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All hands on deck— it's Show Time in Robertson!

By Leesa Stratford and Sharon Makin,
Robertson Show Society. Photos supplied.

Robertson show is but a short time away - February 19th and 20th!

Even though the show is early this year, we will have the same great activities and events. Dairy cattle, horse events and the Spud Olympics on the Friday with the beef cattle, horses and our ring events back for the Saturday. Of course we finish the day with the Demolition Derby and the fireworks courtesy of Dapto Clutch and Brake and The Robertson Inn.

As we go to print, we are also trying to arrange for the professional Show Mow team to attend.

We are always grateful for any helping hand that is offered, whether it is an hour or a day, even a week or three in some cases!

Of course the Robertson Show just would not happen without the support of all the volunteers from our great community and we just cannot thank you all enough! There is always plenty to do, from cleaning, setting up the pavilion and the grounds to helping on the gates or BBQ during



show time. We can always find something for you to do! **If you would like to lend a hand** contact us at robertsonshow@bigpond.com or find us on Facebook – Robertson Show.

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Our great sponsors are back on board as well - ECM Livestock and Mackillop's real estate supporting the Men's and Junior Potato races, respectively. Robertson Farm Machinery have jumped in as the supporters of the Ladies race and for the first time Dirty Janes of Bowral are providing prizes for the winners of the Robbo red neck relay challenge. There may be a T shirt or 2 up for grabs as well.

You can find all the schedule information on www.robertsonshow.org.au



So time to hop to it! Get those pavilion entries ready, grow those flowers and vegies, get training - the office opens on the 1st February, so get your entries in early and avoid the rush.

See you at the *best little country show* around !

Successful Grant applications for Robertson Railway Station

by Ian Wallace, Hon. President, RHRS

The year 2015 ended on a positive note for Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc (RHRS) with the news that RHRS was the recipient of two funding grants.

On 22 November, RHRS received a "2015 Transport Heritage Grant" of \$10,000 for its "Concrete cancer repair project" at the Transport Heritage NSW Annual Conference. Those that have visited Robertson railway station recently may have observed the cracking and spalling of parts of the heritage-listed concrete station buildings and structures. Following the receipt of expert advice on the repair of these unsightly occurrences, RHRS embarked on its concrete cancer repair project in 2015, and the receipt of this \$10,000 grant is the first successful step. It is planned to use a local concrete contractor to undertake this specialist work. RHRS is seeking further grant funding to complete the work needed on its concrete structures, which have been standing for more than 80 years.

A further grant of \$5,000 was received by RHRS as part of the 'Southern Phone Grant 2015'. This money will be used for providing a wind-break to the west-facing and part of the north-facing covered annexe to the Fettle's Shed, which will greatly improve the use that can be made of this facility in inclement weather.

For further information, please contact Ian Wallace on 02 4885 2848.

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Robertson Swimming Pool — the Retiring President’s Report

After 10 years as President and 30 years involvement, John Thomas has worked to achieve a swimming pool for Robertson. Below is John’s final report as President as presented to the 2015 AGM of the Robertson & District Swimming Pool Association Inc in December 2015. John has provided a copy of his final report for the information of the community.

“Thank you to all who have attended tonight. It is a truly exciting time with great opportunities ahead and some major milestones passed.

Of great significance is the securing of a site and completion of a development application. RADSPA have signed a 10 year lease + options @ \$750 per year with the ARTC for a block at the end of Caalong Street. This is a major milestone after 4 years of searching. It involved a considerable amount of work with State Government rezoning and RFS and Water NSW approval before the DA could be finalised. The DA was approved this week, on 7 December 2015. The Council have donated back the Planning Proposal fee (\$5,356) and offered to waive the water and sewerage development charges (\$366,875). A special thank you to Sharon Makin and Chris Stevenson from the Committee for putting so much work into the DA.

Also of considerable significance is the success RADSPA has had with government grants. Firstly, the NSW Govt CLUBGrants, submission that we successfully secured for \$350,000

Secondly, the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) where we have just received notification of a grant of up to \$542,637. A special thank you to Don Ferguson and Kate van Eimeren for their work on these grant applications. The Committee now

has in the region of \$1.1 million with which to fund the project. Of course, with this comes massive responsibility and challenges.

Over the course of the last year there had been considerable time devoted to discussions about the physical nature of the development. We have actively searched for architectural/draftsman input. Axel Richter, Stephen Johansson, Greg Turland, reps from “Australian Temporary Structures” along with others previously spoken to, have shared input with us. Now we have firm ideas of available finances we can start to move with more purpose.

In recent weeks, the committee has determined to re visit the possibility of placing the development on Robertson Bowling Club land. This will be further investigated

The next year, in fact the next few months, are going to be very important as concrete decisions need to be made. The Committee would very much like the support and help from the community to maximize the best possible outcome for the development.

In summary, I want to emphasize what a major achievement gaining council approval is. For 3 decades, the Wingecarribee Council has been determined not to allow a pool to be built in Robertson. Even as recent as 2013, the council could have facilitated the development by allowing RADSPA to use a tiny corner of Hampden Park, but they would not. It is only in the last 2 years that some councillors have come on-board and made the difference. Without that D.A. approval, no amount of funds was going to make a difference.

I want to sincerely thank the small group of Committee and others who over recent years have brought it to this point. It’s now up to the community to get involved and make it a success. The project must not fail.

On a personal note, since personally seeing a privately run, 25m heated pool in Warilla and talking to the owner, I’ve had the belief that a similar, modest and efficiently run facility was do-able in Robertson.

My focus has been on the benefits to the children of the area of such an asset. This was after all the catalyst that prompted the formation of the pool committee when two children drowned in Caalong Creek in 1980.

I realise now, that a larger vision and fresh legs are required to carry the project forward, so I will not be standing for a position on the committee again.

John Thomas, President , RADSPA. 2015”

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Diggers Military MC ride for Homeless Veterans

by Frank Cacchione

2016 Roll the Dice charity Ride for Homeless Veterans—DIGGERS Military MC, Southern Highlands Chapter



The DIGGERS Military Motorcycle Club, Southern Highlands Chapter will be holding its inaugural Roll the Dice charity Ride for Homeless Veterans on Saturday 19th March 2016, leaving from the Southern Highlands Chapter Club House, Robertson NSW at 1045hr.

The DIGGERS Military MC is an organisation founded in Sydney Australia in 2008 for Regular, Reserve and Ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force - Army, Navy, and Air Force as well as members of all Commonwealth Forces. Our Members engage in regular meets encompassing the spirit of riding motorcycles whilst having the comradeship that develops from military service. Many of our members have served in Somalia, Namibia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2009, the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs released a report that identified that on any given night across Australia, over 3000 veterans were homeless due to their service to our nation. More recently, organisations such as Homelessness NSW, have argued that the numbers of homeless veterans across Australia is drastically higher than 3000, and have noted an increasing tendency for homeless veterans to be comparatively young in age.

In response to this growing crisis, RSL Life Care founded the Contemporary Veterans Homelessness and Assistance Program (Homes for Heroes) at Narrabeen in NSW. The program is available to veterans of contemporary conflicts, ex-servicemen

and women post-1991, and the families of those cohorts, provided they are genuinely homeless. In addition to permanent residents, Homes for Heroes periodically provide accommodation to families and veterans on a short stay basis. There is no other dedicated homeless accommodation for contemporary veterans in Australia.

All riders attending the ride will be asked to donate \$20 each to assist us in raising funds in support of Homes for Heroes and the good work they do in providing support to many Homeless Veterans. The Roll the Dice charity Ride for Homeless Veterans will attract a large number of Australians who enjoy riding motorcycles and supporting the community. Quite a number of riders will be either serving or ex serving Defence Members who know from firsthand experience the good work carried out by the Homes for Heroes program. The Roll the Dice Ride is an opportunity for our members to be involved in a worthwhile community charity event and raise funds for Homeless Veterans.

We have been granted permission by the Homes for Heroes program to seek donations on their behalf. All donations raised will be given to the Homes for Heroes program.

All Riders and bike types are welcome to attend. If you wish to participate and require further information, please contact GRUNT on 0413723721. The ride registration commences at 0900hr and we leave for the ride at 1045hrs.

Diggers Forever, Forever Diggers



Robertson welcomes the Thomas Family

By Natalie Tinning

St Johns Anglican Church Robertson and St Davids Anglican Church Burrawang welcome their new minister Graham Thomas, his wife Michelle and their three children to the parish. The Thomas' have lived and served in Dubai for the past three years, and are excited to be moving to Robertson.

Graham and Michelle both grew up in Sydney, although have lived most of their married life on both the North and South Coast of NSW. Before training as a pastor at Moore Theological College Graham worked as Physical Education and Health teacher in Sydney and in Taree. After graduating from Moore College, Graham and Michelle served in Perth, the Shoalhaven and most recently in Dubai, UAE at the Fellowship of the Emirates church.

Graham and Michelle have been married for 18 years. Michelle has studied at university of Technology Sydney and has worked as a Journalist with Fairfax Media. Graham and Michelle have both a son and daughter starting at Moss Vale High School this year, and their youngest son will be starting at Robertson Primary School.

Graham is an outgoing, friendly, Aussie bloke who loves his sport. Graham's induction service will be on the 28th of January and his first week as Rector will commence on Sunday the 31st January. All are welcome to come and help welcome the Thomas' to Robertson.

WHAT'S ON AT

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FRIDAY FEB 12 th – Live Performance by Alice Terry & Burger Night from 7pm	SATURDAY FEB 13 th – Valentine's Day Dinner 7pm with Live Performance by Ella's Holiday
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- Check the Robertson Village website at www.robertson.nsw.au or Facebook page www.facebook.com/VillageOfRobertsonNSW/
- Or for day to day things happening in Robertson—lost dogs, for sale, road closures, questions about anything Robertson related join the [Robertson Commons](https://www.facebook.com/RobertsonCommons) Facebook page

Gorilla Girls Want Your Old Phones



Kimye & baby Kanzi

Zoe (12), Ella (10) and Frankie (10), from Wildes Meadow and Burrawang, with the Robertson CTC have launched "Answer the Call" program to help save **critically endangered** gorillas. The program is about **recycling** mobile phones, MP3 players and Tablets.

Did you know there are only 250-300 Cross River gorillas left in the whole entire world!

There is a rare earth in mobile phones called Coltan and it is mined in the gorilla's habitat thus destroying, their home. Recycling will reduce



the need for mining. Plus, for every phone that is recycled, \$2 is donated by Phone Cycle to the Gorilla Doctors in Africa, to provide life saving medical care, saving Gorillas one patient at a time.



If you have an **old or broken** mobile phone, iPod, MP3, iPad,

Tablet or even chargers and headphones sitting around at home, we would **love** them! Please bring them into the Robertson Community and Technology Centre and we will do the rest.

"Answer The Call" is fully supported by all of Australia's major zoos.

Our goal is to recycle 1,000 mobile phones in the Southern Highlands and to date we have collected 122 phones and MP3 players, raising approximately \$700 so far for the Gorilla Doctors.

We ask you to fully support us by bringing in your old and broken phones etc and show people that we can **make a difference**, no matter how young we are.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you :)

Zoe, Frankie, Ella & Indi



Gorilla Girls

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Moonacres Harvest Kitchen now at Café Pirouette

After 4 years, Carole and Mark Burnham of Café Pirouette have sold their popular Robertson business to local organic farm, Moonacres. Moonacres farm worked closely with Café Pirouette to host a series of successful 'Pop-Up' Scarlett Runner dinners at the café last year. These dinners were well received by the community and will continue into 2016. The concept of Moonacres Harvest Kitchen is to use as much locally sourced ingredients within the café, including produce grown on the farm. **Carole and Rachael, and the team at Moonacres Harvest Kitchen would like to offer you 'Cake and Coffee' between 1pm and 3pm daily for \$5.50, until Sunday February 14th.** "We are about supporting local Southern Highland businesses, as well as creating fresh and nutritious menu items, and at the same time keeping the old classics" – Rachael Scobie (manager) . Cafe Pirouette (Moonacres Harvest Kitchen) Shop 6/7 79-81 Hoddle St Robertson (02) 4885 1788

Robertson CTC News

by Jenny Kena CTC@Robertson President

Happy New Year to all! Our Manager, Karen Mewes, is back at the CTC from 28 January and there are already lots of plans for 2016.

During January, while our volunteers and staff have been having a well earned break, builders have been at work doing much needed repairs to the building.

A major storm last year caused significant damage to the western side of the building with rain leaking through windows and damaging walls and the floor. Building insurance and a Wingecarribee Community Assistance Scheme grant has enabled the guttering and storm water system to be upgraded, repairs done to window frames to ensure further leaking does not occur, walls to be made good and painted and floor coverings in the two western rooms to be replaced. This means that the two offices at this end of the building can again be put to good use for community and operational purposes.

The AGM of the Robertson Shed Inc (the organisation that manages the CTC) was held on December 17 2015 and I am pleased to welcome a number of new members to the Committee. The 2016 Committee members are Jenny Kena (President), Renate Birch (Vice President), Jenette Stiles (Secretary), Doug Pritchard (Treasurer), Anna Hewgill, Naomi Janzen, Pip Hammond, Fran Turland, Debbie Short and Gary Norwell.

The CTC Survey finished on 31 January and the Committee will be reviewing the results at its next strategic planning meeting. Thank you to everyone who assisted by completing the survey.

Seniors Week at the CTC

Seniors Week, now known as the Seniors Festival, is on from 1-10 April this year. The CTC will again be participating by holding free training for seniors during the week and presenting the *It's Your Call Short Film Awards* program on **Wednesday 6 April at 2pm** in partnership with the Council. The *'It's Your Call' Short Film Awards* is a short film program made up of the best new Australian short films with seniors in lead roles. Come along and watch the finalists in this annual national short film competition, and vote for the Audience Award for Best Film. The Council will be publishing a program of all Seniors Festival events. This will be available at the Civic Centre, Libraries and at the CTC as well as at www.wsc.nsw.gov.au. Bookings will be taken from 1 March.

Training programs start again on 5 February (see details below) and some exciting music events are planned. Look out for further details on CTC Facebook or in the next Robertson News.

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Computer Classes at CTC@Robertson starting in February 2016

All classes are taught by a qualified and experienced trainer. \$65/\$55 Concession & Seniors per class which includes Morning tea and a Manual. **Bookings essential.** Ph 4885 2665 karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au

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5 Feb—Part 1, Introduction

Understanding your iPad. Get set up and start using apps.

Suitable for complete beginners

12 Feb—Part 2

Organising bookmarks and internet tips. Photos, editing, sharing and transferring to computer.

19 Feb—Part 3

Using the iPad to keep in touch. Facetime, Skype, email and lots more tips.

26 Feb—Part 4

Maps, directions, books, calendars and reminders. Making use of Siri.

Sharing Photos

11 Mar—Putting photos onto your computer, sharing via email or social media, basic editing. Suitable for beginners.

Saturdays 10.30am—12.30pm

Computers for Beginners

6 Feb—Part 1

Gain confidence with your computer, learn to use the Internet safely. Suitable for complete beginners.

13 Feb—Part 2

Saving and finding your files, introduction to email and contacts

Word

20 Feb—Introduction

Learn to create and edit written documents, includes tips and shortcuts. Suitable for beginners or those wanting to refresh their skills.

27 Feb—Intermediate Part 1

Creating professional looking documents. Formatting using styles, options for columns. Requires some prior knowledge of Word.

12 Mar—Intermediate Part 2

Calculations in tables, images, headers and footers in different sections. Requires some prior knowledge of Word.

Robertson Environmental Protection Society celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Lyndy Scott and David Mee

In November, Mayor Larry Whipper, a founding member of REPS, attended its AGM and congratulated REPS on reaching its 25th anniversary.



Larry presented Steve Douglas with a certificate of Life Membership of REPS in recognition of his work for REPS over many years, especially around Caalong Creek. He was a founding member of REPS and served as Vice President and President. Steve worked on refurbishment of the community centre and still manages the project to weed, plant, mulch and care for the banks of Caalong Creek. He is helped by Leon Hall, Elizabeth Bennett, a council officer and at times others.

Larry then presented Denise Fletcher with a life membership of REPS. Denise was a founding member of REPS, served as treasurer for eight years and made many contributions to Robertson's environment and Eurcryphia (REPS' newsletter).

The formal business of the AGM then proceeded, with election of the REPS committee for 2016. All members, but one, were re-elected. David Tranter wished to retire from the committee. REPS acknowledges his knowledge, wisdom, common sense and commitment to the environment and thanks David for his dedication over so many years. Lynn Stevenson was elected in his place and REPS welcomes her rejoining the committee.

Allan Stiles, a REPS' founding member, introduced the evening's speaker, Steve Douglas, to talk about the Caalong Creek project. Allan said Steve and Denise Fletcher live in Robertson admist a wonderful garden they sculpted from a bare paddock.

Steve showed an aerial photo of Robertson's park complex with Caalong Creek flowing through. He said many would 'kill' to have such an open space in the middle of their village and the audience agreed.

He spoke of the difficulties and effort in obtaining a Bicentennial Grant to improve Caalong Creek. This paid for erection of the pedestrian bridge over the creek and showed a photo of the bridge when it was new – with no surrounding vegetation.

A first job, done by hand, was removing a pussy willow infestation. Planting trees, taking out privet, hawthorn and

other woody weeds all required hard work. A photo showed early willing workers, including Bob McInnes, Leon Hall, Ian Foster, Steve, Monica Engel and son Tas. Council support helped with the bush-care program.

Some lessons learnt included:

- The size of the area required a plan for maintenance
- Species selection was very important
- The site needed protection from frost and broad-leaf plants were particularly affected. This became less of a problem as the canopy grew.
- Mulch for weed control was very important, noting that leaf mulch broke down too quickly whereas wood-chip mulch lasted two years.
- Larger plants had a good survival rate and tube stock did better if potted first.

Steve remarked that the future required some more enthusiastic young people with energy to participate in such projects, and hoped to see more people come along to the working bees and pitch in. These are held on the fourth Saturday of each month – but check in Roberston News and Eurcryphia.



Mayor Larry Whipper, Steve Douglas and REPS President Peter Glass

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For the Diary.....

A free community forum covering 'health decisions as you age', 'scam awareness' and 'making peace with the past' will be held at the Mittagong RSL on Saturday, 20 February 2016.

The community are invited to attend the free event from 10am to 1pm and hear from speakers Sue Field, Director of the Australian Centre for Elder Law, Christine Ambs from the Department of Fair Trading, and Petrea King, Founding Director and CEO of Quest for Life Foundation. To register for the event, contact Laurelle Bennett at South Western Sydney PHN on 4632 3046 or 0437 318 523.

REPS community talks, February and April 2016

Friday 12 February 2016 at 7.30pm, followed by supper at Robertson Community Centre, Caalong Street next to the tennis courts. No cost but a gold coin donation is appreciated



Speaker: Ted Smith, Yelverton Truffles Robertson **Cultivating Black Diamonds**

French Perigord black truffles are being grown very, very successfully right here in Robertson! Their reputation is one of mystery and myth with a history dating back to antiquity. Described as Nature's Culinary Masterpiece with a perfume of the earth itself'. Ted's talk on these underground treasures will

explain why and how.

Friday 8 April 2016 at 7.30pm, followed by supper at Robertson Community Centre.

Do you love the environment and don't like methane messing it up? Do you love your cattle and sheep, wish they didn't produce so much and grew faster? **More meat, milk and wool – less methane**

Professor John Black will talk about the exciting outcomes – and that's just so far – of the National Livestock Methane Program. It aims to reduce methane emissions while increasing productivity of Australia's livestock.

Methane, animal productivity and environmental sustainability are very closely linked. Scientists have identified a range of treatments – supplements, forages, genetics – which producers can use to lower methane emissions and increase productivity. He will reveal a lot more in his talk and in answer to your questions!

Robertson Garden Club Meeting

All Residents of Robertson are invited to the next meeting of the Robertson Garden Club on **Monday 1st February**. The Robertson Garden Club begins the New Year with the first meeting to be held on 1st February 2016. We have over 50 members and most meetings see an attendance of about 40. We have speakers for most meetings presenting subjects of interest to members. A delicious afternoon tea is provided by members on a roster basis. We also arrange activities for most months such as visit to gardens, bus trips to organised garden shows,

workshops etc.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at the Robertson Community Centre opposite Pizzas in the Mist in Caalong Street. Starting time is 1.30 PM and usually the meeting concludes at about 3.00 PM followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome—Geoff King, President ph:4885 2592

Robertson History Group Meeting

Wednesday 17 February at 10.30am Anyone interested in a group that is starting to collect Robertson History is welcome to a get together at the Fettle's Shed Gallery at the Railway Station. All welcome. Morning tea. Further information Helen Tranter on 4885 1394 or Doug Pritchard on 0413 055 062.

Annual Wool Festival 2 April All things woolly will come to Robertson on 2nd April 2016 when the annual Wool Festival organised by the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association will be held. It showcases the produce of local growers who offer for sale fleeces of varying colours and types suitable for spinning, weaving and felting. Sheep naturally come in a range of colours (browns, blacks and silvers) and depending on the breed can be used in different craft projects. Fine merinos, medium corridales or cross breeds for soft garments and stronger border leicesters or lincolns for rugs or sturdier outer garments. All of these will be on display with growers and spinners available to give advice to beginners. There will be a fashion parade of knitted and felted garments which shows the creativity of local craft groups. The speed knitting competition is **always** hotly contested with knitters asked to complete a square in 15 minutes. This year, weather permitting, we will have a number of black lambs being shorn with their fleeces for sale straight from the sheeps back. For further information about the festival or the BACCSBA and its activities contact Kathy Frey (Secretary) on 48789318.

TRIVIA NIGHT

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Become an Ethics Teacher - Just think about it!

By Karen Guymer



If you are looking for a rewarding challenge then look no further than Primary Ethics teaching at Robertson Public local School.

Robertson Public School needs two more volunteers to teach the Primary Ethics curriculum to early stage one (kindergarten) and stage one (years 1-2). A third teacher could fulfil a support role and teach on days when regular teachers are ill or on holiday.

I am currently teaching philosophical ethics to stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) students. Each lesson is held on a Tuesday morning at the school.

Primary Ethics is delivering philosophical ethics by

volunteers to over 33 000 children across nearly 400 schools in NSW, and the students are benefiting from skills and knowledge that will help them to lead well-considered, thoughtful and ethical lives.

It takes about 1-2 hours to prepare each week, as the lesson and support materials are already written for you and they are easily accessible from the Primary Ethics Learning Centre.

It takes a bit of your time to become qualified to teach, however the online and face-to-face learning is very valuable and prepares you well. You will need a National Crime Check and Working with Children Check. The two-day face-to-face training session is very well organised and delivered by experienced and well-qualified trainers.

The benefits of teaching Primary Ethics include a feeling of well-being as you assist young people to think more deeply about ethical issues and dilemmas. The community of inquiry approach helps to engage the young learners. You will also have the support of the teaching staff and principal at the school. You also have support through a Regional Coordinator and the classroom support teachers at Primary Ethics.

If you can't volunteer at this time, then think about a donation to Primary Ethics. Visit www.primaryethics.com.au for more information or contact Karen on 0437260373.

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**Robertson-Burrawang
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2016 Registration Days

February:	Thursday 11th
	Sunday 14th
	Thursday 18th
	Sunday 21st

4pm – 6pm **Hampden Park,
Robertson
(near skate park)**

**All welcome – boys,
girls, ladies and men.**

Come and have a kick with us!

Contact: Kate van Eimeren 0432 690 451

Robertson Events Calendar

February 2016

Fri 5	iPads/Tablets Part 1, Intro 10am-1pm See page 7	CTC@Robertson
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Thur 11	Robertson Village Meeting at 6.30pm See page 12	CTC@Robertson
Thur 11	Robertson-Burrawang Soccer Club Registration 4-6pm mob:0432 690 451 Kate See page 10	Hampden Park
Fri 12	iPads/Tablets Part 2, 10am-1pm See page 7	CTC@Robertson
Fri 12	REPS Community Talk 7pm See page 9	Robertson Community Centre
Fri 12	Live performance and Burger night from 7pm See page 5	Robertson Hotel
Sat 13	Computers for Beginners Part 2, 10.30am-12.30pm See page 7	CTC@Robertson
Sat 13	Valentine's Day Dinner with live music 7pm See page 5	Robertson Hotel
Sun 14	Cockatoo Run – Contact Helen 4885 1394	Robertson Railway
Sun 14	Robertson Markets 9-3 mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Sun 14	Robertson-Burrawang Soccer Club Registration 4-6pm See page 10	Hampden Park
Wed 17	Robertson History Group 10.30am ph 4885 1394 Helen See page 9	Fettlers Shed
Thur 18	Robertson-Burrawang Soccer Club Registration 4-6pm See page 10	Hampden Park
Fri 19	iPads/Tablets Part 3, 10am-1pm See page 7	CTC@Robertson
Sat 20	Word Introduction, 10.30am-12.30pm See page 7	CTC@Robertson
Fri 19 & Sat 20	Robertson Show See pages 1-2	Robertson Showground
Sun 21	Robertson-Burrawang Soccer Club Registration 4-6pm See page 10	Hampden Park
Sun 21	Live music and Canapes from 6pm See page 5	Robertson Hotel
Sun 24	Cockatoo Run – Contact Helen 4885 1394	Robertson Railway
Fri 26	iPads/Tablets Part 4, 10am-1pm See page 7	CTC@Robertson
Sat 27	Word Intermediate Part 1, 10.30am-12.30pm See page 7	CTC@Robertson
Sat 27	Cricket Club Trivia Night 7pm mob: 0421 452 167 See page 9	Robertson Bowling Club

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Sun 6	Cockatoo Run – Contact Helen 4885 1394	Robertson Railway
Sat 12	Word Intermediate Part 2, 10.30am-12.30pm See page 7	CTC@Robertson
Sat 12	Whisky tasting and canapes 6pm See page 5	Robertson Hotel
Sun 13	Robertson Markets 9-3	School of Arts
Tue 15	Deadline for February edition of Robertson News	CTC@Robertson
Sun 17	Cockatoo Run	Robertson Railway
Sat 19	Diggers 2016 Roll the Dice Charity Ride See page 4	Leaves from Robertson

Regular Events

1st Mon	Robertson Garden Club 1.30pm Geoff King ph 4885 2592	Robertson Community Centre
3rd Mon	Wuka Plukas Ukulele Group mob 0429 826 431 Jenny 7-9pm	CTC@Robertson
Every Tues	Trivia Night 7.30pm	Robertson Inn
Every Tues	Social tennis 1-3pm Contact Lyndy Scott 4885 2805	Robertson Tennis Court
Every Wed	Robertson Walking Group ph: 4885 2936 Martine 8.15am	Café Pirouette/Butcher
Every Fri	IT training 10-1pm ph 4885 2665 www.robertsonctc.org.au	CTC@Robertson
Every Sat	Crop Swap 9-10am	Outside Rockabellas
1st Sun, 4th Sun	Communion(1st), Morning Prayer (4th) 8am	St Johns Robertson
Every Sun	Family Service – Sunday School 9.30am	St Johns Robertson
1st, 3rd, 5th Sun	Catholic Service 8am	St Peter's Burrawang
2nd, 4th Sun	Catholic Service 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang
1st Sun	Service taken by Rev. Michael Earl bkuc.com.au 11am	Kangaloon Uniting Church

Robertson *Our Village Our Future* projects take off!

By Jenny Kena

A group of enthusiastic community members, all committed to the future of Robertson, have been working away on some of the projects identified in the *Our Village Our Future* action plan.

The action plan was developed from a Council project called *Our Village Our Future* in 2014/15. Council provides an amount of \$20,000 towards a project or projects identified by the community through a series of community workshops.

A community meeting, facilitated by the CTC@Robertson was held on 26 November 2015 at the CTC. The meeting discussed three projects—the village information board, the history group and the village association—and the establishment of working groups to take the projects forward. Sixteen people attended the meeting and at the end of the meeting a number of people had put their hands up to be members of working groups.

The working groups have been meeting over December and January and will have lots of information to report to the next Community meeting in regard to:

- Options for a village association
 - A brief for the information board which now has a working title of the Community Information Centre
 - Other funding sources to add to Council's contribution including grants and sponsorship
 - The progress of the Robertson History group
- An event to launch the Action Plan also needs to be discussed.

These are really exciting projects for Robertson!

The next Community meeting will be held on Thursday 11 February 2016 at 6.30pm at CTC@Robertson.

A representative from the Bundanoon Community Association has been invited to share the Bundanoon experience of how their association works.



Some of the community members at the meeting on 26 November 2015—L to R—Barbara Dyer, Gary Norwell, Jenny Kena, Allan Stiles, Judith Mee, David Mee, Anna Hewgill, Tony Williams, Helen Tranter, David Tranter, Neil Harvey.

Robertson Community Meeting Our Village Our Future Project

Thursday 11 February 2016, 6.30pm at
CTC@Robertson

- **Update on Robertson Village Association – working group – Ian Wallace, Don Dyer, Allan Stiles, Jenny Kena**
 - Scenarios for the structure
 - Experience from Bundanoon – guest speaker – Christine Miller, President of Bundanoon Community Association
- **Update on Robertson Community Information Centre/information boards – working group – Neil Harvey, Jenny Kena, Don Dyer, Allan Stiles**
 - Presentation of draft brief including budget
 - Fundraising and sponsorship – grant opportunities, Sponsorship
- **Update on Robertson History Group – working group – Doug Pritchard, Helen Tranter**
- **Community launch of Our Village Our Future Action Plan—Event, date and place**

All Welcome. RSVP info@robertsonctc.org.au
mob: 0429 826 431 Jenny

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