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It's Time to Shop, Dine and Dance!

Robertson will come alive on Friday 10 December when the

inaugural great Robertson Christmas Shop and Dine Street Party kicks off at 5:00pm!

Your favourite eateries, shops and galleries will keep their doors open while the street will be filled with lights, music and entertainment.

Kids will be kept amused with a free jumping castle, a visit from the man in the big red suit, (who may have a treat for well behaved girls and boys), and a photo op for good measure!

From Pizzas in the Mist, to the CTC Robertson (creative gifts and music) and Robertson Burrow Op Shop, via Elwrays Food Van, all the way up to the sparkling Native Grace Nursery, the town will come alive with Christmas cheer. Festivities will centre on a local artisans market at The SHAC, where Moonacres, Urban Food Tribe and the Mens Shed sausage sizzlers will be filling bellies, with an easy stroll up to the cheese factory where Mumma's Country Kitchen will have a variety of locally sourced

Christmas goodies on offer, joined by the Coolroom Emporium. Drop into Lucinda's Pantry for a famous Christmas cake, and into Holly Tree Cottage for more delicious homemade Ginger Bread and other delights!

Wind down at the brand new Pecora Wine & Cheese, or at the Pub, while browsing the hand made ceramics at Art Thesaurus.

The Robertson Business Chamber President Tim Hewitt said the event had been made possible with support from Wingecarribbe Shire Council, and was a joint effort of both the Chamber and the SHAC, as well as all participating businesses and community organisations. 'It's been a pretty ordinary two years for local traders and this will hopefully signal the beginning of better times', said Tim.

The town hasn't had a 'party,' for sometime, so let's all get out there and support both our local traders as well as each other as we say 'goodbye' to 2021, and celebrate the spirit of Robbo!



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Robertson Village Place Plan—How to Get Involved!

By Garima Mendiratta, WSC Senior Strategic Planner

As we are starting to implement the aims and actions outlined in the Local Housing Strategy and the Local Strategic Planning Statements, Council will be working with the community to develop a community-led strategic plan for Robertson. The Robertson Village Place Plan will be a holistic place-based plan to address the housing, economic,



social and cultural needs of the Robertson community, both now and into the future.

Where do we start? A community-led strategic plan starts with you - the community!!!

If you live, work, or just love to visit Robertson, then we want to hear from you. Over the coming couple of months, we will be using our online platforms to find out what makes Robertson so special, what could be made even better, and what Robertson might be like in the future. Now that the COVID restrictions have eased, we are also looking forward to engaging with you face-to-face, in an interactive community engagement session, organised on **Tuesday 7 December** at CTC Robertson.

The consultation will be divided into two parts, starting with an outdoor **'Place Audit walk'**, around the town at 2pm, for about 45 minutes. Please

ensure that you wear comfortable clothing and shoes for walking. If the weather is not favourable, the walk will be cancelled. If you wish to attend the **'Place Audit walk'**, please make a booking on the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/214310888637>

The second part of the consultation will be an interactive session in the CTC, which will be facilitated by the Council staff. Please make a separate booking on the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/214329765097>

Please follow the COVID safe requirements for the event, detailed out in the links above. Entry will be allowed to registered participants only. Please note the bookings will close on Friday, 3 December at 4.30pm.

You can participate in shaping Robertson's future by helping us now. Head to 'Your Say Wingecarribee' website (link below) and have your say.

<https://www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au/robertson-village-place-plan>

There are a number of ways to have your say:

- Help us build a **vision** by answering three quick questions
- Have fun with our **interactive map** and enter our **Photo Competition – Yes, competition means prizes!**
- Complete a 5-minute **survey**

The Photo Competition ends on 17 January 2022. Click and upload your photos before then and the winners of each category, will receive prizes!

Further info—check the website or Ph: 4868 0888 or email engagement@wsc.nsw.gov.au

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EVs and Solar Energy in Robertson

By Josephine Grieve

Every week at AgriWest, Pete stacks four bales of straw and hay into the back of my aging hatchback Corolla and every week I say, "I'm going to get a farm car soon, promise." The truth is I promised myself that I wouldn't get a new car until an EV was available and now that I've become a goat herder, that means an EV ute.



Unfortunately for my farm-cred, I'll be waiting at least another year for an Australian release of the futuristic EV pick-up trucks manufactured by Tesla and Rivian or an EV version of one of the

classics – Toyota Hi-Lux, Ford Ranger, VW Amarok – currently in the design pipeline. There even may be an option closer to home with Australian company Nexport's proposal for a Moss Vale factory assembling EV utes by Chinese carmaker BYD.

In the meantime, there are two Teslas in the car park at Moonacres and I'm meeting Donna who owns the one without ELON on the numberplate. A newish local, Donna runs her life on solar energy and wants to show me her set up. Driving to her place, I'm mesmerised by the matte wood finish on the dash, the smart screen control and silent ride. "It's awesome on the road," she says. "Fast and responsive. But I'm more in love with the cruise control and navigation."

With Tesla's aim to make the Model 3 "affordable" and a NSW government-sponsored saving of about \$5,500 (covering rebate and stamp duty), Donna was ready to buy her dream car. "Imagine no fuel or service costs and even the brake pads don't wear out because of the regenerative braking technology!"

Energy from solar panels on the roof is stored in a wall battery in her garage, fuelling the house and car through an inverter (DC to AC) and fast wall EV charger. "The battery isn't a necessity," Donna says. "But it means the house and car have become "a virtual power plant, 100% charged from the sky", unaffected by blackouts. She has stayed on the grid for back up and sell back, and expects to recoup the

battery cost in about ten years. Clearly, an EV evangelist, Donna is happy to share her experience and can be contacted via the CTC.

At Pecora Dairy Cheese Shop, I'm there to buy a wedge of Yarra and end up talking virtual power grids. Michael Cains' face lights up with enthusiasm as he explains that solar energy generated at their farm near Knights Hill will soon help power their new bar in town. "We are setting up a peer to peer (P2P) network, where renewable energy is shared between sites. So when we have excess energy at the farm, we will send it up to the Cheese and Wine Bar and this network will also extend to four other agricultural businesses, so if one of us is low we can use energy from a peer and vice versa."

Pecora Dairy Farm is protected from blackouts because Michael manages the batteries according to the weather forecast, ensuring that they have power in reserve. "Assume there will be wild weather tomorrow, that changes what I do. Instead of using the batteries overnight, I'll keep batteries at 100% and use grid power instead. We can change the rules when we want and we can do it from our phones! Being on the grid is critical to our management of energy flow."

Phil Lavers from Moonacres was inspired by Michael's structure and decided the time was right to go solar. "I've been following the solar market since 2001 and listened to a friend who is involved. He told me to keep waiting and even 5 years ago he said keep waiting but this year he told me not to

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wait any longer. It's helpful that interest rates are low."

Moonacres start drilling holes for their field-mounted array of panels this week and along with roof panels and zinc-bromide batteries, they will be solar powered before Christmas. "The payback time is about 17 years because we have 80 kilowatt batteries but most people won't have the same need. We can't afford not to have power for refrigeration and irrigation. There have been eight blackouts in Wilde's Meadow this year and some have lasted longer than a day. That is a serious problem for a farm business. If I can't irrigate 30,000 seedlings when I need to, then those 30,000 seedlings will end up in the compost. Reliability is key!"

When sunshine is abundant, Phil hopes the farm will send energy to the café in town too. "It is exciting," he says. "One of the things I've learnt is that big problems are solved in small parts – so even our 82 Kilowatts not pumping into the sky from burning coal, is saving those emissions. Ideally in the future, we would use the sun as a source of power for an electric tractor and mowers too."

Jamberoo Mountain Farm was off-grid when Nicole and Lachlan Feggins bought it nine years ago, but they have since upgraded the system, allowing them to grow their family-run business of ethically and sustainably raised eggs and beef while following their passion for regenerating the land. "Today, all critical farm infrastructure, including electric fencing, water pumps, feed silo and the house is fully powered by off-grid solar power system," Lachlan says.

Each chicken caravan in their lush paddocks has its own solar panel with all the components electrified. "The newest caravan is the best. It is fully automated so the doors open and close, the nesting boxes open and close. Automation is an important step in terms of efficiency. Doing things a better way, means better produce and we get better lay rates which makes the business more viable."

While Robertson's entrepreneurial regenerative farmers embrace the solar future as a financial imperative, there are opportunities for other local

businesses. Calling for an "EV Revolution", the NSW Government is rolling out an ultra-fast EV charging network across the state and has put out a call for "site hosts" for public EV charging stations. For interested landowners or leaseholders, look at www.energysaver.nsw.gov.au/EVcharginghosts.

Comings and Goings

Sadly Robertson farewelled two much loved businesses recently—the Siam Mist Thai Restaurant and the delightful Book Nook 2577 bookshop run by Maria Sava. We wish Mr Thee and family all the best for the future and book lovers will be looking forward to hearing about Maria's plans for continuing to promote books and reading.

Robertson Farm Machinery also closed recently and the site is now up for auction.

Pecora Cheese and Wine opens this month next to the existing shop. The *Bar* with a warm casual atmosphere and European feel promises to be a *bon vivant's* paradise: a place where locals and visitors come to enjoy a glass of finely curated wine, a plate of artisanal cheese, or a cocktail and some tapas.

Welcome also to Mumma's Country Kitchen who are now operating the café in the Old Cheese Factory.




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Let's Celebrate!

By Graham Thomas, Minister, Robertson/Burrawang Anglican Church

Merry Christmas everyone! As I write, that feels way too early, but I hear people start putting up their trees when November rolls around, so maybe a 'merry Christmas' now is fine after all.

So, here's my suggestion for this Christmas: let's celebrate! Enough of lockdowns, uncertainty, all those Covid numbers etc etc. Let's make sure this Christmas we celebrate, that we give thanks for the life we've been given and let's be good to our neighbour. Personally, I can't wait until we can sing again, that will be a great celebration. You know that well known carol, "We wish you a merry Christmas"? It's a little repetitive but who wouldn't enjoy the simple sentiment, not to mention the tradition of always singing it at Christmas?

So, what do you wish for this Christmas? Considering this last 18 months we've all had, I reckon we may wish for normal life returning, a bit of travel maybe and being able to see friends whenever and wherever we'd like. Personally, I'm looking forward to being able to see family and friends with ease. Like many others, I've missed them.

Over this Christmas period in our services we'll be asking you to fill in the blank, that is: we wish you a *blank* Christmas. What would you put in the blank? Here's what we've come up with...

We wish you a *merry – joy filled* Christmas.

We wish you a *hopeful* Christmas.

We wish you a *safe* Christmas.

We wish you an *awesome* Christmas.

I think those sentiments are very real for our community at this time and the good news of God coming to earth in Jesus, speaks into all that.

On this page are the details of Christmas events and services. I hope you can come and join us, bring your friends with you and have a merry Christmas!



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Have You Heard of Mental Health First Aid?

By Donna Portland

I trained as a nurse after I left school and of course did the regular First Aid course for physical trauma at the start of my training, and have kept up with it, so that if necessary, I could render assistance to someone in need. After all, you'd hate to be helpless if someone you are about needs urgent help.

I have to admit, I hadn't heard of Mental Health First Aid, until recently when I started working for a Human Resources consultancy. Then I heard a staggering statistic, that 1 in 5 Australians (aged 16-85) experience a mental illness in any year! It's concerning to say the least. This means that it is very likely that you know a few people who are suffering, and if you knew what to look out for you might be able to help!

After moving to Robbo recently I visited the CTC, because one of my main reasons for the 'tree change' was my desire to experience a greater sense of community than I felt previously in Sydney. Fortunately one of their programs really interested me so I signed up for the Mental Health First Aid course that the CTC had received a grant to host. Thirteen local participants took part on two consecutive Sundays. It was great to meet the other participants and also to share honest, frank and open discussion about subjects that most people find quite difficult to approach. The point is to raise awareness about, and destigmatise, 'mental illness'.

It was fascinating to learn that various forms of mental illness (anxiety, mild, moderate and severe depression, bipolar, substance abuse disorders et al) can be just as debilitating as physical illnesses, for example the disability caused by moderate depression is similar to the impact from relapsing

multiple sclerosis, severe asthma or chronic hepatitis B.

The main thrust of what we learned was that we need to be more vigilant of those around us to notice behaviours and symptoms that might indicate that the person is in need of help. Early intervention works well to prevent problems from worsening and enable the person to recover quicker. Often, when you're really stressed it's hard to think rationally, so it's possible for a Mental Health first aider to make a huge difference to someone going through a crisis by being there for them and in that way perhaps preventing further decline.

We were given a highly useful acronym to remember how to help. This action plan is **ALGEE**. Firstly, **A**pproach the person to assess and assist with any crisis. Most important is step 2, **L**isten. Listening and communication needs to be non-judgmental and fully centred on the person because it's not about you – it's about that vulnerable person. The third step is **G**ive support and information. The MHFA handbook sets out all the resources, useful information and help-lines available for the whole range of crises. It's not up to the first aider to diagnose. Sometimes people just need some guidance as to where they can go to get the help they need. The fourth step is **E**ncourage the person to get the appropriate professional help. The fifth step is **E**ncourage the person to seek other supports that may be available.

We learned about how to speak to a suicidal person, and how to deal with someone going through a psychotic episode. We had frank discussions, and role play scenarios, to help us to understand the things we learned about. I think I speak for all the participants in saying that now we are aware of the simple process, we feel confident that we will be able to identify and effectively assist people in need. The way I look at it, I would hope that if someone I care about needed assistance, it's more likely they'll receive the help they need if more people are aware that the Mental Health First Aid course is available. You can visit The MHFA Australia Team website: mhfa.com.au for more information. I would encourage more people to do this training, as an opportunity to help others in a very much needed way, given the obvious stresses that the recent pandemic has wrought on us. If it was one in five with mental health concerns pre-Covid, I wonder what it is now?



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Community News

What's Happening in Our Volunteer Run Community Organisations

Robertson Community Garden

The next step in the project is the fence and the garden beds. Sponsors for materials including timber and netting are being sought. If anyone can help with materials (or labour) please contact Ange on ange@wherethereisawill.org.au

A Robertson Community Association?

Earlier in the year, the Robertson Futures Group organised a meeting of community organisations to discuss the establishment of a community organization to represent Robertson. A follow up meeting is being held on Wednesday 8 December at 5pm at CTC Robertson. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the nitty gritty involved in the formation of an association. For further information contact Mark Turner on 0418 657 456 mrtwosheds@outlook.com

Swimming Pool AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the RADSPA will be held on Sunday 5 December, 2021 at the Robertson Bowling Club at 10:30 am. All members and community observers are welcome. Only paid members may vote. For further information email robertsonaquatic@gmail.com

New Committee Members Urgently Needed for Robertson School of Arts

The Robertson School of Arts Committee are a hard working group dedicated to the maintenance of the School of Arts building in good repair and upgrading equipment as needed in order to have this important community facility available into the future.

Thanks to a successful application to the NSW Crown Lands Department, the Committee recently completed a number of projects including rebuilding the hall stage, sealing the driveway and moving the electricity box to the outside wall.

The Committee should be congratulated for managing to achieve \$772,366 in grants since 2016 for work including a new amenities block, new fencing and painting the building. The organisation contributed \$97,043 of its own funds to these projects which means a total of \$869,409 has been spent on this wonderful historic building.

The Robertson School of Arts does not receive any other financial help other than through fundraising such as markets, dances, private functions etc The Hall must pay for its own insurance and Council rates which takes a large amount of its funds. In its present form the Hall is in very good condition but there will always be maintenance to be taken care of.

If you can help with making this great asset live on for the Robertson community, think about joining the Committee. New members are urgently needed so please contact the Secretary, John Johnston on 0407 004 395 or email robertsonsofa@gmail.com. Membership is just \$2 and there are only 4 meetings per year. What a great way to contribute to Robertson community life!

Bowral Classic is Coming to Robertson!

The Bowral Classic cycling Gran Fondo event will be passing through Robertson on Sunday, 12 December between 8:55am - 1:15pm. There will be no road closures in the town of Robertson, however if you are driving on any of the roads which are being used for the event, please ensure that you take care and be watchful for cyclists. There will be limited road closures on Sunday, 12 December in other parts of the Southern Highlands. To view these and course maps, visit www.bowralclassic.com.au/community. Riders from all over Australia have registered for the event. Many will be staying in the Southern Highlands over the weekend boosting tourism and bringing considerable economic benefits to the local region.



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Robertson Men's and Women's Shed Goes From Strength to Strength

By John Kennis, RMSI President

Our shed is really becoming more organised and the membership is continuing to increase. We have some exciting things happening. Our AGM is Friday 3 December at 5.30pm.



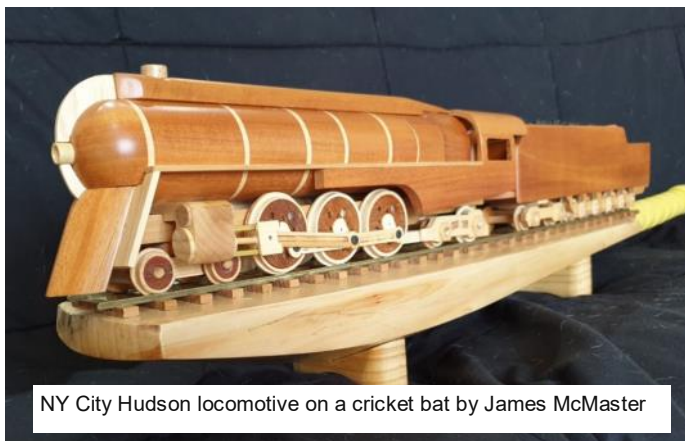
Dust Extractor Installation

First off the rank – our new dust extractor system which the members have been working very hard on is nearly coming to completion. We have most of the blast gates supplied by Alan Flett from Auto Blast Gates Australia, with the money being supplied through the Wingecarribee Council's

community assistance grant scheme. We are working very hard on noise reduction for the system, and we will have this sorted very soon. The system will be fully automated and will turn on as the machine is turned on and turn off when the machine is turned off. It will be state of the art with a special Variable frequency device installed so as to reduce machine speed and thus noise levels. My thanks, as president go to all the members who have worked on the installation and Reece plumbing from Bowral who supplied us the PVC pipe work and fittings. The new extractor is housed outside in its own shed enclosure.

Next - we have been busy starting construction of

our new workbenches. We have purchased the timber and vices and the men and women are both getting into the construction of the new benches.



NY City Hudson locomotive on a cricket bat by James McMaster

Next—We have been working with Ange Clarke from Where There's a Will, charity for people with disabilities. James McMaster one of our members has produced a model of the New York city Hudson steam locomotive and placed it on a cricket bat. We have been advised by Ange that this model will be displayed in the office of the Governor General, Sir David Hurley, as a conversation piece for a time. Congratulations James a wonderful piece of work. This has also led to James and myself doing a podcast on AMSA's shed wireless, which will be aired in December. The New York City Hudson steam locomotive will also feature in the Australian Woodsmith magazine. We have put the challenge out to other sheds to participate and as such Bulli Woonona men's shed have produced some painted bats.

Find out more robertsonmensshed.org.au

Robertson Market on in January

Lockdowns this year have meant that many of the markets in 2021 had to be cancelled. It was a great day when the Robertson Market returned in November. The December Market is on December 12 and as an added bonus there will also be a Market in January this time on Sunday January 9.

Find out more facebook.com/Robertsonmarket

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Robertson Rural Fire Brigade Update

The Uncivil War

By Mark Turner

Are we blindly joining someone else's war?

Every spring each side marshals its forces and our response is so automatic that we fail to understand that there is an arm wrestle going on, which we join at our peril.

It's nature flexing its biceps again. Grass, shrubs, flowers, fruit, vegetables and herbs, drunk with spring exuberance, battling with battalions of hungry insects, moulds, birds and rabbits. The good bugs versus the bad bugs in a perennial battle that usually ends in a stalemate.

Then there's humans, who cannot resist getting involved. It's the chaos you see - our instinct is to have control and

keep up appearances; we feel so much better when everything looks neat and tidy. So out comes the lawnmower, the line trimmer, the hedger and even the chainsaw when the heavy artillery is the only answer. Often we'll resort to chemical warfare on those gnawing insects and disease, ignoring the collateral damage.

We all do it, as evidenced by the springtime symphony of two stroke engines and the crowded carpark at Bunnings. Quite understandable, human nature being what it is.

Maybe it's worth reflecting on the consequences of doing nothing. Imagine never cutting your hair. Granted, not socially wise and you face the risk of being pointed at by young children - ah, but the freedom. Nudists of course take such ideas of freedom to extremes. They have a good excuse to keep away from thorny gardens and are unburdened by the dictates of fashion with the bonus of feeling guilt free for not exploiting overworked cheap labour in Bangladesh.

If we just let the garden tug-of war sort itself out we'd have more time to think about our hair and overly large wardrobe and at the same time appreciate that nature can survive without us joining the fray.

Dammit - can't help myself - I'm off to squash some aphids I see on the roses. Bloody human nature.



Members of Robertson Fire Brigade with retiring member John Johnston in centre, back row *Picture supplied*

Robertson Rural Fire Brigade would like to thank John Johnston for his 61 years of service and especially for the years of service to the Robertson community. We wish him well in his retirement.

Wherever you are this summer, please take note of the conditions and stay prepared. Live bush fire ready. Knowing how to get the most accurate information in case of emergency is vital. Download the Fires Near Me app and set up your watch zones to receive alerts. ABC Radio, RFS website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au, Live Traffic and even the Bureau of Meteorology website can provide useful information to help you plan ahead for your fire risk and which way to go if you are evacuating.

For some fires, you may hear a warning message over your radio or television, such as a siren or you may receive an [Emergency Alert](#) text message or phone call. Other fires may start so quickly that there will be no time for warning at all.

As part of a new Australian Warning System the icons used for Bush Fire Alerts have changed.



Advice A Fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes



Watch and Act There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family



Emergency Warning An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk

Stay safe, look out for each other and enjoy a wonderful summer.



CTC Robertson News

The months of October and November have been busy at the CTC as we gradually opened again after lock down – with strict adherence to our Covid Safe Plan ensuring that all who used the CTC were kept safe.

We were finally able to launch our Be Connected Program with a lovely (*not so*) *High Tech High Tea* during Get Online Week. The Be Connected Program aims to build digital skills, knowledge and confidence for older Australians. The High Tea was attended by 15 local seniors who were served delicious home made delicacies by CTC Volunteers and entertained by the talented Louise Bell on the harp and piano. A presentation of the Be Connected Program gained quite a bit of interest and we took bookings for the November short courses. As a Be Connected Network Partner the CTC Robertson is able to provide support for residents in learning together in small groups with the support of CTC staff and volunteers. More information about the Be Connected program can be found on the website beconnected.esafety.gov.au/ or by contacting the CTC. Subscribe to our email contact list to be kept up to date with the 2022 Be Connected courses at the CTC ... it's never too late to learn!



Lotte and Elizabeth in the High Tea spirit!

In October we were also able to offer a two day Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) course with thanks to funding received from the Wingecarribee ClubGrants Program and Mittagong RSL. You can read more about this on page 7.

With the exciting news that there will be a Robertson Potato Festival next year, we were thrilled to become the initial sales point for the very smart



Potato Festival T-shirts. The dancing ladies from Matilda's Thursday Dance Fit class made great models when they called in for morning coffee after class (along with volunteer Gary). The T-

Shirts come in 5 adult sizes for \$25 each and kids sizes are now also available for \$20. A great Christmas gift idea for the whole family!



Speaking of Christmas gifts, the CTC is looking forward to being part of **Robertson's Christmas Dine & Shop Street Party on Friday 10 December** from 5-8pm. We will be staying open and rocking the community precinct with the Big Shed Blues Buskers on the front verandah (weather permitting). There will be a free yummy Christmas treat with every purchase from our exhibition range that includes silky feel scarves designed by local artist Amanda Wyld featuring Australian landscape themes, a range of artwork large and small by artists Catriona Anderson and Trish Helps, vintage Robertson posters and cards by Margaret Mapperson, artist cards and quirky tea cosies and small mosaics by Sonia O'Shea. The café will be open serving special Christmas treats. Pop in and say hello as you wind your way up and down Hoddle Street enjoying all the fun that will be on offer in Robertson for the evening.

And the good news is that the CTC Cinema has started up again with one screening before the end of the year of *Good Bye Lenin!*

Good Bye Lenin! on Sunday 12 December at 2.30pm. Bookings are essential and can be made online at www.trybooking.com/BVQHP or call us.

The CTC Robertson presents
Bea Cinémathèque
Sunday Afternoon Cinema

Good Bye Lenin!
(Germany 2003) by Wolfgang Becker

Language: German with English subtitles
Colour: Colour Duration: 121 mins
Classification: Rated M

A multi award winning Comedy/Drama/Romance from 2003 directed by Wolfgang Becker.

In 1990, to protect his fragile mother from a fatal shock after a long coma, a young man must keep her from learning that her beloved nation of East Germany as she knew it has disappeared.

Heartfelt and sly, *Good Bye, Lenin!* succeeds as a satire by foregrounding the personal before the political, yielding a charming comedy full of sociopolitical insight. *— Andrew Ross*

Sun December 12 2021 2.30 pm
Tickets \$10 (CTC fundraiser)
Bookings essential by email, phone or Online (use the QR Code) or www.trybooking.com/BVQHP
Café opens at 2.00pm. Great coffee/tea and cake available.
58 – 60 Hoddle Street Robertson 4885 2665
info@robertsonctc.org.au




The CTC Robertson Inc AGM will be held on Thursday 9 December at 4.30pm. All welcome but please RSVP by phone or email.

We will be closing for the Christmas break and volunteer holidays with our last day being Thursday 23 December. We will reopen on Thursday 13 January 2022 and wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Crop Swap ROBERTSON



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9.00am - 10.30am
CTC Robertson 58-60 Hoddle Street, Robertson
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Bring what you can, take what you need



Opening Hours

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Saturday 10am-1pm

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Now Showing At The SHAC

Three exhibitions opened last month and continue to December 23.

Kirli Saunders - *Returning*

Held at SHAC, on Gundungurra lands, *Returning* is a visual poetry project delivered by Gundungurra raised Gunai creative, Kirli Saunders.

Joseph Turrin - *Somewhere over the Rainbow*

Somewhere over the rainbow is Turrin's first solo show. His work encapsulates a collection of pieces created throughout 2020/2021. The show represents a journey throughout this time, symbolising key events and better times to come.

Michael Callaghan - *Nothing is Taboo - Art, Music & Politics of the Street*

As an artist, social commentator and political activist Michael Callaghan used the medium of posters to confront current social issues head on. These posters combine strong, often vibrant, colours and bold iconography with a razor sharp wit. They were designed to immediately grab attention and bring about social change.

www.theshac.com.au Open Fri-Mon 10am-4pm at 74-76 Hoddle St Robertson (next to Big Potato).

At CTC Robertson

Through December and January *At Home and Away* by Catriona Anderson and Trish Helps



Also silky soft scarves printed with original designs based on the Australian landscape created by Robertson artist **Amanda Wyld**.

Open Thur-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

www.robertsonctc.org.au

58-60 Hoddle St

Robertson.

Calendar of Events

Sun 5 December 11am-4pm	Folk Music Session	Robertson Bowling Club
Sun 5 December	Cockatoo Run in Robertson	Robertson Railway
Sun 5 December 10.30am	RADSPA AGM	Bowling Club see p 8
Tue 7 December from 2pm	Robertson Place Plan Consultation	CTC Robertson see p2
Wed 8 December 5pm	Community Assoc Meeting	CTC Robertson see p 8
Fri 10 December 5-8pm	Robertson Dine & Shop Street Party	Hoddle Street See p1, 3
Sun 12 December & Sun 9 January 8.30-2pm	Robertson Market	School of Arts ph 0408 238 575
Sun 12 Dec	Bowral Classic	See p8
Sun 12 Dec 2 for 2.30pm	CTC Cinema	CTC Robertson See p 11
Sat 18 Dec from 5pm	Robbo Family Carols	St John's Robertson see p6
Sun 19 Dec 3pm	Christmas Party	Robertson Public House see p 9
Continues to 23 December	Exhibitions	The SHAC See p 12
Continues to 30 January	Exhibitions	CTC Robertson see p 12
Sat 26 March 2022	150th Anniversary	Robertson Public School
Sat 30 April-Sun 1 May	Robertson Potato Festival	Robertson Show Ground
Tuesday 9am-3pm	Robertson Men's Shed Days	Men's Shed (behind the CTC)
Fridays 10am-1pm	Women's Shed	
Every Sat 9am-10.30am	Crop Swap	CTC Robertson
Church Services	St John's Church Services	See p 8 for details
Sunday Mass	St Peter's Burrawang	Call Ph 4868 1931



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