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Start Voting Now!

By Jenny Kena

Voting is now open for the My Community Project Program and the Robertson Mens and Women's Shed is in the running for funding of \$200,000 from the NSW Government. Your vote could make a difference!

Earlier in the year, the call went out for community members in each State electorate to suggest projects they would like funded. The projects were shortlisted and now community members are being asked to vote for their favourite projects. What gets funded will depend on how many votes each project receives. You can vote for 3-5 projects and rate them according to preference.

In our electorate (Goulburn), there are 32 projects shortlisted and just one of them is in Robertson—the Robertson Men's and Women's Shed. So every vote will count towards getting the new shed built. Voting closes on 15 August.

Voting can be done online at mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au Start by browsing the projects in the Goulburn electorate and looking for the Men's and Women's Shed project. You will need to sign up to MyServiceNSW and have your Medicare number handy. If you need help using the online voting website, volunteers at the CTC@Robertson can assist Thursday-Saturday.

You can also vote in person at the ServiceNSW centre Shop 6A 205 Old Hume Highway Mittagong.



Carrington Falls Reserve turns 150

Find out all about the history of the management of the visitor infrastructure at this jewel of the Robertson district since it was first notified as a Reserve on 30 July 1869—in Quentin Water's article inside....

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www.trybooking.com/BALJJ or via the school office 4888 2215. Children (5-15 years) \$15; Adults (16+ years) \$25; Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$70.

A simple dinner will be provided (please advise if you have any specific dietary requirements).

BYO drinks – no alcohol as this is a school event.

To continue our Kangaloon tradition, we request that families bring a dessert plate to share and any nibbles you wish.

We do hope you can come along and support this special event.

Any queries, please call Charlotte on 0402 312 890 or charlotte@sewline.com.au



JP Update Meeting

Meeting for local JPs – a chance to get an update on new registration renewal procedures and discuss possible community desk in Robertson Thursday 8 August at 10.30am – 11.30am at the CTC@Robertson 58-60 Hoddle Street Robertson

We are pleased to advise that representatives from the NSW Justices Association – Southern Highlands Branch will be coming to Robertson to share information about some recent developments in JP registration renewal, the work of the association and how a community desk works.

This will be a great opportunity to meet other local JPs and find out about the latest developments.

Please RSVP to Jenny Kena on 0429 826 431 or jkena@ozemail.com.au

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Gundungurra Artist and Historian to Speak at Next REPS Meeting

By Peter Glass, President REPS



The next guest speaker at the Robertson Environment Protection Society (REPS) Meeting on Friday 9 August 7.30pm at the Robertson Community Centre will be Aboriginal artist and historian Aunty Trish Levett who will be speaking about what bush medicines were used and still used today, the history of the area and sacred sites. All Welcome.

Aunty Trish Levett is a proud Gundungurra woman, knowledge holder (Elder) and traditional lore holder from "Mettagong" which is now spelt Mittagong, Wingecarribee (Woonjeegaaribay) in the Southern Highlands of NSW. She resides on the South Coast on Dharawal country and works in the Illawarra as well as running her own business Rite BakAtcha Dreaming. Her traditional name is Kalawarawarra

which means dragonfly. She teaches traditional language, culture, bush medicines, and dance throughout many communities and runs cultural healing workshops.

She is also an Ambassador of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, representing her family on Gundungurra country.

Aunty Trish Levett wears many hats in the wider Aboriginal communities; being a well-known Aboriginal artist who has exhibited in many places including Parliament House in Sydney where she received an award for highly commended. She has sold many artworks internationally, designed logos for Aboriginal companies, designed Aboriginal work shirts and recently designed a pair of sneakers for NBL Sydney Kings player to wear at the first ever Indigenous round of National Basketball League.

Aunty Trish Levett is an Aboriginal activist who is very proactive in fighting for the rights of land, black deaths in custody and walked with Clinton Pryor into Canberra fighting for Justice, and protested recently on the Gold Coast regarding issues affecting Aboriginal communities from all over Australia.

She has been involved with traditional lore holders from all over Australia to help protect water spirit where we are singing up the rivers on sacred land and sacred sites in traditional ceremony to bring back the flowing waters.

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By Wingecarribee Shire Council

Residents of all ages are invited to explore and celebrate our people, places, landscapes and buildings. Wingecarribee Council is looking for images and thoughts

which reflect the attributes that contribute to the character of our Southern Highlands. These will then be used to identify aspirations for the different towns and villages within the Shire and to develop local character statements which the community can consider and hopefully endorse for future planning purposes.

Enter the photo competition & you could win a \$100 Gift Card! The photo competition is open to residents of the Wingecarribee local government area and entries must be submitted online by 5pm Friday 16 August 2019. There are four \$100 Mastercard Gift Cards to be won! The competition is divided into four categories - people, place, landscape and buildings. A panel will create a shortlist of submitted images and then we will invite the community to vote for the winners.

Not all of us are photographers so if you'd like to share your thoughts about favourite locations without the hassle of uploading a photo please do so. You'll be helping develop an understanding of the local landmarks and places that are important to our community. Find out more at www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au/planning

School of Arts Improvements

By John Johnston, Secretary RSOFA

The Robertson School of Arts has received a Grant from the NSW Government through the Regional Cultural Fund of \$99,490 with the Hall Committee contributing \$21,000 to make improvements to the outside of the hall. This work could not be carried out without the Government funding.



Old Roof—Picture supplied

The new work has started and should be finished by the end of September. This work was to replace the iron roof over the stage area, erect a new fence with an electric gate, repaint the

outside of the hall, new signage and renew the front concrete entry. Once this work is complete



New Roof—picture supplied

the hall will be in very good condition something of which the the Robertson community can be proud.

The previous grant from the NSW Government was to build a new amenities block and with these improvements the hall has become an evacuation centre for any emergency that may occur in the area.

If anyone would like to join the Robertson School of Arts Committee please contact the Secretary John Johnston on 0407004395.

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Robertson Events Calendar		
August 2019		
Sun 4	The Whiffenpoofs in Concert 2.30pm followed by Afternoon Tea \$95 Bookings— wombathollow.net.au	Wombat Hollow, East Kangaloon
Thur 8	Meeting for Justices of the Peace 10.30am <i>see page 2</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 9	REPS Meeting—Gundungurra Artist and Historian 7.30pm <i>see page 3</i>	Robertson Community Centre
Sat 10	Kangaloon School Community Bush Dance 5pm <i>see page 2</i>	Kangaloon Hall
Sun 11	Robertson Markets 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Thur 15	Voting closes for My Community Project Program <i>see page 1</i>	Online
Fri 16	5pm Closing date for Local Character photo competition <i>see page 4</i>	Wingecarribee Council
Sat 17	1pm-4pm Winter Wine Lunch —Meet the Maker. Jonathan Holgate /Tertini \$89—4 courses with matching wines. Bookings— events@robertsonpublichouse.com.au	Robertson Public House & Kitchen
Sat 17	Robertson Rovers Race Night 6pm <i>see page 10</i>	Robertson Bowling Club
Thur 22	Willo Industries Auction <i>see page 9</i>	SHAC and Robertson Public House & Kitchen
Sun 25	Cockatoo Run and Robertson Loop Train —Buy tickets for Robertson Moss Vale Loop Train tickets from 12 noon \$10/\$5 and family tickets www.robertsonrailway.org.au	Robertson Heritage Railway Station
September 2019		
Sun 8	Robertson Markets 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Sun 15	Cinema Afternoon at CTC 2 for 2.30pm—The Battle Over Citizen Kane <i>see page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sun 15	Deadline for October Edition of Robertson News	CTC@Robertson
Wed 25	Community Services Outreach 10am-1pm <i>see page 8</i> To be confirmed	CTC@Robertson
Thur 26	AGM of Robertson Heritage Railway Station 7pm	Fettlers Shed
Regular Events		
Every Mon & Thur during school terms	Yoga —Mondays 6.30pm to 7.45pm, Thursdays 9.30am to 10.45 am, Thursdays 5.45pm-7pm 0407 771 828 and email to jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com	Robertson Community Centre
Every Mon	Social Carpet Bowls at 11am	Robertson Bowling Club
1st Mon	Robertson Garden Club 1.30pm Marion Tyree mob 0401425565	Robertson Community Centre
Every 2nd Tues	Robertson Community & Seniors Group 11:30am for 12 start. Contact Vinnie Shepherd (after 6pm) 4886 4344	TBC—contact Vinnie
2nd Tues of month	Robertson Men's Shed 10am-3pm ph 0467 316 070	CTC@Robertson
1st & 3rd Tues	Robertson History Group 10am-1pm Contact Helen Tranter ph 48851394	Fettlers Shed Robertson Railway
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Every Week	Mindfulness Meditation 3.30pm-4.30pm Contact Fiona Brown 0409 036 188	The Robertson Doctor
Every Wed	Robertson Songsters 4.30pm Contact Karen Wilmott mob 0403 044 828	CTC@Robertson
Every Wed	Robertson Knitting Group 10.30-12.30	The Cool Room Emporium
Every Thurs	iPad and Tablets group 1.30pm—3pm	CTC@Robertson
2nd Thur of month	Robertson Women's Shed meeting 5.30pm (starts again in Sep)	CTC@Robertson
Every Fri	Free Trivia/Joker Jackpot/Prize Tombola	Robertson Bowling Club
Every Sat	Crop Swap 9.30 am	Robertson Bowling Club
2nd Sun of month	Open Mic 3.30pm-6.30pm	Robertson Public House
Every Sun	Robertson Railway Modellers Group 1pm-4.30pm Neil 0457 355 970	The Fettlers Shed
1st Sun, 4th Sun	Traditional Service at 8am every 1st and 4th Sundays of the month	St Johns Robertson
Every Sun	Family Service – 10am every Sunday and Youth Service 6pm Sundays	St Johns Robertson
1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 2nd, 4th Sun	Catholic Service 8am Catholic Service 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang

Carrington Falls Reserve Has Just Turned 150 Years Old

By Quentin Waters

Tucked away at the head of Kangaroo Valley is one of the jewels of the Robertson district. Here is where the Kangaroo River plunges 90 metres over the edge of the escarpment into the depths of the narrow gorge, creating the spectacular Carrington Falls. This scene has long been recognised as something special, and for generations now it has been protected and enhanced by a handful of dedicated locals.

Carrington Falls was most likely first seen by European settlers in July or August of 1830 by Surveyor Robert Hoddle during his survey of the ranges surrounding Kangaroo Valley. He had just recently completed his track through the Yarrowa Brush, as a first by settlers, however the district fell by the wayside in the ensuing decades. Then, as settlement began in the Robertson district from 1862 onwards, certain areas of land were reserved from sale for a variety of purposes. One of these reservations was the temporary reservation from sale of a small area encompassing the Falls, for the purpose of public recreation. Reserve 16, containing 749 acres, was notified 30 July 1869. However, it appears that little else was done at the Falls for the next couple of decades.

Then, on Saturday, 17 December 1887, the old temporary reserve was revoked and a new larger reserve was notified in the Government Gazette. Reserve 4,994 covered 1,460 acres, and encompassed the Falls and the valley between Fountaindale Road and Cloonty. 11 years to the day, in 1898, a trust was appointed to care for Reserve 4,994. The Public Trusts Act 1897 had only recently officially sanctioned the appointing of trustees to care for various Crown Land reserves. Now the Governor had previously appointed such trustees over the previous 100 odd years of the Colony of New South Wales, though not under an Act of Parliament, and this combined with the wording of an article in the Robertson Advocate at the time, suggests that this was not the very first trust, but merely an official re-appointing of the original trust, that had most likely been appointed at the time of Reserve 4,994 being notified. Regardless, the first trustees of Carrington Falls were William Harper Walker, Walter Haynes, James Turner Stone, William Vandenberg, and Joseph Evan Williams.

The Falls appear to have been officially named around about 1888, after the Governor of New South Wales, Charles Robert Carrington, who

served from 1885 to 1890. This was in keeping with the naming of the other major waterfalls after Governors Fitzroy and Lowry-Corry, 4th Earl of Belmore. (On an interesting side note, in early years the little known Gerringong Falls was named Jersey Falls, after Governor Villiers, 7th Earl of Jersey, who succeeded Carrington in 1891.) In contrast to Fitzroy Falls however, at that time Carrington Falls was largely unknown to the tourist, lying a mile off the main road to Jamberoo without any access road or tracks. Even Belmore Falls had better access and facilities, albeit not to the level of Fitzroy Falls. However, the trustees resolved to remedy this, and in 1901 they cleared an area for horse yards, and cut a path down to view the Falls. The lookout was on a large rock protruding from the cliff edge, which they determined to fence. That lookout is what would later be known as the Lower Lookout, which was directly below the current main lookout opposite the Falls. To reach it, one had to climb down through a cave in the escarpment that a small creek runs through after rain. Over the years, the Trust continued to develop the Falls area with more lookouts, tracks, safety fencing, and camping facilities. Much of the work occurred during the 1920s in particular.

The Carrington Falls Recreation Reserve Trust was a small band of locals that dedicated their time to caring for and enhancing the reserve which was a function they performed well for almost a century. Two families of the area in particular have been closely associated with the Trust - the Missinghamms and the Vandenbergms. The Bunt/Mauger family has also served on the Trust over a number of decades.

William Vandenberg, son of original settler Charles Vandenberg, was on the very first Trust that began the work at the Falls. He moved to Sydney in 1915, though it took another 20 years before he was replaced on the Trust. His brother Henry Vandenberg was also appointed to the Trust in December 1910. Claude Vandenberg then followed in his father's steps from 1935 through to 1960. Basil Vandenberg was the 3rd generation to be appointed to the Trust in 1975 and continued to help improve the reserve through to its dissolution.

One of the most influential trustees over the years had been John Missingham. John was appointed to the Trust on 10 November 1909 (replacing J. T. Stone who resigned), and served until his death in 1949. He was largely responsible for organising much of the safety fencing of lookouts in the 20's which he got his labourers from the Mill to erect. John Bunt and Mick Royston in particular undertook this work, some of which has only recently been removed. Some lookouts have long since disappeared, such as the safety fencing at the top of the Falls, which was prone to flood damage. That

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fence was eventually removed for good in the early 60's, having been pushed over too many times by floodwaters that roar down over the Falls during Robertson's rains. Another of John's projects that he got his labourers from the Mill to do was cutting the Steps. Missingham Steps are a series of steps cut into the rock and boulders to make a descent down through a narrow slot in the northern side of the escarpment. Over the years, floods have moved the boulders around, so a number of the steps lead to nowhere, and National Parks doesn't maintain the track down to the river, but for the more experienced bushwalker it remains passable. The East and West Missingham Lookouts not far from the top of the Steps, as well as Missingham Creek, which flows through Pheasant Ground and Nellie's Glen to the Falls, are also named after John and the family respectively. John took a great interest in improving and promoting the Falls area, and on one occasion in October 1930 he hosted a picnic at the Glen for dignitaries from the local and neighbouring South Coast councils. That particular occasion was to promote his proposal of opening a scenic road along Hoddle's Track.

Not far from Missingham Steps, on the other side of the gorge, is Stevo's Pass. For many years this was incorrectly labeled "Missingham Pass" by the Geographical Names Board on official maps. The Missingham family never used this pass, and has always known it as Stevo's or Izzard's Pass. From the 1920's Frank Izzard and Massey Westropp used the pass to gain access to the valley below. Izzard was the shopkeeper down where the doctor is now on Hoddle Street, and he had an orchard not far from the bottom (though folklore tells that he also had an illicit still down there as well). From the mid 1940's on, the pass was used by Cecil Stephenson to acquire timber. After the Second World War, he had his sons Les and Eddie build up the top portion of the track so that he could drive his Chevy truck down into the gorge, in a forward/reverse zig-zag down the escarpment. The naming error was corrected following research by Brendhan Waters in 2002.

Brendhan Waters was the 5th generation of the Missingham family to have served at Carrington Falls over the course of the century. In total 7 members of the family have been on the Trust and later Committee. John, as mentioned, was appointed in 1909. His son James Missingham served from 28 June 1935 to his death in 1956. Replacing James was his nephew Gordon Missingham in 1960. Gordon's brother William was also appointed at the same time on 29 July 1960, to fill Claude Vandenberg's resignation. William Missingham Jnr was President of the Trust for many years. Douglas Missingham followed his father Gordon, serving on the second Trust from 1990. His niece Jennifer was also appointed in 1993. Gordon's grandson, Brendhan Waters was

appointed to the Trust in 1983 following Vic Thomas' passing, and also served on the second Trust, and then the Committee.

Victor Thomas was another of the key trustees over the years. Vic Thomas was an avid bushwalker, and he marked many of the trails and passes around the Falls. He discovered (or rediscovered) the shortcut pass to the bottom of the Falls. From his appointment in 1974 through to his passing, he faithfully served as Secretary-Treasurer on the Trust. In memory of Vic Thomas' significant contribution to the Falls, the picnic area on the southern side at the top of the Falls was named Thomas' Place.

Many points around the Falls bear the names of locals important to the locality, though some names' origins remain a mystery. Who was Lady Warris, of Warris' Chair, or Nellie of Nellie's Glen? The family had previously referred to Warris' Chair as John Missingham's Chair, and simply knew the Blue Pool and Nellie's Glen as the Big Hole and the Glen respectively. The Blue Pool was a more attractive name given to the biggest water hole on the creek, a name derived from the sapphires that had been mined nearby in years gone by.

The Trust has made many improvements to the area over the years, including the mentioned safety fencing and opening up of walking tracks and lookouts. The Trust also built picnic areas and barbecues, and the toilet block, which was a brick structure located this side of the ford, after the crossing on the way into the Glen. It was a significant project originating in 1975. The toilet block itself was completed in 1978, though the water pipeline to top up the rainwater tanks wasn't laid until 1982. The toilet block was one of the first casualties of National Parks taking over the Falls in 1986, who were determined it should go. More recently they ended up rebuilding the toilets as composting toilets in a tin shed...

In 1977 Kiama Council built the bridge across the Kangaroo River. Originally Carrington Falls was accessed by crossing the ford at the top of the Falls, but wet weather frequently made crossing the creek and then the river impossible, so the bridge was built upstream. Just recently in 2017, the new concrete bridge was completed, and the old timber bridge removed after 40 years of service. It was the last timber bridge left in Kiama, and the new bridge is half a metre higher.

The most significant change at Carrington Falls took place in 1986, when National Parks took over the Falls, absorbing Reserve 4,994 into the Budderoo National Park. National Parks only took over the valley and 200 metres from the top of the escarpment, so only the immediate Falls area was resumed at the time. Thus on 31 March 1987, after almost a century caring for the Falls, the Trust was

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dissolved. With a much more significant budget at their disposal, National Parks set about a significant works programme in the following years.

They demolished the relatively new toilet block, much to the ire of the former Trust, removed the also brand-new barbeques, and built the steel steps over the gully on the southern side, improving the former muddy track and thereby blocking off the Lower Lookout. Later they built the concrete pathways down to the lookouts. The Trust was reformed in 1990 to care for the remaining portion of Reserve 4,994 that included the campground at the Blue Pool, Nellie's Glen, quarry, and track out along the northern rim of the escarpment. This was also eventually taken over by National Parks in 2001, and in 2003 they then rebuilt the campground at the Blue Pool. More recently National Parks returned their attention to the Falls lookouts, which was when they sparked the bushfire that has closed the Falls for 2 and a half years from May 2016. Looking forward though, the frustratingly long bureaucratic process of repairs has resulted in a Falls even better equipped than before. After taking over the remaining areas of Reserve 4,994 from the second Trust in 2001, National Parks set up a committee to provide local advice on running the Falls area, and it met for a number of years afterwards. Now Sam Demuth, National Parks employee, captain of Carrington Falls Rural Fire Brigade, and local resident, makes it his job to take special care of the Falls, carrying on the invaluable local voice to National Parks, in whose care the Falls now reside.

From: Hope Waters, Jane Wilson, Brendhan Waters, "A History of the Berrima District" 1962, "A History of the Pheasant Ground and Knight's Hill" 2008, the Government Gazette of New South Wales, "Bowral Free Press" Saturday, 24 March 1888, "The Kiama Reporter" Wednesday, 5 November 1930, "Robert Hoddle Pioneer Surveyor 1794-1881" Berres Hoddle Colville 2004, and the Minutes of the Carrington Falls Recreation Reserve Trust, courtesy of Ken Stevens.

Only a Surfer Knows...

By Rev Graham Thomas, Minister Robertson/Burrawang Anglican Church

Over this past month Robertson and Jamberoo Anglican Churches have been hosting three Bible College students from Canada (Dan, Parker and Derek). One of their lecturers is an old friend of mine so we chatted over a few skypes and organized a trip to give them some experience in ministry over here. But it hasn't been all work, today I took them surfing down at the farm! It was their first go at surfing and they did really well, and when Derek dived into the waves at Bondi a couple weeks back, it was the first time he had swum in an ocean!

Now I love surfing, I try to get a wave as often as I can, which is never enough, but one thing about

surfing is that you can't just talk about surfing you need to do it to be a surfer. One of my Canadian friends just loved the idea (and the look) of the boards strapped onto the roof the car. But that's not surfing. To be a surfer you need to actually surf. Only then will you know the real joy of surfing. Years ago, some of you surfers would remember the phrase surfers used to say... "only a surfer knows the feeling."

It seems to me that following Jesus is a little like that. Only when you put Jesus' words into practice and believe in him will you really know the joy of following Jesus (Matthew 7:26). Just talking about it, doesn't really cut it and you're missing out.

Perhaps, you'd like to know more about Jesus? Maybe you'd like to get past the hype of the last couple months or so, especially if you've been following the Israel Folau saga or even in the political conversation of late? Can I encourage you then to get to know the real Jesus and find out what it means to follow him? One way to do that is come along to one of our services, everyone is welcome. Another way is to ask another Christian. But the best way is to read the Bible and the best place to start is by reading one of Jesus' biographies (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). Get in touch with me if you'd like a free Bible.

Finally, in some exciting news for the area, the church has appointed a new Youth and Children's Pastor, starting late July. His name is Jono Beazley, he is married to Amy and they have a baby called Lily. They're a wonderful family and I trust you'll see them around town.

Below are the regular church times at Robertson and Burrawang.

@ Robertson Anglican Church: 1st and 4th of the month – 8am traditional service in the St Johns building

10am – weekly family service in the main church building, with Kids Church and crèche.

@ St David's Burrawang:

4.30pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month. A relaxed traditional service.

Our youth ministry meets every Friday night in term time from 6.30-8.30pm for years 7-12.

See you around!

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Save the Date—Community Services Outreach in Robertson
Wed 25 September 10am-1pm at CTC@Robertson To be confirmed

Services such as Anglicare, Home-Start Family Services, NSW Police, Sector Connect, Barnardos Family Referral Services, Vinnies, Wingecarribee Shire Council, EACH Early Childhood NDIS, Highlands Community Centres, NSW Family & Community Services, Community Links Wellbeing, YWCA and Uniting will be available for local community members to talk to. Further details suzi@highlandscommunity.org.au

Willo Industries Exhibition & Auction at SHAC and Pub

By Pi Wei Lim, SHAC Secretary



An exhibition of the cricket bats of *Willo Industries* will run from August 1-August 22. On Thur 22 August the works will be auctioned at the Robbo Pub at 6pm. There will be a silent auction where people are able to place their bids at the SHAC. Monies raised will go towards supporting people with disabilities around Australia.

There will be several local businesses creating their own cricket bats to be auctioned such as Robertson Primary School, the Robbo Butcher, Moonacres, Urban Tribe, Al Mauger's Judo school, the Robbo Pub.

All locals are invited to the auction night Thursday 22nd August from 6pm at Robbo Pub. Music and MC Nick Rheinberger from ABC Illawarra.

More info about Willo Industries www.willoindustries.com.au

An Exciting New Arts Collective—Needs Your Help...

If you have an interest in the arts, would like to learn more about the arts or keen to know more of our talented Southern Highlands artists – then maybe you can help us?

The SHAC (Southern Highlands Artisans Collective) is a new arts collective in Robertson. We are open to the general public 4 days a week, Friday to Monday - 10am - 4pm. The Gallery is run by a Not-For-Profit association and needs some extra help. We need people who can give us just 3 hours once a week, or once a fortnight or even just 3 hours once a month, to man the Gallery space. Get to meet a new group of talented people, and help us open up to the General public on one of these days. No experience necessary.

If you'd like to learn more, please email Julie York, Gallery Manager: enquiries@theshac.com.au



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Every Thursday - Soccer Club Joker Jackpot and Pool Comp from 6.30pm
Every Friday - Free Trivia - Joker Jackpot and Lucky Member draw from 7pm
Every Sunday - Prize Tombola - Members Draw from 6.30pm

The Club welcomes new members with social membership starting at \$13 per year. The Club is a major sponsor of Robertson's Soccer, Cricket and Hockey clubs. For further information call the Club on 4885 1306.

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Open 12 noon—8pm
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Robertson Storytelling Circle?

By Michael D Breen

'Heard any good yarns lately?' 'Jimmy has a great one about ...' 'Once upon a time...' If you don't like stories, have never heard a good one, told one or read one yours would be quite a story. As kids oldies told us stories, family stories, bush stories, stories from the old country, scripture stories, rainy day stories, bed time stories, funny and sad ones. We heard them from the wireless or from the stage or in the classroom. They formed part of ourselves. They became the furniture of our minds. They tell us who we are. They have helped people understand where they came from. Stories stopped people going mad in gaols, prison camps and monasteries. Bushes, drovers, shearers, stockmen, jackaroos, wharfies, and tradies had treasuries of yarns.

Some of us in Robertson have been thinking about things we can do to keep people from being isolated in our community. We have just sponsored "Dead Men Talking". It is a show about two Australian story tellers, poets and writers, Henry Lawson and Banjo Patterson. Mostly the audience enjoyed the show. So we have been thinking about how we can create something similar for ourselves. Everyone with whom I have spoken about a story telling group has been enthusiastic for us to have a go.

It is difficult to picture a former world without radio, mobiles and TV. We may think people in those remote sheds or drovers' camps were unfortunate not to have devices we have to entertain themselves. What they did have, though, was a stack of songs and stories. Quite a few years ago, at Cudgegong, before it was flooded near, Apple Tree Flat and Mullamuddy, I met Horrie Skinner. Horrie lived in a neat, cosy one room hut. He is the only man I ever met who knew a convict. Horrie explained 'This convict feller 'ed take his shirt off and show you the stripes from the lash. The triangle tree where they tied you was on that second bend in the creek there'.

Horrie's first job was with Nicholas Bayliss who started Havilah Station near Rylstone. Bayliss wore jodhpurs and carried a riding crop. Bayliss was a tough overseer. Horrie was a green teenager. He continues, 'We were putting in a huge strainer post. I waited 'till he was carrying his end over a big mud puddle and I dropped my end. He got his hands jarred. He was shaking, splattered with mud. He was fuming. I said, "You'll need to be much smarter than that to work with me, my man".' Somehow Horrie remained employed. Bayliss is reputed to have brought the poplar tree to Australia and to have been buried standing up.

Horrie also told me of the Cudgegong weekend cricket matches followed by bush dances. The

children were wrapped in blankets and stowed under large tables on which there were three lots of supper sandwiches, 'lamb, ham and jam'. And kerosene tins full of tea. 'There was this feller he'd milk his cows at 2.o'clock up in those hills, grab his cricket bat and his fiddle and ride down here. He'd play cricket all day and play the fiddle for the dance then ride back home.' Horrie lived to nearly 100 and claimed he owed his health to taking as much Condis Crystals (potassium permanganate) as you could put on a threepence every morning.

You, dear reader, probably have not met Horrie. I was fortunate to meet him and be able to pass on a bit of his story. You undoubtedly have many such tales of your own. We want to be able to hear those and for you to be able to tell them. So the idea is to set up a story telling circle in Robertson. We want young people to hear stories from other times. We want people to tell their stories about how they see the world and what they got, get up to.

But there's a catch. There's always a catch. A lot of the stories we hear today are produced in studios with voice coaches and flashy sound effects. There is also highly pasteurised background music. So if someone out this way wants to tell a yarn they may feel it won't be as good as the one on the TV. It might simply be better. We hope to have a story telling circle which encourages and assists folk to tell their stories in a friendly and non-competitive atmosphere.

This is being sponsored by the Robertson Futures-AgeFriendly Community Group Inc. We are a not for profit group of volunteers who recognize that the future of Robertson needs to involve thinking about what kind of community we wish to grow old in. Residential care is not the only nor the best solution.



ROVERS RACE NIGHT

Sponsored by 

When: Saturday 17th August at 6pm
Where: Robertson Bowling Club
Tickets: \$25 per person
Includes dinner
Dress: Formal/Fancy Pants
Contact: Damien Plain
0419 218 161 (text preferred)

\$500 cash to be won

Pre-book and pay for a table of 10 by 3rd August and receive a FREE food platter and 2 bottles of wine!

Plenty of ways to win: own a winning horse, lucky door prizes, heads and tails and Fashions on the Field – add a touch of pink to support breast cancer.

This year we encourage you to name your table after your breast cancer hero. 🌸

Proudly supporting 

Robertson Community Technology Centre

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

The CTC is now warm and cosy thanks to grants from Wingecarribee Shire Council and the Federal Government and a donation from Robertson Garden Club which allowed us to install reverse cycle air-conditioning. So if the door is closed but the sign says open we are just keeping warm, come in and join us.

We are always surprised at the number of people who say they don't know what we do. We are a not for profit group that started 15 years ago to provide computers, internet access and business services to the area.

Computers, Print and Copy

We have a dedicated computer room, printing, copying, binding and laminating services. Our printer does colour double sided A4, A3 with folding and stapling options, it can even do banner prints. Our volunteers can assist and our prices are always kept to the minimum.

Café, Cinema & Book Exchange

We have a small café providing barista coffee, teas and biscuits and sometimes home made cakes and goodies. Local community groups can use our café for meetings at no charge during our normal opening hours and at a small fee out of hours. Commercial venue hire can also be arranged and catering is sourced from the local cafes if required. During the holidays there was a barista course for high school age children. If you would be interested in a barista course for adults please contact us.

Every second month the main café space is turned

into a cinema. The next film on Sunday 15 September 2.30pm is *The Battle over Citizen Kane*.

Looking for something to read? Why not check out the interesting range of books on our book exchange shelf!

Art

We also provide a space for local artists to exhibit with no exhibition fee.



Volunteers Sheila, Kaz and Dan are ready to help you

A large part of our work is still technology based with classes on computers, tablets and mobile phones. As well as some limited

technical advice, we can also put you in touch with technicians if more involved assistance is needed.

iPads, Tablets and Smart Phones

Every Thursday

Every Thursday afternoon we have a casual iPad & Tablets group (you can also come along with your mobile phone). This is just \$5 to join and \$5 each week you attend, we sometimes look at a particular topic and sometimes just work through questions and the issues that people have using their device. It is very casual, just turn up 1.30pm-3pm on a Thursday.

**The CTC is OPEN: Thurs & Fri 10am - 4pm,
Sat 10am - 1pm.**

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Computer Classes at CTC@Robertson

All classes are taught by a qualified and experienced trainer. Ph 4885 2665 karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au
Cost \$65 (\$55 concession/senior) per 3 hour class, morning coffee and manual included. Maximum of 6 per class.
If you can't make a Friday please contact us, with sufficient interest we may put on extra classes or adjust.

Friday 18 Oct	10:00am 1:00pm	Beginners - Basic computer skills. Get started or gain confidence using a computer and searching the internet.
Friday 25 Oct	10:00am 1:00pm	Photos - Putting photos onto your computer from camera, phone or tablet. Organising, simple editing and sharing via email or to social media.
Friday 1 Nov	10:00am 12:00pm	Word - Beginners or Refresher. Learn or update your office skills in Word. Lots of tips and shortcuts.
Friday 8 Nov	10:00am 12:00pm	PowerPoint - Introduction to creating presentations. Great for business or parents wanting to assist their school children with this.

Learner Driver Mentor Program

By Alan Olsen, Chair Volwing

It's difficult to find a job, but if you don't have a driving licence the odds are stacked against you...especially for vulnerable youngsters.

Volwing's Learner Driver Mentor Program gets disadvantaged young adults behind the wheel and on the road to worthwhile careers.



These are the messages that Wingecarribee

Volunteer Centre is spreading to villages such as Robertson about its Learner Driver Mentor Program. In NSW, a person under 25, with a Learner Driver licence (L plates), needs 120 log book hours before applying to sit the test and move to a P1 provisional licence (red Ps). There is solid science behind these requirements.

But for some young people - vulnerable, disadvantaged, maybe as simple as a single parent family - 120 hours of supervised logbook driving, with a mentor, is impossible. In the Southern Highlands, where 82% of us drive to work, a driving licence is critical to get a job. No mentor. No driving licence. No job.

So Volwing stepped in with its Learner Driver Mentor Program, launching late in 2018, aiming for 15 students per year. Already we have three graduates, three youngsters with red Ps.

Interested in moving from L to P? Contact Volwing on 4869 4617.

Free Council Learner Driver Workshops

Wingecarribee Council also assists Learner Drivers and their teachers. The next FREE Council Learner Driver Workshops are coming up.

Graduated Licencing Scheme (GLS) Parent/Supervisor Workshop. Tuesday 6 August, 6 – 8pm in Moss Vale. Parents and learner to gain hints and tips about the driving process.

Learner Driver Log Book Run (LBR). Sunday 25 August, 10am – 1pm in Moss Vale. A practical event for learners to gain actual driving time for their log book, accompanied by their supervisor. Bookings Melanie Lausz on 4868 0888 melanie.lausz@wsc.nsw.gov.au

2019 APRA Art Music Awards Finalists

The Finalists for this year's APRA Awards have been announced and there are Robertson connections with two of the nominations.

Robertson based composer Andrew Ford is a finalist in two categories—Instrumental Work of the Year for his *String Quartet No.6* and Vocal/Choral Work of the Year for *The Drowners*. The Steel City Strings orchestra based in Wollongong has members from the Southern Highlands and has performed the work of local composers. The orchestra was the subject of Robertson based filmmaker Tony William's film *Passion of Music*. Steel City Strings has been nominated in the category Award for Excellence in a Regional Area for its 2018 program and commitment to new Australian music. The winners will be announced on August 19. Further info apraamcos.com.au/awards/2019-awards/art-music-awards/full-list-of-finalists/

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