

Robertson Newsletter

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LORD CARRINGTON'S VISION WHAT DOES OUR COMMUNITY REALLY WANT ?

Everyone in Robertson must know of Carrington Falls. All of us have enjoyed recreation there in one form or another. In 1887 the Carrington Falls Trust was set up by Lord Carrington. The VISION of the Trust was to create a State Recreation Area, to be used by and for the local community and visitors alike. The Trust is made up of 7 people, appointed by the Local MP (recently Bob Harrison) and all of the Trust members live adjacent to the Carrington Falls area.

The Trust manages and administers all the affairs of the Carrington Falls area including removal of garbage and stolen cars, monitoring and maintenance of the camping area, slashing and clearing fire hazards etc. The Trust relies heavily of the support of the local community (ie. Scouts, Pony Club, REPS) as it receives no support either monetary or other from any of the Government Departments.

The AIM of the Trust is to MAINTAIN PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE AREA.

After a series of meetings with the NPWS, most recently at Ranelagh House on 12/1/00, the NPWS made it bluntly clear that they will take over management of the area as quickly and quietly as possible.

Resulting from these meetings, a public meeting will be held on February 5th, at the camping area of CF (including free sausage sizzle and marquee/chairs for wet weather) to discuss moves by the NPWS and the Dept of LW Cons to dissolve the CF Trust.

The Trust needs our support to ascertain what the public really want. Who do we want to manage our Carrington Falls ?

Points to remember:

- The CF Trust are not opposed in principle to the NPWS managing the area, they just want to maintain public access
- If the NPWS do take over, access to the area may be very limited for long periods due to their budgetary constraints
- If the NPWS do take over, just how much of their attention will be focused on the area - ie. will they remove stolen cars, rubbish, maintain slashing and other fire reduction activities to the current high standard?
- There is no provision in NPWS Policy to allow for the local management of the area

Remember, the more people at the meeting to more accurately reflect the views of the community, the better. For more information, call Ken on 4885 1630.

The Robertson Millennium Party.

In spite of the wind and the rain and the almost sub-zero temperatures, the Robertson Millennium Party went ahead as planned and provided great fun and entertainment for all of the families and friends who, literally, threw caution to the winds and braved the elements to be there.

There was music and dancing and singing and laughter. The bonfire didn't exactly blaze, but it certainly sparked and crackled and smoked. And the smell was just the way a bonfire should be. Perfect. Sausage sandwiches and hot dogs kept all of the inner fires comfortably stoked and just about everybody who was there appeared to be waving a Glo-Stick.

The 9.30 firework display most definitely started bang on time and was truly spectacular. A terrific credit to the experts who organised it and made it happen. We extend our thanks to them, to the volunteers from the Robertson

Bush Fire Brigade who ensured our safety and, indeed, to everybody who worked so hard and so willingly to make our entry into this extra-special New Year such an exciting, enjoyable and successful event. You all did a super job. It was a wonderful occasion and one, I'm sure, which we'll never forget.



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Letters to the Editor

Lost Opportunity for Tourism

Dear Sir,

Over the past four years we have had a steady stream of tourists calling at our shop asking to see where "Babe" was filmed. These people have come not only from all states of Australia, but from as far afield as UK, Germany, Switzerland, Asia, USA, Canada, etc., They seem surprised that there is nowhere in Robertson to see a farm with animals, even if it is not the "Babe" farm.

As one Canberra diplomat said recently, his son had no idea where milk comes from, except in cartons, and he would really like to take him to stay or even just visit, a working farm with animals.

If there is anywhere in the district that has the facility for either farm-stay or day visits, please let me know so that the information can be passed on to our visitors.

M. Boehme.
4885 1080

Thank you.

Dear Sir,

Through your newsletter may we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Robertson Community for their love, kindness and support during our time of deep sorrow with the tragic loss of our loving son and brother, Clem.

We deeply appreciate all the acts of kindness, floral tributes, cakes, cards, faxes and letters and the many people who attended Clem's farewell.

Thank you all

Ken & Alice Murray & Family.

Whither the spud!

Dear Sir,

An interesting aspect of mankind is its tendency to accept things the way they are. As some of our delightfully eloquent politicians have been heard to grunt with such regard for the magnificence and sheer joy of the English spoken word, "If it ain't broke, mate, then whydya wanna fixit?"

Is this the way, one wonders, in which we regard the massive and inelegant brown blob on Hoddle Street? Ostensibly this is meant to represent a giant Robertson Potato. Sadly, however, it is more often referred to - and always with a smirk or a leer - as a giant something grossly vulgar and unprintable.

What is it really for? If it is to promote our excellent potatoes then surely those same potatoes should be there constantly at its side and readily available for sale. Regrettably they are not, much to the frustration of eager tourists who stop, search and seek to buy, only to drive on and out of the village feeling disappointed, rather silly and perhaps, who knows, justifiably irritated.

So if it fails to promote potatoes, then what else does the giant something or other do for our increasingly popular village? Is it pretty? Is it attractive? Does it attract tourists and business? Does it have a purpose? We'd love to know.

Arthur Jackson.

Tapestry Tuition
&
Cross Stitch
With
Shirley Crockart
24 Hoddle St, Robertson. Ph 4885 1408

Clem Murray.



The whole village of Robertson was shocked and stunned into deep-felt sorrow by the fatal level-crossing accident which so sadly befell Clem Murray in Robertson on November 27th, just a few days before his forty third birthday.

Clem Murray was born at Cootamundra on December 6th 1956, much to the delight of his dear parents, Alice and Ken. One of four brothers, Clem grew up and was educated in Robertson and at Chevalier College, after which he went on to become constantly and enthusiastically involved in a wide range of voluntary local community activities, especially Cubs and Scouts, Robertson Football Club and the Bush Fire Brigade.

Because the community of Robertson is so close-knit and united, Clem was extremely well known. He was popular and was, indeed, generally recognised as a thoroughly good bloke. He will be widely missed by the village and especially by his family, to whom we send our most sincere and heart-felt condolences.

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ROBERTSON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

ROBERTSON BROCHURE REPRINT

Supplies of the highly successful Robertson Brochure are fast running out. A reprint, and update is due soon. Would all interested businesses please note that the closing date for entries will be:

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

Due to the very high demand from Tourist Information Centres, Hotels/Motels and B&Bs throughout the Coast and Highlands, and 3801, we are aiming for a 45,000 copy print run this time. (up from 30,000)

Individual Business contributions will be:

- \$250 per entry for members of the Robertson Business Association
- \$300 for non-members of the RBA

To ensure your entry, please contact the Robertson Business Association as soon as possible.

Alan Jackson - 4885 1133

Dion Boehme 4885 1080

CAN YOU HELP WITH DISTRIBUTION?

Distribution of the first brochure has largely been done by 2 or 3 people, on a voluntary basis. It really is a big task to see that the brochure is both widely distributed in the first place, and resupplied. It's a task worth doing and anyone with an interest in Robertson is very welcome to help. For more information, contact Alan or Dion on the above numbers.

COCKATOO RUN BRIEFING

Arthur Tubby and Barbara Lawson from the Cockatoo Run will be attending the next RBA General Meeting. It will be a great chance for interested business operators to exchange information, ideas, problems, with the train operators, ahead of the resumption of the Run in March. RBA Members with an interest in the train should not miss this meeting:



Tuesday 8th February 6PM Community Centre

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Robertson all Aglow at Christmas.

We send our hearty thanks and congratulations to all of the many Robertson residents who so cheerfully and brilliantly decorated their houses and gardens during the Christmas season.

Such kindness and generosity is warmly reassuring in these materialistic days of so much "take" and so little "give" and, for all of the people who, together with their children and grandchildren had the joy and surprise of visiting these houses at dusk to witness the decorative displays and the myriads of twinkling lights, it truly was a delightful and enchanting experience.

All of the households involved combined to produce a memorable overall effect and especial mention goes to Caalong Street residents Trevor and Edna Casey and to Les and Leann Noble and their children, Mark and Dean. Archie and Joan Missingham in Alcorn Street won the third prize in the display competition organised by the Robertson Business Association. The second prize was awarded to Denis and Jean Tobler of North Street while the first prize of \$100 was won by their son, next door neighbour, Robert and his young wife Kathy with their outstanding display of hand-created models and almost 6,500 dazzling lights.

When we called in to congratulate them, Kathy was just about to send an e-mail to the Robertson Newsletter saying "Thank you so much to the Robertson Business Association for organising the competition and for the generosity of the prizes". Well, we most certainly add our thanks as well. Just like the lights themselves, the idea was totally brilliant.

TRASH OR TREASURE?

One of the puzzles, and pleasures, of old china and pottery, lies in knowing who made your piece, and when, and where. That inherited vase, or cabinet plate, or cup and saucer just might be a treasure. Or may not be. But it's nice to know.

Getting to the bottom of the puzzle, usually means looking at the bottom of the piece, where most good makers put pretty clear marks, which are the key to identification and dating.

If you'd like help to identify any of your pieces, perhaps we can help. We have some very good guides to Australian Pottery, and to English and European China (and silver).

So pop in if you have an item you'd like to know more about. We're always happy to help if we can, in your treasure hunt. No obligation to buy, or sell, of course.

ROBERTSON RECOLLECTIONS

26 Hoddle St 48851080
9.30 - 5.30, 6 days (closed Wed.)

Community Notices

122ND ROBERTSON SHOW

3rd & 4th March, 2000

Everyone enjoys our local show but it will only continue if we all contribute. So get your vegies & flowers growing, make your preserves, cakes, needlework, art etc., It doesn't matter how small your contribution—the main thing is to be in it!

Exhibitors will be pleased to learn that prize money has been increased for the majority of Sections in the Pavilion. And to celebrate the new millennium, a number of special prizes have been introduced.

In the **Vegetable Section**, the Snow Donovan Memorial Trophy and prize money to the value of \$100 for collection of vegetables- 10 varieties.

Art Section, A special \$100 prize for a landscape painting depicting "the Southern Highlands beyond 2000" generously donated by Mr and Mrs Tony Donnelley.

Needlework Section, for a patchwork quilt. First prize \$75, second prize \$25, generously donated by Mr and Mrs Ron Wallace.

Pot Plant Section. Two new classes have been introduced for Topiary and Mixed Herbs in Pot. Prize money kindly donated by the Robertson Nursery.

Cookery Section. An additional \$50 prize money is kindly being donated by the Robertson Cafe.

To add further interest a new **Bakery Section** is being introduced to encourage local apprentice bakers

Super Raffle. More wonderful prizes to be won. Ticket prices will be a modest \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

For details of all Sections and prizes, readers should obtain a copy of the Year 2000 Schedule which will be available at all the usual outlets.

The Year 2000 Show will be a very special and exciting event so please lend your support by attending and by exhibiting!

Finally, a special thank you to all our sponsors and donors for their generosity and support which makes the Robertson Show possible.

The Ladies Auxiliary
Robertson Show Society.

Robertson Community Services Group

Come and join us at the Community Centre, Caalong St, for a 2 course meal and a friendly day—\$6, or just drop in for coffee—\$1.

Cards, Music and Games.

Fortnightly, commencing 1st February, 2000.

10.00am-3.00pm

Everyone is welcome, the young or the not so young.

Phone L. Vaughan 4885 1336
E. Potters 4885 1547

REPS News – Looking after our Waterways.

Karen Elton, from the Land & Water Conservation office in Moss Vale, will be the guest speaker at the Robertson Environment Protection Society's meeting on **Friday 11th February**. Karen's talk will include a discussion on the care and restoration of eroded and degraded creek banks. All welcome, no charge. The meeting will start at 7.30pm, at the Robertson Community Centre.

It will be followed up on Saturday 19 February when we will meet 10am, at the Caalang Creek Bush Park (opposite the Pre-School) to see how these ideas might be used to keep Caalang Creek healthy.

Clean-up Australia Day

REPS will organise a Clean-Up on **Sunday 5th March**. Meet outside the Community Centre from 9.30am.

Diary Note

Our April meeting will be on Saturday, **15th April**, when local naturalist Pat Jordan will lead a bush walk/picnic to explore the Gerringong Falls area.

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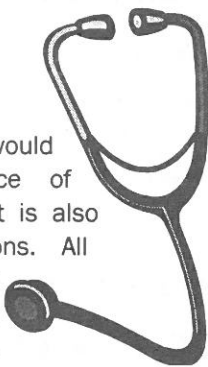
Happy new Year to everyone!

With the start of the school year, we would remind parents of the importance of immunisation. The health department is also encouraging Hepatitis B vaccinations. All Hepatitis B vaccines are free for 10 year olds. This is a chronic disease in the community and at Robertson Surgery, we will bulk bill this service as further encouragement to immunise your ten-year old child against hepatitis B. Phone June for details—4885 1502.

Don't forget that Dr Nicholas Locke is doing his next consultation day on Saturday 5th February 2000, so if you need a skin check-up, call June for an appointment.

Finally, Wingecarribee health Service is holding a Healthy Eating and Activity Group in Robertson. Claire Hewat is the community dietician in charge. The group commences on Tuesday 1st February at 10.00am in the Uniting Church hall. Already the group has 5 participants. For further information ring 4861 8082, or 4861 6084.

Robertson Medical Practice
Hoddle St, Robertson
4885 1502



What is Yoga? Will it assist my health and well-being?

The word "yoga" means "unity" or "oneness". It is a system of philosophy based on tried and ancient principles—the relationship between body, breath, brain and mind. It is not just a series of physical postures or exercises but entails concentration and mental practices of value in relaxation and stress management. It is a proven fact that the mind has a remarkable effect on the body—"you are what you think".

The secret of yoga practice lies in a simple but important word, "balance" -of body, mind and spirit. Nothing is forced; you work within your capacity. The essence of yoga is to be in "the driving seat of life" - control of body, breath and mind.

Our yoga classes in Robertson practice Hatha Yoga which involves the use of body positions (exercises). The system includes a series of special breathing practices which are preparatory to learning control of the mind. Part of each yoga class is a period of relaxation, so important in assisting us to manage stress, which is part of our daily lives, and to maintain good health and well-being.

Classes begin again in Robertson at the Community Centre on Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th February, 2000.

Thursday Evenings 6.00 -7.30pm
Friday Mornings 9.00-10.30am

For more information ring Anne Stowar—4885 1341

Church Service Times

Anglican

St John's Robertson

8.00am Traditional Services - 2nd Sunday- Communion
4th Sunday- Morning Prayer
9.30am Family Service & Sunday School - Every Sunday

7.00pm 1st & 3rd Sundays - Informal Service

St David's Burrawang

8.00am - 1st Sunday (NEW)

Presbyterian, Burrawang

2.00pm - 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Uniting, Robertson

9.00am - 2nd & 4th Sundays

Roman Catholic

Robertson

10.00am - 2nd & 4th Sundays

Burrawang

10.00am - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

Nathan's Recipe of the Month

Winning Recipe

Shirl's East-West Oxtail
(Shirley Crockett)



In a pan with a little butter, soften 1 sliced onion, sprinkle ½ tsp sugar on top. Place in a casserole with 1 sliced potato and 1 sliced carrot.

Coat oxtail pieces with mixture of 2 tblsp cornflour and ½ tsp of dry mustard. (Best done in a plastic bag, well shaken) Heat 2 tblsp oil in a pan and brown oxtail. Remove pieces to casserole. Tip leftover flour into pan. When brown, add 2 cups of stock and stir till thickened. Add 1 tsp sesame oil and 1 tblsp Worcestershire Sauce. Pour into casserole. Cook in slow oven 3-4 hours. When serving, sprinkle with Gremolata (finely chopped clove of garlic, tsp chopped parsley and zest of 1 lemon)

If you would like to submit your favourite meat recipe for publication in the next issue of the Newsletter, drop it in to Nathan by 15th March. Winning recipe will receive one of Nathan's minted legs of lamb.

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ROSES IN ROBERTSON.

Roses have been having a pretty tough time in Robertson this summer, haven't they? Too much mist and rain and not enough sunshine has lead to black spotty leaves and spoilt flowers or even in some cases no flowers at all. Whilst there is obviously not much we can do about the weather we can help our roses with a little effort.



Roses are very heavy feeders. This means to stay strong and healthy and produce beautiful flowers, roses need to be well and regularly fed. Roses respond well to cow, horse or sheep manures, chemical 'Rose Foods', slow release fertilisers, or blood and bone based organic feeds like 'Healthy Earth'. Roses require lots of potash to flower well and 'Healthy Earth' fertiliser has the perfect balance. A good feeding at this time of the year will help to bring on a flush of late summer flowers in those roses which are repeat flowering.

To reduce the amount of Blackspot and other fungal diseases on your roses, remove all badly affected leaves from the shrub and any fallen leaves below. Check to see that the rose is not too crowded by other plants. Sprays are available to reduce or prevent rose diseases. Some work by killing the fungal spores and some of the newer ones work by strengthening the rose to resist infection.



Now is a good time to give your roses a light pruning - just cut off any old flower stems and any broken or weak growth.

Let's hope that we see some sunshine and that the next few months see our roses covered, in fabulous blooms.

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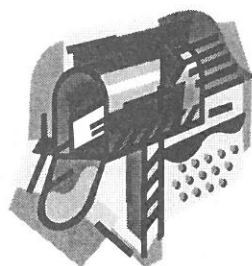
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No Robertson Newsletter?



It could be that you have a letterbox indicating "No Junk Mail". While the newsletter does contain advertising it is put together by volunteers and advertising is used simply to cover the cost of printing and distribution. We are seeking to solve the situation but in the meantime, you should be able to pick up a copy from the Post Office.

Contribution Guidelines

Community Service Announcements, articles and diary submissions are free of charge. All items must be submitted by deadline dates and may be modified at the editors discretion. To avoid extensive editing please limit announcements to 25 words, and articles to a maximum 300 words. Thank you.

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Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of April. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th March 2000**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577**. Phone: 4885 1210 or Fax: 4885 2241 Email: barryjlee@hotmail.com

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