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Community Information Centre underway

by Don Dyer



Ray Foster supervising the delivery of the 100 year old poles to the site

Well done Robertson Environment Protection Society (REPS). The President (Peter Glass) and his committee were well aware of the Community Information Centre's emphasis on the unique Robertson environment and its history and REPS was one of the original donors to the project.

In August REPS was asked by the CIC committee

to submit a grant application for the CIC project. They had success! The Veolia Mulwaree Trust has granted REPS \$10,000 to allow it to support the project in a meaningful way. This grant allows the CIC committee to feel confident that its financing target will be met.

Moving on.....As you are no doubt aware, construction has commenced. Under the direction of designer Peter Campbell and volunteer project director Ray Foster, other volunteers such as Brendhan Waters and sons have provided power to the site and Ross Brumfield has done all the excavation work. Volunteer Dan Thomas has the landscaping in hand and volunteers from the newly established Robertson Men's Shed have assisted in a variety of ways. Another volunteer (Terry Allan) installed the 100 year old timber poles (donated by Ray Foster) that will be a feature of the completed project.

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The Club welcomes new members with membership starting at \$10 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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Following Committee member Ian Wallace's initiative, we are very appreciative of the generosity of Boral in donating the premixed concrete for footings. We thank too the good people in Boral Cement at Berrima and Boral Concrete at Moss Vale for arranging the transaction.

Block work for the information boards is underway and construction of these boards (six of them) and the signature electronic signage is also underway.

So we are well down the track. Will the CIC be finished by Christmas? Hopefully - but if not by then, early in 2018.

Wingecarribee Shire Seniors Directory now available

Local service information for the Shire's senior citizens has become easier to find with the launch of the 2017-19 Wingecarribee Seniors Directory.

Entitled '*Positive Ageing*' the directory contains a comprehensive list of activities and contacts for seniors living in the Southern Highlands. Council's Ageing and Disability Officer Nicola Robson said the new directory was an invaluable tool for the region's seniors.

"This directory provides information on a range of services including emergency and government agencies, health and transport providers and support and leisure groups. Importantly, it also provides our Shire's seniors with social and volunteering contacts which enriches the lives of both the participants and the broader community,"

said Ms Robson.

"Special mention should also be reserved for the Seniors Community Reference Group for all their input," said Ms Robson.

"I would remind our local community groups and organisations that should there be any changes to their group's details, to contact Council so the amendments can be incorporated in future hardcopy and online editions," added Ms Robson.

More than 8,000 copies of '*Positive Ageing*' will be distributed across the Shire at multiple locations including Council's Moss Vale Civic Centre and libraries, local pharmacies, doctors surgeries, aged care providers, clubs and community organisations.



Nicola Robson (centre) with Council's Seniors Community Reference Group.
Photo supplied.

An online version can be found at www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/seniors-directory.

In Robertson, copies have been delivered to the Robertson Doctor, the Robertson Village Pharmacy and the CTC. For further information contact Council on phone 02 4868 0888.

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The Robertson & District Calendar is Back!

By Quentin Waters

Returning for the 20th edition next year, the Robertson Calendar was first started by Brendhan Waters for 1996, and quickly became a popular fixture of the local community. Later, John and Sheila Massetti and the Robertson Chamber of Commerce took over the project. Unfortunately, after the final run in 2014 by the now dissolved Chamber of Commerce, no-one took up the Calendar. Even years after, people have still asked about the Calendar come the end of the year, so we've finally organised to get the Calendar back up again for 2018.

The Calendar is, and always has been, a community initiative. It couldn't have been done without the help of the CTC and support of the 25 businesses and community groups that have sponsored it through advertising spaces. The profits this year are going towards the Robertson Rural Fire Brigade, School of Arts, CTC, and the new Community Information Centre currently underway. And it's not just households that can benefit from picking up your copy. Those with accommodation available might also like to pick up a copy as an easy local directory for their guests, especially for local cafes to choose from.



You can pick up your free copy at the Newsagency, Supermarket, CTC and many other locations around town.

Spring is Sung!

By Karen Wilmott

After a winter break, the Robertson Choir – soon to be re-named! – has re-kindled, with even more enthusiasm and several new members.

We have plenty of room for more singers and especially wish to welcome any of the men out there who have been "thinking about it".

Our most exciting development has been acquiring the services of Alison Robertson, classical singer and teacher from Moss Vale, as our new Musical Director. I defy anyone to resist her enthusiasm and joy in making music together. We are very lucky to have found her!

So far we have found that meeting at the CTC building in Robertson at 4.30 each Wednesday afternoon is a comfortable time to gather, but we are aware that this may be limiting access for other

keen singers. Alison has floated the idea of adding an evening session as well for others who may be constrained by work or family commitments. Register your interest at the contact points below if this could be you.

Further information available from Karen at:
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Life's Experiences

By Graham Thomas

Merry Christmas! I hope you all have a safe, restful and fun Christmas with family and friends. Below I've listed all the good stuff happening at the church through December and over Christmas, I hope you can come along. But first a shameless plug!

If you've got primary school aged children at our local public schools you'll know that parents and carers are given a choice of either primarily SRE (Special Religious Education) or Ethics, and some schools also have other options. I'm thankful for this choice in our schools. So, my question I'd like to put to you is why choose SRE? I've got 5 reasons:

- *To nurture you child's spiritual side*

In my experience, which includes working with people from different cultures and different ages from different countries, I reckon we all ask questions about spiritual things, kids especially. SRE classes give our kids an opportunity to explore these questions.

- *To give informed answers to your child's spiritual questions*

Who made God? Who wrote the Bible? Will my pet go to Heaven? These are heartfelt questions that require sensitive and informed answers (in fact I got asked all three in my lesson a couple days ago as I write). The Bible has much to say about such questions and you can be confident that answers are not just plucked out of the air, they are dealt with at the appropriate developmental level.

- *To help in forming your child's personal ethical and moral framework*

Christian SRE encourages students to ask why should we behave in a certain way and why (for example) is Jesus' teaching on "love your neighbour" so important? Christian SRE aims to provide guidelines in the area of relationships and personal moral growth based on a biblical worldview.

- *To broaden your child's education*

There's no doubt that Christian history and biblical expressions have, and still do, influence our society. The study of history (I believe) is so important, and Christian or church history (for better or worse) is worth studying and understanding as we shape our future.

- *To provide an avenue for pastoral care*

Schools work hard to support students in times of difficulty or through challenging personal situations. Christian SRE can add another dimension by assuring the child of God's love and faithfulness. In SRE the child will develop a relationship with their teacher that can provide encouragement and

pastoral care.

And if I can add one more reason, Christian SRE is fun!

If you any questions about any of the above or what we teach, feel free to get in touch with me.

Now back to Christmas. Here's the services over the Christmas season starting with Burrawang carols, and as usual at any of our services, everyone's welcome.

Sunday December 17 @5pm Traditional Carols at St Davids Anglican in Burrawang

Saturday December 23 @5-8pm Family Carols on the lawn at Robertson Anglican (with sausage sizzle, jumping castles and petting zoo!)

Sunday Dec 24 @8am and 10am Traditional service and Family Service respectively

Christmas Day @9.30am Family service

Hope to see you there.

Graham Thomas, Minister
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More Trees for Hoddle St Robertson

By Stephen Austin (Ozzie), *More in Hoddle Street Group*

For some time now some people in our community have thought that our town would be a bit more pleasant to be in if there were some more trees along the main street.

Other towns in NSW, Victoria and Queensland have successfully achieved this improvement due to a number of factors such as the calming effect more street trees seems to have on vehicular traffic. Visually, it is hoped Hoddle Street will look a little less like an airport runway and more like the centre of a calm and comfortable place.

Last year Council called for suggestions under its Village Community Action Plan. Consequently a group of locals arranged for a lifelong resident who is a landscape architect and urban designer to draw up a plan for some more street trees in Hoddle Street.

The plan (shown here) was drawn in compliance with Council's Shire-wide Street Tree Master Plan and expert guidance from Council and Roads and Maritime officers and others outside government, including some of the local business people.

To assist our group with some initial community consultation, a presentation of the proposal for representatives of various active community groups was facilitated by the CTC. That also resulted in valuable scrutiny of the proposal. Attention was able to be drawn to the particular maples being ones contemplated by Council's Street Tree Master Plan because they will not grow in a way that interferes with traffic, will provide shade in summer and light in winter and their autumn leaves will be able to be dealt with as all the existing leaves are dealt with at that time of year. They do not have the brittle limbs of a lot of evergreen natives. The location of the trees complies with Councils and RMS safety standards.

For example, the trees are sufficiently far apart not to impede parking-even for B-Doubles.

Following this process, Council has given its support to the proposal and has offered its support for funding opportunities that may be identified.

The *More Trees in Hoddle Street* group is now looking at those funding opportunities in concert with other local groups who support the proposal.

People who would like to assist or support the proposal in any practical way can contact Stephen Austin (Ozzie) 0425 202732

REPS next meeting

The next public meeting of the Robertson Environment Protection Society is in the Robertson Community Centre, Caalong St, on 9 February 2018 at 7.30pm

Speaker: Dr Tom Grant. Adjunct Senior Lecturer, School of Biological Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of NSW.



He will be speaking on the Platypus biology in our local area (Conservation etc).

Everyone welcome. Supper after the talk.

2017 Robertson Public School Remembrance Day



Contributed by
Rosemary Armstrong

The 2017 Robertson Public School Remembrance Day had an additional (once in a life time) activity because our school is participating in a "Soil Collection Program", where soil samples from participating schools are being sent to the

ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park Sydney, which is currently being restored to its originally planned glory.

The walls in the Hall of Service (at the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park) will display the names of the towns, suburbs and settlements across NSW from where men and women enlisted for the First World War.



The list of names encapsulates our early colonial history, and registers the country's long time indigenous presence. It displays the geographical reach of the call to serve, and signals the willingness and enthusiasm of so many from diverse regions who answered the call to join the War. Alongside each place name will be displayed a sample of soil, collected from each listed locale. The concept or inspiration being that "During the First World War, it was not possible for the bodies of fallen soldiers to be returned for burial on



home soil".

On Friday 10th November 2017, the "Soil Collection" was embedded into our School's Remembrance Day Ceremony. The event was covered by the *Southern Highlands News* and was attended by many special guests including the Federal Member for Whitlam, Stephen Jones, Councillor Gordon Markwart from the Wingecarribee Shire Council, along with Anglican Minister, Reverend Graham Thomas, Amirun McEvelly representing the McEvelly family, David Ricketts (long time Robertson Public School parent and Music Teacher) who played *The Last Post* and *The Rouse*, Louise Dauth (Light Horse Gallery Director), Mark Noble (Representing past Robertson Public School students who have served or are currently serving with the ADF), Daniel Rutherford (Representing past and present Robertson Public School parents, who have served or are currently serving with the ADF), Robertson Public School's P&C Representative Tash Blenkinsopp and School Principal, Susan Matthews.



The Remembrance Day Ceremony was led by School Captains, Tess Blenkinsopp and Sam Johnston. The school choir sang the highly motivating *Battle Song of the Third Light Horse Brigade*. This was composed to rebuild the Third Light Horse Brigade after the withdrawal from Gallipoli in December 1915.

This year on 31st October was the 100th Anniversary of the Charge at Beersheba by the Australian Light Brigade. This charge was considered a suicide mission but changed the course of the war in the Middle East.



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Of particular significance to this year's School ceremony was the attendance of Neil Hughes from the Australian Light Horse Brigade Association. Mr Hughes and his horse, Bubba, arrived in full WW1 Light Horse Brigade Regalia, which was particularly impressive. Mr Hughes spoke to the students about the qualities of the Light Horse men and their horses.

An important link to our school is that the Great Great Grandfather of our kindergarten student, Indy McEvelly, was Major Richard McEvelly, who was the



Sergeant in Charge of the Robertson Half Troop. He conducted exercises on his property on Belmore Falls Rd in addition to the Robertson Light Horse Drill Hall, (now the Light Horse Gallery) on Hoddle Street.

The Remembrance Day Ceremony was followed by a delicious morning tea, catered for by Robertson Public School P and C. Mrs Jean Tobler's red poppies were highly acclaimed.

Amazingly, while digging the hole for the Soil Collection Ceremony, the School Groundsman David Morton discovered an old key.

Mrs Hope Waters has published an account of Robertson's contribution to the Light Horse Brigade on the Robertson Newsagency's Facebook Site...

"In response to growing concerns with German Imperial expansion into the Pacific, the colonies of Australia began raising their own volunteer reserves, and in NSW this resulted in the creation of the NSW Volunteer Cavalry Corps in 1885. A number of troops were formed, one of which was the West Camden Troop. A half-troop of this was soon established in Robertson, after an earlier troop in Moss Vale dissolved. The Robertson half-troop held their drills in the weatherboard building on the corner of Hoddle and Caalong Streets on land originally granted to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1878.

Richard McEvelly, of "Evelly Vale" had joined the West Camden Light Horse in 1885 when it was in Moss Vale. He held the non-commissioned rank of sergeant at the time, and when the new half-troop at Robertson was formed, he was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in January 1890. When the Maritime Strike of 1890 occurred, the NSW Government drew on the B Troop (Illawarra), and C Troop (West

Camden) to reinforce the Police, successfully breaking the strike in November 1890. Lieutenant Richard McEvelly and Lieutenant George Lee led their troop of James D. Wood, Ernest Blencowe, M.E. Hindmarsh, William Graham, Thomas Seery, Robert Barron, Jason Brennan, George Bursill, John Carss, Frank Charlton, Albert Chalker, Andrew Humphries, Richard Jones, T. A. Johnston, John McBarron, C. Ritchie, William Soley, Walter Prideaux, James Graham, James Humphries, James Cupitt, and Joseph McNally as special constables in the police force. Later in 1894, the Cavalry was designated the NSW Lancers.

Richard McEvelly was promoted to Captain in May 1895, and then Major in 1903. McEvelly retired a Lieutenant Colonel in May 1913 with a Volunteer Decoration, and had also previously been offered command of the Australian 1st Light Horse Regiment. His troop often conducted exercises down on his property on Belmore Falls Rd in addition to the drill hall on Hoddle Street. Though Major McEvelly never saw service overseas, there were other locals that served in the Light Horse in World War 1. From Kangaloon, George Fredrick Brenning enlisted in the 1st Light Horse Regiment, and embarked from Sydney 17 August 1918. From Robertson, James John McCauley enlisted in the 12th Light Horse Regiment 13 April 1915. He was transferred to the 6th Light Horse Regiment at ANZAC Cove 2 October 1915, where the Australian Light Horse served as dismounted infantry. He was killed in action 9 November 1915 at Gallipoli like so many other Australians. Ernest Walter Warby of Robertson enlisted in the 6th Light Horse Regiment 20 June 1915, and embarked from Sydney 12 October 1915. He was discharged 5 February 1917, having been transferred sick to the hospital ship "Kanowna" returning to Australia 22 September 1916. Over in Burrawang, William John Irvine had enlisted in the 12th Light Horse Regiment 5 March 1917. He arrived in Suez 6 August 1917, but was admitted to the 14th Australian General Hospital in Abiassia, Egypt on 7 October 1917 for 39 days. It was his Regiment that charged Beersheba on the 31st. However, we do know one local was there that day. George Joseph Irving of the 1st Light Horse Regiment is recorded shot in the right leg at Beersheba, 31 October 1917. As a result of his injuries, he was discharged 10 July 1918 after returning to Australia in March that year. His brother, William Caleb Irving also served in the 1st Light Horse Regiment, both having enlisted the same day on 31 July 1915.

Richard McEvelly's, great great granddaughter currently attends Robertson Public School.

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Her grandparents, have generously lent our school, their extensive collection of Light Horse artefacts for the students to have an extended understanding of the Australian Light Horse's participation in WW1.

The Light Horse drill hall would later be Henningham's grocery store from 1933 until Dairy Farmers purchased it in 1958. It also spent quite some time as St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church from 1968 after they moved from Ranelagh. In 2001 it was then sold to Elders Real Estate, before becoming the Light Horse Gallery in 2009."



From: Hope Waters, "The Letters and Documentations of Major Richard McEvilly of the Camden Troop and Robertson, of the Royal N.S.W. Lancers pre federation" 2013, "The Weekend Australian" Saturday, 28 October 2017, and the Australian War Memorial archives.

Photographs: Robertson Troop down on Major McEvilly's property of "Evilly Vale".



More photos from Robertson Public School Remembrance Day Ceremony. Photos supplied by Rosemary Armstrong



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Yoga practice can become a daily tool to support you to manage your health and wellbeing. I have been blessed with the information and practice of Yoga for the last 20 years. It is a tool I use to manage my life more successfully in all areas. Teaching my Robertson Yoga Class this evening, I was inspired to hear my yoga students share, that practice of yoga even in just a short period of time has increased their health and wellbeing. They have become empowered to heal their own bodies and life from the awareness and tools yoga practice offers.

My students are a never ending source of inspiration as they courageously step out of their comfort zone each class and are challenged to move into greater awareness of their bodies, minds and spirits as we go through the yoga postures together. The old saying "what you put into life and is what you get out of it" is definitely true with yoga practice. The more right effort you make and put into your yoga practice the more you will receive the support deserve. All my students deserve the goodness and grace their courage, openness and effort allows.

I have never had a student that doesn't have a challenge of some sort whether it be physical, emotional or mental. I have also never had a student that didn't benefit from the class. Benefits mentioned tonight were they were physically

Applications now open for IMB Community Foundation grants

Each year around \$500,000 is distributed through the IMB Community Foundation to assist in the running of community projects. Since its inception in 1999, the IMB Community Foundation has given over \$8.6m in funding to support more than 600 community projects. Applications for funding in 2018 are now open. Should you have a community project that you believe would benefit from funding from IMB Community Foundation. Find out more at imb.com.au/communityfoundation

Applications close 9th of February 2018.

stronger, had less pain and stiffness. More peace, calm and centredness was also experienced.

The only thing that blocks the grace of yoga supporting a student, is the mind of the student. I always say, "don't let the mind rob you of your practice". Have faith in your body and spirit.

Students who start to use yoga postures and practices in their daily life have shared that it becomes a natural part of their day. Yoga becomes a natural part of their life management to reduce stress, manage arthritis, stiffness and grief. Sleep is improved, recovery from colds and flus quicken and there is more joy. I find Yoga to be a friend to help me in my life challenges.

Students who are all very different and have very differently bodies have mentioned to me how yoga has helped them to be healthier in their lives also. I warmly invite more Robertson folk to join the yoga class to get empowered with greater knowledge of your body and how to manage your health using yoga.

All you need to do is commit to the class, have faith in yourself and begin to trust that your body knows how to heal, align and balance itself. Yoga reflects the natural world. Nature is full of life, promotes health, peace, alignment and balance. Yoga is a great tool for life management. Why not try it in 2018?

Love and blessings to all and a big thank you to all my 2017 Robertson Yoga students for their trust in my teaching and in themselves, you are an inspiration. Happy Christmas and many blessings for a joyous 2018. Namaste Jennifer



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Wingecarribee Council is looking for young people to join a Youth Week working group

Create, plan and run exciting, fun and interactive events. The group will meet up at the Highlands Youth HUB in Bowral every second Wednesday at 4pm starting on 22 November 2017. Food will be provided and assistance with transport to and from meetings can be arranged. Youth Week events will run from 13 to 22 April 2018.

**Further info: Michelle Williams, Youth Liaison Officer
ph 4868 0859 michelle.williams@wsc.nsw.gov.au**

Robertson Garden Club

By Colin Hancock

The Robertson Garden Club meets on the 1st Monday of each Month at the Robertson Community Centre in Caalong St starting at 1.30pm and concluding with a beautiful home baked afternoon tea only country folk know how to prepare. New members and visitors are always welcome. If you are a new resident (or not so new) of the Robertson district, whether you have a large acreage or a town block, you will be welcome at our meetings by like minded people from our community.

The Robertson Garden Club organises and runs the Open Garden Weekend. This event brings visitors to Robertson from all over the Sydney, Illawarra, South Coast and Highland Districts to experience and enjoy the various gardens which are generously opened on the weekend by the owners, many of whom are residents within the community. This year's event was held on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October with 7 local gardens opening to the public, many for the first time.

The event was a huge success with funds raised being a record for the event. The Club wishes to thank all of the community for their help and support for this year's event.

All proceeds of the Open Gardens are put back into the Robertson community with such organisations as the Robertson Rural Fire Brigade, the CTC, the School of Arts and the Robertson Show Society being some of the previous beneficiaries. This year the Open Gardens committee supported by the Garden Club has chosen to support the Robertson Primary School, the Show Society Ladies Auxiliary and the CTC. We would also like to hear from like minded community groups who have specific programs that the Garden Club may be able to assist.

If you would like to be a part of this traditional event, whether it be to assist with next year's event or future years, or if you would be interested in

The Annual General Meeting of The Robertson Shed Inc (CTC@Robertson) will be held on Thursday 14 December 2017 at 5pm at the CTC.

There will be an informal Christmas drinks following the meeting.

All Welcome

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opening your garden in future events, please contact myself or any member of the club.

Colin Hancock - President 0421 061 651



To celebrate another amazing year at Pizzas in the Mist we are donating over **\$1000** in gifts to be raffled. There will only be one winner announced on the 15th December. Tickets are \$2 each 100% of all ticket sales will be donated to the

Robertson Public School.

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- 4 Fancy Red Wine Glasses**
- 2 Fancy Champagne Flutes**
- Tommy's Candied Walnuts**
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Robertson CTC News

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

2017 has been a busy year at the CTC and we are pleased to see more people using the centre. As well as our business services, regular technology classes and one on one training we have had monthly cinema shows thanks to Bea, several community groups holding meetings at the CTC (free for community groups during our normal opening hours) plus commercial and private venue hire.

Groups currently using the CTC include:

Mondays – Home School Group

Alternate Tuesdays – Robertson Men's Shed. (The CTC is also open to the public during this time). Contact Nigel on 0467316070

Wednesday evening – Choir- Contact Karen Wilmott on 0403044828

Or call the CTC for more information.

Next year I will trial Thursday group sessions for iPads, tablets, iPhone and other smart phones. These will be short talks/demonstrations where we will look at one topic each week. You can meet and chat to others with the same device or try one of ours. There will be a \$5 charge to join the group and then \$5 each week that you attend. We will have a list of topics starting with the basics. Call the CTC to register your interest in the group and to request topics.

We would like to thanks the Diggers Military Motor Cycle Club for mowing the lawns around the CTC. Also thanks

to all our volunteers and we wish Mason well as he is leaving the area.

The CTC will be closed for staff and volunteer break from 16 December, reopening by 25 January 2018.

Normal opening hours:

Thursday & Friday 10am — 4pm,

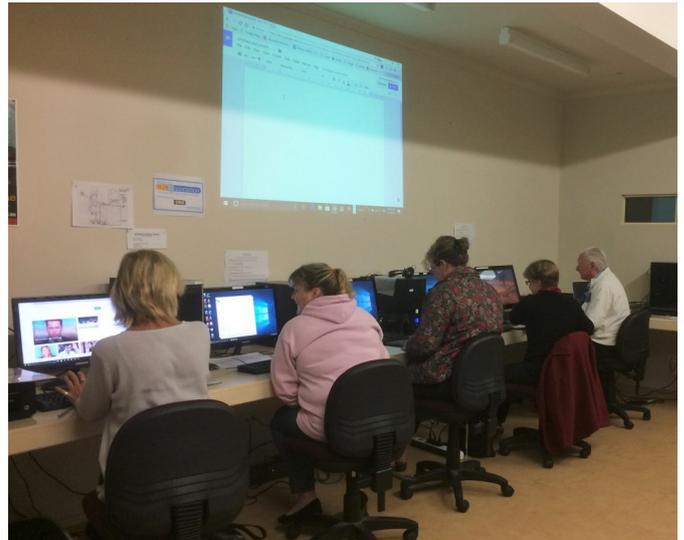
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Friday 23 Feb	10:30am 1:30pm	Word part. 2 – follow up from part 1. Taking current knowledge a step further—lots of tips for those already using Word
Friday 2 March	10:30am 1:30pm	Excel Beginners or Refresher — Create and understand spreadsheets
Friday 9 March	10:30am 1:30pm	Excel part 2 - follow up from part 1. Taking current knowledge a s step further—lots of tips for those already using Excel.
Friday 16 March	10:30am 1:30pm	Essentials 1 – Password Management – LastPass and other options for creating and storing passwords safely.
Friday 23 March	10:30am 1:30pm	Essentials 2 – Back ups, Updates, Privacy and Security
Friday 6 April	10:30am 1:30pm	Free alternatives to Microsoft Office – Google Docs, Open Office, Office online

One on one classes available by appointment call to book or discuss. Computers, WiFi, business services, scanning, copying, laminating, binding all served with coffee and a smile!

Please note we are not always able to answer the phone but will pick up messages.

Robertson Events Calendar		
December 2017		
Sun 10	Robertson Markets 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Thur 14	Annual General Meeting of the Robertson Shed Inc/CTC 5pm	CTC@Robertson
Fri 15	Winner announced for School I Raffle	Pizzas in the Mist
Sun 17	Traditional Carols at 5pm	St Davids Burrawang
Mon 18	Wuka Plukas ukulele group Christmas meeting—come and sing along to Christmas songs! 7pm-9pm	CTC@Robertson
Sat 23	Family Carols 5pm-8pm On the lawn with sausage sizzle	St Johns Robertson
Sun 24	Traditional service 8am, Family Service 10am	St Johns Robertson
Mon 25	Christmas Day Family Service 9.30am	St Johns Robertson
January 2018		
Sun 14	Robertson Markets 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Wed 15	Deadline for February edition of Robertson News	CTC@Robertson
Regular Events		
Every Mon & Thur during school terms	Yoga (Hatha style) Mondays 6.15pm to 7.45pm & Thursdays 9.15am to 10.45 am Contact Jennifer Robinson 0439 398 777 jennifer@whitelotusinspiration.com	Robertson Community Centre
Every Mon	Social Carpet Bowls at 11am <i>see page 1</i>	Robertson Bowling Club
1st Mon	Robertson Garden Club 1.30pm Colin Hancock mob 0421 061 651	Robertson Community Centre
3rd Mon	Wuka Plukas Ukulele Group mob 0429 826 431 Jenny 7-9pm	CTC@Robertson
Every 2nd Tues	Robertson Community & Seniors Group 11:30am for 12 start. Contact Vinnie Shepherd (after 6pm) 4886 4344	Robertson Inn
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	The Robertson Doctor
Every Wed	Robertson Choir 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 Fri	Robertson Railway Modellers Group 1.30-4.30pm	The Fettlers Shed
Every Fri	Free Trivia/Joker Jackpot/Prize Tombola <i>see page 1</i>	Robertson Bowling Club
Every Fri	Live Music	Robertson Inn
Every Sat	Crop Swap 9.30 am	Robertson Bowling Club
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 Sun-days	St Johns Robertson
1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 2nd, 4th Sun	Catholic Service 8am Catholic Service 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang

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