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# Robertson News

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## 125<sup>TH</sup> YEAR FOR ROBERTSON

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March

This year marks the 125<sup>th</sup> year of the Robertson Show, and we are all gearing up, yet again, for what promises to be another great year.

Schedules are available at all usual outlets as of 20<sup>th</sup> January, listing a smorgasbord of classes to get involved with. Whether it is Horses, Beef or Dairy Cattle, Alpacas or the wide arrange of items in the Pavilion, there is something for everyone to get their teeth into. From young to old, this show promises to be a great weekend.

We will be having the Famous Robertson Potato Race along with the Demo Derby and new items such as the Bevan's Coffin Race – for any local community groups to enter.

The DOG SHOW will this year be held on SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY in the centre ring, starting at 9.00am – 3.00pm.



Entry to the Dog Show is free for all spectators, a BBQ and Refreshments will be available. So come along and check out the fine display of canine breeding. Everyone is welcome.

If there are any inquiries regarding the show please call: Robertson Show Secretary  
PH 48 851620

### Pizzas in the Mist

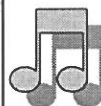


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the front page article in the last edition of the Robertson Newsletter.

It is interesting to note the issues raised by those who are in opposition to the current proposal for the sewerage of Robertson.

I note with interest that a public meeting was held to discuss this. I am disappointed that only one side of the argument was put forward. The article in the Newsletter appeared to be biased and largely uniformed.

It is a pity that this meeting did not open itself and provide a real opportunity for all the facts to be brought to the attention of the residents.

The truth is that people in the village have been crying out for the sewer for many years. Irrespective of what you or I want as individuals, we must concede that the majority want the sewer.

If those who put forward information are partial in their presentation of the facts, then I am afraid that these actions will further delay what the residents of Robertson have been calling out for so long.

If people want information, I would suggest that they call either Mr. Mark Williams at Council or myself.

Faithfully Yours,  
Clr Larry Whipper.

Editor.

*As the chairman of the meeting referred to in Larry's letter above I feel obliged to make the following comments.*

*The meeting was an "open" meeting, notice of which was given in this newsletter and by notices placed around the village. I was specifically asked to chair the meeting in order to ensure that there would be an*

*unbiased chairman who would give everyone a fair say. At one point in the meeting when there had been no speakers in favour of Council's current proposal, I specifically asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favour of it. There was no reason whatsoever why those who support Council's proposal could not have attended and had their say.*

*Those who addressed the meeting did not appear to be "uninformed" in fact quite the opposite, but if there was anything either in the article or at the meeting that was in error, then this newsletter would be only too happy to inform residents. I guess it could be argued that we only put one side of the story in the February 2003 edition where we faithfully reproduced Council's "Robertson Sewerage Newsletter".*

*Finally, neither the article nor those at the meeting debated the need for a sewerage scheme for Robertson. The only questions debated were what type of system and where it should be placed.*

### WELCOME TO ROBERTSON

One door closes and another door opens. Connie's Cuts has become Hair On Hoddle under the new ownership of Lyndelle Bailey. Lyndelle has completed an advanced cutting and colouring course at TAFE and has been hairdressing in the local area for almost 6 years and will be continuing in Connie's footsteps by producing quality cuts and colours at an affordable price for all the family.

Lyndelle will be introducing many new services including perming, setting, permanent straightening and dreadlocks.

Call in and have a chat with this bright, bubbly lady who is certain to make a great impression on the town

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### GORDON JOHNSTON MISSINGHAM 1918 - 2004

As one of our best known locals, Gordon will be sadly missed by the people of Robertson.

A gentle man, he had a great love and appreciation of the Australian bush and worked tirelessly to improve the Carrington Falls area.

As a member of many local groups, he took an interest in all aspects of the Robertson community and his quiet good humour endeared him to all who knew him.

Farewell to a stalwart of the community.

**Douglas, Hope and Family would like to thank all the many friends and relatives for their support and expressions of sympathy at the passing of their father, grandfather and great grandfather.**

### LIGHT AND EASY

Owned by Suzi and Martin Calladine (ex Pizza's In The Mist), Three Creeks Cafe is offering fresh, exciting cafe style food in a great, relaxed atmosphere.

Suzi's twin sister Connie has joined the team and they are planning evening events. So far they have held a 60's / 70's night which was an amazing success. The clothing worn was indeed a sight to behold as everyone got into the swing of things and the band played a mix of music well known to all. Ilona and Virgo Lentzkow picked up a well deserved win for their fabulous representations of "Sandy" in Grease and, what appeared to be a perfect take on Ozzy Osbourne. Dennis Brown reminded us that "Hippies" are still alive and well and Veronika Cvitanovic made a terrifying appearance as a 60's Rocker. It was truly a "rocking" event and we look forward to more

# Three Creeks Café

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# Connie's Cuts

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## Hair on Hoddle

Lyndelle Bailey will continue the excellent reputation of Connie's Cuts adding further services such as specialised colouring, perming, sets and straightening.

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# SCOOPS Borbely

Although I receive a lot of information through local sources I only report on events that are relevant to the community based on fact alone. Any person that has been named in this page has been contacted to ensure their privacy and to seek their approval in making the announcement public. Any "tongue in the cheek" remark made by the writer is due to her wicked sense of humor. So hold on, here goes....

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Ros Vidgen of Bramber Cottage will be closing her shop to become the latest recruit at Raine & Horne Robertson. Ros has always been interested in Real Estate and she achieved her Real Estate Certificate some time ago. She will be working with Carl Hilder from the beginning of February. For those who did not know, Ros is also a professional writer and contributor to Highlife Magazine keeping us informed and up to date in the world of Antiques. Paula Barbulo owner of "Vintage and More" at Bramber Cottage will also close up shop this month.

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Due to the high costs of operating a restaurant Pizzas in the Mist will downsize and serve take-away only. All staff has been placed and recommended for positions elsewhere. The day after the restaurant was officially closed Pizzas in the Mist was notified of the intent of receiving a state award for excellence to the Restaurant Industry. Due to closure the award has been withdrawn. The two rooms will be let out as Retail shops in the near future.

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Sheila Massetti from Essential Botanicals has had a good response to

her Theatre group - so watch this space.

It looks like the Robertson Show Coffin race will go ahead and Bevens Funerals will give a \$500 prize to the team of four that wins first place. All teams will be required to make their own coffins. For more information phone Philip Vickery at Elders.

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Danielle Jones is undergoing surgery in Liverpool hospital after being seriously injured by a horse. She is feeling a lot better and her spirits are high. Danielle is a highly respected person in this community and her efforts in last years local elections are to be applauded. We wish her the best and hope for a speedy recovery.

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"A chip off the old block", (oops sorry Phil I didn't mean "old" I meant mature as in a vintage wine), young Matthew Vickery of Elders Real Estate is doing well with sales after completing his Real Estate Certificate. Local Amy Atkins has been appointed the full time position of P. A. assisting the sales team.

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The Robertson Show Ball will be held at the School of Arts on the 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please note the event will be BYO. Raffles and Lucky Door Prizes will be available, and a band will provide entertainment. Tickets are available by phoning Troy Pryor on 48 851 040. I encourage everyone to get their tickets now, as the event is growing in popularity each year. Don't miss it!

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Raj Ryan and his wife Shayne Sidhu boast an impressive portfolio consisting of television, film, and theatre work. They will be hosting an acting workshop at Ranelagh House in Robertson from January 25<sup>th</sup> to February the 1<sup>st</sup>. Please phone 48 851 111 for details.

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The Old River Grill House is attracting many visitors to the area because of their Macedonian "specials". The new business has taken off and the owners are thrilled with the support and response from locals.

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The Burrawang School of Arts Film Club will show the following - Jan 30<sup>th</sup> "The Lady Killers", 27<sup>th</sup> Feb "To Kill a Mocking Bird", 2<sup>nd</sup> April "Wichita", 28<sup>th</sup> May "The Belle of New York", 25<sup>th</sup> June "The Mark of Zorro". Cost \$7.50 pay at the door. Start 7.30 pm.

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Burrawang Market Day will be held on Easter Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Over 120 stalls - 9.00am until 3.00 pm. For information and enquires please phone 0431 073042.

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Last but not least, don't forget Byron's Music Night at the Burrawang Hotel on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. Any enquiries phone Ed on 48 864 206.

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Yes, I do have a lot more to tell you, but unfortunately you will have to wait for the next issue... if you have anything to tell me, please email [belindaborbely@bigpond.com](mailto:belindaborbely@bigpond.com) or write to P.O. Box 1046. Bowral. NSW 2576

## essential botanicals

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## New Senior Police Constable at Robertson with Belinda Borbely

Senior Constable Gavin Holloway was stationed at Lake Cargelligo in Central NSW for the last five years accompanied by his wife Adelina, 4 year old son Ethan, and 6 month old daughter Eliza. Lake Cargelligo is considered a special and remote location by the NSW Police because of its isolation and lack of facilities. Located 590 kilometers west of Sydney via the Great Western and Mid Western Highways, the district is predominately agricultural and pastoral where wheat, wool, and fruit and vegetables are produced with a population of 1300. The Holloways' moved to Lake Cargelligo because of police incentives that included an increased annual income, extra annual leave, and higher shift penalties. Working alongside five other police officers performing general duties, the isolation presented many challenges. "I became a better and more proficient Police Officer" he says, while performing a wide diversity of tasks and adapting to a sometimes harsh and difficult environment.

Constable Holloway spent three years in Sydney stationed at Wentworthville and Maryland's performing general duties. After his five year post at Lake Cargelligo he was offered a position at Robertson. Together with local Senior Constable Darren Farr, the village and surrounding areas will now have two stationed full time Police Officers to give greater coverage of the area and to increase police presence spreading over days, evenings, and weekends.

Over the next few months the new constable's agenda will begin with meeting local businesses to update key holder details while introducing himself to members of the community. Random Firearm compliance audits will commence, which will check up on licensed holders and firearms registered in their name along with details on storage and facilities. This exercise will help the NSW Police achieve a safer community by reducing the number of firearms within the community. From the 1<sup>st</sup> October to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 there is an amnesty which allows people to hand in pistols to police. No questions will be asked and there will be no repercussions and no penalties if you act now. Police will still be accepting other fire arms and extended amnesty will still apply. For information about anyone possessing, selling, or using illegal firearms, please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. The call will remain anonymous and in confidence without any details being passed on. Any local community groups that wish to address a police issue should write to the Robertson Police station or simply drop in and say hello.

The Holloway family intends to stay for a very long time in Robertson. Their house is currently under construction on Belmore Falls Road and should be completed within a few months. Adelina is a secondary school teacher and has a Diploma of Education in Arts. She has been working on an occasional basis and teaching Lake Cargelligo students. Her aspirations are to tutor students in the future and will be continuing with her hobby of arts and crafts, and mosaic works.

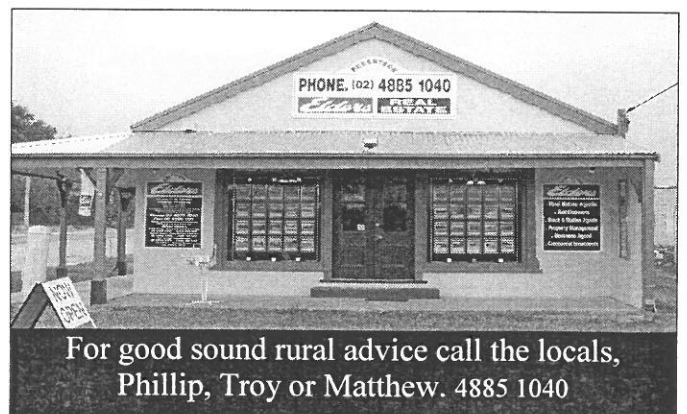
Constable Holloway requested that I pass on a special thank you to Don and Judy Warner of Fairway Farm. Don and Judy have been extremely generous of their time and hospitality while helping the family settle into a new life. A special thank you also goes out to the community for welcoming a newcomer to the area.



**Your local  
Council representative**

**LARRY WHIPPER. JP.**  
for Community Action

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## New Managers at Robertson Inn

"Zak" Zakara and Melanie Howard are ecstatic about their move to Robertson.

"It's a great place to bring up kids and everyone has been so welcoming and hospitable" Zak said when talking of their new position as Managers of the Robertson County Inn.

Prior to this they managed the Balgownie Hotel but decided they needed a change of lifestyle and a new challenge in a more family oriented environment.

Already they have made changes introducing a Pasta night on Fridays and a Pool Comp on Wednesday nights, both welcomed by locals. A new menu is being put in place and the kitchen renovated along with the painting of the exterior and new decking on the west side. "We want to have music on the deck in Summer", Zak said. "Somewhere everyone can hang out on a nice afternoon with a bit of live entertainment". The Jazz is continuing on the last Sunday of each month and on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of March there will be the "Big Robertson Jazz Safari" weekend. Live music is booked for every Saturday night and Sundays from 2pm and so far has proved to be a winner.

As far as the rest of the hotel is concerned, the upstairs bedrooms have new beds and the whole area is generally being refurbished so there will be more accommodation for visitors to Robertson.



Robertson's gain is Balgownie's loss and we look forward to many more innovations at the Robertson County Inn.

## ROBERTSON RURAL FIRE SERVICE

The Robertson Rural Fire Service continues to train in order to be able to effectively serve the people of our village. The brigade meets every Wednesday night at 7.30pm at the fire shed in Wallangunda St and once a month does group training with Burrawang and Avoca brigades. New members are always welcome but must be a minimum of 16 years of age.

Residents are reminded that the fire season runs till the end of March and that all fires in the open require a permit until the



end of the season. In order to gain a permit residents should contact local fire chief, Jim Wilson on 4885 2022 (not the council).

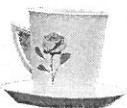
It is also helpful to the fire brigade (and other emergency services) if properties are clearly marked with street numbers and property names. Privacy is all very well until you are in desperate need of help, then it is good if people can find your place with as little difficulty as possible.

### CHAT'S CAFÉ

(at the Robertson Motel)

Open 7 days  
Mon-Sat 9am-7pm  
Sundays 9am-5pm

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## ॐ Anne Stowar

B. Soc. Stud. (Syd), M. A. A. S. W., Dip. Teach. (IYTA)

### YOGA TEACHER

Classes in Robertson Community Centre

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

During school Term  
Phone - 4885 1341



## **Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage**

Roslyn and Peter Murchison of Robertson celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends on Sunday 25th of January. They have lived in Robertson for eight years and say "we have found our niche right here"

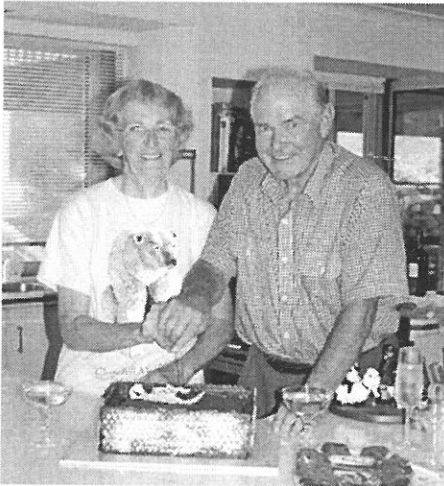
Peter is a retired Shipwright after forty years in his field. Although he likes to take it easy these days, it never stopped him from re-building his kitchen at home!

Roslyn is an active club member and player for The Robertson Tennis Club, she is also a Pavilion Committee member for the Robertson Show, and is known to do a little line dancing as well.

Roslyn and Peter have put their successful marriage down to "a good sense of humor, not to take life too seriously", and as Roslyn says waving her hands in the air "let it flow".

The couple are very grateful to all their family and friends for helping them with their celebrations. They are also very happy and content living in "this wonderful community".

Belinda.



## **FETTLERS SHED GALLERY**

### **FIRE AND LIGHT**

Two weekends only:

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb and Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb and Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am to 4pm both days, admission free.

The two elements of fire and light are linked in this exhibition of ceramics and photography. Local photographer & cartographer JAN GIBLIN is exhibiting her works with those of local master potter, NEIL BOUGHTON. Jan's distinctive black and white photography in particular is much respected and admired. Neil is noted for his passion for exploring Raku firing and developing lustrous glazes. He is respected both nationally & in Asia for his work. Jan & Neil are friends of long standing and are delighted to be able to combine their work for exhibition.

### **VISIONS OF INNER SCENTS**

Two weekends only and not to be missed!

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Mar and Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Mar, Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Mar and Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Mar, 10am to 4pm both days, admission free.

This is an especially delightful and delicate exhibition. It combines and brings to you the exquisite work of two high profile artists in the world of flowers: JONATHAN ALLIN, horticultural photographer, and DENNIS BROWN, floral designer.

Jonathan and Dennis will collaborate in exhibiting related themes in the two dimensions of floral photography and the three dimensions of floral sculpture. The work of Jonathan and Dennis is highly respected, both artists having been commissioned by high profile clients and events. This exhibition promises to be sublime and is an event which the gallery has been anticipating with much pleasure.

### **ROBERTSON GUILD EASTER EXHIBITION**

Two days only:

Good Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> Apr, and Easter Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Apr, 10am to 4pm both days, admission free.

This is an opportunity to see the combined work and fine craftsmanship of the members of the ROBERTSON GUILD. Many of the exhibits will be for sale and some of the craftspeople will be in attendance to meet and answer any questions.

### **THE SYDNEY MODEL AUTO CLUB**

One day only, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10am - 4pm admission: gold coin donation for charity.

The Sydney Model Auto Club has kindly agreed to bring to Robertson's Fettle's Shed Gallery an exhibition of their fine automobile models to coincide with the Vintage Car Rally on Robertson Common. Come to the Railway Station and be overawed by the vintage majesty of the originals together with the exquisite perfection of their miniature replicas. This exhibition will appeal to all!

## **SALTER'S OLD WARES AND BEARS**

Opened on 1st December 2003, Salter's Old Wares and Bears is a sharing of premises of two established businesses from the Southern Highlands. Now situated at 28 Huddle Street Robertson, right next door to Robertson Recollections and the Hairdressers, the array of goods is fairly vast covering Rustic Furniture, Old Wares, China, Collectables and the odd bear or two! Well actually quite a few bears! One of the largest stockists of English Merrythought Bears around, Jenny (more commonly known as Jen Bear) can help choose that "antique or heirloom bear" of tomorrow. Mostly Mohair and limited editions abound, just quietly awaiting a tug or two at your heartstrings. Even most of the blokes agree, with a grin or a reminiscence of early childhood years dragging around their favourite "old ted", usually now long gone.

Paul is well known for his Rustic Furniture which he has been producing for many years. A browse through many country magazines will uncover some of his previous work and talent at putting together "something special or unique". Honesty and integrity are his main concerns in dealing with everyone which makes him a breath of fresh air to deal with. He always has a story or two to tell, especially if it is about trains! Looking for something? Paul is the person to talk to. With his vast experience and dealings within the industry he will attempt to help in any way he can.

Looking for a gift? You are sure to find something for just about anyone here. Always willing to offer suggestions to make the "find" of that special gift possible, Jenny keeps a keen eye open on where to get the most appropriate item. Even if we cannot supply it ourselves. Berrima Bears and Between The Walls, having been established for ten years in Berrima, have a strong following and look forward to welcoming all our old customers as well as a very special invitation to all locals to pop in and say hi and browse at their leisure.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Robertson/Burrawang Senior Citizen's Club

We hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and are getting ready for Senior Citizen's Week in March.

This year the Wingecarribee District Senior Committee has arranged a programme which we hope will give all seniors something to look forward to, but spread out over two weeks instead of one, so that there is a little bit of breathing space between functions.

The programme is as follows:

Sunday March 14th-2pm Church Service at Mittagong Senior Citizens Centre.

Monday March 15th- 9.00am Social Bowls at Mittagong RSL

Tuesday March 16th-7.30pm Great Debate at (Venue to be advised)

Wednesday March 17th-1.30pm Senior's Concert at Moss Vale Services Club

Friday March 19th-7.30pm Family Dance & 3 Demonstrations by Groups at Robertson School of Arts

Monday March 22nd-10am-3pm Active Ageing Wellness Seminar at Bowral Uniting Church Hall.

- Wednesday March 24th-9am-5pm Mystery Bus Tour Lunch provided and pick up to be advised!
- Friday March 26th-2pm Afternoon at the Movies at the Empire Cinema. Pickup to be advised later.

\*Numbers will be limited for these two outings, so you will need to book reasonably early.

If you desire any further information about any of the outings planned, please don't hesitate to ring. By the time the newsletter is published we should have more information.

Locally our Social Bowls days at Robertson Bowling Club are being well patronized, at which you would be most welcome. Our monthly meetings recommence on Wednesday 18th February, 1.30pm, in the Community Centre, with afternoon tea at the conclusion of the meeting. The 3rd Wednesday of every month till November is the day to remember, with December being our Christmas Luncheon.

And if you need small catering done, remember us.

J. Compagnoni (4885 1280)

## ROBERTSON COMMUNITY SERVICES GROUP

Robertson Community Services Group is alive and well. Our Christmas break-up was a most enjoyable day, 40 of us plus visitors. Our days throughout the year have been very happy times with delicious dinners cooked for us by Ann Brenning to whom we are very grateful.

Unfortunately she is unable to continue doing this so we are looking for someone to fill in. We meet every second Tuesday.

If you are interested we would be pleased to hear from you. Also, new people will be most welcome commencing again on February 10th. A great fellowship day is had. Do your own thing, cards, darts, games or whatever and enjoy dinner.

It would be good to make your acquaintance

## SENSE OF COMMUNITY

In an attempt to cement a feeling of community in our district and getting to know new arrivals, a group has been formed which gathers at the "Robertson Inn" on the first Friday of every month around 6.30 - 7.00pm for a drink and dinner.

So far this gathering has been enjoyed by up to 30 people for the past four months.

The next occasion will be February 6th and everyone is most welcome.

As the pub is renovating their kitchen at the end of February the next occasion will be on March 5th at "The Old River Grillhouse". *Melba Bank*  
Any enquiries, please call Cherry Archer - 4885 1276 or Barb Smith - 4885 1924 after hours.

## Sunday School

St John's Church will begin  
Sunday School  
again on the 1st February.  
Sunday School is held at 9.30am, the same time as the main morning service.  
All school age children are most welcome.

## COUNCIL RUBBISH COLLECTION

Monday and Tuesday March 2nd, 3rd.  
Cost: \$25.00 per household  
To book your collection please call 4868 0555 the week before.  
No green waste and a maximum of 2 cubic metres.

## ROBERTSON LOOP

On the second Sunday of each month, you can take a return trip from Robertson to Moss Vale on the Cockatoo vintage diesel train with fully restored 1930's carriages. Next rides are on 8th February and 14th March; leaving Robertson at about 1pm and returning by 3pm with nearly half an hour to stroll around Moss Vale.

Advance tickets are available from Waters Newsagency or you can buy your ticket on the day at the Station from 11am. Prices \$10, concession \$5, family \$25. For further information contact Helen or David Tranter, phone 4885-1394.

## Robertson School of Arts Inc

Our monthly Market on 2nd Sunday of the month from 9am-3pm and our Family Old Time Dance with the Illawarra Flames Dance Band on the 3rd Friday of the month from 8pm to midnight, both continue to be well patronized. The money from these and any other hirings goes towards the maintenance and improvements of this district hall. It is yours, not Council's.

A quick reminder about the March Dance on the 19th. For this one dance only, it will commence earlier at 7.30pm. This year the district Senior's Committee is joining us to put on the dance as it falls during Seniors Week. There will be 3 demonstrations (10 minutes each) by three of the district's dance groups, Seniors Tap, Folk Dancers and Scottish Country Dancers at intervals during the night. So come and celebrate.

If you haven't reached the so-called Senior Years, come and see what they can do, but don't forget it is a Family Dance and everyone is welcome. Our delicious home-made supper is an added bonus.

Now the "sell". We need you at our monthly meetings in the hall on the 4th Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

J. Compagnoni (Secretary)

## Latest Robertson News - 90 Years Ago!

Before leaving Robertson, long-time resident Nance Morrow very kindly gave into the RBA's keeping two wonderful old minute books, one for the Robertson District Progress Association, covering the period December 1913 to January 1916, and the other for the School of Arts Committee, spanning 1916 to 1925.

Both make fascinating reading. In January 1914, the Progress Association was moved to write to the Manager of the Tourist Bureau in Sydney:

*"We venture to assert that, if our beauty spots were known, the district would rival the famed Blue Mountains. The grandeur of the Fitzroy Falls, Belmore Falls, Carrington and Bridal Veil Falls rival anything of their kind in NSW. The Macquarie Pass is quite the equal of the Bulli Pass. From the lookout... one vast panorama... miles of sea coast. The ignorance concerning our district needs only to be dispelled to prove of much mutual advantage..."*

A further letter was to the Wingecarribee Shire Council:

*"... request that portions of the footpath on the southern side of Hoddle St be crowned and that the unsatisfactory and unsafe condition of culverts therein be attended to..."*

We offer these quotes without comment. In February 1914 the PA was also concerned with seeking a price for publication of a tourist guide, from a Mr. Percival in Parramatta; agitating for metalling of five chains of Pheasant Ground Rd; for the eradication of Cape Weed; and for the granting of "official" status to Robertson Post Office (which it failed to get, its turnover being under 300 pounds a year.)

However the status of the Post Office was expected to change because "the telephone", (always referred to in the singular) was coming to Robertson - a link with Moss Vale - although its arrival was apparently well behind schedule.

President at the time was a Mr Swan, Vice Presidents, Messrs Hayes and Missingham. Membership fees were one shilling and sixpence per year and the Association had 35 paid up members, about the same number as today's RBA.

The School of Arts minutes, starting in 1916, are a reminder of the central place that institution, and its library in particular, must have played in village life at the time. Given Robertson's isolation, and the high cost of books and magazines, the library's supply of newspapers, periodicals and books would have provided a vital link with the wider world. And the committee seems to have ruled the library with a stern hand. On 29th September 1916, the Rev Schwegler moved that:

*'Any person indulging in Conversation, Smoking or other conduct tending to disturb the order of the reading room, or hall, may be expelled.'*

Mr Ross moved that the rules be printed on cardboard. And, in other business, Mr Hayes moved that the Military Authorities be charged ten shillings for the use of the hall on Oct 19th. (Presumably, for First World War recruiting)

We hope to publish more from these interesting minute books in later editions of the Robertson News.

## Church Services

### Anglican

#### St John's Robertson

8.00am Traditional Services  
2nd Sunday - Communion  
4th Sunday - Morning Prayer

9.30am Family Service/Sunday School  
Every Sunday

#### St David's Burrawang

8.00am - 1st Sunday - Communion

### Presbyterian, Burrawang

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

### Uniting Robertson

8.00am - Every Sunday

### Roman Catholic

Until further Notice  
All Services at Burrawang.

#### Burrawang

11.00am - Every Sunday

### Robertson Christian Fellowship

(Community Centre)

3.00pm - Every Sunday except the 1st  
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