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## A Women's Shed for Robertson?

By Nigel Walker

At the last meeting for this year the Robertson Men's Shed Inc. (RMSI) voted in principle to promote the establishment of a Robertson Women's Shed. A Robertson Women's Shed would enable much better use of the shed that is going to be built and will do for women all the things that a Men's Shed does for us blokes.

Establishing a Robertson Women's Shed would provide a great cross-over of skills, trades and interests. It would help reduce/share costs and be a great additional asset for Robertson. The men and women of Robertson could each take some separate days of the week to use the shed and if wanted, there could be some joint use days.

Looking on the www you'll see there are quite a few Women's Sheds (with various names and activities). The model and type of Women's Shed that women in Robertson want to set-up is entirely up to you. You could have a separate incorporated entity entirely, maybe an associated entity with the RMSI, it is up to the Robertson women. *Contd page 2....*

### STOP PRESS!!

Come along on **Saturday 8 December at 10:30 am** to the CTC at 58-60 Hoddle Street Robertson (opposite Robertson Farm Machinery) and help start a **Robertson Women's Shed**. This is also an invitation to all Southern Highlands women.

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For this year's Open Gardens Weekend, Robertson businesses were invited to decorate their shopfronts in a garden theme. Congratulations to the Robertson Shopping Village who won 1st Prize of \$100 for their garden scene complete with vegies, spuds, scarecrow and wombat! **More Open Gardens details page 12**

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# Returning to home in Robertson... ?

By Georgina Cameron



Earlier in the year, three gorgeous Suffolk ewes, when it was learned their owner could not care for them were welcomed to a fine property in Picton where they could join two sheep bereft of family. Alas, they were in for a rough awakening.

Across the region the long dry was to really and truly set in ... where ground everywhere turns brittle and brownish and the regime of handfeeding, unending to this day ... Yet, despite all this, the family thrive and have grown to include six lambs

...

Recently, as fate would have it we heard, by chance, these noble Suffolks had come from Robertson. It transpired their previous owner could no longer, after the sale of his house keep them there. And so, today, it is our wish they be returned to their sweet Robertson property. It

would be wonderful if, you the reader may be able to help with their return. This need not be the ewe's exact home. Home could extend to a caring homeowner in Robertson, able to accommodate them on their property; a family or someone who would reciprocate the sheep's lovely companionship as well as benefit by way of the grass kept down.

(NB) Not a sale. Strictly not for meat. Pets only, seeking a sanctuary. Contact Georgina Cameron on: 0474732161.

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The completion of the shed will be towards the end of next year. The RMSI thought it would be good to see if there is a group of women in Robertson who want to set-up and get running with a Robertson Women's Shed. If a Robertson Women's Shed is established soon then brother and sister sheds can work together to establish their separate and shared use of this community facility. The RMSI hopes this will get a lot of support from the women in Robertson. A Robertson Women's Shed must be initiated by the Robertson women. The RMSI would be happy, if invited, to come along and let a Robertson Women's Shed meeting know about the various things the RMSI needed to do to set up their group.

**For further information call the Secretary of the RMSI on 0467316070 [cedarmist@bigpond.com](mailto:cedarmist@bigpond.com)  
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# Robertson Aquatic Centre Update

By Don Ferguson, RADSPA President

Progress in clearing the collapsed Robertson Aquatic Centre building from its site is again delayed due to Insurance Company's very slow response to clearance approval.

RADSPA Committee continue to chase all participants concerned in the incident to expedite the release of a SafeWork NSW Prohibition Order over the site

The vision to operate an Aquatic Centre in Robertson is strongly felt by our members

The Committee have been actively seeking alternate building companies who will construct the building and complete the project. The rebuild will follow Engineer Peter Allsopp's plans utilising his building designs. These plans offer a strong building capable of supporting roof structure and Solar Panels

We are pleased to advise RADSPA's legal advisor Mr David Allen Solicitor and Practise Manager at Haille Paine will attend the AGM Sunday 9th December 11.00 am at the Robertson Bowling Club

Following the official business and elections an Open Forum is planned for all attending.

All residents are welcome to participate. Don Ferguson, 0419 445 413.

## Robertson and District Swimming

### Pool Association Inc

### Annual General Meeting

Sunday 9 December 2018

at 11am

Venue: Robertson Bowling Club

Agenda items and Committee Nominations can be sent to:

The Secretary, RADSPA

P.O. Box 3059 Robertson. NSW. 2577

## Mackey Family News

Marie and John Lemmon previously of Robertson now residing in Orange celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary in November. Marie was nee Mackey.

MACKEY FAMILY LUCHEON Wednesday 6th March, 2019 at Robertson Bowling Club from 11am. All Welcome. Bring your photos, memorabilia, newspaper clippings and any other Mackey family memorabilia to share and discuss. RSVP Frances Bailey ph 0248851329 or [rjmackeyre@gmail.com](mailto:rjmackeyre@gmail.com)

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**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 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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# Nominations called for Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Award

Wingecarribee Council is inviting nominations for the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Award, which will be presented on Australia Day 2019. This award is intended to acknowledge and recognise residents who have made a significant contribution to their local community or through an individual act of compassion, generosity or courage. Nominations close on 21 December 2018.

Forms and further information can be obtained from [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/council/australia-day](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/council/australia-day) or phone 4868 0719.

## Building Resilience to Extreme Weather Events

Council is working to help the community manage extreme weather events, especially older residents who live independently. Extreme weather events include flood, storm, heatwave, bush fires and snow. They need assistance from seniors to take part in research (before Christmas) which will be used to tailor workshops planned for February 2019. The research project is open to residents over 65 years of age who live independently.

If you meet this criteria or can encourage a friend to participate please contact Amanda Lawrence, on 4868 0888 or visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/resilient-seniors](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/resilient-seniors) for further information.

### ROBERTSON WOMEN'S SHED

Come along on Saturday 8th of December at 10:30AM to the CTC at 58/60 Hoddle Street Robertson (opposite Robertson Farm Machinery) and help us start a Robertson Women's Shed. This is also an invitation to all Southern Highlands women.

It will be a place:

- of great resources and for women to meet.
- to promote women's health and wellbeing.
- to show other women your skills, crafts, trades and learn new ones.
- to help raise money for good causes.
- to use workshop machinery, tools and materials and to make things.
- to help recycle materials and repair things.

The Robertson Women's shed will be a community-based, organisation that addresses women's health and wellbeing, social inclusion, participation and community building for women. A place where women will work on meaningful projects at their own pace, own time and in the company of other women and it would be a great addition to the Robertson and Southern Highlands community. There would be separate days for the Women's and Men's Sheds to meet and there could be joint days.

There would be great cross-over of skills etc. with the Robertson Men's Shed. It would reduce/share costs and be a great place to make new friends. It would be good to get our Women's Shed going before the Christmas new-year break so please come along. For further information call Karon Sacks on 0406027762

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# Transport and Mobility in Robertson

By Michael D Breen

At a community forum on November 14, forty plus people got together in the Robertson School of Arts to learn about and discuss transport and mobility around Robertson and in and out of town. The forum was the second about Age Friendly Communities.

The first forum was a presentation on October 4 by respected Australian expert on Age Friendly Communities, Doug Faircloth from Verso Consulting, Melbourne. Fifty people heard about the benefits of a community being friendly and respectful for all ages. Such a community is able to help people remain in their own homes as they age.

When Robertson was surveyed and first settled the 'elderly' expected to live to about 58 years. Now that group will live to their 80s or 90s and soon to their hundreds.

So how do the old and the young, mothers with prams, folk with walking aids and pensioners shop, visit friends, get health services in and out of town or take a day off trip? Easy if you are a young person with a driving licence. Easier if you can get on line with a computer, that's if you have a computer and know how to use it. Harder as you get older or need footpaths. The forum was to build a picture from all, especially older folk about what it is really like getting around Robertson.

Prior to the forum there was lively discussion on Robertson Commons Facebook page about what there is and what is needed. To enable older people not to have to go out at night the forum was held in the middle of the day. There is, unfortunately, no perfect time for a meeting. The Facebook comments add to the complete picture.

So what happened at the forum? Lyndy Scott opened the meeting welcoming people and stating the job to be done and explained the format for the day. Everyone was invited to introduce themselves to someone nearby and say what got them to come along. The room lit up with animated conversation. 'Ned' Mant gave a detailed presentation on what public transport is available from his wide knowledge and experience. He answered many questions and gave advice for individual cases. It was difficult to absorb all the details.

What became clear is that there is no one place from which to get all the information about times



"Ned" Mant explains transport options for Robertson locals.

and services. So it was proposed to collect as much as possible and ask Robertson News to publish this in a future issue; to go on the fridge door.

Mark Turner distributed copies of the Southern Highlands Community Transport Client Information Handbook. Again there is a lot of information about who is eligible and what is available. To be assessed call Aged Care on 1800 200 422. To find out about services call 48723722 or on line [www.shct.com.au](http://www.shct.com.au).

Several people expressed concern about the safety of walking on Robertson roads. There are not a lot of formed footpaths and there are several dangerous roads for anyone let alone people with prams or walking mobility frames or scooters. South Street, upper Caalong Street, Main Street should be part of a footpath review for the town. It would be good to know what the Council footpath policy is. Safer footpaths are a necessity for health and wellbeing for all ages. Currently, not only is there an absence of footpaths but several of the verges are overgrown with noxious weeds including poisonous Hemlock. Kaye Simpkin advised all to wear light coloured, visible clothes when walking.

Those attending were appreciative of the forum. They realised there is more to do. And that matters raised need attention, particularly information about transport options and pedestrian safe roads and footpaths. We often hear people say, 'We went to a meeting and contributed; but nothing happened'. No wonder residents and rate payers are cynical when their expectations are raised and then there is no follow up. The organisers will be reporting to the Mayor on the forum, as we have been invited to do so. It is also up to everyone to do what they can and to raise matters with the responsible bodies about matters of concern to the community.

Developing Robertson into an Age Friendly town is a generational project. There will be ongoing discussion and information sessions with one on Healthy Ageing planned for next year. Thanks to all who organised and took part in the Transport and Mobility Forum.

# Quoll expert to speak at REPS meeting in February



The next public meeting of the Robertson Environmental Protection Society (REPS) will be on Friday 8 February at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Mr James Dawson Senior Team Leader, Ecosystems & Threatened Species—Illawarra Office of Environment & Heritage. He will be speaking on the latest developments in the Barren Ground-Budderoo Quollidior Project. The spotted-tail quoll is the Australian mainland's largest carnivorous marsupial and is listed as a threatened species in all areas where it occurs across Australia. Infra-red cameras have revealed that quolls are still present in the Barren Grounds Nature Reserve and Budderoo National Park. The Quollidior Project has been established to improve the monitoring of resident quolls and manage increasing areas of habitat in and around the reserves, to gradually increase the resilience and size of the local population.

Great supper served after the talk. All welcome.

# What do you love about Christmas?

By Graham Thomas, Minister, Robertson/Burrawang Anglican Church



For me, it's the Christmas Tree itself. That pine pleasantly wafting through the house, it's something we only experience for a few weeks a year, which adds to the joy of it all. But what if you don't like the mess but love the smell? Fair enough I say. Here's what you can do. Set up your fake tree and buy the scent! Yes, Myer sells it for \$12

a bottle, you can't go wrong! I'm sure you can find something on eBay as well.

This Christmas at Robertson Anglican Church we'll be thinking about how the decorations on your average Christmas tree (real or fake – we won't discriminate!) tell us something of the biblical meaning of Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ. Why do we put a star on top of the tree? What's behind the tinsel? What about Candy Canes, how could they remind us of the Christmas message? I'd like to invite you to come along to any of our services. Everyone is welcome, come with a friend and enjoy Christmas together.

Here's the details of our **Christmas services**

- ♦ **Traditional Carols** at St David's Burrawang Sunday **December 16** at 4.30pm (followed by delicious light refreshments).
- ♦ **Family Carols** on the lawn at Robertson Anglican Saturday **December 22** at 5.30pm (live band, free sausage sizzle, jumping castle, farm animals)
- ♦ Sunday **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** normal services at Robertson (8am and 10am)
- ♦ **Christmas Day Family Service** at Robertson Tuesday **December 25<sup>th</sup>** at 9.30am

Have a great and happy Christmas.

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# Robertson Public School Outdoor Garden Classroom receives support

the resources and infrastructure able to be utilised as an outdoor teaching area of this nature, however, it is not currently in use and hasn't been used to its full potential.

The outdoor classroom will include garden beds for edible food plants such as veggies, fruit and Indigenous bush tucker plants, a yarnning circle for storytelling, and natural materials to investigate sensory skills and to encourage wildlife, and composting.

The project will involve the education of the classroom teachers in how to utilise the outdoor classroom in all areas of their teaching. The entire school and community will be involved with all stages of its design and implementation, so the school can take pride and ownership of their new revitalised outdoor learning area.

Robertson Garden Club is supporting the project. On 22 November, Garden Club President Colin Hancock presented a donation to the project from the funds raised by the Robertson Open Gardens weekend.



Kristen Wilson accepts a donation from the Robertson Garden Club President Colin Hancock on behalf of Robertson Public School

Robertson Public Outdoor Garden Classroom will provide a bridge between the strong agricultural and Aboriginal community of Robertson and the school. Robertson Public School envisages creating an outdoor garden classroom that will provide the opportunity for teachers, and the community to engage with students across all curriculum areas within an interactive outdoor space.

Currently the school has an area that contains some of



At the presentation, teacher Kristen Wilson provided an update on progress with the garden and invited community members to get involved with working bees.

Member for Goulburn Pru Goward also recently announced a \$3,500 Eco Schools Grants towards the Robertson Public Outdoor Garden Classroom.

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# Robertson Men's Shed News

Authorised by the President John Kennis

The RMSI has had a fabulous year. We anticipate a very productive, exciting and fun upcoming 2019. Our shed has an active membership of 23 and an enthusiastic executive committee. We held our AGM on Tuesday 11 September 2018, where the existing committee was re-elected.

In the past 12 months we held a number of events, including lectures on Prostate cancer, Pancreatic Cancer and we ran, in co-operation with Wingecarribee Shire Council a presentation during the Seniors Week Festival relating to Seniors Driving. Back in June as part of Men's Health week the RMSI hosted a presentation regarding Local Men's Health a project of the Wingecarribee Health Association for Men, (WHAM) together with the South Western Sydney Wellbeing Collaboration.

We also had a great day out at the Working with Wood Show at Rosehill racecourse. We car-pooled and discovered new "boys-toys" there and one of our members was able to buy some good second-hand tools. And, at our last meeting of the year we had a great presentation by renowned Lead Light Stained Glass Artisan Kevin Little which was very well attended.

Progress towards building the shed has moved along mainly due to the tireless efforts of our President John Kennis who as a retired builder has steered through all the hurdles associated with any building works. The RMSI has gained land owners consent from Crown Lands for the construction and we have the support and agreement of all stakeholders. As part of the Development Application (DA) we have employed Novati Consulting for the engineering works and Australian Survey Solutions for the surveying works so as soon as we have our DA we will apply for infrastructure funding.

The RMSI received \$6,900 from the Wingecarribee Shire Council Community Grant Scheme for the costs associated with the preparation for our DA. We have also received a \$1000 donation from Veolia Mulwaree and there have been many quite substantial donations from individuals which have been very much appreciated. We have raised money from our meetings and a BBQ at the Open Garden Weekend. As well as financial help the RMSI has also received donations of tools and equipment from individuals and other Men's Sheds so we are busting to get the shed built and get all this gear set up.



CTC Manager Karen Mewes gives President John Kennis a barista lesson

Helping the community is an important part of RMSI activities so this year we have been helping with the general maintenance at the Robertson Community Information Centre, the CTC precinct and we also volunteered at the recent Open Garden Weekend in Robertson. Barista training at the CTC means some of our members can dish up good coffee when we are there.

Another activity recently started by the Men's Shed has been our Book Club, meeting monthly it is a great time to chat about the latest book and a whole range of other topics.

The RMSI owes a great deal to the CTC for their support in our endeavours to develop our Men's Shed. It is the intention of the RMSI to work with the CTC to ensure the precinct of the CTC and the Men's Shed becomes a valuable community asset for Robertson. In the meantime, the RMSI has applied for a grant under the National Shed Development Programme to obtain a container as a temporary storage and workshop area as we work towards building this community facility.

**RMSI meetings for next year will be at the CTC from 10AM to 3PM on the second Tuesday of each month starting on 12 February 2019. For further information call the Secretary of the RMSI on 0467316070 or the President on 0455911980.**



Men's Shed helped out at the Open Gardens setting up and ran a sausage sizzle to raise funds for their building.

# Robertson Events Calendar

## December 2018

Thur 29 Nov—Sun 16 Dec	<b>Grand Christmas Bazaar</b> by Exhibitions in the Mist 10am-2pm see <i>page 10</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 8	<b>Robertson Women's Shed meeting</b> 10.30am see <i>page 4</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sun 9	<b>AGM—Robertson &amp; District Swimming Pool Association</b> 11am See <i>page 3</i>	Robertson Bowling Club
Sun 9	Robertson <b>Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat [n.b. no market in January]	School of Arts
Thur 13	<b>AGM—The Robertson Shed Inc (CTC)</b> 5pm see <i>page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sun 16	<b>Traditional Carols</b> 4.30pm see <i>page 6</i>	St David's Burrawang
Sat 22	<b>CTC Closes for 2018</b> 1pm see <i>page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 22	<b>Family Carols</b> 5.30pm see <i>page 6</i>	St John's Robertson
Sun 25	<b>Christmas Day Family Service</b> 9.30am see <i>page 6</i>	St John's Robertson

## January 2019

Thur 24	<b>CTC Opens for 2019 10am</b> see <i>page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson
Tues 15	<b>Deadline for February Edition of Robertson News</b>	CTC@Robertson

## February 2019

Fri 8	<b>REPS public meeting</b> 7.30pm see <i>page 6</i>	Robertson Community Centre
Sun 10	Robertson <b>Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Tues 12	<b>First Robertson Mens Shed meeting</b> 2019 10am see <i>page 8</i>	CTC@Robertson
Wed 13- Sun 24	<b>Seniors Festival</b> <a href="https://seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/">https://seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/</a> Free classes at CTC on some days during the Festival see <i>page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson

## Regular Events—Contact Organisers for December/January times

<b>Every Mon &amp; Friday</b>	Outdoor exercise class for all bodies and fitness levels, <b>Simply Fitness</b> 9.15—10.15am 0438294813	Hampden Park
<b>Every Mon &amp; Thur during school terms</b>	<b>Yoga—Adults</b> Mondays 6.30pm to 7.45pm & <b>Thursdays</b> 9.30am to 10.45 am <b>Adults/Teens</b> Thursday Evenings 5.45pm to 7.00 pm 0407 771 828 and email to <a href="mailto:jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com">jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com</a>	Robertson Community Centre
<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Social Carpet Bowls</b> at 11am	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>1st Mon</b>	<b>Robertson Garden Club</b> 1.30pm Colin Hancock mob 0421 061 651	Robertson Community Centre
<b>Every 2nd Tues</b>	<b>Robertson Community &amp; Seniors Group</b> 11:30am for 12 start. Contact Vinnie Shepherd (after 6pm) 4886 4344	Robertson Inn
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Tai Chi for Health</b> 11am	Robertson Doctor
<b>Every Tues</b>	Run club for all levels Tuesday 6am, <b>Simply Fitness</b> 0438294813	From Outside Butchers Shop
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Trivia Night</b> 7.30pm	Robertson Inn
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Social tennis</b> 1-3pm Contact Lyndy Scott 4885 2805	Robertson Tennis Court
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Mindfulness Meditation</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm Contact Fiona Brown 0409 036 188	The Robertson Doctor
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Songsters</b> 4.30pm Contact Karen Wilmott mob 0403 044 828	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Knitting Group 10.30-12.30</b>	The Cool Room Emporium
<b>Every Thurs</b>	<b>iPad and Tablets group</b> 1.30pm see <i>page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every Fri &amp; Sun</b>	<b>Robertson Railway Modellers Group</b> 1pm-4.30pm Neil 0457 355 970	The Fettle's Shed
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Free Trivia/Joker Jackpot/Prize Tombola</b> see <i>page 1</i>	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>Every Sat</b>	<b>Crop Swap</b> 9.30 am	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>1st Sun, 4th Sun</b>	<b>Traditional Service</b> at 8am every 1st and 4th Sundays of the month	St Johns Robertson
<b>Every Sun</b>	<b>Family Service</b> – 10am every Sunday and <b>Youth Service</b> 6pm Sun-days	St Johns Robertson
<b>1st, 3rd, 5th Sun</b> <b>2nd, 4th Sun</b>	<b>Catholic Service</b> 8am <b>Catholic Service</b> 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang



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# Inaugural *Kangaroo Valley Art Prize* attracted 400 entries

The Inaugural *Kangaroo Valley Art Prize* 2018 attracted more than 400 entries Australia-wide and was shown in the Kangaroo Valley Hall 28 September through to 1 October 2018. The exhibition has grown from a primarily local show to a major regional art prize open to all artists and media including new media. The winner of the inaugural *Kangaroo Valley Art Prize* for 2018 was Robyn Kinsela, Highly Commended was shared by Manuela Chapman, and Jon Frank. The People’s Choice award went to Sonja Bowden. The finalists’ exhibition, together with a solo show by two-time Archibald finalist, Vanessa Stockard, was held over the October long-weekend at the Kangaroo Valley Hall, transformed for the occasion into a professional gallery. For further information and images please contact Gary Moore on 0421 050 348 or at [visualartsinthevalley@outlook.com](mailto:visualartsinthevalley@outlook.com)

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**  
**The Robertson Shed Inc (CTC@Robertson)**  
Thursday 13 December at 5pm@CTC@Robertson  
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# Robertson CTC News

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

**New Printer.** Sadly our old black and white laser printer had become too old to fix anymore but thanks to Konica Minolta we now have a new colour laser printer. We are very excited about the possibilities with this new machine and extremely grateful to Lachlan Feggans for facilitating this and to Konica Minolta who have been extremely helpful and generous in meeting our needs & wishes.

This new printer will handle colour A4, A3 and banner prints, fast double sided and multiple page scanning plus has a finishing unit which can fold staple and hole punch. This is the first Robertson News to be printed with a colour cover and the November issue of the REPS newsletter, Eucryphia, was full colour, thanks to this new printer. So if you want your newsletter or other items printed locally please come in and see us. Expect to see a lot more colour around the place now.

**Computer / iPad training** – One on one classes continue by appointment, the next group classes will run from February. If you have an iPad, tablet or smart phone don't forget every Thursday 1:30-3pm we run a casual "iPad Group", \$5 to join then \$5 each time you attend.

**Seniors Festival,** As part of the Seniors Festival look out for free sessions at the CTC in February.

**Holiday closure.** The CTC will close after Sat 22nd Dec reopening Thurs 24th Jan. Our final art exhibition for this year will be a Christmas craft bazaar (see separate advert) and our bi-monthly cinema will resume in 2019. Many thanks to Janet



Nicola from Mitronics training CTC volunteers

Waterlow for her excellent work coordinating the gallery and gallery team this year and to Bea for continuing to provide a great variety of films. Thank you and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to the committee and volunteers who keep the CTC running and of course to all our clients and everyone in Robertson & surrounds.

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

**Phone: 4885 2665 -**  
*please leave a message if we aren't able to answer at the time.*

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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](mailto: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.

<b>Friday 1 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Basic skills 1</b> — Never used a computer or just having problems, this is for you.
<b>Friday 8 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Basic skills 2</b> —learn how to get your files and folders sorted plus email and saving attachments.
<b>Friday 15 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Photos</b> —putting photos onto your computer from camera, phone or tablet. Organising, simple editing and sharing via email.
<b>Friday 21 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Scanning</b> —scanning & simple editing of documents, photos and negatives. Especially suitable for storing and enhancing old photos.
<b>Friday 29 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Creating documents &amp; sending via email</b> — Suitable for beginners using Microsoft or the free alternatives.
<b>Friday 5 April</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Facebook &amp; Social Media</b> — Getting started and how to keep your details as private or public as you want.

# Robertson Open Gardens Weekend

By Colin Hancock, President, Robertson Garden Club

What a wonderful weekend! The village was buzzing as the many garden visitors arrived to see the open gardens and buy plants from the amazing plants stall. On Saturday the weather remained fine and the village was in a festive mood with all businesses packed out.

Village shops had entered the competition for the best garden streetscape. The competitions in this year's event had been run and judging completed prior to the event with a great display of business frontages adding to the festivities, along with our local primary school "outdoor classroom" banner competition which I had the honour of presenting the prizes to the winning entries at the school assembly. The primary school had also drawn fabulous designs of how they wanted their Outdoor Garden Classroom to be created and these were displayed in the CTC.

The Men's Shed boys having completed the early morning duties set up a sausage sizzle that was completely sold out by lunch time. Thankfully the visitors arriving in coaches had the foresight to make reservations at Moonacres Cafe or other eateries. The CTC had a beautiful exhibition of artwork on display and the Brass band played for the enjoyment of all. What a festive atmosphere on display around the village.

The gardens were all inspiring and a credit to their owners in their presentation. This event would not be possible without the generosity of the garden owners in allowing us to showcase Robertson each year through our Open Garden Scheme and raise money for our community.



Colin presents certificates of appreciation to garden owners Patty Mouhtouris and Brian & Deirdre Watson

Thank you must go to the organising committee headed up by Kerry Lindsay and Margaret Roberts. They did a fabulous job. The number of coaches with fellow garden club members from as far as Bathurst, Grafton, the South Coast and the Snowy had visited Margaret's garden "Gardenalia" at different times during the week before and after the official Open Gardens weekend with all proceeds going to the club.

To the many volunteers, both members and non-members, go my utmost thanks for your help during the year with many working bees, in helping to set up the venues, manning the gates and plant stall,

doing all of the running around that was needed to complete the multitude of tasks that are required to put on such an event. It was certainly a great weekend.

At the time of writing this report the accounts had not been finalised, however our prediction is that although affected by the weather the amount raised should allow The Garden Club to make substantial contributions to the non commercial groups in our village to support their individual projects.

Thank you once again to everyone who has assisted us in putting on this iconic event. We are lucky to live in the wonderful village that is Robertson.



L-R—Brendhan Waters(Fire Birigade), John Kennis(Men's Shed), Jenny Kena and Karen Mewes (CTC) accept donations from President Colin Hancock.

**Update**—at a presentation at the CTC on 22 November, Colin Hancock presented donations totalling \$15,000 to five community organisations from funds raised at the Open Gardens—the Robertson Public School, the Robertson Fire Brigade, the Robertson Men's Shed, the CTC@Robertson and the Robertson Show Society.

## Businesses Celebrate the Spirit of Spring for Open Gardens

By Karen Wilmott

Congratulations to all the Robertson businesses



Light Horse Gallery garden scene

who took up the challenge to decorate in a garden theme for the Open Gardens weekend in October. This will be an annual challenge so for those of you who weren't able to buy in this year – 2019 could be your time to shine!

Maybe all the houses along Hoddle St might join in the display next year as well – now wouldn't that put Robertson on the map! 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of \$100 went to The Robertson Shopping Village for their garden scene complete with veges, spuds, scarecrow and wombat. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$50 was awarded to the delightful cottage garden setting at the Lighthorse Gallery. Thank you to all the businesses for participating with such supportive community spirit!