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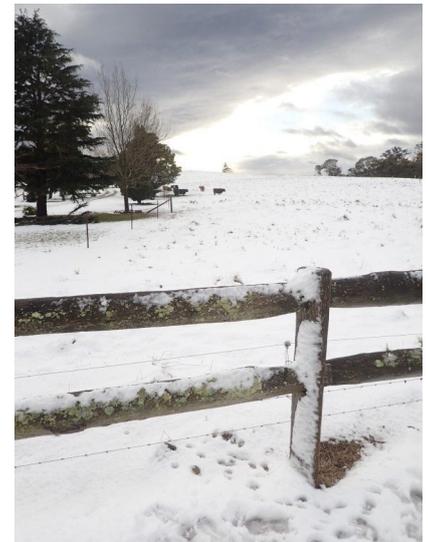
## Winter. Snow. Nature's Beauty

How wonderful to wake up to the freshness of mountain air today.

Unfortunately only light sleet, as all the snow had settled around Bowral, Berrima and Mittagong areas. So with a hot cup of tea in hand we exited west to where the white stuff lay and after several hours of getting amongst it one needed to top up their cup of tea and have a warm lunch.

One gives thanks for the beauty of Nature.

*Glenn Dawson*



## Fairer Taxi Fares

for Robertson/Burrawang/Wildes Meadow/Kangaloon areas!

To reduce drink driving & to make taxis more accessible, fares have been dramatically reduced.

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## Team Rejoice

My mother Joyce Whatman was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease on 22 January 2012 and passed away February 2015. Our family was shocked with this diagnosis. Not knowing much at all about Motor Neurone Disease we were devastated learning how this disease worked. It seemed so unfair. The nature of this disease would take mums life from her, and quickly—her ability to drive, cook, sew, play the piano, sing, walk, talk, smile, give big nanny hugs, eat and breathe. This is everything we do in life everyday and to be told you won't be able to do this in a short amount of time is truly heartbreaking. There is no remission from this disease; no drugs that can help. Motor Neurone Disease is 100% fatal.

Two years ago after mum was diagnosed I ran the City2Surf and created a charity called REJOYCE (hence mum's name was Joyce) I raised \$7500 in a few months thanks to the generosity of family and friends. Now this has changed to "TEAM REJOYCE" thanks to three of my great friends Jo Gair, Natasha Blenkinsopp and Michelle Van Eimeren. My friends have been such a great support to me and they are more than willing to help raise as much money as we can to help the researchers to hopefully find a cause and a cure for this horrific disease.

Jo, Tash, Michelle and myself have pledged \$1000 to MND NSW to receive a Gold Charity Ticket to run in the City2Surf this year on 9 August. Our fundraising page is [everydayhero.com/au/team-rejoice](http://everydayhero.com/au/team-rejoice) and we have almost reached \$10,000 so far. Business sponsorship for our City2Surf Tshirts has been extremely generous and that has also helped us reach our target.

Team Rejoice is hosting The Robertson MND NSW Country Charity Ball on 1 August at the Showground here in Robertson. All proceeds go to MND NSW so we are looking forward to raising as much as we can on the night. All proceeds will go to research and also to families living with this horrific disease.

Tickets are \$65pp, BYO, formal dress, live music featuring 'Scared Stiff', a balloon raffle and a major auction. We will also have a guest speaker from MND NSW. The business community of Robertson, Bowral, The Blue Mountains and Kiama have been amazing in their generosity for our balloon raffle and major auction prizes. We have also had a very special guitar given to us to auction off on the night. John Waters gave us the guitar he played in the 2010/2011 John Lennon: "Looking through a Glass Onion" tour. A very generous gesture from John. We will also have an audio of John's voice to explain the guitar before we auction it off. What a treat!!

You can buy tickets at Café Pirouette in Robertson, Spoilt Hairdressing in Moss Vale or on line at MND NSW. No ticket sale at the door on the night. You can also read more about Team Rejoice on our Facebook page and check out the balloon raffle prizes and the major auction prizes!

We have come across genuine interest in what we are trying to achieve with Team Rejoice. It seems as though the awareness of MND is becoming more widely spread thanks to the Ice Bucket Challenge but also this disease is touching peoples lives, not necessarily family members but friends also. The Ice Bucket Challenge brought \$2.5M to research in Australia. MND NSW will be re-launching the Ice Bucket Challenge with the tag line "Every August

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until we find a cure". This also means that money will be raised to support people with MND because, while they are busy looking for a cure, people need support everyday through this dreadful disease. There are approximately 2000 people living with MND in Australia.

MND NSW only receive 18% funding from the State Government so they rely heavily on supporters and fundraisers like Team Rejoyce to raise funds that are desperately needed for family support like electric wheel chairs, talking iPads, eating utensils, oxygen machines and home help. The nature of this disease is so immediate that a multi-disciplinary team has to be put together as soon as possible to help families cope.

MND is not an easy diagnosis it can take months to

diagnose properly. If you have any concerns regarding your health please don't hesitate to contact Doctor Marice Hely the Neurologist in Bowral on 4861 4489. You will need a referral from your GP or if you would like to read more information on MND the web site is [mndnsw.asn.au](http://mndnsw.asn.au) Motor Neurone Disease is the name given to a group of diseases in which the nerve cells - neurones-controlling the muscles that enable us to move, speak, breathe & swallow undergo degeneration and die.

Team Rejoyce would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has helped and supported us along the way. We greatly appreciate the generosity and kindness of a great community.

*Lynda Leith*

## 150 Years Ago, Our Village Began

Referring to a quote in the June issue of the Robertson News, I would like to suggest that surveyor Campbell and the Campbell who built 'Rossgol' are not the same person.

Much of my information comes from James Jervis' book 'A History of the Berrima District, 1799-1973' (pages 43-46 & 51). He refers to various reports by surveyor RL Campbell about his work in the district and how he divided it into the three parishes, Kangaloon, Yarrawa and Yarrunga. Later he prepared the plan for Robertson Village which was proclaimed on 12 July 1865.

Further on James Jervis says "One of the oldest houses in the Robertson district is 'Rossgol' built by James Campbell, Member for Morpeth from 1862-1874. The house was standing in 1876 and was used by Campbell as a country residence."

Early maps show several properties in Rossgoll Road and south of the village owned by James Campbell. Interestingly, these seem to overlap some of the properties on even earlier maps as owned by the Cotton Company. "A company for the cultivation of cotton has obtained a large grant for that object" (James Jervis p 43). This was at the time of the American Civil War.

The first sale of village properties included Lots 1&2 of Section 2 (current 5-11 Hoddle Street I believe) to James Powell of Berrima in September 1865, but this was transferred to Robert Campbell, government surveyor of Dubbo in July 1868. The electoral roll for 1878-79 lists the names of both James Campbell and Robert Campbell. Another building has since replaced the original two- storey house 'Rossgol'.

I am sure there are people in the village who could add more local and very interesting information to this story.

*Helen Tranter*



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**Winter is “Truffle Time”** and this year the spotlight is shining on Yelverton Truffles in Robertson!

Last year Ted and Barbara Smith produced the biggest truffle ever recorded in Australia, weighing 1.172kgs. This drew an enormous amount of attention to the Australian truffle industry and to Yelverton Truffles at Robertson in particular.

As a result there has been much media attention and in the past week alone there has been an interview on ABC 97.3FM radio and on ABC News 24 television.

So far this season Ted has found a 980g truffle and last Saturday I was lucky enough to be there when he dug up a 600g truffle. I know they are hoping to break the world record! The conditions seem to be just right so who knows. It is exciting! When you go to dig up a truffle you have no idea how big it is because most of it can be underground, so there is a great sense of anticipation.

The Robertson Inn has local truffle on the menu, which is good to see. Take the opportunity to do a tour at Yelverton Truffles or have a meal at the Robertson Inn.

This is your opportunity to try the Southern Highlands’ most exotic “local produce”!

Truffles have been cultivated in Europe for more than 200 years but as yet Australia does not have a strong “truffle culture”. Educating the public and giving them a true truffle experience is helping to address this and Yelverton Truffles is playing an important role in this regard by running their truffle tours. Contact Ted and Barbara for details.

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Jill Dyson—On the FoodPath



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## The Gods Must Be Crazy



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There was some criticism at the time of the release that the 1980's film was condescending towards the indigenous people. Yet this international sensation is one of the most original and thought-provoking comedies ever made and became a runaway cult hit. Sympathetic to the Bushmen, it's a movie that looks at us from the other side - and shows us just how crazy we are!

Rated PG. Film duration 104 mins.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 2pm**

Adults \$10, children \$5 (CTC fundraiser)

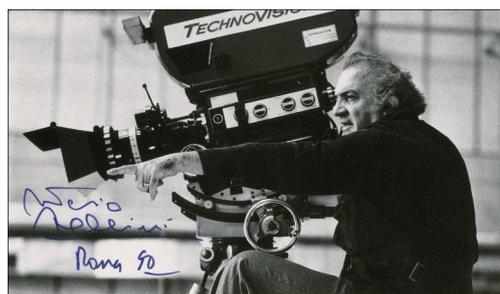
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## An Afternoon with FEDERICO FELLINI



Tony Williams discusses the art and magic of Federico Fellini, including the screening of Fellini's first film **The White Sheik** (1952). Two young newlyweds arrive in Rome for their honeymoon. The girl is obsessed with the "White Sheik", the hero of a photo comic, and sneaks off to find him. In the meantime, her petit bourgeois husband is in hysterics as he tries to hide his wife's disappearance from his strait-laced relatives, who are waiting to take them to visit the Pope.

Film duration 86 mins, plus introductory talk. Rated G.

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**

Adults \$10, children \$5 (CTC fundraiser)

Bookings recommended.

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## THE INAUGURAL BURRAWANG SCHOOL OF ARTS TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

Highlands residents have had a winter clear out, and are throwing their treasures out at bargain prices!

**When: Saturday 15th August, between 10am to 4pm.**

**Where: The Burrawang School of Arts, Hoddle Street, Burrawang Village.**

A huge selection of designer clothing, Bric a Brac, children's toys and clothes, homewares, home accessories, jewellery, antiques and much more. Come and browse and buy from all our stallholders, who have cleaned out their wardrobes and cupboards. Who knows what treasures you may find?

Food and drinks will be available at the Hall throughout the day and profits from the food stall go to the Burrawang Fire Brigade. Easy to park, and it will be on rain or shine. A great chance for new residents to meet locals. Fun day for all. Everyone is welcome.

## Vale Neil Lawrence

Neil Lawrence, the creator of the *Kevin 07* campaign, tragically died while diving with his son Tom in the Maldives. Neil purchased Bert Flugelman's house and studio off Jamberoo Mountain Road and had many friends in Robertson. Neil recently added documentary filmmaking to his many talents and introduced his film *To Spring From The Hand* as part of the CTC Sunday afternoon *Meet the Filmmaker* series. (pictured here)



Advertising and political circles have been in shock since the news was reported on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Kevin Rudd said he was stunned and deeply saddened by Lawrence's death. 'This guy was a wonderful human being first and foremost. He was passionate to the core about the progressive causes in which he believed. Neil Lawrence will be remembered as a truly good man.' Bill Shorten has called the death devastating. Lawrence was regarded as one of the best ad-men in Australia. He appeared on the ABC TV shows *Gruen Nation* and *Q and A*.

After graduating from Melbourne University with degrees in politics, social work and psychology, Lawrence began work with Aboriginal youth affairs, a passion that would continue throughout his career.

He is survived by his wife Caroline, son Tom and daughter Anna.

Neil's Robertson friends are devastated by the news. He will be greatly missed.

*Tony Williams. July 2015*

## Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc.— A Call for New Members and Volunteers

Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc (RHRS) has been an important part of Robertson's community since its inception in 2002. It had its origins in the Robertson Environment Protection Society Inc (REPS). Since then, RHRS volunteers have transformed the derelict railway precinct into a valuable community asset, featuring shelter sheds and a highly acclaimed garden with numerous flowering waratahs and other native plants. Volunteers have restored the station to an attractive facility to receive visitors on the many heritage trains visiting Robertson each year.



So significant is the Robertson railway station complex, it has received National Heritage Trust listing.

RHRS administers the Robertson railway precinct under a lease from Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) and this requires funding. Accordingly, RHRS stages various fund-raising events each year.

Recently, RHRS published a new booklet entitled '80 Years and More of the Mountain Railway', on sale at the station and several other outlets.

Like many community groups, RHRS relies on keen volunteers to keep the organisation operating. Unfortunately, its ranks are thinning and more people are needed to assist with various tasks. These include: running the station; maintenance of buildings and grounds within the railway precinct; the heritage and conservation group; and the Robertson history group. RHRS would also value a volunteer to organise guest-speaker meetings and regular outings to interesting places.

The RHRS management committee meets monthly in the Fettle's Shed Gallery. Maintenance work is undertaken as required. While RHRS has a number of members and volunteers, it urgently requires more to take it into the future and to lighten the load of several long-time, hard-working stalwarts who, like all of us, are ageing and need assistance.

Please join RHRS as a member or volunteer, you would be made most welcome! For further information, please contact Anne Wilson (phone 4885 1598) or Ian Wallace (phone 4885 2848).

# Robertson CTC News

We are delighted that our latest exhibition of paintings is from another talented Robertson artist, Regina Brewster. Come in and have a look.

Computer classes continue each Friday morning. Each class is a course in itself so you can attend one or several. Courses include PowerPoint which is very useful for parents wanting to assist their school-aged children. In October, we will be running a class on creating an address list and using it to print labels; perfect for Christmas cards or other mailing lists.

One on one training or assistance on computers, tablets and mobile phones is available Thursdays, Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Best call first to book a time.

Our volunteers will be happy to assist you with using our WiFi, printing, laminating and binding (and they make great coffee).

For those with a Windows computer the big news is that Windows 10 is available to download and install free for most Windows 7 and 8 computers. Before you install it on your computer come into the CTC and try it out on ours. We will be updating at least one immediately and others after we have evaluated it. You should of course back your computer up before installing, just in case. If you aren't sure how to do this talk to us or your computer technician. We hope to run a talk and demonstration on Windows 10



later so keep an eye on our Whats On Sign outside the CTC or on Facebook and Website.

The next Sunday film is one of my favourite comedies, The Gods Must be Crazy. Look for the separate ad for this.

Hope to see you in the CTC soon, heating and coffee are on!

Karen Mewes, Manager Robertson CTC

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<b>Computer Classes at Robertson CTC</b>		
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<b>7/08/2015</b>	<b>Start Blogging</b>	Create a free blog using WordPress
<b>14/08/2015</b>	<b>Computers for Beginners part 1</b>	Gain confidence with your computer, start using the internet
<b>21/08/2015</b>	<b>Computers for Beginners part 2</b>	More on using the internet, start using email, security
<b>28/08/2015</b>	<b>Word - Introduction</b>	Create and edit written documents
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<b>9/10/2015</b>	<b>Excel -Follow up course</b>	More on formulas, sorting and analysing data.
<b>16/10/2015</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	Learn how to create flyers, greetings cards and brochures.
<b>23/10/2015</b>	<b>Mail merge address list / labels</b>	Create a Christmas card list and print off address labels

## Rev Barry Lee and Mrs Anette Lee Are Leaving Robertson

The Rev Barry Lee will be retiring as Rector of the Parish of Robertson following the last service at which he will officiate on Sunday 30 August 2015.

Barry and Mrs Anette Lee will then leave Robertson and move into the home they have purchased at Basin View on the NSW south coast.

Barry's last service at St John's Anglican Church Robertson – at **9:30am on Sunday 30 August** – will be followed by a farewell luncheon in the Christian Education Centre. All those who know Barry and Anette and would like to farewell them are invited to please attend. To assist with catering, please phone Grace Avery (4885 1481) or Dorothy Nesbitt (4885 2559) if you are attending and/or could 'bring a plate'.

Barry's last service at the branch church, St David's in Burrawang, will be at **5:00pm on Sunday 16 August 2015**.

Barry Lee was appointed Curate-in-charge of the Provisional Parish of Robertson in 1999, later becoming Rector of that provisional parish until 2014 when Robertson was returned to full parish status. During that time, Barry and Anette have been involved in many aspects of Robertson community life, including Barry's many years as the Editor of *Robertson News*. During his time here, Barry taught scripture at Robertson Primary School.

Barry has officiated in many services of baptism, confirmation, weddings and funerals during the 16 years he has spent in Robertson. He counts the achievement of the following two objectives, given to him at his commencement by the Bishop of Wollongong, as amongst his most valued:

- The construction and opening of the new Christian Education Centre at Robertson in 2007
- The return of Robertson to full Parish status as of 1 January 2014

For many years, Barry was active as an honorary member of the Robertson Business Association, which eventually became the Robertson Chamber of Commerce. In their early years in Robertson, both Barry and Anette were stewards at the Robertson Show – Barry with the horses in the judging ring and



Anette in the pavilion. Barry and his daughter Cara also worked with the local WIRES group for some seven years, rescuing and nursing many native animals and birds. Barry's ex-racehorse, *Prince*, was a well-known identity in the church grounds with St John's often referred to as "the church with a horse". *Prince* is staying in Robertson at a local property.

In association with Jack Skipper and Katherine Wood, Barry participated in Anzac Day services at the Robertson and Burrawang War Memorials for many years.

Barry's personal interests include fishing and boating, wood turning and furniture making, golf and, of course, computers. For many parishioners, Barry was the 'go-to' man for solving computer problems. Barry could be described as a 'technophile' and loved science fiction. In recent times, Barry and Anette have taken delight in their first grandchild, Neavah.

Mrs Anette Lee has supported Barry's ministry at Robertson in many ways, including taking important roles with the Women's Fellowship and the Sunday School as well as scripture teaching at Robertson Primary School. We thank them for their contribution and hospitality over many years with us in Robertson and wish them well in the next phase of their lives.

*Ian Wallace*

## Hampden Park Management Committee

**AGM** will be held on Monday 17 August, 5:30pm at The Fettle's Shed Gallery. We are seeking new members to be involved in decisions regarding Hampden Park and its facilities. Meetings are 3 or 4 times a year.

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## Robertson Environmental Protection Society – Public Lecture Friday 14 August 2015 at 7.30pm, Community Hall, Caalong Street, Robertson

All most welcome! Gold coin donation please and supper provided

Pam Cooke will talk about living and working in the Galapagos –  
and will show us some truly stunning photos!

*I have heard tortoise breathing.....* “In the highlands of Santa Cruz, an island in the Galapagos, one day I was quietly searching the shrubs and reeds around the edge of a fresh water lagoon for evidence that a recently arrived species of bird was breeding. I had been standing still for a long time, hoping to catch a glimpse of some juvenile birds. I should have been all alone, but suddenly I heard a long sigh come from the other side of a large bush next to me. The hairs on the back of my neck rose. Who else was there in the national park? Or should I say, what else?”

This talk will be an account of two years spent by Pam and Brian on the Galapagos Island. Charles Darwin, the theory of evolution, the beaks of finches and the residents of the Galapagos – all will be revealed.

Pam and Brian Cooke are delighted to be returning to REPS and beautiful Robertson.

Pam will talk about their experiences in the Galapagos  
Brian will give an update on rabbit calicivirus following his talk for REPS in October 2014.

Lyndy Scott



## Special event in Robertson

Just a note to let you know to keep this date free in your diaries for the Annual RSPCA Cupcake Day.

**Date: Monday 17 August, 2015. Time: 10:00am—4:00pm. Venue: Rockabella's Diner**

All proceeds from cupcakes sales will go to the RSPCA.

For more information see: <https://rspcacupcakeday-nsw2015.everydayhero.com/au/vicki-5>

See you there. Vicki



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## Robertson Doctor

What a wonderful place the Robertson Doctor medical centre is for a village like ours! It was rebuilt from an old café into a spacious medical centre with various consulting rooms.



The driving force behind the practice is Dr Ben Lim. He is a visionary who wants Robertson to have a full suite of medical services which would be the envy of bigger centres. Ben is a GP of great experience and empathy, as are his colleagues Drs Eric Pugliese and Dalia Obeid.

I speak from firsthand knowledge having just had open-heart surgery. I'm now finding the necessary support from Ben and his team to be absolutely first rate.

The practice is impressive for a small village. It's a teaching outreach for trainee doctors from the University of Wollongong plus has a pathology service, psychological counselling, and a dietician. It also bulk bills and this is so important for those on limited incomes. Having a local pathology service is so convenient for those of us needing regular check ups. This little gem in our village is the whole package and an amazing resource. They are also in the process of acquiring an INR monitor which is great news for patients on blood thinning medication. It means that patients can get an immediate reading from the Doctor rather than waiting for the results of a pathology test.

What impresses me also is the belief and commitment to the future of our village that Ben, Pei Wei—she set up the practice administration perfectly, and also runs Yoga classes; and Sue (the ever pleasant and helpful Practice Manager) have shown to make our village a better and safer place to live. This is particularly appreciated by those of us getting on a bit. I feel we need to support and fully use this medical resource so that it can thrive and be with us for many years to come.

*Steve Carey*

## Growing Streptocarpus

Streptocarpus is a worthwhile plant to grow in Robertson and will happily grow on a reasonably sheltered and airy verandah with indirect light. I bought two plants from Dawn Wilson at 'The Willows' about two years ago and although I lost one, the other has just thrived.



The name is a bit off putting being close to Streptococcus, which causes throat infections, not to be confused with Staphylococcus, a type of which is a big problem with antibiotic resistance in hospitals. But there is no relationship at all. The name comes from 'streptus' meaning twisted and 'carpus' meaning fruit. This is because the seed pods from the flower are long and twisted.

Streptocarpus comes from Central, Eastern and Southern Africa and Madagascar. It is also known as the Cape Primrose and is closely related to Saintpaulia, the African Violet.

I repotted my surviving plant into African Violet potting mix and it really grew very well over the spring, summer and autumn periods. The leaves are up to a foot long and the plant has been covered with blue flowers for the whole period. The literature says that the ideal temperature is 18-25 degrees and in winter it can be taken down to 10 or below.

Propagation is by seed or leaf cuttings. The seeds are very fine and are scattered on the top of potting mix. Obviously the leaf cuttings will be true to variety, whilst the seeds may give some variation to the flower form.

Closely related to Streptocarpus is the Nodding Violet, Streptocarpella, and it grows in much the same conditions. One Garden Club member has had a Nodding Violet plant for years, although I haven't had the same success.

**Robertson Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Community Centre, near the Tennis Courts, Caalong Street, opposite Pizzas in the Mist. Time 1:30pm. The next meeting will be on 3rd August. All welcome!**

*By Geoff King*

## Some War News from Kangaloon Public School

At our little school in the green hills at Kangaloon, we have become very interested in World War 1 and how it affected our area of Kangaloon.

On 1 November 2014, when the "Orvieta" and the other ships in the convoy sailed from Albany on their way to England 100 years earlier, we loaded soldiers onto a pretend "Orvieta" whilst "family members" threw streamers to farewell the boys to War.

Landing in Egypt instead of England was a surprise for our soldiers. The many months they had to spend training in Egypt in the hot deserts also amazed us. Because many of us have horses and we can ride, we were all very excited when some Australian Lighthorsemen visited our school with their grand horses. Graham and Neil told us so many interesting things and showed us so many bits of equipment that our soldiers needed to carry on their walers. They even carried spare horse shoes & two blankets. One blanket for themselves in the desert and one for their horse!

Mr Charles Bean did a wonderful job writing about the history of Australia in the War. We have seen one of his "red" books and we even saw his case for his books and cameras at the War Memorial.

Lovely khaki, woollen socks and the lovely ladies who knitted them for our soldiers were very important for our boys. The trenches in France were very wet and muddy. Even duckboards didn't stop their feet from getting wet. Trench foot was a big problem when the soldier's feet got infected and they were very sore.

All the children helped to make a wall hanging for the Robertson Show about how important good clean socks were to our soldiers. We pretended we'd knitted socks to send overseas and we wrote short messages to put in the socks for the soldiers to find when they put on their new socks! We even won a prize at the Show for our effort!

We have learnt that Major General Bridges' family, the Throsby family, lived in Moss Vale. Brigadier "Pompey" Elliott cried when five thousand Australian soldiers were killed in one battle. Sir John Monash was one of our best leaders during the War.

On our recent trip to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra we were able to see many of the things we had been learning about at school. It felt really strange to look at the boat, splattered with bullet holes that had taken our boys to the beach at Gallipoli.

Before we went, we had researched some of the boys from Kangaloon who had enlisted to fight in World War 1. Their names are on the Honour Roll in our Kangaloon Hall.

We had found out from the National Archives about these young men from our district. When we found our boys who had been killed we placed a poppy with the soldier's name in the slot next to his name.

At school we had chosen to study more closely, two boys from the Schofield family, dairy farmers, who lived at "Fernleigh", just near our school. Both boys had gone to our school. Albert Percival Schofield (regimental no. 2981) was the younger of the two boys and he was the first to enlist in Goulburn on 19 June 1916. Wilfred Ernest Schofield (regimental no. 7597) enlisted on 21 August 1917. Sadly Wilf was killed in action on 9 August 1918 at the Battle of Amiens, just 23 years old. On learning of his brother's death in October, his brother Albert courageously attacked a German machine gun emplacement. According to his family he had tried to avenge his brother's death. For his gallantry he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

With money generously donated to the school by the Mittagong RSL Club and the help of Mr Stephen Spence, we were able to purchase a mounted photo of both the Schofield brothers and their medals. The handsome frame hangs proudly at our school.

*Mrs Jill Miller, Teacher at Kangaloon Public School*



**Fitness** It is winter and let's face it, it's dark and it's cold. These conditions are not the most inviting when it comes to exercising. However, it is also the time of year when the kilos creep on quicker than at any other time as we retreat indoors and 'treat' ourselves to a heap of comfort food. No one would ever say that it's easy, and the first time is always the hardest. Every session thereafter gets a little bit more manageable each time. And, if you do get going in the winter months then when Spring eventually rolls round, it will be a piece of cake.

The key is also to find something you enjoy. Exercise and fitness shouldn't be something that you dread doing. If you do, then your current activity choice isn't for you. There is plenty to choose from in the Highlands when you start looking. In Robertson, my fitness classes (**Simply Fitness**) offers a choice of cardio based sessions and strength ones. We also hope to add high intensity interval sessions soon too, and our sister company Lazy Runner offers a run every Tuesday morning, as well in Moss Vale our studio has a range of ballet barre classes.

To get you going though here are my top 5 tips to get you moving in winter! 1) Jump straight out of bed and get dressed before you even know what's happening; 2) Remember that your body adapts to what you train it to do. So train it to get up; 3) Remind yourself how good it feels after your training session. 4) The hard part is turning up. Once you are there - it's easy! For more details call Liz on 0438 294813 or visit [www.simplyfitness.com.au](http://www.simplyfitness.com.au)

**ARTSLAB** UPPER RIVER HALL **LAUNCH WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY 7 AUGUST**  
**THAT SUGAR FILM** [PG]  
 5:30PM Kid-friendly sugar-free dinner & treats available  
 6:30PM THAT SUGAR FILM screening  
 ...followed by a Q&A with nutritionist Dr Rosemary Stanton, and THAT SUGAR FILM Impact Producer, Anna Kaplan  
 FILM: \$12/\$8 – BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

**SATURDAY 8 AUGUST**  
**MONTAIGNE**  
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 Two of the most exciting female artists around serving up perfect artsy edgy pop...  
 7:00PM Licensed bar & snacks available  
 8:00PM Music starts  
 19-17 year olds may attend if accompanied by a responsible adult  
 TICKETS \$20 – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

**SUNDAY 9 AUGUST**  
 In-conversation with Michael Caton &  
**LAST CAB TO DARWIN** [M]  
 11:30AM In-conversation with Michael Caton & Ian Darling  
 1:00PM LAST CAB TO DARWIN screening  
 ...with an introduction by the film's director Jeremy Sims  
 Coffee, morning tea, lunch & drinks available all day  
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### Note from Editorial Committee

Updated Community Directory will be in a future issue.

Thank you to all contributors for August edition.

Looking forward to contributions for the next Robertson Newsletter. Send before September 15

# Robertson Events Calendar

## August

Sat 1	Robertson MND NSW country Charity Ball from 6pm	Robertson Showground Pavilion
Sun 2	Cockatoo Run Ph; 1300 65 3801	Robertson Railway
Fri 7	Computer training – Start Blogging -10am-1pm ph:48852665	CTC@Robertson
Sun 9	Robertson Markets 9am-3pm mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Fri 14	Computer training – Computers for Beginners Pt 1 - 10am-1pm ph:48852665	CTC@Robertson
Fri 14	REPS meeting 7.30pm	Robertson Comm Ctre
Sat 15	The Inaugural Burrawang School of Art, Trash and Treasure Sale	Burrawang School of Arts
Mon 17	RSPCA Cupcake Day 10am-4pm	Rockabellas Diner
Mon 17	Hampden Park Management Committee AGM 5:30pm	The Fettle's Shed Gallery.
Fri 21	Computer training – Computers for Beginners Pt 2 – 10am-1pm ph:48852665	CTC@Robertson
Sun 23	CTC 2pm Sunday Cinema Series The Gods Must Be Crazy ph:4885 2665	CTC@Robertson
Wed 26	Cockatoo Run Ph; 1300 65 3801	Robertson Railway
Fri 28	Computer training – Word, introduction - 10am-1pm ph 48852665	CTC@Robertson

## September

Fri 4	Computer training – Word, Follow Up - 10am-1pm ph48852665	CTC@Robertson
Fri 11	Computer training – PowerPoint - 10am-1pm ph48852665	CTC@Robertson
Sun 13	Robertson Markets 9am-3pm	School of Arts
Sun 13	Cockatoo Run Ph; 1300 65 3801	Robertson Railway
Mon 15	<b>Deadline for October edition of Robertson News <a href="mailto:editor@robertsonctc.org.au">editor@robertsonctc.org.au</a></b>	<b>CTC@Robertson</b>
Thurs 17	Cockatoo Run Ph:1300 65 3801	Robertson Railway
Fri 18	Computer training – Excel, introduction - 10am-1pm ph:48852665	CTC@Robertson
Sun 20	CTC 2pm Sunday Cinema Series An afternoon with Federico Fellini ph: 4885 2665	CTC@Robertson

## Regular Events

1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Robertson Garden Club 1.30pm lki31500@bigpond.net.au	Robertson Community Centre
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Wuka Plukas Ukulele Group 7-9pm wukaplukas@gmail.com	CTC@Robertson
Every Tues	Trivia Night 7.30pm	Robertson Inn
Every Tues	Social Tennis Natalie ph: 4887 7803 1-3pm	Robertson Tennis Court
Every Wed	Robertson Walking Group ph: 4885 2936 Martine 8.15am	Café Pirouette/Butcher
Every Fri	Live Music 7pm	Robertson Inn
Every Sat	Crop Swap 9-10am	Outside Rockabellas
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Communion(1 <sup>st</sup> ), Morning Prayer (4 <sup>th</sup> ) 8am	St Johns Robertson
Every Sun	Family Service – Sunday School 9.30am	St Johns Robertson
1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Catholic Service 8am	St Peter's Burrawang
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Catholic Service 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Service taken by Rev. Michael Earl bkuc.com.au 11am	Kangaloon Uniting Church



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email him at [tony.fountain@raywhite.com](mailto:tony.fountain@raywhite.com)

Winter in NSW Southern Highlands—Friday 17 July—*Jill Taylor*

