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opened its gate. What can be found inside is a very special Australian native plant nursery, a dynamic garden design studio and a beautiful destination. Find out more on *page 2...*

New Swimming Pool Committee

The AGM of RADSPA (Robertson and District Swimming Pool Association) was held on Sunday 15 November at Robertson Bowling Club and a new Committee was formed. The new Committee met on 22 November and has provided the following statement.

“The new committee recognises the privilege and responsibility of being entrusted with bringing to reality the Robertson and Districts’ long held vision for the community to have its own swimming pool.

On behalf of the members and the community of the Robertson district we extend our sincere gratitude for the extensive work done to date by the outgoing and earlier committee members and the supporting public.

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Making the Birds and Bees Happy!

Birds and bees love Bottlebrush. It’s a plant that keeps on giving - typically, flowers keep coming for six months or more. There are lots of these right now at Native Grace, our new Robertson nursery.

No doubt Robertson residents have been intrigued by the recent activity at 98 Hoddle Street, the former home of Robertson Village Nursery. On 17 November, all was revealed when Native Grace

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New Nursery in RobertsonContd from page 1

Traditionally, nurseries sell plants, designers design gardens and landscapers install landscapes. Native Grace offers all three services conveniently located at this atmospheric Robertson site.

In addition to natives there is a great selection of edible plants (including bush tucker) and a shop full of interesting things to buy. There are distractions for children, water bowls for dogs and free wifi. From Friday-Sunday, The Bush Café will be serving great coffee (roasted locally) and delicious home-made goods.

The Native Grace team is led by Directors Joanna Cave and Luke Maitland.

"We are absolutely thrilled to join the Robertson community" said Jo. "People have been incredibly welcoming. We encourage people to come and enjoy the plants, explore the shop and spend time in nature. Linger over a coffee on our covered verandah is pretty special".

Native Grace is open 9am-4pm, seven days per week. www.nativegrace.com.au ph: 4858 0368



Why is the bus taking so long? Maybe, they don't allow pets on the bus?

By Monika Aleksander

Whatever the reason, the owners of these gorgeous four-legged pets, waited patiently for the bus that never came!

If you are thinking they are Shetland ponies or just ponies – you would be mistaken – they are real small horses. In fact, mother (Evie) and daughter (Poppy) took their owners out for a walk to see the markets recently and obviously the walking was tiring, so catching a bus was a good idea – except they waited and waited and waited.

This is what I love about 'Robbo' – our little village has so much character, so many friendly people and friendly animals around taking in the sights. Where else but 'Robbo' would you come across this?

Thanks for the chat boys and maybe next time, you may need to catch an uber, when sore feet take over.

A Message from the Editor

I would like to thank everyone who has assisted with the *Robertson News* over the years and continues to support it. Advertising from local businesses means that it has been able to continue as a printed publication as well as online. I would also like to thank the businesses that provide distribution points. *Robertson News* relies on contributions of content from the community so thank you to all the organisations, businesses and individuals who have sent in articles and notices.

For this edition, I would particularly like to thank new feature writer and CTC volunteer, Monica Aleksander for researching and submitting a number of items.

Wishing you all the best as you celebrate the end of 2020!
Jenny Kena, Editor

Contribution Guidelines

The submission deadline for the February 2021 edition is January 15 2021. Please submit all articles and event notices to editor@robertsonctc.org.au.

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Robertson Hotel News

By Lisa Grant, Robertson Hotel

The Southern Highlands are welcoming many new visitors to the region which is wonderful for Robertson.

As many of you know, The Robertson Hotel has been renovating for a long time now, always trying to improve and restore the hotel to its former glory. We have been spending many hours at ways to further improve the hotel and we feel we have a wonderful group of amazing staff now that can accommodate all our needs.

From our Concierge to meet and greet you upon entry to our new restaurant manager and brand new menu. Our Restaurant team welcomes you to The Grand Dining room from Wednesday to Saturday evenings. Book ahead to ensure your reservation and check availability. You will enjoy our new bar menu also with a range of local and established wines, plus the specialised cocktails on the bar menu.

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New Local Celebrant Comes with Celtic Harp



'Hello, I'm Fiona Dunbar King a Celebrant, Celtic Harpist, bird lover and serious knitter! We purchased our Robbo house in the firestorm and sold our Sydney house in a pandemic! Fortunately we have landed on our feet and love being in this peaceful place. So back to work

it is. I'm looking forward to becoming part of this community and conducting weddings locally. If you want to get married in a Paddock, a Castle, the Backyard, or a Grand Hotel. I'm just around the corner.

The new website www.southern-highlands-celebrant.com.au is up and running, please take a look.'

Jimmy Nardello Back at Moonacres

Moonacres Italian Restaurant is now open for bookings again every Friday and Saturday Night from 27 November from 6pm. Bookings and further information moonacres.com.au The opening weekend starts with a tour of Bologna, discovering the essence of an authentic ragu.

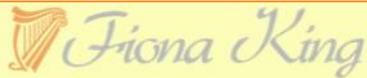
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A New Era of Healthy and Australian Grown Fruit and Veggies....

...is what the Robertson Fruit Shop is all about

By Monica Aleksander



A Welcoming Smile from Yasemin and Chris

Image—Monica Aleksander Inset Little Yasemin—supplied

Owners Yasemin & Chris Kasapoglu guarantee that all fresh produce is Australian-grown, with the exception of ad-hoc products requested by a customer from time to time.

Yasemin says – “We are a very lucky country and have beautiful fruit and vegetables so why look

anywhere else? As a business we strongly believe in supporting Australian farmers”.

Growing up surrounded by fruit and veg Yasemin knows all about quality and freshness in her field, coming from a family recognised in the Southern Highlands for their outstanding fruit and veg produce.

Branching out approximately 5 years ago, Yasemin and Chris are truly genuine in how they operate, They are entrepreneurial and always give back to the community and support the Australian economy.

You will always experience a smiling and welcoming manner from both Chris and Yasemin. Chris will carry goods to your car and deliver as required and Yasemin has no problem with helping strap in children to a car seat to help a mother.

Being a mother herself, Yasemin understands the need to assist when a parent, baby, toddler enters the store and goes out of her way to help and assist you in any way possible. It's not unusual for children to be munching on strawberries, compliments to Yasemin when accompanying their parents around the store.

Added to the excellent customer service and high quality of fresh produce and goods on offer the shop has a continental, or should I say 'Mediterranean', feel. Did you know that the olive oil is produced in Syria, home to the oldest olive trees in the world?

You must also try the global award-winning Sutdiyar Goat's Milk (Feta) Cheese.

Or pick up some authentic Gozleme Lebanese Dip – locally manufactured by a family business in Albion Park; or what about trying Tony's famous bread that is made locally? But my favourite is Yasemin Jams, lovingly stewed and hand-made in a variety of flavours and the proud winner of 1st prize at the Robbo Show last year.

Although Chris and Yasemin are a busy couple, they still manage to produce their own fresh pesto sauce, marinated olives, pickled eggplant and infused oils – these are a must to try!

Most of all – all customers are treated equally regardless if you are a celebrity or a normal client and are treated with the same high service level of discretion.

It's no secret that Robbo is the envy of other villages. Maybe I am just biased!

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Apprentice Becomes Owner

by Monica Aleksander

Who would have thought or dared to dream that starting as an apprentice, Jay would one day be the proud owner of The Robertson Village Butchery?



Image—Monica Aleksander

Well that dream did come true for Jay and his supportive wife Ashleigh when a chance meeting with previous owner Darryl put the wheels in motion. A few months on, we welcome Jay and Ashleigh Bruce as part of our community and thank Darryl and Karen Veivers for their years of hard work, reputation and amazing client service.

"It's a combination of quality, pricing, service and innovation" - says Jay who maintains high standards are the key to success! Carrying on the tradition, integrity and built up reputation promises Jay and Ashleigh a bright future with the support of our community.

The meat is sourced locally from the south coast and delivered three times per week – so that's as fresh as you can get. Customers are known to drive from various destinations within the Southern Highlands to pick up their orders and that in itself is a credit to the quality of the meat.

But don't be fooled that the Robbo Village Butchery just sells the normal rounds of meat. Jay is not only passionate about what he does but is also creative and innovative with his menu. Each week you will find something different, something exotic and mouth-watering that you can't help but want and must try, coupled with the normal yet still delicious standards of meats.

Have you seen and tried the poultry, the Honey Macadamia Chicken Rolls, the Chicken Schnitzels

that fly out the door, plus the gourmet scrumptious sausages including - Supreme Spanish Chorizo; the Wild Mushroom and Garlic Beef; Mexican Salsa; Smokey Bacon & Cheese Sausages?

As a quaint country town, we as Aussies definitely love our meat - (apologises to the vegetarians, vegans and non-meat eaters) – but mostly we treasure our BBQ's and our ability to cook something nutritious and different for the family. Have a look next time you are in, for the variety and unprecedented flavours.

Let's not forget the children who at times are hard to please, you must try the 'Mavi's Chicken Nuggets' named and produced by Jay, especially for his son Maverick.

After some research, so that I am not biased – here are a few quotes from happy, happy clients:

"Seriously, good meat".

"Wonderful service, friendly, always helpful - with a smile".

"Food tastes amazing – Pork Ribs are delicious".
"Great selection".

You will also notice that it's not your normal outfitted butcher store – with rugby league jerseys adorning the interior – which is a dividing point of debate between Ashleigh (Sharks) and Jay (Dragons). Personally, I only found a small jersey for the Roosters – but in saying that, it is signed.

The Robertson Village Butchery also has that real welcoming country feel – with a lounge to relax on, have a chat with another local and most importantly it is a 'one stop shop' for a family meal - lunch, dinner, brunch or a quick snack.

I have never ever found a butcher with such convenient hours before. When I head off early to visit family in Goulburn for lunch / dinner, I know I can pop in as early as 6am to buy something tantalising. Thanks Jay and Ashleigh, for making my life much easier with your generous opening hours!

Robertson Village Butchery is open 6am-6pm Mon-Fri, 6am-1pm Sat. Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/AshJayBruce/> or call ph: 4885 1162



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Christmas is a Little Odd This Year

By Graham Thomas, Minister, Robertson/Burrawang Anglican Church

It might seem a little odd that this year over the Christmas period at Robbo Anglican we'll be having a look at some of the famous Christmas carols and see how they remind us the truth about Jesus. It's a little odd, because at the time of writing we're still not allowed to sing in church! Here's one of my favourites (O come all ye faithful). Feel free to sing along as you read...

380 O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular and Refrain

Verse

1. O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him,
born the king of an - gels: O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Chorus

2. God of God,
Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created:

3. See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

4. Lo, star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
we to the Christ-child bring our hearts' oblations:

5. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest:

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n:
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Words: possibly by John Francis Wade trans. Frederick Oakeley and others
Music: possibly by John Francis Wade

Now getting past the 'thees and thous and yeas' this old carol says something very significant about Jesus. Look at the last line of the last stanza (no.6), 'Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.' The writer wants to remind us about the appearing of Jesus, who is the 'word of the Father', which is a way of saying that in the person of Jesus, God speaks (the 'word' bit) to us. The historical Jesus reveals God to us. And this is worth celebrating, being 'happy' about!

So, this Christmas come along to our services, hopefully we'll be able to sing by then, and see how these old carols say some pretty significant things, and

that they are not just weird old hymns with words no-one uses anymore! Below is our service information, I hope to see you around soon. Everyone's welcome, from curious to the committed.

REGULAR SERVICES

'Face to face' services have resumed at Robertson and Burrawang, however if you would like to subscribe to our YouTube channel, where you can watch the Robertson bible talks, search on YouTube 'Robertson Burrawang Anglican Church.'

Our service times at Robertson are:

Sundays @8am Traditional (1st and 4th of the month), @10am Contemporary Family (weekly), @6pm Contemporary Family (weekly, while COVID social distancing restrictions are still on place) We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at St David's Burrawang at 4.30pm. There are no services at St Davids Burrawang in January.

Christmas Services at Robertson Anglican Church

Saturday December 19 Christmas Concert from 5pm on lawn at the church with live music and carols, jumping castles, pony rides, RFS and free sausage sizzle. Bring a picnic and rug to sit on.

Sunday December 20 Normal services, **Thursday December 24** Christmas Eve @5pm Family Service, **Friday December 25** Christmas Day @9.30am Family Service.

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Christmas Colour Code

By Monica Aleksander



Well that jolly old man in a fur-trimmed **red** suit called Santa Claus who lives at the North Pole with his hard-working elves and famous reindeers will soon be flying through the skies on his sleigh around the world. It's a magical time, but 2020 will be a little different for all of us – however, it won't stop you from enjoying

yourself and seeing the faces of children opening up their presents – and that also includes us adults too.

It's no coincidence that colour for seasons is colour coded and people are biologically programmed to see the world through colour – including Christmas. As an example a piece of fruit is ripe enough to eat because of its colour; we know the grass becomes too dry because of its colour and we don't normally like to eat blue foods – because a lot of blue in nature exists in poisonous plants.

Colour has always served as a map. This biological explanation may also help play a role in why **green** and **red** helped make Christmas one of the most recognisable and celebrated holidays in the world. Both **red** and **green** complement each other on the colour wheel and are aesthetically pleasing. Naturally, our eyes are drawn to those beautifully **red** berries and the **green** leaves.

Santa's **red** suit was no accident as the credit goes to the 1930's Coca-Cola advertisement that featured paintings of Santa Claus as we know him – old, plump rounded **red** faced and white beard with a **red** outfit to boot. It all changed when the advertising company D'Arcy Agency wanted something more wholesome and genuine. With a vision of Santa Claus based on imagery in the poem

– *A visit from St Nicholas* colloquially known by its first line – *'Twas the night before Christmas* – it was the staying power of Coca-Cola advertisement that proved nothing short of magical.

The most popular Christmas song for decades was Irvin's *White Christmas* by Bing Crosby but has been taken over by Mariah Carey's – *All I want for Christmas* and no doubt this will change over the years to come.

20 Christmas Trivia Questions—How Many Do You Know?

1. What was the first ever song broadcast from space?
2. In the Christmas song *Six White Boomers* pulling Santa's sleigh through the blazing Aussie Sun, what is a boomer?
3. What aspect of Christmas reminds children of the shepherds who visited baby Jesus?
4. In Australia's version of the song *Jingle Bells*, what form of transportation is used instead of a 'one-horse open sleigh'?
5. What sort of traditional ingredient is added to Christmas puddings?
6. Christmas Island in Australia has an annual migration of which animal?
7. Why is Christmas celebrated on 25 December?
8. Which famous sporting events begin on Christmas Day?
9. Who wrote the book *A Christmas Carol*?
10. What is the partridge in a pear tree?
11. In the song *Frosty the Snowman*, what made Frosty come to life?
12. Where did the nativity take place?
13. What Christmas tradition began in Melbourne in 1938?
14. In which modern day country was St Nicholas born?
15. What are the names of the 3 wise men?
16. What Christmas decoration was originally made from strands of silver?
17. What star sign would you be if you were born on Christmas Day?
18. In what country did the tradition of putting up Christmas trees originate?
19. Who created the first Christmas lights display?
20. Before being connected to Christmas, what was Yule?



Answers Page 10



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Robertson Heritage Railway Station Optimistic

Ian Wallace, President, RHRS

While 2020 will not be remembered fondly as a great year for many reasons, it was a year in which some positive outcomes should be acknowledged. Early in 2020, the heritage-classified precast concrete station buildings at Robertson railway station were repainted and look great. It is a shame that they were not able to be viewed and admired by the travelling public, due to



The repainted station looks great. Image supplied

restrictions placed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Many months have now passed without a heritage train visit to Robertson although the scheduled, and much-anticipated, 'Highlands Picnic Train'

visit to Robertson and Moss Vale on Saturday, 7 November was curtailed at the last minute due to concerns over Covid-19 reports in Moss Vale. The train, hauled by steam locomotive 5917, actually came up the Illawarra Escarpment to Summit Tank and then went down to Kiama. This was unfortunate for us here, but it is hoped that a further 'Highlands Picnic Train' may be scheduled and that we will once again receive regular visits from 'The Cockatoo Run' heritage tourist train.

Our railway station's 'Waratah Weekend' held in October this year was successful, with a very pleasing display of waratah blooms of various colours on display within our grounds. Good sales were made of waratah flowers, waratah plants and seeds. This year, RHRS collaborated with the Robertson Garden Club to hold a plant sale at the Fettle's Shed Gallery. This was a win-win for both community groups.

The ongoing maintenance of the grounds and gardens within the Robertson railway precinct is one of the more demanding activities of RHRS. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the regular cutting of grass and garden

maintenance by the NSW Department of Corrective Services weekend-detention people was suspended for many months, but has recently returned on a limited basis. In the interim, RHRS volunteers solely attended to grounds and garden maintenance. During 2020, a small group of volunteers, several of them new volunteers, have attended RHRS garden working-bees (second Saturday each month) and have successfully maintained the appearance of this valuable and attractive place of public recreation. It remains an asset for the Robertson community,

An alliance has been formed with Robertson Community Garden Inc for that group to establish a community garden in the eastern end of the Railway Common. We hold high hopes that this will develop into a successful and rewarding partnership. Other community groups, including the Robertson Men's Shed, will also be involved in this initiative. Watch this space for further developments.

Nearing completion is the design and fabrication of a set of three information signs explaining the history and heritage aspects of the Robertson railway station buildings, as well as train operations through Robertson. This was funded largely by a grant received by the Commonwealth Government, through local member Stephen Jones, who will be invited to open the signage early in 2021. Our small group of railway modellers meets regularly in the Fettle's Shed and continues to build and operate model railway layouts, which attract interest from those who view them in operation during heritage train visits and other occasions. Due to Covid-19, our regular Classic Car Day held in April over many years had to be cancelled and, unfortunately, it is likely that that there will be no classic car event held in 2021.

Having said all that, we are optimistic about the future and hopeful that 2021 and beyond will be successful and



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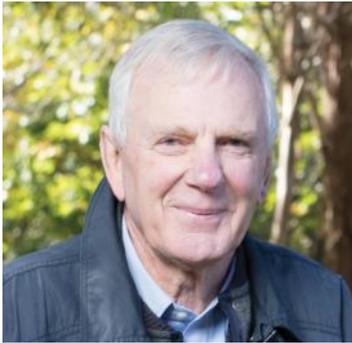
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Neville Fredericks, new RADSPA President. Image: www.fountaindale.net.au

A special thanks to the retiring chair and to Ian Hunt for his ongoing commitment and comprehensive report to the AGM on Sunday.

For many years, many good people with good hearts have done a great deal of work to reach this point in the project. Despite some disappointments, the

new committee is taking up the work with the project well advanced. Planning approval for the pool building is granted and the foundations are poured. The building is to house the pool and related service and amenity areas.

The setback relating to the collapse of the incomplete structure during construction led the outgoing committee to proceed to engage a forensic engineer and seek legal advice. A subsequent claim on the professional indemnity insurers for the design engineer has been made and this claim is advancing towards a negotiated settlement.

Once the insurance claim is resolved the committee will be better placed to determine the financial resources needed to complete the project as designed and approved. The committee's priorities are to pursue all avenues for grant funding and develop the project to recommencement status.

The committee intends to call a public meeting in the new year to inform the community of the estimated cost to completion and finance required to fulfill the ambition for a pool.

We look forward to working with and for the community."

Members of the new Committee are: President – Neville Fredericks, Vice President – Andrew Pull, Secretary – Sandra Mauger, Treasurer – Vicki Stokes, Committee members – Aaron de Jager, Josephine Grieve and Nicholas Gray.

The Men's and Women's Shed is Almost Complete!

By John Kennis, President RMSI

Our new shed is almost complete. The carpark and landscaping are well underway and should be complete within the next few weeks. We have some minor works to complete, such as handrails and some internal finishes and final inspections need to be organised prior to occupation. Our completion is on track to be in mid-December.

I would especially like to mention FCE, Beau and his crew for the work they are doing to the carpark, and landscaped area, which has been designed and created by Dan Thomas. Robertson is fortunate to have people like Beau in the community, he does so much.



We will be proud to show off our new facility once complete and are planning an official opening early in the new year.

This will be open to the community and comply with the COVID restrictions in place at the time.

It has been three and half years, but now the shed is finally a reality. The work of our members has been fantastic. They have put in over 500 hours of their time to help create our shed and help make it real. They can feel they have some ownership of the building.

The shed will be a great community asset and the CTC and Men's shed will be a community showpiece once complete.

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Visual Arts in the Valley a Wonderful Success

A year ago, the unprecedented 74-day Currowan bushfire smashed the southern flank of Kangaroo Valley, followed by torrential floods. Then Covid-19 hit local businesses.

The community united and rebounded, lead in part by *Visual Arts in the Valley 2020*, a celebration of the visual arts and now one of the richest prizes in Australian art.

Held over the October long weekend, 1,300 people visited the Kangaroo Valley Community Hall transformed into a professional gallery and four other venues in the Valley.

Curated by Jane Cush from Mittagong, finalists were from Robertson including several from the SHAC, the Highlands, regional NSW, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne including 15% from interstate. All prize money – \$18,350 in total – was donated by local Kangaroo Valley residents.



Tony Ameneiro, *Nattai River Landscape*

Visual Arts in the Valley has grown from a local show into an emerging national event, while retaining its local and regional flavour.

\$100,000 in artworks were sold (32% of hung finalists), including \$33,000 by local artists – unheard of for any previous art event along the South Coast or through Highlands, and great for local and regional artists.

Major regional prize winners were:

Kangaroo Valley Art Prize (\$6,000 prize, and sold) – Tony Ameneiro (Bowral), *Nattai River Landscape*

Salon of Local Artists Prize (\$1,500, and sold in editions) – Patrick Cummins (Kangaroo Valley), *Burnt Landscape - Jacks Corner Road*

Salon of Local Artists Commended (\$500, and sold) – AF Fulgence (Kangaroo Valley, teaches at BDAF Bowral), *Untitled #10*

These and the other prize winners and all finalist artwork is available for viewing at www.artsinthevalley.net.au/gallery.

Council Connections

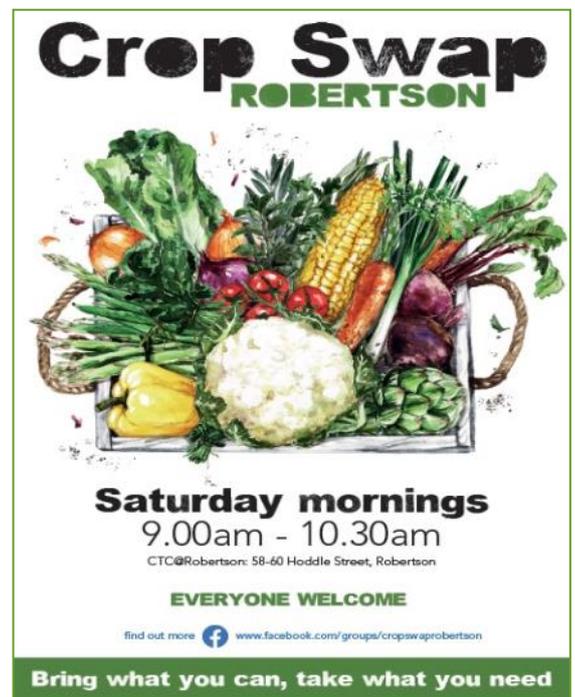
By Larry Whipper

There has been considerable interest in D.A 21/0333 25-29 North Street Robertson. This is the proposed Community Title Development above Hampden Park. Due to public interest, I have requested that this DA come to a Full meeting of Council for consideration.

Council has also received a DA application for 8-10 Lemmons Road Robertson seeking to utilise the garden and existing studio as an information and education facility. The site is described as lot 16 DP 245774 address 8-10 Lemmons road. T is the property established by Dorothy Hall founder of the Australian Traditional Medicine Society. More details can be found on Council's DA-Tracker at www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/da-tracker

For those who may be interested Council has received a number of Expressions of Interest for our Climate Change Working Group. I will be meeting with the Mayor and GM in the next week to select members for this very important advisory panel which will assist council in fulfilling its Climate Change Declaration.

If I can assist in anyway with Council issues, please feel free to contact me at Larry.Whipper@wsc.nsw.gov.au or mobile 0407932922.



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Christmas Trivia Quiz Answers

1. *Jingle Bells* in 1965 2. A large male kangaroo 3. Candy canes – as they resemble the shepherds' staff 4. A rusty Holden ute 5. Brandy 6. Crabs 7. Pope Julius I in 350AD declared it the official date to celebrate the birth of Christ 8. Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, Melbourne cricket test 9. Charles Dickens 10. The partridge is a symbol of Jesus, the pear tree is a symbol of the tree of life 11. An old silk hat 12. Bethlehem 13. Carols by Candlelight 14. Turkey 15. Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar 16. Tinsel 17. Capricorn 18. Germany 19. Thomas Edison 20. A pagan midwinter festival

Robertson Community Technology Centre

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

Thanks to all the work to create the Robertson Men's Shed behind the CTC building we now have a smart new carpark with lots of shady spots under the big trees and better accessibility access. Once the new landscaped gardens are established it will make a lovely outdoor area. Entry is down the driveway beside the CTC.

It's been a different year for so many reasons but hopefully we are starting to get back to normal. We are now doing some face to face, one on one lessons and IT assistance (call to book) plus we are still offering assistance via video call and remote logon. All being well we hope to restart group lessons and the cinema in the new year.

We've enjoyed having Robertson Crop Swap meet at the CTC on a Saturday morning, an excellent initiative (see ad page 10) and quite a social gathering. We are of course on hand with coffees and cake for those who need a little more than vegetables!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page, website and the Robertson e-news for future announcements of classes, art exhibitions and cinema program.

Meanwhile there was plenty of interest and sales at our last art exhibition. For the remainder of the year we have a beautiful exhibition from Burrawang artist, Poss Keech.



As well as our computers, printing and café did you know the CTC has private office space available to hire? \$10 an hour. Daily or weekly rates available. So if you need somewhere quiet with fast WiFi for an online meeting or just to get a bit of work done give us a call. With barista on hand (on CTC days) for that all important coffee fix!



Refurbished back of the CTC building, with hard surface parking, accessibility parking and ramp plus landscaping.

Christmas hours.

Last day open Saturday 19th December,
reopen Thursday 14th January.

Wishing everyone a happy and very safe holiday season.

Robertson CTC

Open

Thur & Fri 10am-4pm,

Sat 10am-1pm.

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News from The SHAC

The SHAC @ Robertson has the Summer Fair exhibition from December 4 2020 to January 26 2021.

The SHAC Gallery is doing Christmas differently this year and we'd love everyone to be involved.



After the year we've had we felt we all deserve a break, and thought we'd extend Christmas celebrations from December right

through January. And we'd like you to help us celebrate! Rather than have the traditional Christmas Gallery Show, we thought we should reflect what the SHAC is about for this period – the best of the best of our wonderful Southern Highlands Artisans and Makers.

The SHAC is the 'go to' place during December for that extra special present, or your own amazing reward, so are inviting the best of the best to take a space in the SHAC Gallery and the Annex at The SHAC.

2020 The SHAC Committee

Congratulations to the new Committee -

Jane Cush—President
 Gail Miller—Vice President
 Ben McAdam—Treasurer
 Chris McCann—Secretary/Public Officer
 Jane Cush—Artistic Director
 Jeremy Perrott—Marketing Director
 Annabel Baxter—Director Visitor Experience
 Alexandra Taylor—Membership Director
 Catherine Doyle—Technical Director
 James King—Committee Member
 Ric Abel—Committee Member.

The SHAC is open Fri-Mon 10am-4pm at 74-76 Hoddle Street Robertson. Find out more at www.theshac.com.au

Calendar of Events

4 Dec—26 January	Summer Fair exhibition	The SHAC see p 12
Continuing to 30 January	Out 4 a Duck Exhibition—Poss Keech	CTC@Robertson see p 11
Sun 13 December 8.30am-2pm <i>2nd Sun of month except Jan</i>	Robertson Market	School of Arts ph 0408 238 575
Sat 5 December 9am-3pm	Diggers Show & Shine	DMMC (behind the CTC/Men's Shed) ph:0416 136 483
Every Sat 9am-10.30am	Crop Swap	CTC@Robertson see p 10 www.facebook.com/groups/cropswaprobertson
Fri 11 December 6pm	Christmas at the Pub	Robertson Public House & Kitchen See p 6
Every Thur-Sat 9am-1pm	The Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop	71 Hoddle St (next to RFM, opposite CTC) www.facebook.com/therobertsonburrow
Every Thur-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm See p 9	CTC@Robertson Printing, tech help, café/wi-fi, exhibition	58-60 Hoddle Street see p 11 for Christmas hours
	Robertson Men's & Women's Shed	www.facebook.com/RobertsonmensshedInc
Christmas Services	St John's Church Services	See p 6 for details
Sunday Mass	St Peter's Burrawang	Ring the Parish Office on Ph 4868 1931
Social Tennis Tues 1-3 or hire any day except Thur See page 6	Tennis	Robertson Tennis Court—pick up key at Enhance Service Station
	Yoga & Meditation	White Lotus Studio

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