By Josephine Grieve



Robertson Skate Park Photo supplied

As reported in the *Southern Highlands News*, twenty four skaters, scooter riders, roller bladers and supporters met on Sunday 13 March to discuss the need for an upgrade to the 'embarrassing' Robertson Skate Park – the third worst skate park in Australia according to Google.

Politicians Michael Cains, Liberal Candidate for

Whitlam, and Rachel Russel, independent Candidate for Wingecarribee Council, were there to listen and offer their support.

This is what we heard:

Archie (16): 'As you can see this is not the best skate park – whether for scootering, skating, rollerblading or bikes – it's just got nothing.'

Leila (11): 'I've seen it get crowded but there's not much to do here. Most kids don't find it as fun as

other skate parks.'

Nash (13): 'If there's a new park in the Southern Highlands, it has to be here because it's going to attract more tourism. Families will come here and hang out, bring their kids and buy food at the food places so it's going to boost the economy and everyone's going to be happy.'

Otto (14): 'Skateboarding is a really good way to keep fit physically and mentally but we have only a few ramps. Some of them were sent from Bundanoon when they got a new skate park and the others we put here ourselves.'

Sean (15): 'Our skate park is in a state of disrepair. Council doesn't care much. Look at that gap. They put some paint on it but you can't skate that.'

Eric (17): 'Robertson needs a new skate park to allow the younger generation to explore their skills and develop life long friends. I personally need an environment where I can be creative and express myself while staying physically fit.'

A rollerblading mum brought her young children along because 'it's important for their future'.

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Robertson Business Chamber Update

By Tim Hewitt, President

If it's not the virus, it's the weather making life a challenge for many local businesses in recent weeks. On the up side, freedom from pandemic restrictions has seen an increase in activity and visitor numbers in Robertson, but then the rain came.. and came ...and came...

The few sunny days we have had have seen a real vibe of excitement in the town with some very busy weekends. The opening of the long awaited Pecora Cheese & Wine has added yet another attraction for visitors and locals alike, and we wish members Cressida & Michael Cains all the very best with their new venture.

The Chamber COVID-postponed 2021 Annual General meeting was held recently and was very well attended, packing out the Winston Room at the Pub. The meeting heard from Gary Fitz-Roy, the organiser of the Potato Festival, as well as Henry Parry-Okedon the new owner of the former Tractor business site in Hoddle St.

Gary certainly has a packed program for the Festival including a great display competition for Robertson businesses with thousands of dollars worth of advertising to be won. The Chamber encourages ALL 'main street' businesses to get behind the Festival, enter the competition and make Robertson Great (again!).

Henry and his family have great plans for the creation of a wood crafts based centre of excellence right here in Robertson that will put our town at the centre of the woody world. We welcome Henry & Co and look forward to their contribution to our

community.

Recent road chaos has highlighted the chronic neglect of road maintenance in our area, as well as our dependence on road access to and from Robertson. When we finally get Council elections, roads must be high on our agenda! Macquarie Pass, apparently a National Highway, remains a joke and we support Business Illawarra in their call for replacement of this road to be a major priority for all levels of government.



Despite our travails, we appreciate our problems pale into insignificance compared to those in northern NSW who have faced devastating floods, as well as communities in Ukraine facing unimaginable lethal attack from a foreign army.

Bring on the Potato Festival!

Cockatoo Run Back on April 24



The Cockatoo Run will be visiting again on Sunday April 24. The train arrives into Robertson at around 12:30pm.

Robertson Heritage Railway Station has a social working bee to maintain the grounds around the station on the second Saturday of each month from 9am. Find out more at www.robertsonrailway.org.au

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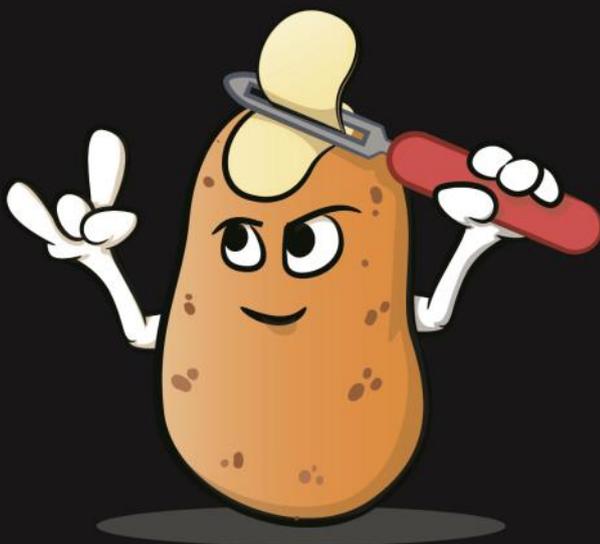
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Kevin Little Has Gone From Us

By Michael D Breen

Robertson's losing Kevin J. Little is like losing an art gallery, museum, library, treasured story archive, mate to chat with and all round good guy.



Kevin Little in his Arncliffe Studio. Picture-Leader 3 Feb 2015

He has been away from the town for a while, looked after down the coast by his daughter Julie.

So who was Kevin? He was born 91 years ago in Canterbury Hospital where he arrived not long after the hospital itself.

His grandfather started the family stained glass studio a hundred years ago. Kevin was the third generation craftsman. Now there are five artist generations from that family start.

His early life was not easy. He needed to create his own way. Initially he trained at the celebrated Julian Ashton School where his talents put him ahead of many. Though he worked mostly in glass he forever kept his love of sketching and painting.

Kevin was a traveller in his creative work and in the outback. He lived with Aboriginal communities; with people who entrusted him with their stories, customs and artefacts which gifts he passed on to museums.

Kevin worked replacing or restoring glass around New South Wales especially in Lismore and Sydney churches and cathedrals and these are his enduring gifts. He was internationally known and recognised by his guild.

'I'm proud he lived his life his way with freedom to explore and perfect his art' his daughter Julie says.

The many tributes to Kevin on the Robertson Commons Facebook site are heartfelt appreciations of a respected friend to many different people. Kevin could and did engage with anyone.

That engaging would often range around his collection of glass, paintings, and drawings, cartoons (drawings for stained glass figures and scenes), clocks, musical boxes, tools, techniques and adventures. Every item had a story which Kevin added to its richness. Kevin collected widely. He also collected people; on the street, in the Pub, the Bowlo or on his front verandah.

He was often disparaging of his works and skills; as if he were as good at mocking his work as a maker of it. Despite this you could see he knew the genius behind his production. The works of art never stood alone. They were always related to people.

Precious he was not. He didn't have time for taking offence. His humour was inevitable. He could match his chat to the person, always respectful, louché where there was a chance, seasonally solemn or technical. 'A great man for the craic' as the Irish would say. And he enjoyed a jar.

The English artist Eric Gill said, 'The artist is not a special kind of person. Every person is a special kind of artist'. Kevin was his own artist. He was his own man.

Kevin was one of those elders who are models not just to imitate, but models who challenge us to be who we really are.

Memories of Marie Lemmon (née Mackey) and John Lemmon

By Frances Bailey (née Mackey, Marie's younger sister, Robertson)

"I wish to thank you all for your expressions of sympathy and condolences on the loss of my elder sister Marie Lemmon (born 19/5/32, died 31/1/22) and her husband John Lemmon born 25/5/32, died 2/2/22) - my brother in law - born 6 days apart and died 2 days apart - married for 67 years. They met at the Dairy Farmers Co-op, Robertson where Cafe 31 currently is run, when my sister worked at Dairy Farmers and John and his father Honourable Nelson Lemmon came to open an account with Dairy Farmers Robertson.

My sister's words when she came home after meeting John were *that's the man I will marry* and they were married for 67 years.

They are survived by their four daughters Linda, Jenny, Cheryl and Alison together with their 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Marie and John first lived at *Hillview* Lemmons Road, Robertson then moved to Caalong St Robertson and back to *Hillview* where they dairied and grew potatoes. They then moved in the 1970's to *Kalang* Gooloogong Road (now known as Fish Fossil Road), Canowindra then moved to a small 100 acre farm at Springdale, Cadia Rd, Orange and then to Sale Street Orange before Ascot retirement [home] in Orange.

Marie and John loved the many dances and balls together with their many friends when they were young, and they loved entertaining dinners, New Years Eve parties and more in their home. Marie was an excellent cook making jelly cakes, rock cakes, slices, Christmas pudding and Christmas cake. Stews, curries and soup were made in the pressure cooker and so much more. There was always enough for whoever came and visited.

Marie played hockey for Robertson Hockey club, went to Robertson Public School and then Bowral High School. I was her younger sister by seven and a half years. Our parents were Ruby Julia and Francis Mackey. Marie was involved in the Robertson School Centenary and made the posies for the dignitaries. Their 4 children Linda, Jenny, Cheryl and Alison attended Robertson Public School.

Marie and John married at St Anthonys Robertson (now The Robertson Hotel) in 1954. Both were 22 years of age.



Marie went to Sydney to work and shared a flat with Margaret Robinson Brown, also from Mackeys Lane Robertson. These girls went off to the big smoke to work. Marie worked in York Street, Sydney just near where the Lottery Office use to be at the time.

We lived and grew up at *Macksville*

Mackeys Lane Robertson and during the war the military had military buildings built on our property to enable the military to watch out to the ocean and over the ocean for enemy craft. When Snow Donovan came to live with us at 13 yrs of age and became part of our family, Marie encouraged Snow to play hockey with Robertson Hockey Club.

John Lemmon grew up in Albany Western Australia - his parents were the Honourable Nelson Lemmon and Ada Lemmon nee Jacqal - in the wheat belt of Albany WA. John had an elder sister Joan Panos nee Lemmon who lives in the Southern Highlands. She has 3 adult children and grandchildren.

John moved with his mum and dad to Canberra from Western Australia when his father was elected into Federal Parliament in the Chifley Government. While in Canberra his father bought a small farm at Molong and John went to work on the farm, not far from Canberra then went to do carpentry work in Sydney.

Marie and John often went to a ball or dance and on one night I remember Max and Cath Moore came back to Macksville Mackeys Lane, Robertson to have a cuppa

after a ball and I got up and hid their shoes left on the verandah and went back to bed and fell asleep .Well Max Cath and John went home with no shoes as they didnt find them ...oooops.

Jim and Rita Hindmarsh and family were their neighbours at Hillview and their life long friends on the adjoining farm.

John always had a horse, a galloper or a trotter. He wasn't a gambler but knew all the breeding of the horses. They did have a couple of Bong Bong cup winners I think on two occasions [*Just Jam* 1963 and 1964 Berrima District Local Hack Handicap] and not long ago gave me the silver plate they won to be donated back to the Bong Bong Race Club for historic reasons. John could always be found not at the TAB or betting ring but always talking to the trainers, the owners or the jockeys. His life long love was always horses, he loved them."

Avoca Public School Turns 150 This Year

Avoca Public School will be celebrating it's 150th birthday in October 2022. We are looking for community members who may have information on the history of the school that you would like to share. Any stories from past students, teachers and principals or photos would be greatly received. Please contact the school office 4887 7224 / avoca-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or the Principal, Lesley Kelly on 0457 072 785.



Kangaloon Students Shining Again

On 19-20 March William Mauger and Lucy Schofield travelled to Sydney Olympic Park to compete in the Little Athletics State Championships. William competed in Long Jump, High Jump and Shot Put. Lucy competed in Shot Put and the 4x100m Relay (which Kangaloon won!). Lucy also competed in the ACT State Championships held at Woden Athletics Track.

Several students from Kangaloon also travelled to Dapto last month to compete in the Regional Swimming Carnival.



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News from the Kids and Youth Minister

By Bek Glasson, Kids and Youth Minister, Robertson/Burrawang Anglican Church

Hey I'm Bek, I work at Robertson Anglican Church as the Kids and Youth Minister.

Robertson Anglican Kids and Youth Programs



Kids Club is for all kids in K - Yr 4. It's on Wednesday afternoons during the school term. It goes from 3:15pm - 4:30pm and costs \$3 per week.

At Kids Club we play games, do some craft, hear a story from the Bible and learn more about Jesus. We'll have afternoon tea and have lots of fun.

SPARK is for all kids in Yrs 5-6*. It's on Friday afternoons during the school term. It goes from 5pm - 6:00pm and costs \$3 per week.

At Spark we play games, learn more about Jesus, we'll have a snack and have lots of fun.

*In term 4 the year 6 kids will join our Friday night youth group, RYBS

RYBS is our youth group for youth in yrs 7-12. It's on Friday nights during the school term from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

At RYBS we hear a talk from the Bible, play some great games, have supper together and more.

*In term 4 each year we welcome the year 6 kids to RYBS

For more information or to register please email Bek, bek@robertsonanglican.org.au



During the week we run a number of programs for kids and teenagers at the church, that you may not know about, so I thought I'd give you a little bit of info about them.

Jumping Joeys – Wednesdays at 10am – 0-5yr olds

Jumping Joeys is our play group for kids who aren't yet at school and their parents/carers. It's a fun morning filled with play, craft, music, and yummy morning tea. It's also a great time for parents and carers to have a chat with some other adults over a cuppa. Jumping Joeys runs during the school term on Wednesday mornings from 10am -12pm.

Kids Club – Wednesdays 3:15-4:30pm – Kindy to Year 4

Kids Club is our after-school program for all kids in Kindy to Year 4. During the time together we have free play, games, hear a story from the Bible, do a craft, and we have some afternoon tea. Kids Club is on

Wednesday afternoons from 3:15-4:30pm during the school term.

Spark – Fridays 5pm-6pm – Years 5-6

Spark is our group for years 5-6. We spend our time hanging out, playing games, hear a story from the Bible and have a chat about it. Spark is on Friday afternoons during the school term for all kids in year 5-6 from 5-6pm.

RYBS – Fridays 6:30-8:30pm Years 7-12

RYBS is our youth group and it's for all teenagers in High School. At RYBS we spend time hanging out, we eat, we play some great games, we hear a talk from the Bible and spend time discussing what we've heard. RYBS is on Friday nights during the school term for anyone in High School.

If you want more information about any of the programs you can check out our website robertsonanglican.org.au or email me, bek@robertsonanglican.org.au. You can also contact the church office on 4885 1210.

EASTER SERVICES

April 15 Good Friday Lord's Supper Service at 9am (Robertson)

April 17 Easter Sunday Family Service at 10am (Robertson) Traditional service at 4.30pm (St David's Burrawang)

REGULAR SERVICES

Our regular service times at Robertson are:

Sundays @8am Traditional (1st and 4th of the month)

@10am Contemporary Family (weekly with children's program) We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at St David's Burrawang at 4.30pm.

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A Model for an Association

By Mark Turner, Public Officer, Robertson Community Association

The most recent meeting of the many community groups in Robertson was held on 15 February 2022. The meeting resolved to approve and adopt a form of constitution for the establishment of the Robertson Community Association following the concept of group representation.

An application for registration as The Robertson Community Association Inc. was lodged and the good news is that it is now registered as an incorporated Association.

A bit of blah, blah, blah follows but stick with it – it's an interesting model.



The idea is that the many groups in town (twenty or so) would benefit from connectivity and access to the ideas of other groups – a sort of meshing of common interests; a jigsaw of connections.

The objects of the Association:

- Serving and representing the interests of Robertson in an independent, non-partisan manner.
- Fostering a strong sense of community in Robertson by facilitating communication, consultation and co-operative activity between the community groups representing the community of Robertson.
- Serving as advocate before relevant authorities and bodies on matters of concern as determined by a consensus of members at a general meeting.
- Encouraging the protection of the aesthetic, heritage and cultural value of Robertson.
- Encouraging and actively contributing towards the provision of community facilities in Robertson in response to members' and community needs and desires.
- Encouraging and assisting in the promotion of Robertson.

The members of each group will nominate a representative to express the views of their members at meetings of the Association and in that way contribute to the Association's objects. Each group, notwithstanding its size, will have a single vote at general meetings. Groups may have different ideas and concerns regarding community matters which affect their members and such views can be more powerfully advanced through the voice of a nominated representative.

Individuals are welcome to attend meetings and express their views but only nominated group representatives will have a vote – so everyone is encouraged to join a group. There are many to choose from to suit a variety of interests, for example: table tennis, garden club, crop swap, seniors group, knitting group to name a few. The larger organisations such as the Bowling Club, the CTC, REPS, the Business Chamber and the Burrow OP Shop will also be represented and when fully established the Association will be able to point you in the right direction if you are looking for a group in which to participate.

The philosophy behind this model is to encourage cohesiveness and consultation in the community by keeping residents involved through their group and encouraging awareness of the activities of others in town. It was rather surprising to learn at our early meetings that many groups were oblivious to the existence of many other groups. Maintaining connections and links to others encourages inclusivity by expanding horizons and interests.

A Community Association can also fulfil another role, such as making representations to Council and other bodies on matters that affect the whole community and we believe that this structure is more likely to achieve consensus and a more powerful voice.

The first meeting of the Incorporated Association will be held on Tuesday 5 April at the CTC Robertson at 5pm. The meeting will accept membership nominations and elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will be touch with the various groups in the near future to advise of the simple formalities required to nominate a representative member.

Thanks to the community groups for their support for establishing this first community association for Robertson.

Mark Turner, Public Officer for Robertson Community Association Inc. Email: roboca@outlook.com

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Robertson Village Place Plan Update

By Garima Mendiratta, WSC Senior Strategic Planner

Help us develop a Community-Led Strategic Plan for Robertson

Following the initial consultation on the Robertson Place Plan, Council have taken on board the community's observations and ideas to help refine the analysis, as well as developing a strategic Vision and the initial stages of a Master Plan for the Robertson village.

As we enter the next phase of the Robertson Place Plan project, we will be holding a number of consultation sessions in Robertson, to demonstrate how the community's input is being incorporated into the planning process, and to test the Vision, principles and early design solutions with the community. We will also work through some of the themes in the Place Plan, based on the feedback received from the community to date.

Council will be holding 2 consultation sessions in early April, and we would love to hear your thoughts on this important project for the Robertson village.

The first consultation session will be held at the CTC Robertson on **Thursday 7 April 2022 from 5 pm-7 pm**. All attendees must be registered via the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/303173218257>

Bookings will close by 5 April. If you have registered for the session and find you are unable to attend, please cancel your booking as this will allow other residents an opportunity to attend.

We will also have a stall at the Robertson Markets, held at the School of Arts, on **Sunday 10 April from 8 am – 2 pm**. This session will be run as a 'drop in' session, and there is no need to register to attend.

If you live, work, or just love to visit Robertson, then we would love to see you at one of the sessions.

How Disaster Ready Was Your Home?

Robertson Rural Fire Brigade Update

The recent east coast low has brought it home again how close disaster can be. Whilst Robertson has not been devastated in the way communities in the Northern Rivers were, we certainly have been impacted by high rainfalls. We have experienced major road closures, trees down and many in the area have had flood and inundation of their homes and properties. At times like these we need to ask, just how prepared were we?

Now as things calm down and we can breathe again it is worthwhile to take stock. Often preparing our homes for fire, storms or floods looks the same.

The RFS has a straightforward tool to assess how ready your property is to withstand a disaster. When you complete the questionnaire the system will provide a report of tasks for you to do such as clear your gutters, trim back trees, buy a new hose or buckets. All based on the answers you gave, customised to your own property and situation. You can access the tool at assessmyrisk.rfs.nsw.gov.au/

Some other tips to consider:

- Do you know how to find accurate up-to-date emergency information?
- What will you do in a blackout if your phone battery runs out?
- Do you have enough food/medicine/essential supplies for a couple of days if you can't get out?
- Can emergency services get down your driveway or onto your property if you need help?
- Do you know your neighbours and did you check on them?

Your local RFS brigade is in the heart of town with local volunteers who go out in all sorts of weather, at all hours of the day and night to help our community. We'd like to continue the conversation



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Exciting News from REPS

Robertson Environmental Protection Society update

REPS was formed in 1990 and the first newsletter Vol.1, no.1 (Dec 1990) of *Eucryphia* was issued. It was the main medium for REPS to publicise its activities, seek support and new members. Looking back 30+ years makes really interesting reading. A REPS website was built shortly afterwards and currently provides access to current and past copies of *Eucryphia* plus other useful information related to the Robertson Environment www.reps.org.au

In order to broaden the exposure of REPS activities, a new Facebook page has been created. This provides a quick and easy means to share current information and to discuss Robertson environmental issues with like-minded people. We ask that you JOIN the group and suggest your friends interested in local environmental matters do too. Coming events are shown and we would like to see posts and comments from local residents and visitors sharing their thoughts. It's our unique local environment which makes Robertson the green heart of the Southern Highlands and such a magical place to live. www.facebook.com/groups/robertsonrainforest

The REPS website is planned to be upgraded this year and in conjunction with our newsletter *Eucryphia*, and Facebook page will offer more options for us all to communicate with members and non-members alike.

Our role is to protect our local environment. Your support would be appreciated. We would welcome you as a REPS member and at our regular meetings. It's also a great way to learn about the unique Robertson environment.

The other news is that REPS public talks are starting up again with the first one on **Friday 8 April at 7.30pm** at CTC Robertson. The topic is the Superb Lyrebird with guest speaker Geoff



Saunders. Geoff Saunders has worked as a Discovery Ranger for NSW National Parks &

Wildlife Service for seven years, based mainly at Minnamurra Rainforest and Fitzroy Falls. A keen photographer and videographer, his work has enabled him to closely observe and record the habits of the Superb Lyrebird, from the dazzling

courting displays of the males to the care of females for their chicks. This presentation will include some of his best videos, and he will share some of the insights he has gained into the lives of these remarkable birds.

Peter Glass, President Email: petlyng@bigpond.com Phone: 02 4885 1921

Robertson Men's & Women's Shed Powering Into 2022

By Claire Hewat, RMSI Secretary

It has been pleasing to see strong membership renewals this year and we have been delighted to welcome four new ladies to the 'She Shed'.

Community projects are already underway with the men erecting the new sign on the 'Burrow' Community Op Shop and commencing work on an antique baggage trolley for the Heritage Railway Museum. The ladies have been busy working on refurbishment of furniture for Triple Care Farm as well as tackling their usual array of ambitious projects.

Two fundraising efforts have already raised much needed funds for the Shed – traffic marshalling at Wallaby Hill Equestrian Centre for their year opening event saw several Shed members enjoying rare sunshine and instructing participants in the art of trailer backing. Our first Bunnings BBQ for the year was also busy and successful.



A big thank you to the 'Burrow' for the \$1000 grant to purchase a new lawnmower which will be used for the community precinct including the Shed, the CTC, the Diggers Motorcycle Club and the Burrow grounds.

A revamp of our IT, including the website is almost complete. Thank you to Katie at the CTC and to Mitchell Page at Creatio who gave his time and expertise for free to assist with this project.

If you have not yet checked out the shed and would like to see about joining, blokes can drop in between 10am and 2pm Tuesday, ladies between 10am and 1pm Friday. Don't be shy!

Find out more at robertsonmensshed.org.au/

Skate Park Discussion *contd from p1*

And two skateboarding dads shared their experiences:

Dan Beville: 'I've been a Robertson local for the last 20 years. I think the lack of skate parks is a Southern Highlands problem. The Bowral skate park was built when I was in high school 30 years ago! The Southern Highlands needs a new skate park and why not put it in Robbo? We have more skaters per capita than any other town. There's a big skating community here. The kids deserve better.'

Lance Leith: 'I'm a teacher in the Southern Highlands. I watch these kids when they come to the skate park and I see their sense of well-being, their sense of camaraderie and the community that it builds. If the government wants kids to get active and off their devices, there is no better way than skateboarding. It's an Olympic sport now and will continue to grow. Robertson could be a shining example of how to go forward with this kind of youth activity.'

To support the call for an upgrade, look for news on the Robertson Commons and let us know if you would like to be added to our email list. Also, it's great to advocate with politicians and Wingecarribee Council. Do the Council survey on Robertson: <https://www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au/robertson-village-place-plan> and mention that you have to leave town to find a decent skate park!

New Emergency Communications Site in Robertson

The Public Safety Network (PSN) in the Southern Highlands has been expanded with the completion of a new site at Robertson. Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman said the new radio site delivered by NSW Telco Authority is vital to ongoing community safety. "These sites provide emergency services organisations with a single, integrated network on which to communicate. It is technology that saves lives and by expanding the footprint of this critical infrastructure we are ensuring frontline responders have a more reliable network to help keep people and places safe."

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Open Friday-Monday
8am-5.30pm

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www.facebook.com/robertsonfruitshop/

Thin Green Line Landholder Funding

Did you know that if you have Robertson Rainforest or other native vegetation patches on your property, there is funding available to help you manage it? The Thin Green Line is a project funded by the NSW Environmental Trust that aims to improve the condition of native vegetation between Robertson and Kiama. Robertson Rainforest is a priority for ecological restoration because it is 'critically endangered' under Commonwealth legislation.

Participation includes an assessment with David Rush, project co-ordinator and expert ecologist, which is a fantastic exercise in itself. Your property may be eligible if you have land around Robertson,



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Pheasant
Ground,
Knights Hill,
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and
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and you need help with managing introduced weeds and feral animals, or fencing to protect your native bushland patch and tree planting to create corridors for wildlife. Funding is available now. Go to the website for further information and the expression of interest form: ger.org.au/project/the-thin-green-line/ To learn more about Robertson Rainforest read the fabulous *A Guide to the Robertson Rainforest*, 2nd edition.

Biggest Morning Tea in Burrawang

Saturday 28 May 2022

Once again, Judith Warner will host our local Biggest Morning Tea in the main hall of the Burrawang School of Arts. This is the largest fundraising event organised by the Cancer Council of Australia to raise money for cancer support and research. A tremendously worthwhile charity and lots of fun. More Burrawang events at burrawangvillage.com/whats-on/

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Southern Highlands and South Coast

CTC Robertson News

Katie Fagan – Manager

When was the last time you visited the CTC?

We are currently running a community survey and would love to know what you think about the CTC. There is a copy of the survey enclosed in this issue of the Robertson News, or you can access the survey online via our website.

We are offering everyone who completes the survey a free coffee or hot drink at our café. If it has been a while since you have been to the CTC (or have never visited), we hope you come in to say hi, look around, and enjoy a cuppa (on us)!

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity?

The CTC is run by a fantastic team of volunteers who assist in all parts of our organisation. We are always looking to welcome new volunteers and currently have a particular need for more assistance in our café. We provide a supportive environment for those looking to develop their skills, meet new people and give back to the community.

The CTC recently received a grant from the federal government to support our volunteers, and some of the funds are being used to provide **Barista Skills Training** in May. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and would like to participate in this training opportunity, please get in touch.

Music Café

Starting in May, the CTC will host a new music program in the spirit of coffee house culture. Music Café will be a relaxed space to listen to talented local musicians while enjoying coffee and cake on a Saturday afternoon.

Music Café will be curated by CTC Committee member and musician Gary Norwell. Established and emerging musicians interested in playing a Music Café set can contact Gary via garynorwell@iinet.net.au.

See across for details the first Music Café with The J & B Troubadours on Saturday 14 May.

New opening hours

The CTC will now open from 9am on Saturdays. We will also be open from 9am - 4pm on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May to provide visitors to the Potato Festival with an opportunity to see the Robertson Potato Festival Art Prize exhibition.

Opening Hours

Thursday & Friday 10am-4pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

58-60 Hoddle St, Robertson

Ph: 4885 2665

info@robertsonctc.org.au

www.robertsonctc.org.au

facebook.com/CTCRobertson

What is happening at the CTC?

Robertson Potato Festival Art Prize Thursday 7 April – Sunday 1 May 2022

We are celebrating all things potatoes and Robertson during April. Artists from across the district have been invited to submit their work as part of this fun exhibition.

Winners of the Open and Youth categories will be announced on Saturday 9 April.

But it is not just our esteemed judges who will have a say. We invite everyone who visits the exhibition to vote for their favorite artwork. *The Peoples Choice Award* will be announced at the CTC on Sunday 1 May.

Bea Cinémathèque - *Mediterraneo*

2.30pm Sunday 10 April (café open from 2pm)

A charming comedy from Italy (1991) directed by Gabriele Salvatores. In WW2, an Italian Army unit of misfits occupies an isolated non-strategic Greek island for the duration of the war.

Tickets: \$10 adults (plus 50c booking fee)

Bookings essential: www.trybooking.com/BYKBU

Music Café - The J & B Troubadours

2 - 4pm Saturday 14 May

After years of playing with different line-ups, John



Goodwin on harmonicas/vocals and Ron Volcich on guitar/vocals have formed **The J & B Troubadours**.

Come along to enjoy their blues and jazz standards repertoire over a great coffee and delicious cake.

Entry: \$5 on the door

Accidental Counsellor Workshop

9.30am - 4.00pm Sunday 5 June

This interactive one-day workshop is designed to equip participants with a significant life skill – helping others wherever they are: at work, in the family home, in the community, or in any situation or place where a person appears distressed or upset.

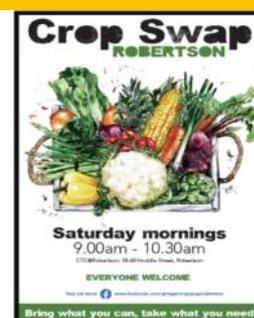
Tickets: \$25 (includes morning tea and lunch)

Bookings essential: www.trybooking.com/BYMSM



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Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits Robertson (at Hampden Park opposite the School) every second Thursday from 2pm-3.30pm. You can borrow from the Mobile Library or you can request your items online and choose "Mobile Library" as your pick-up location. Enjoy new releases, fiction, non-fiction, large print, audio books, DVDs, magazines, children's and young adults. Upcoming dates April 14,28, May 12, 26. Come and visit Clare Ph:0417 699 641.



The SHAC Exhibitions

Continues to 25 April

Ian Jones - *Drawing Breath*

Drawing Breath brings together two concurrent series of drawings which explore drawing as a meditative process. Together they create a conversation between analog and digital mediums.

Gary Christian - *Pink Lakes & Blue Skies*

These paintings on canvas and paper are a meditation on the harsh beauty of pink salt lakes and of the volatile wonder of blue sky.

Emma Elise Petterson - *The Australian Table: A Celebration of Colour*

Emma is a self-taught watercolour artist from Sydney Australia. She finds the unpredictable nature of watercolour to be therapeutic as it reflects the uncontrollable world around us.

www.theshac.com.au

Open Fri-Mon 10am-4pm at 74-76 Hoddle St Robertson



Emma Elise Petterson *Banksia & Eucalyptus*

And at Spud Lane

WTF Cubist Still Life Exhibition With a sideways glance at French Cubism, Ric Abel explores and reinterprets its Modernist aesthetic. The show opens in Spud Lane Studios on Saturday 2nd April @ 1.30pm with an opening address by multi-award winning artist and environmentalist, Haydn Wilson; and continues until 24th April. www.spudlane.com.au/



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Calendar of Events

Through April	Exhibitions See p 12	The SHAC & Spud Lane
Tuesday 5 April 5pm	Community Assoc Meeting	CTC Robertson see p 7
Thur 7 April 5pm-7pm	Robertson Village Place Plan	CTC Robertson see p 8
Thur 7 April- Sun 1 May	Potato Festival Art Prize Exhibition	CTC Robertson see p 11
Fri 8 April 7.30pm	REPS Public Meeting	CTC Robertson see p 9
Sun 10 April 2.30pm Café opens at 2pm	Cinema—Mediterraneo	CTC Robertson see p 11
Sun 10 April	Robertson Village Place Plan	At Robertson Market see p 8
Sun 10 Apr & Sun 8 May 8.30-2pm	Robertson Market	School of Arts ph 0408 238 575
Sun 24 April	Cockatoo Run in Robertson	Robertson Railway see p2
Sat 30 April-Sun 1 May	Robertson Potato Festival	Robertson Show Ground see p3
Fri 29 April—Sun 1 May	The Appleton Ladies Potato Race htg.org.au/eventsandboxoffice	Highlands Theatre Group at School of Arts
Sat 14 May 2pm-4pm	Music Café—J&B Troubadours	CTC Robertson See p11
Sat 28 May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	Burrawang School of Arts
Mondays 6.30pm-7.45pm	Yoga and Meditation	White Lotus Yoga Studio
Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Robertson RFS Meeting	Robertson Fire Station see p9
Tuesday 10am-2pm	Robertson Men's Shed Days	Men's Shed (behind the CTC)
Fridays 10am-1pm	Women's Shed	
Sat 9am-10.30am	Crop Swap	CTC Robertson
Church Services	St John's Church Services	See p 6 for details
Sunday Mass	St Peter's Burrawang	Call Ph 4868 1931

Please contact me for assistance with any Commonwealth Government issue

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