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## Rainforest Future in Good Hands!



Oscar proudly shows off his YoungREPS T-shirt

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YoungREPS was launched at a special presentation at Robertson Public School on 29 February. "Old" REPS—Robertson Environment Protection Society

was established in 1990 with the mission of protecting and enhancing the Robertson environment. REPS has partnered with the School to form YoungREPS to work on a propagation project within the school grounds to provide endemic species to landowners for rainforest rehabilitation. The project is supported by Wingecarribee Shire Council, the NSW Government Department of Environment Saving Our Species program and the Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop. There is plenty of enthusiasm from the young people and knowledge from REPS and Bushcare Groups—the only thing in short supply are the seeds and tube-stock for the local rainforest species. Find out about how you can help on page 4.

## Potato Festival Launches Scarecrow Comp

Robertson Potato Festival is on May 4-5 at Robertson Showground. A new feature this year is the Scarecrow Competition. If you need help there are how to build instructions provided! Find out more on pages 2-3.



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# “Robspudson” Potato Festival

The vibrant town of Robertson, known as potato growing country, is all set to paint the town red, or should we say, brown, with the much-anticipated 2024 Robertson Potato Festival. This year, the festival has renamed the town to "Robspudson" in celebration of its rich potato heritage and the festival.

'Robspudson' is excited to announce that internationally acclaimed band Dragon will be the star attraction of this year's event, set to perform on Sunday, May 5th. Their electrifying performance will be an absolute showstopper at the festival, adding a touch of nostalgia that will get everyone in the groove.

And if you're into Neil Diamond, multi-MO award winner, Peter Byrne, is bringing his 'Forever Diamond' tribute show. 'Forever Diamond' is a 50-year tribute to the music of Neil Diamond covering albums from 'Hot August Night', 'Love at The Greek', 'Beautiful Noise' and the 'Jazz Singer'. With hits including 'Cracklin Rosie', 'Solitary Man', 'Sweet Caroline', 'Song Sung Blue', plus the Grammy Award-winning duet 'You Don't Bring Me Flowers.' Peter has been endorsed by Neil Diamond himself as one of the best shows the musical legend has witnessed!

For all food aficionados, the "Master Spud" cooking stage is a must-visit. This year, it will feature none other than Julie Goodwin, the inaugural MasterChef series winner. She will showcase her culinary expertise over both days of the festival, offering a treat for the tastebuds that you won't want to miss.

The excitement doesn't stop there, as the festival has a range of fantastic competitions and prizes lined up for festival-goers. The highly anticipated "Hessians on the Field" competition offers a first prize of \$1,000 cash and prizes for categories totaling over \$2,000.

Additionally, the pets section is back by popular demand, giving your furry friends a chance to shine and win exciting prizes. The talented Emma Watkins 'Emma Memma' (previously the Yellow Wiggle) will be one of the very special judges.

New to this year's festival is the 'ScareCrow Competition,' generously sponsored by Bowral Co-Op. The competition promises, not only exciting prizes but also a "viewer's choice" award, adding an element of fun and community involvement. The Bowral Co-op is offering 'how to build' instructions and all the materials needed to create a winning entry. These can be found here [potatofestival.com.au/scarecrow-competition/](http://potatofestival.com.au/scarecrow-competition/)

For those who appreciate the heritage of farming, the Berrima Old Machinery Club will once again showcase vintage farming equipment from yesteryear, bringing a touch of nostalgia to the event.

"Seb," the Festival mascot, will be back after debuting last year and being hit with the kids (and the big kids).

The Potato Festival is a staple of Robertson's community spirit and celebrates its agricultural roots. With a blend of music, food and friendly competition, the festival is a highlight of the year that brings people from all walks of life together.

Join the Festival for a weekend of spud-tacular fun, entertainment, delicious food and camaraderie. Robspudson is where you need to be May 4-5, 2024! Don't miss out on the festivities that celebrate the heart and soul of this charming potato-growing town.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit the Festival website [www.potatofestival.com.au](http://www.potatofestival.com.au), and follow them on social media for the latest updates.

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# YoungREPS need seeds and tube-stock

...contd from p1

YoungREPS needs community support to make their dream of expanding the critically endangered Rainforest a reality. How? The backyards and acreages in Robbo are full of “Micro Rainforest Remnants” Single trees or a few clumped together that often have little seedlings and seeds under them. These are precious and are the future of the forest expansion. Even those weedy



pittosporums are a great start to transforming a paddock into a micro rainforest. If you can help by supplying seedlings (under 30 cm) to YoungREPS that would be an amazing contribution to the future of the area and our children.

YOU don't need to do much at all. If you have a seedlings or a tree seeding contact [reps@reps.org.au](mailto:reps@reps.org.au). If you have seedlings they don't need potting up. An authorised plant collector will be in touch to let you know the next steps for collection. Blackwood trees are seeding at the moment, Pinkwood seedpods will be popping open soon and let us know when your Lilly Pilly is fruiting. Also, if you're interested in planting rainforest on your land contact [reps@reps.org.au](mailto:reps@reps.org.au) For more info about REPS go to [reps.org.au](http://reps.org.au) Follow REPS Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/groups/robertsonrainforest/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/robertsonrainforest/)

## Graham Fifield at next REPS Meeting

Graham has been with Greening Australia for the past 16 years designing and delivering revegetation projects across a range of public and private land. These projects have ranged from small scale enhancement plantings to those several hundred hectares in size. He was heavily involved in the Whole of Paddock Rehabilitation (WOPR) program



which combined environmental and agricultural production goals in grazing operations. For the last 3 years Graham has been working with landholders across NSW to help them access the Australian carbon market. He will discuss the opportunities through carbon offsets for landholders to accelerate their farm plans, to generate their own carbon credits, to provide habitat for wildlife, or to secure an additional source of income from planting native trees and shrubs.

Friday 19 April 7.30pm at CTC Robertson.

## Penjing celebrates 1st Birthday

Having recently celebrated its first birthday since commencement in February 2023, Penjing at Robertson located in the Highlands Hive complex is positively looking forward to the next 12 months. While its main point of difference to other nurseries is its large offering of bonsai plants, pots and accessories this has not limited its overall garden offerings. Spring and summer has seen an encouraging growth in outdoor exotic plant sales which has enabled regular new items to be introduced. Increasingly, Zeke advises on gardens and plants and sources and supplies where larger quantities are required. With a wide variety of indoor plants and garden products as well, it is worth regular visits to see what new stock is arriving in store.

Additionally, the extremely popular Bonsai for Beginners courses are an ideal way to commence your journey into this rewarding hobby with the Intermediate courses and clinics there to help you enhance your skills and practical knowledge as you progress. Led by local Bonsai expert Dean Wilson with assistance from Zeke, the courses have received high praise from all attendees. Check out [www.penjingatrobertson.com](http://www.penjingatrobertson.com)

### Robertson Community Association Meeting

Tuesday 2 April 5pm

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Robertson NSW - Highlands Hive is thrilled to announce our upcoming Twilight Opening on **Friday April 5th from 4pm-8pm** to celebrate our first birthday.



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Kick off your evening with a locally

brewed tittle from HIGHLANDS BEER, before roaming the Hive glass in hand to discover bonsai and treasures for your garden at PENJING AT ROBERTSON; or dive into printmaking at PRINTMAKING SISTERS where you can make your own hand print to take home.

Don't just stop at the front shops, continue out the back to SPUD LANE where you'll find artist Ric Abel PAINTING LIVE in his signature style in this hidden away studio/gallery that never fails to wow!

Press on with the treasure trail by meandering out to HIVE ARCADE where you'll find velvet cushions and warm cosy throws to warm up your interiors at THE LOCAL NEST - our favourite homewares shop;

or pay a visit to BENTLEY GALLERY where you can appreciate the finer things in life. After a long working week, you might also appreciate a relaxing SHOULDER MASSAGE at Pan's Massage & Nail Art.

By now your belly might be rumbling, so head to THE BUZZ CAFE for a hot drink or their VEGAN SAUSAGE SIZZLE outside on HIVE LANE where you'll also find artist BRONWYN BERMAN in her studio/gallery with art, hand-crafted jewellery, and sculpture created on-site.

Make sure you pop into MOONACRES SCHOOL before you head home to find out about their fabulous cooking classes.

Find them next to the Big Potato in Robertson, there's parking outside and plenty to see inside!

Read more about the Highlands Hive at [www.highlandshive.com/](http://www.highlandshive.com/)

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# Update from Robertson RFS

The past summer has been wetter than expected and you've probably noticed how much your grass likes these conditions. There's lots of long grass around in the district, in yards, paddocks and roadsides. Whilst it is green now it doesn't take many days of warm, dry,



windy conditions or frost to dry it off and make it a fire risk. So please cut or slash your grass regularly even as we come into cooler weather. The leaves are starting to fall in Robertson so please continue to clean up around your property, keeping

gutters and drains clear to reduce the risk of fires impacting your house.

We are expecting to see a number of hazard reduction burns across the region during Autumn. The burns will take place as favourable weather conditions allow. The burns are planned using the medium term weather forecasts but can change date at short notice as a clearer picture of conditions allows.

These burns reduce fuel loads, lessening the intensity of a bush fire should they occur, and enhance the protection of homes against bush fires. We may see smoke from burns in the Highlands or Sydney. Residents in smoke-affected areas should minimise outdoor activities, secure doors and windows, shelter pets, and, when driving, exercise caution by slowing down and using headlights.

**Diggers Military MC  
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**ANZAC DAY**  
Commemoration Service,  
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58 - 60 Hoddle St, Robertson NSW 2577

**Gunfire Breakfast 0500, gold coin donation, followed by Service starting 0600 SHARP**

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Bar open from 0630-1030, followed by 2up starting 1200 at Robertson Public House & Kitchen

Those with respiratory or heart conditions, especially asthmatics, are advised to take necessary precautions, follow treatment plans, and keep medications readily available.

For a comprehensive list and map of scheduled hazard reduction burns in the coming season, visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/hr](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/hr)

Please remember while you may see and smell smoke from hazard reduction burning, only call Triple Zero (000) if you see a fire without a fire truck present. You can also check the Hazards Near Me app to see whether smoke is from something nearby that emergency services are already aware of.

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# Maybe that bit of land could be used for....

The Op Shop is the latest in a line of community organisations who have made enquiries and representations in regard to using the block of land between the CTC and AgriWest for community purposes. It is said to have originally been the Police horse paddock.



As is widely known, the Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop is looking for a new home as the site it is currently on is being developed. The Robertson Community Association recently made representations to Council to see if it could help with gaining access to this empty block to accommodate a temporary structure for the Op Shop. Council contacted our local member Wendy Tuckerman who raised the issue with Steve Kamper MP, Minister for Lands and Property. This response from the Minister to Ms Tuckerman was provided to the Community Association.

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 October 2023, on behalf of Wingecarribee Shire Council (Council), regarding the use of Crown land at 56 Hoddle Street1, Robertson (Lot 12 Section 18 DP 758882), the former site of NSW Police. I appreciate the reasons that prompted you to write and note Council's intention to install temporary structures on the site for use as an Op shop.

I am advised that the Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands' (the Department) position has not changed, since your last representation in 2022, despite Council's revised proposal to use temporary structures instead of erecting a new building.

The site is reserved for 'Police Purposes' and the proposed use is inconsistent with the reserve purpose and NSW Police has not changed its previous position of not wanting to relinquish its interest in the land. Furthermore, the land is still subject to two undetermined Aboriginal land claims, and native title interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) apply.

Even if the above issues were able to be addressed, access to the land would need to be consistent with the Department's direct negotiation policy on the sale, lease or license of Crown land.

The Department has also considered the possibility of a licence, however, a short-term licence is not suitable as these licences are granted for purposes that are less than 12 months. Unfortunately, the installation of temporary structures for an Op shop is inconsistent with the purposes for which a short-term licence can be considered.

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# New Faces at Robertson Pharmacy



New pharmacist Ryan with pharmacy assistant Gail. Photo: Robertson News.

After almost 6 years, Tim and Tristin Hewitt's and Nicola's time at Robertson Village Pharmacy ended on 29 February. "It's been a privilege to serve and get to know the eclectic bunch of personalities that make Robertson the town it is, and we wish to thank all our customers, many of whom we consider friends, for supporting their local community pharmacy...(an endangered species!)," they announced on Facebook. "The good news is that we leave you in the very safe hands of the good folk from Bowral Amcal Pharmacy, Bhish, Dharmita & Ryan (all locals!), who are the next best pharmacists in NSW".

# Robertson Audiology Service

Introducing Jade, your trusted audiologist and newest addition to the Robertson community. With a passion for enhancing lives through better hearing, Jade has served clients across Sydney with convenient at-home hearing care services over the past seven years.

After spending much time in Robertson over the past few years, Jade hopes to follow in her family's footsteps, and relocate her life to the area she has become attached to. Jade is excited to extend her expertise and caring touch to the Robertson and Highlands community, aiming to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those seeking quality hearing solutions.

# Donate in Memory of Dr Susan Locke

Many community members would have been patients of Dr Susan Locke who served as a GP in Robertson for many years. Dr Locke's family have shared this information about her and invite people to make a gift towards a cause that she was so passionate about.

Dr. Susan Locke was a wonderfully intelligent and curious woman, a loving wife and mother, and an exceptional doctor who brought a warmth into the lives of those around her. Those who had the privilege to know her loved her for her strength of character, unfailing sense of independence, staunch advocacy of women's rights, love of learning, and her deep compassion.



An esteemed doctor who specialised in occupational medicine, family planning, and public health, Susan worked throughout her practical career to deliver holistic care with remarkable empathy to her patients. She was specifically supportive of innovative medical studies for Frontotemporal Aphasia, contributing to this research even as she herself suffered from the condition. Susan was part of the FRONTIER brain donor

program, and the team extend their heartfelt thanks to Susan's family for their continued support. Susan loved delving deep into history, immersing herself in new cultures through travel and extensive reading, discussing politics with her girlfriends, stealing the dance floor with her husband, and sharing cups of tea with her grandchildren.

Dr Locke passed away on 28 January 2024, surrounded by her beloved family. It was her most determined wish to continue contributing to research on Frontotemporal Aphasia and Dementia, even after her passing. In an effort to fulfil this wish, her family invites you make a contribution below. Advances into understanding neurodegenerative diseases like Frontotemporal Aphasia and Dementia at FRONTIER, are made possible by the generous support of donors.

Find out more about this research and make a donation at [www.sydney.edu.au/brain-mind/our-clinics/frontotemporal-dementia-clinic.html](http://www.sydney.edu.au/brain-mind/our-clinics/frontotemporal-dementia-clinic.html). To make a donation click on the Make a Donation button and select The Frontier Frontotemporal Dementia Research Group at the Brain and Mind Centre.

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# All About Wiltipolls Shedding Sheep

By Nikki and Geoff Lomman

Sheep and cattle are ideally suited to graze sequentially on the same pasture, as they prefer different feedstocks.



Cattle graze longer grass, while sheep prefer shorter grass, and may graze pasture down to a neat lawn. Running a mob of sheep behind a herd of cattle will get the maximum productivity out of the land and is recommended practice for regenerative agriculture.

Grazing two sets of animals can increase the workload, so the choice of sheep breed is critical to minimise extra tasks. Shedding sheep reduce the workload (no crutching, mulesing, or shearing, and usually no need to treat for external parasites). Wiltipolls are known for clean complete shedding (not all shedding sheep lose all their wool). Most shedding sheep breeds are best suited to dry conditions, whereas Wiltipolls, being bred out of English breeds, can cope well with wet conditions, though they are also tolerant of drought and do well on poorer pastures.

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## Robertson mist

By Geoff Lomman, January 2023

Its around 4 o'clock as Robertson is stilled  
By mist wafting across the glossy, green field  
Bringing a sense of mystery, the shroud belies  
A contentment so deep that the world disappears awry

And moving white dots are vaguely seen  
Through misty gaps, grazing sheep are on the green  
Times past, what was hidden deep within the misty scene?  
We know, at least, brown swamp wallabies had been

Big, red beaked, black swamp hens  
Fly quickly to the reedy dam, safe in their nature pens  
They venture to edges of the plush pasture sheen  
In late afternoon, again to be seen

Very high on the end of dead branches of twisted woody gum  
The ever-present highland parrot, shows off its red and green plum  
While way below, a little magpie pecks red soil, searching worm prime  
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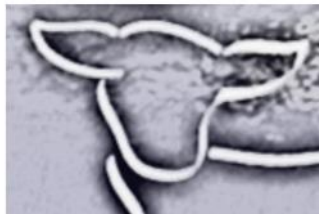
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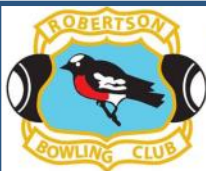
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Thur Apr 25 - Anzac Day with Two Up

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Sun May 19 - Cockatoo Run Train+Race for Ralph  
Fundraiser

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# The Spirit of Robertson

By Atul Joshi

It began with an idea I had in 2022 and took to the CTC, to help Robertson residents write stories about our hometown through a series of writing workshops I'd lead, and to collect the resulting writing into an archive of local history. That first attempt didn't get off the ground when our initial grant application wasn't successful. Fast forward a year later to 2023 and our second attempt at a grant WAS successful, thanks to the belief of the Southern Highlands Community Foundation in the project. Time had matured the idea a little more, so that the project now also emphasised the development of creative writing skills in the participants. So, after a hurried call out, after which we nervously waited on registrations, wildly hoping we might get 15 or 20 and secretly thinking, well, just getting a couple would be a start, we ended up with a cohort of 12 participants. By the time we got to the first class in late October, that number had dropped to 10 and, given the nature of the workshops which involved quite intense work with each participant, this ended up being the perfect number.

We had three terrific guest speakers in writers Kylie Needham, Jackie Bailey and Nigel Featherstone and we read some classic and contemporary writing from other writers (Capote, Chekov etc.), to learn about technique such as character, setting and point of view. All participants consistently wrote through the whole six-week program, received feedback from me as the workshop leader and from each other as colleagues — it was incredible to see the writing improve each week. That initial idea of creating a local archive of stories and history also changed as participants brought their own personalities and ambitions to the workshop. They wrote stories about their homeland and people they

knew there, or about reconnecting with their ancestral roots; they wrote about their childhoods, about family history; they wrote fiction inspired by Robertson settings and they wrote about how they first came to town. In the end, my personal discovery was that telling stories about Robertson wasn't about how farming first arrived or how the early colonists changed the landscape or how the Big Potato got built. Stories are personal things and writing is, in part, an act of confession telling us something about the writer. The collection of stories we ended up with was true to the spirit of Robertson because the people writing them lived here and the concerns and backgrounds in their stories reflected the makeup of the town as we know it now.



Some workshop participants—L to R—Michael Breen, Darren Pickering, Atul Joshi, Mark Turner, Cathy Lawson, Christine Shipp, Jenny Kena Image: CTC Robertson

Please enjoy this taster from one of our writers to whet your appetite. You can read the excerpts of the writing produced by a selection of our participants through this workshop at this link [www.robertsonctc.org.au/spiritofplace.html](http://www.robertsonctc.org.au/spiritofplace.html)

*She discovered that the newsagency and supermarket were key businesses in town - not only providing essentials but run by proprietors who could be relied upon for advice and knowledge on everything that needed to be known. "What are you doing this evening?" asked the Supermarket owner. "Having dinner with A and A" she revealed. "Well then you had better buy a bottle of red to take" she advised. "They have just been in and they will be serving you beef."*

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## Singing is Amazing!

This was the message from singing teacher Trudee Green to the wonderful group who gathered at the CTC for *Take Your Singing Beyond the Shower!* It was so much fun that most of the group wanted to do it again and Trudee is up for it.



Everyone is invited to come and have a sing at another workshop with

Trudee on **Saturday 27 April from 1.30-3.30pm**. There will be a small fee of \$10 which can be paid on the day. **But please let us know by email or phone if you are going to be there.**

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# Creative Space brings its Annual Art Show to the CTC!

By Tania McInnes

2024 marks the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show showcasing diverse works by the community of Makers and Creators of Vinnies' Creative Space Southern Highlands. This year, the exhibition will be held at Robertson's very own CTC during April and May with a special Mid show event set to celebrate with the whole community on Saturday 4 May at 2pm. [Editors note—pop in to the Potato Festival while you are here in Robertson!].

"After 2 years at our new venue in Bowral, and many years on the ARTS Trail, we felt it was time for something



different - a new challenge and a fresh audience," says Creative Space Team Leader Tania McInnes. "As well as Workshops and Open Studio access, our mission includes supporting people to participate in exhibiting and

professional development experiences," she says. A mix of media will be on display with most for sale as well. Expect ceramic bowls, gem trees, paintings, collage, jewellery, textiles and more - all at affordable prices.

"We hope visitors and locals will visit during normal CTC hours as well as attending the Celebration Event; it will be a great way to meet the Makers and to hear the stories of their work," says McInnes. "The event will have a wonderful atmosphere. Our good friends from River Road Creativity Academy will be bringing their Mobile Music Studio complete with an opportunity to record music and create a podcast! The Annual Art Show Celebration Event will feature a Guest Speaker and delicious food to share. The CTC Coffee corner will also be in full swing for those keen to purchase a mid-afternoon pick me up!

Find out more at about the exhibition, the celebration event and Creative Space at [www.facebook.com/CreativeSpaceSouthernHighlands](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeSpaceSouthernHighlands)

## Calendar of Events

Tues 2 April 5pm	Community Association	CTC see p4
Fri 5 April 4-8pm	Twilight Event	Highlands Hive see p5
Thur 11 April—Sat 1 June, Celebration 4 May	Creative Space Annual Art Show	CTC see p12
Sat 13 April Feb 2-4pm (café opens 1.30pm)	Music Café with Peter Campbell	CTC see p11
Sun 14 April, 12 May 8.30-2pm	Robertson Market	School of Arts ph 0408 238 575
Sun 14 April	Cockatoo Run Train and Folk Music	Robertson Bowling Club see p7
Fri 19 April 7.30pm	REPS—Graham Fifield	CTC see p4
Saturday 20 Apr & 18 May 8-11pm	Old Time Dance	School of Arts Ph 0427 975 645
Sun 21 April 1-4pm	SEW Good	CTC see p11
Thur 25 April	Anzac Day with Two Up	Robertson Bowling Club see p7
Thur 25 April 6am	Anzac Day Service	Diggers MMC see p 9
Sat 27 April 1.30-3.30pm	Singing Workshop	CTC see p11
Sat 4-Sun 5 May	Robertson Potato Festival	Showground see p1-3
Sun 12 May 2pm (café opens 1.30pm)	Cinema Café TBC	CTC
Sat 18 May	Martini Henrys popular acoustic duo	Robertson Bowling Club see p7
Sun 19 May	Cockatoo Run Train and Race for Ralph	Robertson Bowling Club see p7
Fridays & Saturday nights	Jimmy Nardello dinners	Moonacres Kitchen see p5
Every Mon from 12.30pm Every Tues from 6.30pm	Table Tennis Line Dancing	Robertson Bowling Club
Wed-Sat 9.30am-1pm & Market Days	Op Shop Open	The Burrow
Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Robertson RFS Meeting	Robertson Fire Station
Tues 9.am-3pm Wed 6-9pm TBC Fridays 9am-3pm	Men's Shed Mixed Women's Shed	Men's & Women's Shed (rear CTC)
First Monday of month 1.30pm	Robertson Garden Club Meeting	Showground
Every Sat 9am-10.30am	Crop Swap	CTC Robertson
Church Services Kids & Youth	St John's Church <a href="http://www.robboanglican.org">www.robboanglican.org</a>	Ph: 4885 1210 or check website
Sunday Mass	St Peter's Burrawang	Ph 4868 1931

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