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# Get to know your local snakes!

Lyndy Scott passes on information presented by Ray McGibbon, Oz Style Reptiles, at a recent Robertson Environment Protection Society talk

Ray gave an informative and excellent talk to a large, engaged audience. He illustrated clearly what to look for with photos. Ray knows his snakes! He's had them and other reptiles since he was six years old. He still has lots – as pets as well as convalescing rescued reptiles of all types.

Snakes found in the Southern Highlands include: copperhead; red belly black; eastern tiger; eastern brown; golden crown, and the Blue Mountains crowned snake, also known as the mustard belly.

The most common snake in our area is the **copperhead** – which happens to be the 7<sup>th</sup> most venomous snake in Australia. Good thing it's shy and not aggressive. Ray relocates around 60 of them a year. Copperheads come in many patterns and colours (brown, black, grey...) and may have no discernible copper colouring. You can tell it's a copperhead by all having the same very distinctive features: an almost-triangular head shape and almost-square/chequered scales around the mouth.

The **red belly black** is Australia's 10<sup>th</sup> most venomous snake. It likes to be near ground cover, ponds and wood piles.

The **eastern tiger snake** is Australia's 4<sup>th</sup> most venomous. It pokes its

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tongue out to 'taste' the air

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#### Robertson and the Future

#### By Michael D Breen

Do you think much about the future of Robertson? When you do, do you think about whether you want to spend your last days, hours here?

The research by the Grattan Institute of Australia shows that 70% of Australians say they want to die at home but only 14% do die in the comfort of their homes and with those whom they love, and love them, comfortably around.

Robertson would be an ideal place for us to look after our own. It seems so sad that when people are nearing the end of their lives here they have to go to somewhere else. At the very time they need people to whom they have been close around them they have to go to an institution. They have to begin to fit into a place which is foreign. This is a kind of social death in itself. As someone said, "They do not live longer, they just die longer".

Just as you need a village to bring up a child so you need support and services from the community to care for a person dying at home.

Could this happen in Robertson? We have great services both medical, psychological and spiritual. There is attractive landscape, nurturing vistas and shortly a pool. We could employ or engage people with experience to help with the care of the dying.

Many of us would like to stay at home with friends and those who care around us. If we see people die we lessen our fear of death. This is the way it used to be where children saw death at first hand - when people were born and died at home. After all, though there may be sickness as well, death is not a sickness, it is the end of life. Several people in our community know this better than I do

How would we manage this? Certainly not overnight. We need to take time to consider many matters including the kinds of housing we need later in life. Sizes of blocks of land and apartments, affordable and without too much to bother about. Many of these matters need negotiating with the Shire. We need to learn from others doing these kinds of things in Australia and overseas.

Services providing, food, medical care and other care, visiting, staffing and coordinating services need planning and resourcing. There would be rewarding full time and part time jobs. We need to talk a lot among ourselves before we can have community action, community services in this matter. But many of the building blocks are here already.

Much of the discussion I have heard about the future of Robertson is about attracting trade here or improving tourism. But I have not seen a lot about the kinds of lifestyle we might want or the kind of inspiring vision we could have for our village. We are the ones who live here not those who plan on our behalf. And many of us will end our days here.

Future planning needs to be firmly based in the earth, where we are now. It needs to look to where the world is going with discoveries and improvements and where inside that new world we fit or want to fit. It needs to look at the ways to get to where we want to our vision. And the plan needs to be inclusive and attractive.

You may think this is a morbid matter; better not spoken about. On the other hand the more we can discuss and prepare ourselves and our community for the inevitable exit from this life the more we can explore the options and manage our future. If the inevitable facts of life are death and taxes; at least we can do something about the former.

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# Freshly roasted coffee beans now available in Robertson

By Bill and Nadine

Did you know you can now get freshly roasted coffee beans at Café 31, 31 Hoddle St Robertson (opposite The Robertson Doctor). Bill and Nadine have been roasting coffee beans nigh on twenty years in the Sutherland Shire and have now "retired" to beautiful Robertson.

After running their parent company, Loftus Pies Pty, and their subsidiary, Waratah Antiques since 1978 they worried that boredom may set in once retired. To solve this problem they have brought the coffee roaster and all the antiques with them to Robertson to create Café 31 and supplement their antique



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shop across the road, Robertson Recollections.

Bill and Nadine also send their roasted beans back to customers in Sydney who prefer their signature blends, a specialty of the business. They have over 35 different blends to choose from and feature the Ebony Mist blend which has won the coveted Gold Medal at the Royal Easter Show.

They look forward to meeting the "coffee lovers" of Robertson.

# And freshly laid local eggs as well! Jamberoo Mountain Farm - Our Story

By Nicole Feggans

Jamberoo Mountain Farm is an ethical and sustainable producer of pasture-raised premium quality beef and eggs. Located at the peak of the Southern Highlands town of Robertson, the family-run farm is the passion project of former city dwellers Lachlan and Nicole Feggans and their two 'little farm hands' Ellie & Jack.

Before ditching the corporate world for a tree change, Lachy and Nicole spent years observing and studying sustainable farming practices from around the globe. Their dream had always been to adapt and implement what they had learnt to the local environment. And when they set foot onto the green pastures and rich red basalt soil of Jamberoo Mountain Farm, they knew they'd found their perfect match.

Jamberoo Mountain Farm utilises a rotational farming system that uses the natural grazing habits of their animals to fertilise and regenerate the pastures. It's this artisan approach to farming that produces top-quality food from their paddock to your plate with a difference you can taste. Jamberoo Mountain Farm Pasture Raised Eggs are available throughout Robertson and are true free range as the hens have access to fresh pasture daily and the eggs are delivered to retail outlets just after lay, meaning they are very fresh eggs - the proof is in the poaching. Retail outlets in Robertson include Rockabellas - using in the cafe and retail, The Friendly Grocer and The Cheese Shop.

Stay tuned for more eggs over the next few months and Jamberoo Mountain Farm Beef in 2017.

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### The benefits of yoga

By Jennifer Robinson

I moved to Robertson almost two years ago and recently in October had the honour and privilege of being invited to teach a Yoga Class here at the Robertson Community Centre on Monday evenings. I have been practicing and teaching Yoga and Meditation most of my adult life and over that 25 year period have found that Alignment, Balance and Heartness are the keys to being a successful and fulfilled human being. Not a human doing, a true human being.

My passion for Yoga and the depth and breadth of my experience both as a practitioner of various Yogic practices and from teaching at times over 400 students in Sydney, UK and USA has shown me that the Principals of Yoga and the Benefits can indeed help anyone, at any age, at any state of health manifest, whatever "Enlightened Intention" they choose to focus on.

The benefits of Yoga are limitless. You can attain as much or as little as your Aspiration and Right Effort will allow you. Yoga simply means Union. It originated approximately 3300 BC. There are many forms of Yoga and schools of Yoga. The goal of all Yoga is ultimately the same, to bring us into a state of union with our own essential nature - our Divine inner self.

Hatha Yoga is the physical discipline of Yoga and is most popular in the west as it provides the practitioner with greater health and well being. With a healthy body other Yogas are possible. Strengthening the muscles and bone ensures internal strength and with that real power of the spirit can be revealed in this physical reality.

Hatha Yoga alone is much more than physical exercise. Its effects on the mind and body are surprisingly deep and varied. Simply put it changes people from the inside out. Faces become brighter,

hearts open; minds become still; aggressive people become calmer; lazy tired people experience freshness and strength; and with continued practice overall "disease" and discomfort disappear. Students who previously accepted aches and pains as normal discover a new sense of physical and mental well being.

"Age, constitution and illness are no barriers to yoga and continuous practice bring success" Hatha Yoga Pradipika (ancient Hatha Yoga text)

Types of Yoga that I integrate in my classes are Hatha Yoga the physical movement of postures, Dhyana Yoga of meditation, Pranayama is breathing techniques, Jhana Yoga of contemplation & self knowledge and Mantra Yoga using sacred sounds and words. Combining together these Yogas is called Laya Yoga.

This is what some of my current Robertson students have said about the Monday night class... "Because I have a busy lifestyle it has been a real treat to commit to myself and to further educating my body into focusing and using it in a positive way" Melissa

"My initial interest in yoga was to help with my arthritis, pain, and movement. While all these things have been addressed and life changing in arthritis management. I get so much more than I expected from Jennifer's teachings, inner peace, fun, meditation, friendship and a sense of overall well being. Thanks so much Jennifer". - Anna

White Lotus Inspiration Life Alignment Yoga classes are held on Monday evenings during school term throughout December and recommence in 2017 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, at the Robertson Community Centre.

I look forward to welcoming more of you to the wonderful life supportive practice of Yoga so you can enjoy being you more and more.

Namastè (peace be with you in Sanskrit, the ancient sacred language of Yoga).



With

#### Jennifer Robinson,

Life Consultant, Yoga & Meditation Teacher.

#### All Welcome

Beginner to Advanced Practitioners Mondays from 6.15pm to 7.45 pm, 8 week series during School Term at Robertson Community Centre.

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#### Robertson CTC News

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

#### **Regular Opening Hours**

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#### Scam Warning

Recently I have come across several people who have all been hit with the same scam. So a warning and some advice. If something similar to the image at the right appears on your computer screen do not call the number, turn off your computer and seek advice from your usual computer technician. Or come and ask us at the CTC, we can give basic assistance and can provide you with contact details for a couple of reliable local technicians.

Remember if anything odd pops up on your screen or you receive a phone call regarding your Looking back at 2016 it has been a year of change. information.

In 2017 we will run some sessions on computer security looking at options for antivirus and antimalware programs, tips to stay safe online and password management.

#### **Computer Classes**

We are reaching the end of 6 months of weekly subsidised computer and technology classes. The final couple of classes are beginners/refreshers office skills using Word, Excel and Outlook.

Next year we will re-run the popular scanning and simple photo editing class plus start again with beginners classes leading up to intermediate Word and Excel. Call to register you interest in any of these or to let us know what you would like to learn.

We can also give one on one lessons on phones, tables and computers.



computer assume it is a scam. Do not respond to Commencing with some building repairs and vital them, do not call, do not click, do not give them any maintenance. Several volunteers found paid work or moved out of the area and we have welcomed some new ones on board.

> Thanks to of our new volunteers we have had some very successful art exhibitions, music events and have re-commenced regular films. October Open Gardens was a huge weekend for us and we are very grateful for the support received from the Robertson Garden Club. We can only keep the costs of our services down with the support of organisations and individuals like these.

> The CTC will be closed for staff and volunteer break from 24 December and will be closed during January. Our apologies for any inconvenience and best wishes for the New Year.

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Last of the classes subsidised by Wingecarribee Shire Council, a couple of spaces left only.  Ph 4885 2665 or email karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au					
Computer / Office skills	9.12.16	Update and improve skills for those looking for or returning to work, volunteering, or for personal use. Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook			
	16.12.16	(advise attending both weeks)			

Classes from	Scanning and Simple Photo Editing	Call or email for details and to register interest.	
Feb 2017	Security and Safety Online		
To include	Computers for Beginners (2 parts)	More information in February's Robertson News or keep an eye	
	Password Management and Backup	on our website or Facebook	
	Cloud Storage and Working Online	page.	

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for food. If one flattens like a cobra, it's not a sign of imminent attack but a polite invitation to please leave it alone.

There are many **eastern brown snakes** in the area – they are Australia's 2<sup>nd</sup> most venomous snake. They prefer dry woodland and farm land. Baby browns are banded and the bands are lost at maturity, around 2.5-3 years.

**Diamond pythons** are nonvenomous – they bite and wrap around their prey. They're on the east coast from northern NSW to the Victorian border. Ray showed an extraordinary photo of a huge 'mating ball' with one female and five males – they can stay like that for days.

Reptiles are threatened by attack from dogs, cats, birds, lawnmowers, whipper snippers, net/wire entanglement and being hit by cars. Pesticides are a further major threat. Rehabilitation after injury can take a very long time and surgeries can be complex – for example, achieving exact realignment of each and every scale.

To make your yard reptile friendly, provide protected areas and a water source for them. You can protect the rest of your yard with wildlife-friendly (vermin) netting. Snakes can't get through it and wildlife doesn't become entangled.

#### How to stay safe around snakes

- 1. Snakes DO NOT chase you!
- 2. They sense vibration and SEE movement
- 3. Therefore DO NOT RUN AWAY doing that brings a high chance of being bitten
- 4. STAND PERFECTLY STILL and they simply won't see or sense you!
- 5. Call a snake handler, council, etc to remove and relocate the snake.

#### IF BITTEN call 000

Most importantly, identify the snake – or get the best description you can. This is the first crucial step in giving the correct antivenin

Keep calm, do NOT move

## Apply a compression bandage (do the same for a funnel web spider bite)

- At the start of bandaging, clearly mark exactly where the bite is just under the bandage. Repeat a mark at the same site as the first when applying another bandage layer, etc. The doctor will open just this small marked area to swab the bite and – the second crucial step – identify the correct antivenin
- 2. Bandage all the way up the affected limb
- 3. Do not loosen, undo or remove the bandage

**Note**: Snakes don't waste precious venom on something they can't eat. If a snake has no way of escape and wants to warn you that you're too close, it may give a 'dry' bite. To always be on the safe

side, treat a dry bite as the real thing and go through the sequence above.

Ray stays safe around snakes by having a lifetime's experience with them. He's done a lot of training and study to gain knowledge of their handling, habitats, behaviours, health, emergency care and rehabilitation. That knowledge applies to all Southern Highland reptiles. How to catch them for relocation or care requires all his skills, plus specialised handling equipment for different species.

**Oz Style Reptiles** 

Ray the snake catcher 0400 734 215

## **Update on the Community Information Centre Project**

By Don Dyer

This month we have some real progress to report to you.

Firstly the \$5000 grant obtained through our MHR, Stephen Jones, will shortly be received. Secondly, another two local business people have come on board offering significant in-kind support. This includes all of the landscaping work. Thirdly, we are about to launch a Crowd Funding package to offer all Robertson citizens the opportunity to assist in the fund raising. Fourthly, Peter Campbell (the design winner) has signed a contract covering design and oversite of construction. He is now in discussion with Council about their requirements. (A reminder: The Community Information Centre is to be built on the Council owned Hampden Park)

Overall it is pleasing to see the growing community interest and support as the Robertson Community Information Centre materialises.

Please go and see the plans which are available for viewing at the CTC – Hoddle St, Robertson.

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## **Community News**

#### **Robertson Heritage Railway**

Friday, 2nd December: Railway Modellers Group:

1pm to 4.30pm
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - 'Cockatoo
Run' with 3801 Ltd Christmas lunch - yet to be
confirmed. NB. On this day only, the 'Cockatoo
Run' train from Sydney will terminate at Robertson
and not go on to Moss Vale.

**Friday**, **9th December:** Railway Modellers Group: 1pm to 4.30pm

#### **REPS News**

At AGM on Friday 11th November 2016, the following committee was elected: P.Glass Pres., D.Mee Vice Pres, L.Scott Sec., A.Wilson Treas., M.Meldrum, L.Stevenson, E.Bennetts, A.Stiles & H.Tranter.

Our next public meeting will be at Robertson Community Centre Caalang St on 10th February 2017 with Joe Stammers from Council speaking about all the latest on the Koala Tracking project.

# The Robertson Shed Inc Annual General Meeting

The Robertson Shed Inc (CTC@Robertson) AGM will be held on Thursday 15 December 2016 at 5pm at the CTC. All Welcome.



#### **Blooming Success**

Robertson Open Gardens in October were a great success due to the wonderful effort from our fabulous community. The Robertson Garden Club would like to thank everyone who took part in making this weekend such a success. From the volunteers on the gates, the drivers of the buses, the helpers at the plant stall, the staff and volunteers at the CTC, the local businesses who supported the weekend with advertising and the Garden Owners. Without the generosity of the garden owners this weekend could not be held. Their beautiful gardens were admired by the more than 600 visitors who came to Robertson to experience our magnificent gardens.

The money raised has been allocated to the CTC, the School of Arts and the Robertson Fire Brigade.

Marion Tyree (Open Garden Committee)

# Robertson & District Swimming Pool Assoc. Inc AGM

The Robertson & District Swimming Pool Assoc. Inc will hold its AGM Thursday 8th December in the

Robertson School of Arts at 7.00 pm Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>

RobertsonAquaticCentre/

Website: www.robertsonaquaticcentre.com

# Community members at the Swimming Pool Party meeting (below)



# MACKEY FAMILY LUNCHEON & GATHERING

Wednesday 8th March, 2017 at Robertson Bowling Club 11am

To collect and gather family history RSVP Frances Bailey (Nee Mackey) Ph: 0248851329 BH or ah

please bring your photos, newspaper clippings,

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### OBITUARY: Dr Robert "Bob" Oakeshott AM

By Rob Oakeshott

Port Macquarie News 22 Oct 2016 - Reproduced with permission

A pioneer of rehabilitation medicine, Dr Robert "Bob" Oakeshott AM, died last week aged 85 years, due to melanoma. He was active until his final month and lived a full life. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Cathie, and five of his children – Jane, John, Harriet, Georgina and Robert, as well as 14 grandchildren, all of whom he was most proud.

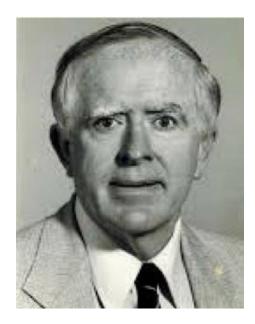
Dr Oakeshott's life of service was recognised by the Council for the Order of Australia in 1996 for "service to medicine at national and international levels in the fields of rehabilitation medicine and disability, and to education." He was appointed Associate Adjunct Professor in Medicine at Sydney University, his alma mater, in the same year.

Dr Oakeshott was born in Lismore in 1930, becoming vice-captain of Lismore High School, and participating at higher levels in rugby league, rowing, and tennis. His teenage years were shadowed by the war, and deeply affected by the loss of his own father in the infamous Sandakan death marches. It was on his 15th birthday, the 27th October 1945, (well after Victory in the Pacific celebrations in mid-August 1945) that the death notice was delivered to the family door. At a time of national post-war celebration, this timing, and the loss itself, were profound.

After studying medicine at Sydney University and enjoying his college years at St Andrews College, Dr Oakeshott completed his training in Sydney, and moved to Broken Hill, so as to collect the 1000 pound remote bonus. He used this to pay for his travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, to complete his surgical fellowships in general surgery. On his return, the remainder of the 1960s were spent in hectic medical practices briefly in Canberra, followed by a longer return home to Lismore.

While home, Dr Oakeshott became president of the Lismore Arts Council and Lismore City Rugby Club, as well as founding President of Summerland House with No Steps at Alstonville.

At the time, clinical advice for post-heart condition patients was to do very little, whereas Oakeshott became increasingly interested in exploring the role of exercise in recovery for his own patients. His interest in rehabilitation medicine had sparked. In 1973, Dr Oakeshott accepted a position in the Spinal Injuries Unit at Royal Perth Hospital. From this, he became Perth's first specialist in rehabilitation medicine, as well as Vice Patron of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Western Australia.



In 1975, Dr Oakeshott led the Australian Team to the first Far East Asian and South Pacific Games (FESPIC Games) in Kyoto, Japan, which later proved to be a forerunner of the Para-Olympic movement. As one of the first occasions for international sporting competition for people with disabilities, it became a birthplace for ideas around a range of sports such as wheelchair tennis, basketball and rugby.

In 1976, he returned to Sydney's Royal North Shore and Ryde Rehabilitation Hospitals and helped establish the Royal Australasian College of Rehabilitation, including two years as President, and the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP), including a role as Chairman of the Board of Censors for four years.

The 1980s saw Dr Oakeshott expand into international rehabilitation medicine work. He led an Australian Medical team to Qatar in the Middle East to establish a rehabilitation hospital network, and did consultancy work with the World Health Organisation in Bangladesh, the Phillipines, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Brunei. He was invited to speak in China, Japan and the Royal Society of Medicine in London, and worked as a Consultant to the Ministry of Health in Singapore. Because of his work, Dr Oakeshott became president of the International Rehabilitation Medicine Association (IRMA). He was also the Australian Representative on the Medical Commission of Rehabilitation International.

Dr Oakeshott was secretary to the Rehabilitation Medicine section within the Australian Medical Association (AMA) for 16 years, a council member for the Royal Blind Society for six years, a Board Member for Technical Aid to the Disabled (TAD) for eight years, inaugural President of the Australian Council for Rehabilitation of the Disabled-NSW (ACROD), and a Surveyor for the Australian Council

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on Healthcare Standards. He was also an advisory committee member to a wide number of bodies, including the NSW Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Groups, the NSW Independent Living Centre, the Podiatry Survey Committee, and Chair of the Horticultural Therapy Society of NSW.

As an example of Dr Oakeshott's philosophy and work, for six years, he was also Chair of the Wareemba Community Living program, which developed and implemented community-based housing for people with brain injuries who were previously housed in psychiatric facilities.

As senior specialist in rehabilitation medicine at Royal North Shore and Director of Clinical Services at Ryde Rehabilitation Centre for 19 years, Dr Oakeshott was responsible for the establishment of NSW's first brain injury rehabilitation unit, its first spinal injury rehabilitation unit, its first accredited vocational rehabilitation unit, its first Chair of Rehabilitation medicine, its first chair of developmental disability studies, the Orthotic and Prosthetic Unit at Royal North Shore, the Rehabilitation Engineering Units at Royal North Shore and Ryde, and the dedicated position of clinical neuropsychologist at Royal North Shore.

Dr Oakeshott remained optimistic for people no matter what their physical or mental capacity. He saw the individual, and worked towards full inclusion for that individual, and their families. This is best captured in his own words, spoken on a visit to Coffs Harbour in 1978 when helping establish the Coffs Harbour Rehabilitation Unit, and recorded by the local paper: "the aims of rehabilitation medicine are to restore the patient to maximum physical independence with consequent maximum mobility, social integration, economic independence and vocational-recreation satisfaction".

His life of work was dedicated to this philosophy, to the direct and life-changing benefit of many. Dr Oakeshott was anything but one-dimensional. He was a Major in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps (Army Reserve), developed an Australian Lowline cattle stud, loved his Triton Woodworking group, and dined out on his champion vegetable award from the Robertson Show.

Fun-loving and challenging, he showed curiosity in a wide number of fields, from family-history, to religion, to banksias, to astronomy, to the highs and lows of Australian rugby.

Bob Oakeshott valued life. And by giving so much of himself to others, he lived a life of value.

Rob Oakeshott, the author, is former Lyne MP

#### **Council News**

# Take part in the review of your Community Strategic Plan



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"Wingecarribee Shire Council is undertaking a review and update of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) known as *Wingecarribee 2031*+ which was adopted in 2010 following extensive community engagement. Some of you may have participated in the surveys, workshops and forums undertaken at this time.

The plan presents the community's long term vision for our Shire in the year 2031 and identifies goals and strategies to achieve this.

With the recent election of councillors now complete, we're keen to actively involve the whole community in a review and update of the plan in order to set the agenda for the next 4 years and beyond.

Reference Panel (recruiting in December, meeting early 2017)

Public exhibition of draft revised plan and submission period (May 2017)

A project page has been set up for the consultation period at <a href="www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au">www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au</a>. Visit this page to read the original CSP and learn more about what has been achieved since 2010 as well as the review process. You can also register here for updates to ensure you are notified about Reference Panel recruitment or the public exhibition.

To assess our progress, key measures were developed against the Goals and Strategies of each key theme in the Plan. Progress against these measures is documented in the End of Term Report, produced by the Council every four years. This report presents the achievements and effectiveness of Council over the past four years in meeting the goals and strategies of Wingecarribee 2031+.

You can download and read recent End of Council Term and Annual Reports at <a href="www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/council-reports">www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/council-reports</a>."

Roberts	son Eve	ents Calendar		
		December 2016		
Sat 3	Art exhi	bition opens at the CTC—2pm—Carlos Barrios	CTC@Robertson	
Sun 4	Cockato	o Run—to be confirmed	Robertson Station	
Thurs 8	Roberts	on & District Swimming Pool Association AGM 7pm	School of Arts	
Sun 11	Roberts	on Markets 9-2 mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts	
Thur 15	The Rob	pertson Shed Inc (CTC@Robertson) AGM 5pm	CTC@Robertson	
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Sun 7	Robertso	on <b>Markets</b> 9-2	School of Arts	
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Every Mon School Te		Yoga Jennifer on 0407 771 828 6.15-7.45pm	Robertson Community Centre	
1st Mon		Robertson Garden Club 1.30pm Geoff King ph 4885 2592	Robertson Community Centre	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon		Wuka Plukas <b>Ukulele Group</b> mob 0429 826 431 Jenny 7-9pm	CTC@Robertson	
Every 2nd Tues		Robertson Community & Seniors Group 10am-3pm	Robertson Community Centre	
Every Tues		Trivia Night 7.30pm	Robertson Inn	
Every Tues		Social tennis 1-3pm Contact Lyndy Scott 4885 2805	Robertson Tennis Court	
Every Tues		Mindfulness Meditation 3-4pm followed by Buddhist Discussion Group	Fettlers Shed	
Every Wed		Robertson Knitting Group 10.30-12.30	The Cool Room Emporium	
Every Fri		Robertson Railway Modellers Group 1.30-4.30pm	The Fettlers Shed	
Every Fri		Live Music	Robertson Inn	
Every Sat		Crop Swap 9-10am	Outside Rockabellas	
1st Sun, 4th 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	
1st,3rd,5th Sun		Catholic Service 8am	St Peter's Burrawang	
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun		Catholic Service 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang	



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