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The Big Babe!

By Michelle Hall,
Robertson Business Chamber

Babe the movie came to our movie screens in 1995, and now, 30 years on, Robertson is celebrating this iconic movie.

As part of the celebrations we have been able to paint the Big Potato into the famous Pig with many thanks to our local Friendly Grocer for allowing us to do so and with your amazing support.

Samuel Hall, a wonderful mural artist has done numerous murals around the Southern Highlands and has strong ties within our community. When approached for this project, Samuel was ecstatic to

be part of it all and share the community's celebration.



as other *Babe* related events (stay tuned).

The Business Chamber also has a *Babe* Country Fair planned for the October long weekend as well



Samuel doing the final touches Photos J Kena

Will Robertson return to being the home of the Big Potato after the celebrations? Yes! The Potato will return to its former glory by the end of the year.

A massive thank you to Shane from Action Hire Mittagong for donating the much needed boom lift.

STOP PRESS! There will be an official community launch of the completed mural on Friday 28 March at 2.30pm. More info robbobuschamber@gmail.com Ph 0408 425 937

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Help Shape Wingecarribee Shire Council's Communications and Engagement Strategy



Wingecarribee Shire Council is calling on residents to help shape its Communications and Engagement Strategy 2025-2029. This strategy will guide how Council shares

information about services, events, and projects while ensuring the community has a meaningful voice in key decisions.

Wingecarribee Mayor Jesse Fitzpatrick encouraged residents to get involved, emphasising the importance of local input.

“We’re working to build a more informed and connected Shire, and your feedback is essential. This is your opportunity to tell us how you prefer to receive updates, what topics matters most and how you want to be involved in decisions that affect your community.” he said.

The strategy will focus on two key areas:

Communications - how Council shares information to keep the community informed.

Community engagement - how Council listens to and gathers feedback from the community.

Residents can have their say through online and in-person engagement activities running until Monday, 7 April 2025. To learn more and participate, visit Participate Wingecarribee: <https://participatewingecarribee.wsc.nsw.gov.au/ces>



Following consultation, community feedback will be reviewed and used to develop the Draft Communications and Engagement Strategy 2025-2029. The draft will be presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 21 May 2025, before being placed on public exhibition for further input prior to adoption.

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Robertson Community Association Meeting

Tuesday 1 April 5pm

CTC Robertson

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Lots of School Holiday Fun in Robertson!



There are plenty of fun things to do in Robertson in the autumn school holidays. Starting with a **Family Movie Night on Saturday 12 April** at Robertson Bowling Club presented by Robertson Public School P & C and the Club—entry is a gold coin donation.

At CTC Robertson there are two free events— **Comic Drawing workshops on Wednesday 16 April** with illustrator Marcelo Baez and a **screening of the movie *Runt* (PG) on Wednesday 23 April**. Based on the beloved best-selling book, *Runt* is the heartfelt and hilarious tale of eleven-year-old Annie Shearer and her best friend Runt, an adopted stray dog with remarkable abilities. In a bid to save their family farm, the two aspire to compete in the Agility Course Championships at the prestigious Krumpets Dog Show in London, whilst overcoming hurdles, obstacles and nefarious villains. Free ice cream for 16 and under! Find out more and book at robertsonctc.org.au/schoolholidayfun.html



There will be an **Easter Sunday Egg Hunt at 2pm on Sunday 20 April** at Robertson Public House—bookings essential at robertsonpublichouse.com.au/events/easter/ There is live music from 12-3pm.

And Robertson Bowling Club is having an **Easter Colouring In Competition**—entries close Friday 18 April. And don't forget the **Burrawang Easter Markets on Saturday 19 April**.

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Robertson Hotel Celebrates Centenary with Historic Photos




Hope Waters & Quentin Waters studying the display. Image: Robertson Hotel Facebook, used with permission.

For their recent centenary celebrations The Robertson Hotel added a series of historical photos to the short hallway between the bar and the salon.

The shots show their journey from when construction began back in 1923.

They were also honoured to have Hope Waters with them (pictured looking at the photographs) who is the daughter of Edie Groves, one of the staff back in the day .





Thank You To All The Robertson Show volunteers!

The 2025 Robertson Show was another great community event that would not happen without the hard work of the many volunteers involved. Everything you do is much appreciated!

Is there a NSW Government issue I can help you with?

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Shed Life

Robertson Men's & Women's Shed

By Varley Bower, RMSI

Welcome to the new Board



L-R—John Kennis, Glenn Dawson, Varley Bower, Andrew Pickering, Bill Sloane. Picture supplied.

This year we've doubled up jobs again. This works well for us sharing the load and being able to enjoy a life of fun and adventure when it suits us.

Co Presidents John Kennis and Andrew Pickering
Co Vice Presidents Debi Gronow and Glenn Dawson

Secretary/Treasurer Varley Bower & **Co Treasurer** Bill Sloane

Thanks to the outgoing committee Claire, Graeme, Kevin and Sharon. The committee worked tirelessly to ensure the Shed stayed viable and vibrant during 2024. It was a huge year and so many milestones. The women were very proud of having a spread in the *Women's Weekly*. Claire helped the Bundanoon women open their own shed and the men produced some pretty 'gob smacking' projects, not to forget all their help within the community - well done.

What have we been up to?

Christmas Trees—the girls were busy late last year redecorating 12 recycled pallet Christmas trees

which adorned Robbo. Well done Debi and her team.

Easter—girls are busy again after being approached to make Easter decorations for town. Keep your eyes peeled!

Bowling Boxes—look out for the new and colourful lawn bowl boxes at the Bowlo

Access Ramp—the guys installed a new access ramp at the CTC. Great job!

Defibrillation Training - Training was completed for the guys last year and now the girls are all trained up. Thanks to Debi, with all her years of experience, we were able to ask all those difficult questions - what better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than thinking about someone's heart.

New Whipper Snipper - We'd like to thank the Robbo Garden Club who helped us to purchase a whipper snipper. This will go a long way into keeping our area looking tidy. (Gonna make my life easier!)

Volunteering & Fundraising - We've had two events already this year. A Bunnings BBQ Sunday 9 March which was a huge day - lucky the rain held off and Wallaby Hill Equestrian Event. What an amazing place and a fun event.

Want to get involved?

Come to learn, join our walking group, meet for morning tea, play cards, get trained and pick up the tools. It's all up to you!

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L to R—Debi, Mao, Graeme & Varley at Wallaby Hill Picture supplied

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News From the Op Shop

By Joanne Mourney, President, Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop



The Burrow has almost completed its first year of operation in its new location at 26 Hoddle St. It's taken a lot of effort to settle in. We've relied on the good will and hard work of our

volunteers, and the recycling of existing goods as shop fittings where possible. The new location has been well received by our customers, as it is much lighter and brighter. A lot of creative work in the larger shop front windows provides a greater street appeal and lures in many out-of-towners who are passing through. We get many great comments about what a lovely place it is to shop (great prices and fabulous customer service).

One of the key drivers of the Burrow is sustainability. While we aim to on-sell as many of the donations we receive as possible, often we find we have donations that are stained, ripped, moth-eaten or damaged. This is why we sincerely request that people check and clean all items that they wish to donate. Otherwise we end up with everyone's unwanted goods - and no magic way to deal with them. Also, unfortunately we're unable to accept electrical goods, furniture or bedding items such as pillows or doonas.

We are about to partner with an Australian company called Upparel - Australia's leaders in textile recovery and recycling - to deal with some of the goods we are unable to sell. This comes with setup costs and ongoing costs of \$3/kg, so everything we send off will mean that there are less funds available to distribute to the community for projects. We ask everyone to please be mindful of this when making donations.

As always, we look forward to supporting worthwhile projects within the community. If your local group or initiative could benefit from a \$1,000 grant, come and talk to us during opening hours, or have a look at our website therobertsonburrow.org.au. We'd also welcome more volunteers to help in the shop. Anyone interested please come and chat with us.



Robertson Garden Club Autumn Plant Sale

Saturday 5 April 2025, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

CTC Robertson, 58-60 Hoddle St, Robertson

Time to stock up on winter veg seedlings and pick up some plants grown locally so they're acclimatised to our unique Robertson climate. And all at bargain prices!

All money raised supports our Community

Next REPS Talk

The next REPS talk will be held at the CTC on Friday 11 April at 7.30pm when local, "Ozzie" Austin will talk about WildlifeLink, a program administered by the Lewis Foundation, a not-for-profit charitable organisation, which



requires the trustees to use the Fund to "contribute towards the propagation, protection and preservation of wildlife". As one of the trustees, Ozzie will talk about progress of the Foundation's wish to acquire suitable habitat in the Southern Highlands and create a sanctuary for platypus and adjacent endemic wildlife. All those

interested in the welfare of platypus and wildlife generally are invited to attend and join us and Ozzie in a light supper after the talk.



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Join us at the Robertson Environment Community Day

DECCEEW NSW & Wingecarribee Shire Council invite you to the Robertson Environment Community Day!

DATE: Saturday 12 April 2025

LOCATION: HAMPDEN PARK, ROBERTSON

TIME: 9AM - 1PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Learn from your local representatives from organisations including Wingecarribee Shire Council, R.E.P.S, DECCEEW (Save Our Species), Landcare, Local Land Services Biosecurity & Good Neighbours Program.
- 300 native trees to give away – first come, first served!
- Revegetation project in the nearby reserve – get involved and make a difference.
- Free BBQ lunch at 12PM.



Environment Community Day

Hampden Park 12 April

REPS (Robertson Environment Protection Society) is gearing up for the upcoming Local Environment Day on 12 April. Everyone is invited and you don't want to miss it! Check the Council's poster on this page for the details of this eco-friendly event. Engage with like-minded locals, receive valuable advice on how to manage weeds and ferals or rehabilitate rainforests. Find out about funding opportunities to support your efforts. Experts will be on hand to answer your questions, and the Good Neighbours Program is ready to connect individuals, encouraging collaboration for effective local solutions.

On the day, SOS (Saving Our Species) will be giving away 300 native trees and leading a tree planting event that you are welcome to participate in if you're up for it. You'll also have the chance to check out the thriving rainforest plantings established by the Young REPS - SOS - Council collaboration. To top it all off, Robertson Public School P&C will provide a free BBQ with sausages, bacon and egg rolls, and vegan options. Let's celebrate our unique environment and join together to preserve, protect and enhance it's future!

Did you Know? Caalong Creek/Hampton Park are great examples of community engagement in action. The tall gums and many trees were planted by dedicated locals, following the initiative launched by Hope Waters and Beth Boughton through a Bi-Centennial Grant in 1988. Under Steve Douglas's leadership, REPS continued this work by planting endemic rainforest species beneath the gums, creating a thriving rainforest understory, with the Council playing a vital role in managing and expanding these

efforts over the years. Locals now have a fantastic opportunity to build on this legacy.

Collaboration between Wingecarribee Council's Bushcare team and the NSW Government "Saving Our Species" (SOS) Program is transforming the riparian zone through Robertson. With SOS's support, Council has effectively weeded large areas to prepare for the planting of endemic rainforest species, establishing a wildlife corridor through our town.

The Young REPS – SOS - Council collaboration has initiated successful plantings along Caalong Creek, with students propagating local species at Robertson School. Young REPS members are committed to environmental stewardship and are enjoying their active involvement.

Don't miss the upcoming Environment Community Day. This event will highlight community eco initiatives and foster collective responsibility. Your ideas and contributions are welcome!

Hello, Simon Lee Here, I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Project Coordinator for the Robertson Rainforest initiative from Saving our Species (NSW State Government). As we work to restore and protect our unique local environment, I



look forward to connecting with the passionate and dedicated community that makes this work possible. If you're a landowner interested in **regenerating your land** where there is currently the Robertson Rainforest Plant Community, Saving our

Species would love to hear from you and work together to enhance and protect this valuable ecological community.

Feel free to reach out, and I look forward to seeing you at the event on April 12 if you can make it! Simon Lee
NSW Saving our Species Project Coordinator – Robertson Rainforest Simon.lee@environment.nsw.gov.au

Young REPS - Nurturing the Next Generation of Environmental Stewards

In 2023, Robertson Public School proudly partnered with REPS to create Young REPS—a school-based group and official division of the Robertson Environmental Protection Society Inc. Young REPS provides students with the opportunity to engage in meaningful environmental activities, fostering a deeper connection to nature while making a tangible impact on our local environment.

What Young REPS Offers: Young REPS empowers students by involving them hands-on environmental initiatives that enhance their understanding of conservation and sustainability. Activities include Seed Collection and Propagation, Tree Planting and Reforestation, Weeding and Native Plant Restoration, Plant Identification and Environmental Education, Collaborations with Environmental Organisations, Multigenerational Learning and Engagement.

By participating in Young REPS, students not only contribute to the wellbeing of their environment but also develop skills in teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership. Young REPS is more than just a group; it is a movement towards a greener, more sustainable future for our community. Together, we can make a difference!

Auralite Opens in Robertson: Ancient Wisdom Meets Modern Self-Care

Robertson welcomes a new healing emporium this month as Auralite opens its doors at Shop 8, 78-81 Hoddle Street (next to Moonacres Café). This specialist shop brings a unique blend of energetic healing tools, crystals, gifts and holistic services to our community.

Founded by Zanne and Kristian, Auralite represents the culmination of a dream that began with a vivid vision. Following their intuition, the couple with their daughter Amari, recently made the conscious decision to embrace a tree change, selling their award winning business in Wollongong - Little Bird & Co Café, Emporium & Healing Hub - to establish their new venture in the Southern Highlands. "We're taking the leap, transforming our dreams into reality, and creating something truly meaningful for our family and new community," explains Zanne, who was drawn to Robertson for its natural beauty and lifestyle.

The shop will operate Thursday through Sunday. For more information about Auralite's products and services, stop by during their opening weekend and welcome this thoughtful addition to our Robertson business community or hop onto the socials @auraliteme or website www.auralite.com.au.

The Time of Your Life

By Mark Turner

Everyone says so, at least most people of my age and older; time seems to pass more quickly as the years advance. It's such a common observation that perhaps it is more than just perception. Maybe time really is a fluid thing, like a roller-coaster getting faster as it accelerates downhill towards that black hole at the bottom. I remember in detail that special meal that I had with the family in 1997 like it was yesterday, but can't remember what I ate for lunch on the actual yesterday. And, where did last year go? It's standard stuff for us to make jokes about the feebleness of advancing age. Perhaps we live in a constant state of denial and it just might turn out to be a joke if we make a joke of it. More likely though, the joke is on us.

I hold on to the theory that the older brain just gives up

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trying to retain the pettiness of life - like a cup that's overfull, the last dribbles just flow over the edge into the drain of the crowded past.

Einstein said that time is different for all of us, depending on gravity, your relative speed, or whether you were paying attention in that science class at school. That same science tells us that if you launch a spaceship at near the speed of light carrying a doddering person and travel for a year, that upon returning, the dodderer is still the same but everyone at home is 20 years older - except for Rupert Murdoch of course who refuses to die and just married for the umpteenth time. Being short of the cash for a space trip, we might have to find other ways to bend time. Adopting the habits of the young might help. We could explore the mysteries of Instagram and TikTok, discard that corded telephone and finally get around to learning about one of the hundreds of apps and functions on the smartphone your kids bought you for your birthday - or at least work out how to turn it on.

Elevenses

By Michael D Breen

There is a little, and growing, group which meets at Nadine's coffee shop on Fridays at 11am. It is a sort of select group because there is no one under fifty years and most are past the 50 mark. There is no special purpose, but there are several good things worth going for. Probably, one of the most common topics and matters of interest is the process of getting on in years. But in fact, the numbers of years since birth have no connection to the liveliness of the person, nor their stories, care for others or just being someone who turns up each week and is as much a reliable presence as Monday as the washing day used to be when I was a boy.

It is reassuring to know that so and so will be there to ask about this recipe, to inquire about health, keep an eye out for a missing person, wonderful stories about the history of Robertson and the area around. Put together there is an enormous pool of experiences and expertise



Enjoying elevenses at Nadine's—photo supplied

to dive into. Another regular topic is transport. 'How do you get from X to Y?' 'And

what is the best time to travel?' 'Shortcuts etc?' Along with shopping news and specials where and how much. It is a good place to inquire about Wingecarribee Shire requirements and some other government matters. You can ask about who is a good handyman/woman, gardening and tradesmen. Health and wellbeing matters are common along with reassurances and empathy for memory not being what it used to be, and the various abilities which fade with the growing years.

Anyway, it is a slot of sanity in the week, a place where you can feel the belongingness of the Robertson community, get advice, swap stuff, get a great cup of coffee enjoy cake on birthdays and have people inquire about you if you are not seen around for a while.

Losing Facebook : a Personal Reckoning

By Bronwyn Berman

In December last year, when I opened my Facebook account for a bit of mindless scrolling, a message popped up from the 'administrators': I had breached the code of conduct and needed to provide a reason if my account was to continue. It looked legitimate. I panicked, clicked the link (*I know, I know...*), answered the questions and—just like that—my account was gone. When I realised what I'd done, I scrambled to recover it, but by then the hackers had installed two-factor authentication, trapping me in an endless loop. After months of frustration, I decided to step away.

When I returned, refreshed and energized from my travels, I decided to set up a new account. But my email address triggered the same two-factor authentication roadblock. So, I tried again, making two small tweaks—a different gender and birthdate—to slip past the machine. For a short time, it worked. Then this morning, I clicked on a message from Facebook and—once again—my account was disabled. The algorithm decided I was a phony. The irony isn't lost on me. The faceless entity that failed to protect my original identity was swift in shutting down the only way I had left to reconnect. And so, I was coming to terms with the reality: I had to let it go.

For over a decade, Facebook was a space where I quietly built a digital home. It held my friendships, my artistic journey, and a collection of pages and communities that aligned with my interests. While I can nobly declare that it was a place of connection and reflection, if I'm honest, it was also a habit, and when it was gone the withdrawal symptoms felt like grief. As I sat with my feelings of loss, anger, denial, something else began to surface—a recognition that perhaps this was a necessary change.

Social media gives us the illusion of permanence. We build profiles, accumulate content, nurture connections, and assume they will always be there. But as with so many things in our digital and physical world, nothing is truly stable. Facebook, like the larger systems of late capitalism, operates with a fragile and extractive logic—it exists to keep us engaged, to shape our interactions, to sell our attention. But it does not belong to us. And now, neither do the spaces we build within it.

It is fitting, in a way, that I have been thinking so much about collapse—about how systems, institutions, and

ways of life unravel. The loss of my Facebook account is not on the scale of global environmental and societal crises, but it exists within the same landscape of impermanence. This experience has forced me to ask: *What do I truly need to stay connected? What spaces are worth investing in? How do I want to engage with the world moving forward?*

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This shift invites me to share on my own terms, to engage more directly, and to explore new ways of connecting beyond the constraints of a platform designed to keep us endlessly engaged rather than deeply connected.

Authentic connection—rather than passive consumption—feels more vital than ever. If we were connected on Facebook, on my old page—whether as friends or as someone who followed my work—I would love to stay connected, in a way that perhaps feels more intentional, more real.

This is not just about Facebook. It's about rethinking how we can show up in the world, how we can build and sustain relationships, and how we create art and meaning in times of change.

Perhaps this is not a loss, but an evolution into a different consciousness.

Let's see where it leads.

[This is an excerpt from a Blog written by Bronwyn on 15 March 2025. To read the full article you can connect with Bronwyn at her studio in The Highlands Hive—Studio Bronwyn Berman—art, hand-crafted jewellery, and sculpture - or via her website www.bronwynberman.com/]

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Prepare to be invigorated and engaged by conversations, debates and discussions featuring some of the world's finest writers and thinkers. Audiences can also participate in live Q&A sessions at each event, sending questions straight to the Sydney stage.

Eleven sessions will be streamed at CTC Robertson —

Thur 22 May Markus Zusak (10am) & Gina Chick (12pm)

Fri 23 May The Moriarty Sisters (10am), Helen Garner (12pm), Alan Hollinghurst (2pm) & Colm Tóibín (4pm)

Sat 24 May Ian Rankin (4pm) & Lynette Noni (5.30pm)

Sun 25 May Trumpocalypse Now (10am), Making a Writer (2pm) & Spies, Lies and Secrets (3.30pm)

Tickets are \$15/\$10 per session or \$60/\$40 for an all sessions ticket. Early bird discounts are available if you book online before Easter—use the code ROBBOLIVE.

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What's Happening at the CTC

Events and interests for all ages!

These past 2 months have been extremely busy with activities and events managed and hosted by the CTC, not just in Robertson but across the Shire.



These included:

- “Tech Savvy Seniors”, mini workshops on various Technology subjects, hosted by Wingecaribee Libraries with funding from The NSW State Library and Telstra. Topics included “ How to use Word; All about Social Media,; Using Search Engines, How to find Audio and eBooks online. More sessions will be held in May—watch this space!
- Along with about 36 other Community Service Providers we participated in the Seniors Festival Expo 2025 at Park Proxi Bowral , well organised by Wingecaribee Shire Council.
- Also during Seniors Festival we successfully

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CTC Robertson
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Bring what you can, take what you need

ran “Make your Own Photo Book”, generously funded by the Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop. Graduates Raffy and Bruno Faveretti are pictured here with our Digital Mentors Margaret Emmelkamp and Jack Kennedy. We also had a free screening of

the film *The Great Escaper* accompanied by Devonshire tea!

Need help with your smartphone, computer or device?

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Coming up in April & May:

- ◆ **CTC Turns 21!** We are planning a special event—advertised separately
- ◆ We will be co-hosting “**Check Your Tech**” Workshops across the Shire at various venues with Creative Space / Vinnies. Contact us and Creative Space’s Tania McInnes to find out more: Tania.McInnes@vinnies.org.au
- ◆ **School Holiday Programs**—see Page 3
- ◆ **Sydney Writers’ Festival** —see page 10
- ◆ **Our next Sew Good Workshop in May.** Bring your sewing and upcycling project, ideas, mending, sewing machine and a friend. Check noticeboards for details..

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Wednesday, 16 April 2025

9 am to 2 pm

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Perfect Timing by Annette Hearne

3 April—31 May



April and May 2025 seems to be Perfect Timing for a retrospective exhibition of pastel artworks by Annette Hearne.

The time span of these soft pastel

drawings is over ten years, which has allowed an exploration of new pastel materials and different techniques. A wide array of subjects, always with plenty of colour and light make this a must see exhibition. CTC Robertson 58-60 Hoddle Street open 10-4 Thursday-Friday and 9-1pm Saturday.

Opening at The SHAC

27 March—21 April

Sarah Rowe "The act of painting and creating collages brings me a deep sense of contentment. ..Each piece I make is a reflection of that process—



a tangible expression of balance, clarity, and peace. This collection is bold in color and abstractly floral, shaped by my strong connection to textiles. I have always been drawn to patterns and their interplay, and this body of work is my translation of that enduring fascination. "

Andrew McPhail

This new body of work in acrylic and oil will offer representational paintings that capture the beauty and variety of the coast and country, such iconic features of our region.

Find out more at www.theshac.com.au/

Image— Sarah Rowe Storybook Garden

Calendar of Events

27 March-21 April	Sarah Rowe & Andrew McPhail exhibitions	The SHAC <i>see this page</i>
Tues 1 April 5pm	Community Association	CTC <i>see p2</i>
Thur 3 April—Sat 31 May	Annette Hearne Exhibition	CTC <i>see this page</i>
Sat 5 April 8am-2pm	Robertson Garden Club Autumn Plant Sale	CTC <i>see p6</i>
Thur 10 April 6pm-7.30pm	Storify Your Business Workshop—The Story Shed	CTC Robertson <i>see this page</i>
Fri 11 April 7.30pm	REPS talk	CTC Robertson <i>see p 6</i>
Sat 12 April 9am-1pm	Robertson Environment Community Day	Hampden Park <i>see p 7</i>
Sat 12 April 4-9.30pm	Family Movie Night	Bowling Club <i>see p3</i>
Sun 13 April & Sun 11 May 8.30-2pm	Robertson Market	School of Arts ph 0408 238 575
Wed 16 April 9.30 & 11 am	Comic Drawing workshops	CTC <i>see p 3</i>
Sat 19 April	Burrawang Easter Markets	Burrawang Village
Sun 20 April 2pm	Easter Egg Hunt	Robertson Pub <i>see p 3</i>
Wed 23 April 2pm	School holiday movie screening Runt	CTC <i>see p3</i>
Fri 25 April 5am	Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast & Dawn Service	Diggers MMC (behind CTC) <i>see p 4</i>
Thur 22 May—Sun 25 May	Sydney Writers Festival Live & Local	CTC <i>see p10</i>
Every Friday 11am	Seniors Coffee Group	Nadine's Coffee <i>see p8</i>
Every Mon from 12.30pm Every Tues from 6.30pm	Table Tennis Line Dancing	Robertson Bowling Club
Every Tuesday 1pm-3pm	Social Tennis—all welcome	Tennis courts Contact Maureen Ph: 0457 236 383
Wed-Fri 9.30am-1pm Sat-Sun 10am-2pm	Op Shop Open	The Burrow, 26 Hoddle St
Every Wed 7.30pm	Robertson RFS Meeting	RFS Shed
Tues 9.am-3pm 1st & 3rd Sat 10am-3pm 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 <i>see p11</i>
Every Tuesday 6.30pm	Meditation Group	Men's & Women's Shed
Church Services Kids & Youth	St John's Church www.robboanglican.org	Ph: 4885 1210 or check website
Sunday Mass	St Peter's Burrawang	Ph 4868 1931

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