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New campaign to promote Robertson

In October a group of Robertson retail and tourist business owners got together to review and support Robertson Business Chamber's current tourism focus. The plan is to refresh and build the image and awareness of



Robertson
DISCOVER MORE

Robertson village with intent to grow the visitor economy and the businesses that depend on it.

The new waratah inspired logo invites visitors and locals to discover more of the

dining, shopping, nature experiences, workshops, accommodation and services that are available in our village.

The promotion campaign will include

- Establishing an on-line guide to Robertson accessed via QR code. This is a work in progress but multiple businesses are already participating in the guide and displaying the QR code.
- Displaying the QR code in every local hotel, BnB, tourist attraction (such as the Illawarra Fly) and via the Southern Highlands Visitors Centre. This will include signs, pull up banners and printed brochures.

Re-launching social media using Discover More to

replace the previous "Escape to Robertson". Destination Southern Highlands will share posts on their socials as well.

Business Chamber president Jennifer Macquarie said their committee was appreciative of the support and assistance offered by Destination Southern Highlands and the Illawarra Fly in collaborating on the "Discover More" campaign. "Our budget is small but it's amazing what you can do with plenty of enthusiasm and ideas" Jennifer said. "The past 12 months has been tough for most small businesses in Robertson and we look forward to seeing their turnover and viability improve as visitor numbers grow".



Any businesses who would like to be included in the QR code Guide to Robertson are encouraged to drop in to the Highland Hattery for a chat with Michelle Hall (91 Hoddle St, Robertson).

Lots of useful information for visitors can also be found on the Robertson Village website including things to do, where to shop, where to eat —check it out at robertson.nsw.au

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Take a Look at the Robertson Community Association

By Mark Turner, President

The next meeting of the Robertson Community Association will be held at CTC Robertson on Tuesday 3 December at 5pm. This will be the last meeting of the year and before we start the meeting there will be an interesting presentation by Ben Quilty on the history of the establishment of the Ngunungula Gallery. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen.

Our Association is a little unusual in that its members are the various groups in town – 14 to date (see the list below). A group is a bit like an electorate with a nominated representative, each group having one vote but without the distraction of party politics (no, Stephen – the Labor Party can't join). If you're not in a group you're welcome to come to meetings to listen in and contribute.

The philosophy behind this model is to encourage cohesiveness and consultation in the community by keeping residents involved through their group and encouraging awareness of the activities of others in town.

Our Association also fulfils other roles, such as making representations to Council and other bodies on matters that affect the whole community and we believe that this structure is more likely to achieve consensus and a more powerful voice. Over the past year the Association has provided letters of support for grant applications for some groups, made several submissions regarding

WSC proposals that affect the town and has been noisily involved in the consultation process for the now adopted Robertson Place Plan. The Association continues in its lobbying efforts to Council, state and federal representatives on matters directly affecting our town.



Robertson Community Association Member Groups: CTC Robertson, Robertson Futures Group, The Burrow Community Op Shop, The Robertson Garden Club, The Robertson Business Chamber; The Robertson Bowling Club, Robertson Environment Protection Society, Robertson Heritage Railway Station, Robertson Men's & Women's Shed, RADSPA, Robertson Rural Fire Brigade, Robertson Seniors and Disability Group, Robertson Table Tennis Association, Robertson Tennis Club.

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RADSPA Board—Photo J Kena

Rental payments to the Bowling Club have been maintained and communication with the Bowling Club's Board has been ongoing.

Your Board remains committed to pursuing the professional negligence insurance claim and based on our legal advice our prospects are considered sound.

With regard to future project planning, no further action has taken place and this will likely remain our policy until resolution of the insurance claim.

RADSPA Board Determined to Get Just Outcome

The Robertson and District Swimming Pool Association held their AGM on Saturday 23 December 2024 at CTC Robertson. The Chair of the Board of Directors, Neville Fredericks, presented the following report to the meeting.

“For the whole of this year, the Board’s activities have been limited to our efforts to get a just compensation for the design and supervising engineers professional negligence leading to the collapse of the partially constructed pool building on the Bowling Club site.

Despite long efforts in negotiations with the Professional Indemnity Insurer we have been unable to reach a satisfactory outcome for RADSPA.

Since the end of the financial year the Board was faced with the Statute of Limitations and as a consequence formal proceedings have now been initiated in the Court. Our lawyer’s preparation for the Court sponsored conciliation with the Insurer is underway and we anticipate the mediation conference to be held around March 2025.

Our expenditure in the last financial year has focussed on this effort to get a just outcome.

I thank the Board members for their consistent support and determination to get a satisfactory compensation for the building collapse and consequential losses arising from that event.

Once the insurance claim is resolved the Board intends to call a meeting of members and the general public to set out the options for future action.”



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Good Things Happening at Avoca Public School

By Avoca Public School P&C

The students have enjoyed a wonderful year of opportunities for learning at Avoca Public School in 2024. This includes Collaboration Days with other small schools, a camp to Milson Island and the



Bike Safety Day at APS - Photo supplied

Creative Arts Camp, excursions to Lawn Bowls, the Robertson Show, Annie Junior performance, Sydney's Wild Life Zoo and Sea Life Aquarium.

In class time they have studied the country France and the Olympics, learnt the French language each week with Madame

Young, participated in eight sessions of horse riding and two weeks of intensive swimming at Moss Vale pool.

In 2025 the school will continue with their horse riding, intensive swimming and French lessons. They are very excited to be welcoming an additional

new teacher next year. Mr Luke Mackie will be working at the school every Thursday in a new permanent position.

APS is looking forward to continuing their partnerships with the local schools, community and businesses to promote a strengthening of connectedness for their students. Everyone at APS wishes our community a great holiday break and we will see you next year.

A P&C Committee Member & parent of two children at APS wrote this article. If you are considering a smaller school for your child or grandchild, please get in contact with the school 02 4887 7224 / avoca-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to arrange a tour and chat with existing parents who will be able to answer any questions. We are all very proud and supportive of our beautiful and unique small school. My girls have thrived at APS, having moved from a larger school. If you would like to enrol please follow the link: avoca-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html You can keep updated on the great things the school is doing by following them on Facebook: facebook.com/avocapublicschool

Very Fruity Trifle for a Hot Summer Day

Serves 8, from the Healthy Heart Foundation Cookbook, 1997.

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons Cointreau/Sherry (or more juice)
- 6-8 sponge finger biscuits
- 2 cups (400g) ricotta cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1 tablespoon orange juice, extra
- 2 teaspoons honey
- pulp of 1 passionfruit
- 200g blueberries
- 2 oranges, segmented
- 125g strawberries, halved
- 2 fresh peaches sliced (or 1 mango)
- 1 jar baby apple (or blackcurrant) jelly, warmed
- Combine 1/2 cup orange juice and Cointreau (or juice equivalent) in a bowl. Dip biscuits in mixture. Arrange in a serving dish. Process ricotta cheese, vanilla essence, orange rind, extra orange juice and honey in food processor until smooth. Fold in passionfruit pulp. Spoon over biscuits in bowl.
- Arrange fruit on top. Brush or spoon warm jelly over fruit.



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Robertson Community volunteers learning all about first aid
Photo—J Kena

The CTC and RMSI pooled resources to present the training which was held at the CTC. The CTC had received a grant from the Federal Government Volunteer Grants program and RMSI had received funding from the Australian Men's Shed Association. Being able to have so many local volunteers trained was a very successful collaboration between the two groups.

Supporting the first aiders is a further collaboration—the RMSI defibrillator has been mounted to the front of the CTC building so that it is available to the community 24 hours a day.

The next round of the Volunteer Grants has just been announced by Stephen Jones office. Expressions of Interest are being called for now. Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be available to assist eligible not-for-profit community organisations that rely on volunteers. Contact the office on Stephen.jones.mp@aph.gov.au for a copy of the EOI form and further information.

Nineteen New First Aiders Trained for Robertson Thanks to Grant Funding

By Jenny Kena, CTC President

Over two Monday mornings last month 19 community volunteers successfully completed a first aid course presented by Highlands First Aid. Participants were taught how to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation, basic emergency life support and first aid. The volunteers were from CTC Robertson, Robertson Men's and Women's Shed and Robertson Garden Club with some also being members of other Robertson groups.



Some of the CTC volunteers showed off their first aid certificates when Stephen Jones dropped in recently.
Photo: G Miller

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Experience the joy of Christmas at Robbo Anglican!

By Dan Bidwell, Senior Minister


Christmas is absolutely my favourite time of year, with its warm weather, time off with family and of course... presents! This holiday season we are celebrating the gifts of Christmas - especially God's gift of Jesus, and the hope he brings. All December we have events for every age to experience the joy of that first Christmas. So come and relive the joy, or experience it for the first time. I look forward to seeing you this Christmas!

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Come and join The Highlands Pipes and Drums for our Christmas ceilidh at the Robertson School of Arts Hall on the 21st December from 6pm. **FREE ENTRY!!!**

Donations welcome at the door. There are some fun games, coaster toss and both individual and band performances!

It is set to be a great night!!

Help us spread the word and enjoy a night of old fashioned Christmas cheer the Scottish way! Find out more [facebook.com/thehighlandspipesanddrums](https://www.facebook.com/thehighlandspipesanddrums)

Santa's All Aboard the Cockatoo Run on December 15!



Join us for a magical Christmas themed journey from Sydney to Robertson and return as the man in red himself hops on board for our final Cockatoo Run of 2024! It's a perfect Sunday outing for family and friends,

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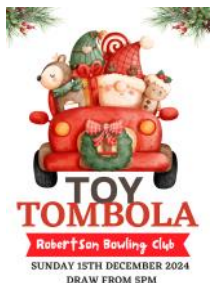
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Coming Up at Robertson Bowling Club

The final 2024 folk session at the Club is on Sunday 8 December starting at 12.30pm with a mini concert by special guest Maurie Mulheron! Maurie sings contemporary and traditional Australian folk songs and specialises in the songs of the 'sixties folk revival. For over 40 years, Maurie has performed in folk clubs, festivals, theatre shows and concerts in Australia and overseas. This will be followed by an open session 1pm - 3:30pm, everyone is welcome to join in with acoustic instruments and share songs and tunes.



On the following Sunday 15 December prize draws from the Toy Tombola will start from 5pm. And then coming up on 21 December at 7pm Joslyn Bosoms will be back to present Christmas Trivia.

Also, it will be big night at the Members Christmas Dinner on Saturday 7 December with entertainment by Lara & The Troubadours and there will be a Karaoke night on Saturday 14 December from 7.30pm. Find out more at robertsonbowlingclub.com.au/whats-on/



Christmas Open Mic with Loki Hines

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The Beginner's course gives attendees a good basic understanding of the art of bonsai, a plant to continue

to work with and an entry to this rewarding hobby at a relatively low cost. Find out more at www.penjingatrobertson.com/bonsai-courses

Why not enter the Upcycling Classes at the Robertson Show next March?

Turn Grandma's old doilies into a beautiful top or use them as a pretty trim or pockets on a dress or skirt. Make a bag or jacket from a patchwork quilt. Turn your jeans into a skirt and add some fun embellishments or make a summer dress from a men's cotton shirt, by adding frills and lace to it. The sky's the limit.



Remember to take some photos of your original article and write a short explanation about your new creation.. and include these with your entry. Proudly sponsored by The Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop (perhaps you can get some inspiration and supplies there), the show is on 14th & 15th March, 2025, so you have plenty of time to let your imaginations run wild and get creative.



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Robertson Bowling Club 1 Yarranga Street Robertson ph 4885 1306 | robertsonbowlingclub.com.au | Find us on Facebook

Who Are We?

By Mark Turner

Are we a polarised town split in two by a railway line or simply diverse? Robertson is a town with many personalities. Some of us are arty while others talk of livestock; there are those that run the shops – the brave do all three. I don't know how visitors see us and I'm not sure that even we know where we stand.

Here is some of the evidence for what is really quite obvious, when you think about it.

To some we are a town but to others a village.
A gentle street named Hoddle or an arrogant blustering highway.
We laud the big potato or cringe with embarrassment.
A ghost town for most of the week, tourist bedlam the rest.
A Pass where you can't pass.
A condemned community hall without a community.
A railway track and station that won't take you anywhere.
A ute outside the pub wedged in by a Bentley (really!).

There are many other signs of confusion and indecision – is it Caalong or Caalang? There are two identical maps of the creek on the WSC website except with the different spelling on each map. There is probably a simple answer to this - maybe those responsible just can't spell and they garbled the Gaelic word "Caelan" – meaning narrow or slender. That certainly describes the creek, if not the bureaucrats.

This dichotomy is even evident in our street signs. There are the expected signs, hat-tipping to the burghers of Robertson and also to some now forgotten dignitaries. Then the laziness set in. The backroom bureaucracy of street name allocators remembered three points of the compass but where is West Street? They must have disbanded before finishing the job after they hurriedly threw in a High Street and a Main Street and then adjourned to their lack of imagination.

Unpredictable, lovable or both – take your pick. (I'd love to know who owns the Bentley – or maybe it was a Roller).

Robertson—What Is It?

By Michael D Breen

There used be an old tribal joke about a Sydney raffle in which first prize was a week in Melbourne and second prize was a fortnight in Melbourne. Those were the days. Despite the wet reputation of Melbourne which has less rain than Sydney which has 1023 mls and Melbourne which has 649 mls. Though I spent eleven years in Melbourne studying and teaching I had not spent much time there since 1972. But my recent fortnight there was rewarding. Melbourne has lots to offer.

Someone said that the object of travel is to return to your own place of living as if it is a foreign land. So on return I found myself asking what is Robertson really like? It is not Melbourne. Any rivalry needs a strict referee. Melbourne is a state capital. It has trams. It is many

times the population of Robertson and a history benefiting from the Victorian gold rushes, the first national parliament and so on. It has the amenities of a metropolis; and the drawbacks of a city. But what is it about Robertson that Melbourne does not have? Why for most of us is Robbo a good place to live or return to?

When I was helping towns or municipalities to plan their futures, at the start of our work, I asked everyone in the group of locals planners and officials to answer two questions.

What are the characteristics of the best place you have ever lived or visited?

What are the qualities of the worst place you ever lived or visited?

The answers varied enormously, as you would expect. Though there was a common theme. What they described were things harder to achieve than good roads, gardens, shops, houses etc. Basically people wanted their place of living to be a friendly place, a community and a place where people felt they could belong. They wanted someone to say 'G'day' as they walked down the street. They wanted to have friendly, considerate neighbours.

Robbo does well on those scores, I think. Why so? Robertson is like Europe or Africa; it is made up of groups of people, families and other groups. And it is surprising how many groups there are, larger, smaller, official and unofficial. As well there are uncountable acts of kindness, compassion, consideration and good will done by Robertson people.

There are sporting groups for different ages and seasons from table tennis to rugby league. There are craft groups. There are groups of church people, parents of primary school children. There is a Chamber of Commerce, an Age Friendly Futures Group. There is an umbrella group of the Robertson Association which assists all groups. There is the Fettle's Shed group. And there is the seniors' or oldies' (you take your pick) Friday mob who meet at Nadine's for coffee and support. There is a Trivia Group of longstanding and varied history. There is a Shanty Singers' Group, a Men's and Women's Shed group, groups which gather around and are nurtured by the CTC for learning, chat and exhibitions. There is a Show group, a garden group. The Bowlo houses several groups. There is a Meditation Circle. It is impossible to account for all the groups or include locals who meet for coffee or a beer. I apologise for any omissions. So there are lots of groups covering a lot of interests which offer opportunities to be included, to belong.

This is good to remember when so many people around the globe are suffering from things like climate change and the horrors of war. We are very fortunate in Robertson. But this is not just an accident that we are the way we are together. The people have built it since 1861. It is an ongoing challenge for all of us to keep building it, to consider others, to put up with or challenge or keep an eye out for isolated folk and to cherish difference.

Our groups do not run by themselves. We need people to volunteer time and imagination alongside the everyday personal requirements and needs of family and friends.



Come and Check Out the Seed Library!

By Janet Turner, Robertson Garden Club

On Wednesday 20 November, the Robertson Garden Club proudly announced the launch of the Robertson Seed Library at the CTC - an important initiative to lead the way to a food sustainable community. Many local gardening enthusiasts



attended to hear an introduction by member Jill Pickering who outlined how the idea developed and how the library will operate.

Heirloom seed are sustainable seeds and are an important part of gardening, especially in this era of climate change. In a nutshell, heirloom seeds are open pollinated, true to type and develop genetic strengths over time making them most

suitable to an area's climate and location. It is vitally important to preserve heirloom seed varieties as insurance against over reliance on mono crops which could be destroyed through disease, war or natural disasters.

This new seed library is a sort of crop swap for seeds. Importantly, the seeds need to be heirloom seeds - not hybrids - so that the seeds remain true to the original and stay productive over generations. Growers can start their own garden with seeds from the library or share seeds they have gathered to deposit at the library.

So, come along to the CTC and check out Robertson's new community seed library, sponsored by the Robertson Garden Club. There is a great range heirloom (open pollinated) vegetables, greens, herbs, and a few endemic



And, for those who might be to grow a giant pumpkin, Peter has generously his prize gigantic pumpkin Perhaps a blue ribbon in future?

The Robertson Garden Club gave thanks and appreciation to CTC Robertson for providing a venue for our community of gardeners to access the seed library. Drop in and have a look from 10am-4pm Thursday and Friday or 9am-1pm Saturday.

Happy growing and collecting Robertson!

Find out more about Robertson Garden Club at [facebook.com/roberstongardenclub](https://www.facebook.com/roberstongardenclub)

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Loneliness is our cue to connect

Everyone will feel lonely at some point in their life. It is our body's way of telling us that our current social needs are not being met.

The longer we feel lonely, the more impact this will have on our health and wellbeing.

Life changes and circumstances can trigger feelings of loneliness



Conversation Starters

Build on small talk
Make connections meaningful

Questions to guide conversations with new people, colleagues, regular customers, neighbours and other networks.

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Discussing shared interests and stories can help people who are lonely feel a sense of belonging. Try these simple conversation starters to take the first step.

Starting a conversation

- Nice to meet you. How has your day been?
- What has been the highlight of your day so far?
- What's the most interesting thing that's happened to you this week?
- What's on your to-do list today?
- Are you listening to any podcasts or reading a good book?
- Are there any Netflix/ television series you'd recommend?
- Do you have any holidays planned?
- What's your favourite part about living in [city/ suburb/ town]?

Sharing personal stories

- I recently tried a new recipe; do you enjoy cooking?
- I saw a great movie last night, have you seen anything good lately?
- I'm planning a trip, do you like to travel?
- I started a new book, are you reading anything interesting?
- I love gardening, do you have any outdoor hobbies?

TIP 1

Try to find common interests and build from there.



TIP 3

Print or save this sheet on your phone for easy access.



TIP 2

Share a personal story to encourage more questions.



TIP 4

More resources
www.lonelinessawarenessweek.com.au

Loneliness is a critical issue and is recognised as a public health priority for many countries around the world. However, despite being highly prevalent, loneliness isn't widely understood or spoken about in Australia. Loneliness Awareness Week (held annually in the first week of August) shines a spotlight on the shared experience of loneliness and calls on all Australians, including individuals, communities, workplaces, education, and government, to take action to reduce loneliness and create more opportunities for meaningful social connection. Find out more at lonelinessawarenessweek.com.au/

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What's Happening at the CTC-"It's a Wrap"!

By Gail Miller, CTC Manager

What a year we have had at CTC Robertson. So many visitors, both regulars and people passing by, many different events and meetings, interesting art exhibitions and heaps of learning! Plus a constant stream of coffee and cake supporters!

All this would not have been possible without the enormous effort put in by our many volunteers. International Volunteer Day is celebrated on 5th December and it's a good opportunity to celebrate and thank people all around the world who dedicate their precious time and efforts to voluntary service.

More importantly "THANK YOU!" to our current CTC Volunteers: Jenny, Jenette, Carmel, Annette, Gary, Sheila, Pip, Jack, Chris, Helen, Margaret, Sarah, Roy and Debbie and also to those no longer with us, who were here when we needed them. Between them they assist the Committee to keep the CTC running, manage the Café, bake fabulous cakes, organise exhibitions, assist with booking and set up managing/ events and meetings, provide IT support and general community assistance.

Let's not forget the other Volunteers around us. A BIG THANKS to our neighbours, the team at the Robertson Men and Women's Shed, who assist with maintenance matters and The Robertson Garden Club who keep our gardens looking beautiful.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

CTC Robertson Incorporated

Thursday 5 December 2024

4.30pm at CTC Robertson

Followed by a Christmas drink



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Amongst the successful events we have held this year have been regular Be Connected workshops, Cinema Café, Music Café, Sew Good Sewing Workshops, regular Art Exhibitions, School Holiday Programs including a fun Song Writing workshop with River Road Creative Academy, a History of Music workshop presented by Andrew Ford, Seniors Festival events and the final event in the Writing Workshop series. We have also provided the venue for various Wingecaribee Council meetings, yoga, a book club, piano lessons, Crop Swap, Creative Space, REPS meetings, Community Association meetings, RADSP AGM and we always enjoyed the dancers from Dance Fit coming in for coffee and cake after class on Thursdays.

We are grateful to the organisations who provide us with Grants and funding to help us provide services to the community, support our volunteers and improve our building. These include Wingecaribee Shire Council, The Good Things Foundation (who manage the Federal Government funding of the Be Connected program), the Southern Highlands Foundation (writing workshop), the NSW Government (Seniors Festival), the Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop, the Veolia Mulwaree Trust, Clubsgrants and Volunteer Grants (Federal Government).



Do you know we have a JP service on site? Plus we maintain the Robertson Community Notice Board near the playing fields, publish the Robertson News and e-news and maintain the village website. Want to know more? Drop in for a coffee or tea and have a chat. We do so much it's hard to keep up!

Opening Hours

Thursday & Friday 10am-4pm Saturday 9am-1pm

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Last but not least we celebrated our 20th Birthday this year!

Summer Showcase

Continues to 1 February 2025

Summer Showcase at the CTC is an eclectic mix of returning artists and a couple of new (to us) collage artists from outside the area—Sonia O'Shea, Regina Brewster, Helen Cameron, Barbara Combe, Lynette Hearne, Mary Jacobs, Hazel Richardson and Elaine Turnbull.



There's something for everyone to enjoy here. Paintings in acrylic & gouache, collage art, prints & mosaics fill our gallery space with colour.

CTC Robertson 58-60 Hoddle Street open 10-4 Thursday-Friday and 9-1pm Saturday. Find out more at www.robertsonctc.org.au/

[exhibitions.html](#)

Image: *Roses, collage, by Barbara Combe.*

Birds of a Feather

12 December 2024-20 January 2025



Printmaking Sisters Annie and Robin are excited to announce an exhibition 'Birds of a Feather' which will celebrate the beauty, diversity, and symbolism of birds. Printmakers will explore the rich and varied theme of birds through their chosen medium. This exhibition promises to be a wonderful celebration of nature, creativity, and community, and we would love to have you join us at our opening 14 December at 2pm. Find out more about the Printmaking Sisters

www.annieday.com.au/

Opening at The SHAC

5 December—22 December

An exhibition by Corinne Baird and Simon Bowley opens on Saturday 7 December at 4pm. Corinne's work is a collection of small landscapes painted from photos taken of views around the Southern Highlands. Simon is a potter based in Moss Vale. His creations are primarily wheel-thrown and hand-formed ceramics. Find out more at www.theshac.com.au/

Calendar of Events

Sat 30 Nov 5-9pm	Robertson Yee-Hah!	School of Arts
Continues to 1 Feb	Summer Showcase	CTC <i>see this page</i>
Tues 3 Dec 5pm	Community Association	CTC <i>see p2</i>
Thur 5 Dec 4.30pm	CTC AGM	CTC <i>see p11</i>
Fri 6 Dec 4-5.30pm	Kids Christmas Party	Anglican Church <i>see p6</i>
Sat 7 Dec	Members Christmas dinner	Bowling club <i>see p7</i>
Sat 7 Dec 4pm	SHAC exhibition opening	The SHAC <i>see p12</i>
Sun 8 Dec 8.30-2pm	Robertson Market	School of Arts ph 0408 238 575
Sun 8 Dec 12.30pm	Folk Music	Bowling Club <i>see p7</i>
Sat 14 Dec 2pm	Birds of a Feather opening	Printmaking Sisters <i>see this page</i>
Sat 14 Dec 7.30pm	Karaoke	Bowling Club <i>see p7</i>
Sat 14 Dec 2pm-5pm	Paint Waratahs	Mt Murray <i>see p9</i>
Saturday 14 Dec 8-11pm	Old Time Dance	School of Arts Ph 0427 975 645
Sun 15 Dec 10.30am-12.30pm	Beginner Bonsai Course	Penjing <i>see p7</i>
Sun 15 Dec from 5pm	Toy Tombola draw	Bowling Club <i>see p7</i>
Sun 15 Dec 4.30pm	Burrawang Carols	St Peter's, <i>see p6</i>
Sun 15 Dec	Cockatoo Run	Railway Station <i>see p6</i>
Mon 16 Dec 6pm	Christmas Open Mic	Robertson Pub <i>see p7</i>
Sat 21 Dec 7pm	Christmas Trivia	Bowling Club <i>see p7</i>
Sat 21 Dec from 6pm	Christmas Ceilidh	School of Arts <i>see p6</i>
Tues 24 Dec 4pm	Christmas Eve service	Anglican Church <i>see p6</i>
Wed 25 Dec 9am	Christmas Day service	Anglican Church <i>see p6</i>
Every Mon from 12.30pm Every Tues from 6.30pm	Table Tennis Line Dancing	Robertson Bowling Club
Wed-Sun 9.30am-1pm	Op Shop Open	The Burrow
Every Wed 7.30pm	Robertson RFS Meeting	RFS Shed
Tues 9.am-3pm 1st & 3rd Sat 10am-2pm Fridays 9am-3pm	Men's Shed Mixed Women's Shed	Men's & Women's Shed (rear CTC)
First Monday of month 1.30pm	Robertson Garden Club Meeting	Showground
Every Sat 9am-10.30am	Crop Swap	CTC Robertson
Church Services Kids & Youth	St John's Church www.robboanglican.org	Ph: 4885 1210 or check website
Sunday Mass	St Peter's Burrawang	Ph 4868 1931

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