

# Robertson News

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## Robertson, show us your best!

Sharon Makin and Leesa Stratford let us in to the highlights of this year's *Robertson Show, the best little country show around!*

The 2017 Robertson Show will be held on **Friday 10 and Saturday 11 March** and plans are well underway for this 134th Show. Thankfully, the rain kept away last year and fine weather has again been ordered for 2017.

Those attending Friday will be impressed by the wonderful sights of the dairy cattle on exhibition and horse events in the centre ring. Friday we will again be hosting our "School Day" full of educational experiences and good old-fashioned kids' fun, involving many of the local schools in activities such as the RFS "Spud Olympics", "Chook Washing", and a reptile display which is guaranteed to entertain young and old.

As usual, we look forward to seeing those cakes, flowers, crafts and needlework start to arrive as we get closer to show day.

Saturday will see a full program of horse events with show jumping back in the main arena along with all your favourite activities. The dog show will again be packed full of high standard exhibits, so don't forget to venture beyond the fence and check out the dogs on parade. The beef cattle judging and poultry pavilion will be a must see on Saturday as well as our wonderful miniature goats and we will cap off the evening with the ever popular demolition derby and spectacular fireworks display.



Our bullocks will be back, this time accompanied by heavy horses. Reptiles will also be making a reappearance so come and smile at a crocodile. The ever popular potato races will be on again so start training – only a few weeks left to get in shape.

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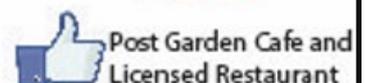
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### Show Girls Wanted !!!!

We are searching the district for entrants for the Robertson Show Girls Competition.

This is not a beauty contest or talent quest by any means. It is the chance for one lucky girl to represent Robertson and to act as a spokesperson for our town and the Robertson Show and, if she wishes, progress onto the zone finals; all entrants must be 18-25 and will receive great prizes. Having a little fun on the way is the best bonus of all. If you would like to nominate yourself or know of anyone who would make a great ambassador for Robertson, please contact President Leesa Stratford. Check out the website or Facebook page for more information.

### Have you ever thought of becoming a member of the Robertson Show Society?

It is a great way to demonstrate your support for one of the last "true country shows" around. Membership (\$15 adult / \$5 child 10-16yrs) gives you entry into the show both Friday and Saturday, and your renewal and Show schedule are sent to your door each year. Be one of the first to know what is in store for the Show. Applications forms available on line from the website or in the Show schedule.

### Have even more fun and get involved as a volunteer

The Show cannot operate without the huge amount of help received from volunteers and the Show Society cannot thank everyone enough for their

time and effort. If you have an hour or two to spend on either Friday or Saturday to lend a hand on the BBQ or gates, for example, we would love to hear from you.

For more details on any of the above please contact: Leesa Stratford 0411 537 600 or Sharon Makin on 0488 428 776 or email [robertsonshow@bigpond.com](mailto:robertsonshow@bigpond.com) [www.robertsonshow.org.au](http://www.robertsonshow.org.au) Facebook: Robertson Show Society

## In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that the Robertson Show Society said farewell to **Mr Bruce Noble Snr.** Bruce was a long time, hardworking Committee member, Honorary member and great supporter of the Robertson Show. His funeral was held in Jamberoo on 10 January 2017 and condolences are sent to all of Bruce's family and friends.

This year has also seen the passing of **Mr Bill (William) Missingham** (aged 90 yrs) whose funeral was held on 13 January 2017 in Canberra. Bill was born and raised in Robertson. He owned the sawmill, was a Councillor for many years, and a life member of the Robertson Bowling Club. He also contributed significantly to local sport and the Robertson Show. As a Councillor he assisted in ensuring that the Robertson Rainforest (now managed by National Parks), remained in public hands. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and his children and their families as well as his sister, Jane Wilson. He was Hope Waters' uncle.

Many community members will also remember **Mr Joe Manning**, whose funeral was held in the ACT on 11 January 2017. Joe was one of the relieving Postmasters at the Robertson Post Office and is survived by his wife Bev, his daughter and family.

*Rest in Peace*

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# Reflections on the New Year—an opportunity to do something different or differently?

This edition has received a number of contributions which invite people to reflect on the New Year and consider new ways of doing things and living their lives.

Let's first of all, hear from our Anglican Minister, Rev Graham Thomas.

## Happy New Year from Robertson Anglican Church

By Graham Thomas

Happy new year to you all!

As much as I love the winter in Robertson, the summer is pretty good. I love all the summery things, the beach, swimming in the creeks and rivers, holidays and so on. Right now though, I'm loving the fact that my veggie patch is growing like mad! We have springs onions, corn, pumpkins, sugar snap peas, beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchinis and so many raspberries and blackberries we don't know what to do with them. It's the best veggie patch my wife and I have ever had and we love it!

But we also know that the growth we have now won't last, it'll die off, which may end up being a relief, as it sure keeps us busy.

There is another type of growing, however, which does last, even beyond death. That's what the Bible calls "growing in Christ", which means getting to know and trust in Jesus more and more. The more you get to know Jesus, like one of the big trees that we are blessed with here in Robbo, the stronger your trust in Jesus becomes, the more you are able to cope with life's storms.

So let me invite you to get to know Jesus more and more. Why not pick up a Bible and start reading Mark's gospel, which is really just a biography of Jesus? Come along to church at Robertson Anglican, **we meet on Sundays at 8am (1st and 4th of the month), 10am for a lively family service and at 6pm for a youth service with dinner.**

I hope to see you there.

Graham Thomas

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## Emotional Clean Up for 2017

by Naomi Janzen

The beginning of a new year often inspires us to do a purge of unwanted clothing, toys, furniture and any other accumulated junk clogging up our sheds, drawers and closets. We know that just because the junk is out of sight, doesn't mean it's not affecting our quality of life. The same can be said of the emotional "junk" we have trapped in our psyches from troubling experiences we're still carrying around with us.

How do you know you have emotional junk lying around in your "basement"? One way is to see if a memory of a past event still causes you to have an emotional reaction (such as sadness, fear, anxiety, anger, guilt, shame). Compare this to your reaction to something that used to make you feel something but no longer does. You still know in your head that what happened affected you back then - but now when you think of it, you are no longer feeling that emotional reaction and there's a sense of perspective and possibly even peace about it all. "It happened. Now it's over. It was awful. But I've moved on." as opposed to: "It happened. I can't talk about it. I still get upset when I think about it. Stop mentioning it!"

The difference is that in the first scenario, both the conscious and unconscious parts of your mind know the event is in the past. In the second scenario, your conscious mind knows the bad experience is in the past but your unconscious and more primitive mind (having no sense of time) believes the bad experience is still happening...and happening...and happening right now in the present. Why else would you feel anxiety thinking about something scary that happened in the past? The emotion is warning you to "run!" from something that's no longer chasing you - because the fight or flight part of your brain doesn't know it's no longer chasing you.

PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) is just one example of what can happen when the fight or flight part of the brain is trapped in a reaction loop it can't get out of and sleep problems, health problems and coping problems can all arise as a result. Luckily, there are lots of effective ways of dealing with the symptoms of unreleased emotional "junk" - from talk therapy to meditation to yoga. And now, we have the rapidly expanding science of

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neuroplasticity and its revolutionary finding that the brain - even the deepest and most primitive parts formed in early childhood - can be changed in ways that make your life fundamentally better. A particularly effective way of directly counter-conditioning the brain's fight or flight response is an easy, self-help technique called Emotional Freedom Techniques, or EFT. Before there were over 40 major university studies pointing to its surprising effectiveness and aimed at discovering how it does what it does, it just looked... wacky.

Well, it still looks wacky, to be honest, because to do it you tap on specific points on your face and upper body. But now we know that these places you're tapping on, places where the bioelectrical activity registers many times higher than on the surrounding skin, signal your brain to calm down. The result can be anything from immediate relief to permanent release of everything from a stress headache to long held trauma. That's why you might have seen players tapping on their faces during the recent State of Origin Games, athletes tapping before their Olympic events in Rio and even Hugh Knight, the heart surgeon lead character on the TV show "Doctor Doctor" tapping for his fear of flying. More and more, people are discovering it and, as science validates it, losing their inhibitions about letting others know they use it.

Best of all, learning the basics of EFT is free via any number of readily available online resources and downloadable manuals. If you're curious to try it out, visit my web site at [www.ozfreedomtechniques.com/free](http://www.ozfreedomtechniques.com/free) and I will send you links and information and also let you know when my free talks and demonstrations are taking place in and around Robertson.

So next time you're admiring that freshly cleared out garage and feeling good to have all that new, freed-up space, consider for a moment what it would feel like if you did the same thing to your emotions.

*Naomi Janzen is a certified expert clinical EFT practitioner who works and teaches in Robertson*

## The Yoga of Intention

*By Jennifer Robinson*

The New Year of 2017 has begun. Have you begun with it or are you still regretting or thinking about what you should have done in 2016? Well forget it, the past is done. Now is the moment of Power! Begin this New Year with clarity by making your hopes, wishes and dreams a possible reality with the Power of your Intention.

I always encourage my local Monday evening Yoga students to make an intention for their Yoga practice and remind them to refresh their attention to their intention at the beginning of the class. What they get out of the class is up to them, the intention they have set for themselves and the power of their singular focus.

New Years Resolutions can be so much more than a loose promise to yourself. They can be made into a Powerful intention to manifest that reality into your life.

### Here are Five Steps to Success, for you to use as a guide to create your 2017 intention.

**Step one** On a blank page simply write without stopping your "Hopes Wishes and Dreams " for 2017. Let the words flow.

**Step two** Read over them and select three most important, that you truly need to happen this year. Be honest with yourself here and practical.

**Step Three** Write a simple and powerful statement you can remember. Place this statement around your home in places you can see it easily for instance your fridge or bathroom mirror.

**Step Four** What you focus on becomes more. So singular focus on this intention increases the power of manifestation. Take the appropriate action steps required to realize this intention.

**Step Five** At the end of 2017 review with yourself how much or little of your intention was created in your life. Now whatever you achieved take a moment and thank yourself. Just giving this exercise a go is a success.

As a Professional Life and Business Consultant for over 10 years I have discovered that energy follows your thoughts, your focus and your intention. I wish you much success in your endeavours for 2017. If you need any further assistance to support your hopes, wishes and dreams to become a reality my private Life Consulting sessions are now here in Robertson if person or over the telephone. Call or text 0407 771 828 or email [jennifer@whitelotusinspiration.com](mailto:jennifer@whitelotusinspiration.com). Enjoy being you



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# Robertson CTC News

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

After a short break our volunteers are back and ready to make coffee and assist with printing, copying, computers and other technology.

The CTC Cinema will now be run on the 3rd Sunday of each month and our next art exhibition opens on Saturday February 18 at 2pm with artist Lee Bogat <http://leebogat.weebly.com/>, plus we have more computer training sessions.

There are a few spaces on the remaining subsidised computer and smart phone courses. These courses will be run on Friday mornings through February with the cost just \$10 per class. Bookings essential for these.

For the 2017 Seniors Festival in March we will be running a couple of sessions on finding local and support information and hopefully a cinema afternoon of short films.

We have also received funding to run some short

workshops on privacy and security, how to keep yourself and your computer safe online. These sessions will be a one hour talk / demonstration in the café area of the CTC with time for questions & discussion. Gold coin donation requested.

## Normal opening hours:

**Thursday & Friday 10am — 4pm,  
Sat 10am — 1pm.**

(+ Wed afternoon when volunteers available)

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Michael Yabsley opening the exhibition of artworks by Carlos Barrios at the CTC

## Computer Classes at CTC@Robertson starting in Feb 2017

All classes are taught by a qualified and experienced trainer.

### Last of the Wingecarribee Shire Council funded courses. Cost just \$10 per 3 hr class (Seniors or Concession Card holders) Bookings essential 4885 2665

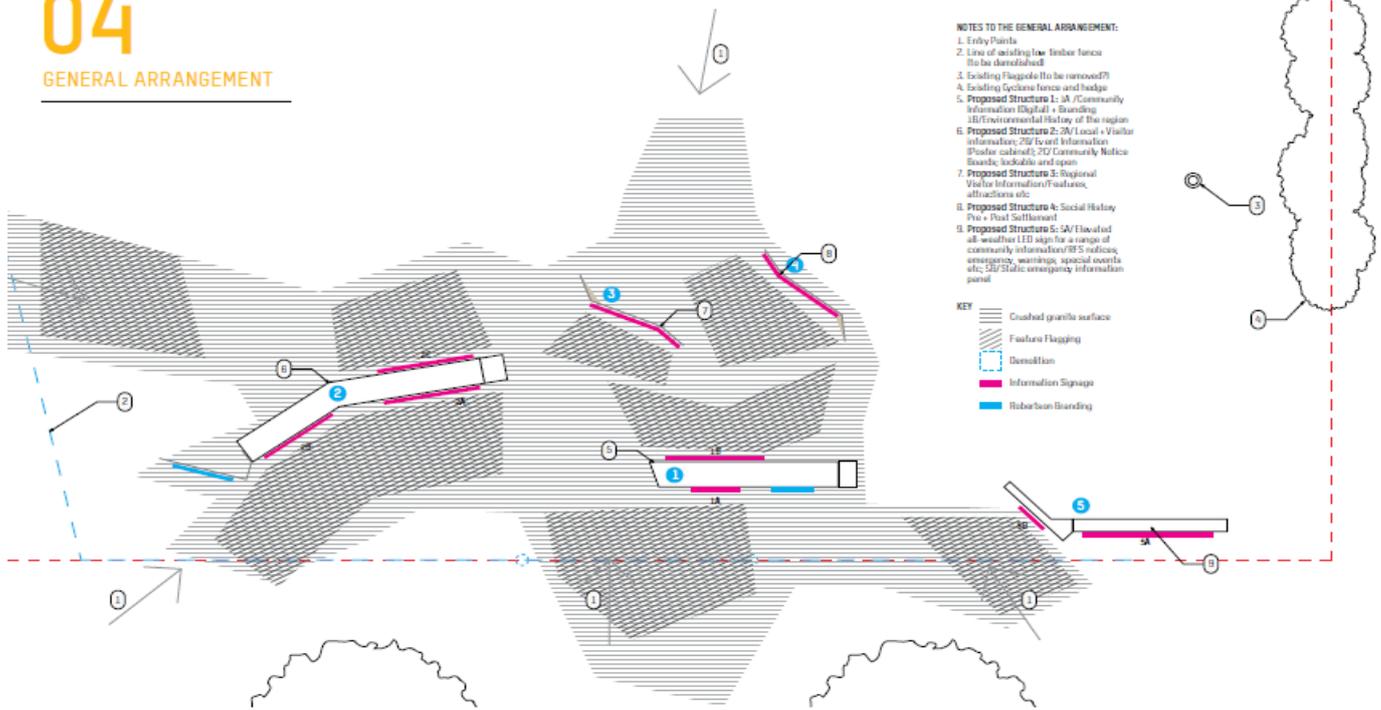
Office Skills part 2, Excel & Outlook	Friday 3 Feb 10am—1pm	Suitable for those who have never used spreadsheets or Outlook email or those would like to improve. Basic computer skills needed.
Mobile Phones (Smart Phones)	Friday 17 Feb 10am—1pm	Making use of your smart phone, maps and directions, quick internet searches and how to download apps. Suitable for beginners
Scanning, Saving and Printing Photos	Friday 24 Feb 10am—1 pm	Learn how to scan and do some simple editing to improve photos. Suitable for beginners.

### SENIORS FESTIVAL—Free workshops

Seniors in Touch—Your Community	Friday 3 March 10:30am - 12pm	How to find out about local events and organisations and how to book online.
Seniors in Touch—Finding Help and Support Groups	Friday 10 March 10:30am—12pm	How to find reliable information, help and support groups for issues such as health, exercise, hobbies.

### Short Talks — funded by Community Underwriting — Security and Privacy Gold Coin Donation

Security overview,	Friday 17 March 10:30am—12pm	Keeping your computer safe overview, explains some of the potential issues and terms
Emails, scams and Phishing	Friday 24 March 10:30am—12pm	How to spot a fake or scam email, junk email, what to do and how to keep your email safe .
Online Shopping, Bookings and Banking	Friday 31 March 10:30am—12pm	Tips for staying safe when making payments or transactions online



General Arrangement of the Community Information Centre showing the five structures that are part of the Centre. The trees at the front are the existing trees along Hoddle Street, in front of the Lions Park (next to the CRT).

# Community Information Centre Update

By Don Dyer

Quite a lot has happened since my last report to you.

Firstly local State member, Prue Goward, has advised that the NSW Government will make a grant of \$10,000 to the project. Secondly, Peter Campbell (our chosen designer) is, with the assistance of well known local builder Shaun Haberle, local landscaper Dan Thomas and Robertson electrician and RFS Captain Brendhan Waters working with Wingecarribee Shire Council on the final design and construction details. Thirdly, CIC Committee members with the assistance from Helen Tranter and the Robertson Environment Protection Society, are working on the information to be included on the display boards. Fourthly, Allan Stiles and Peter Glass are working with Dan Thomas to identify the best plantings for the

Yarrawa Brush theme that will be the basis of the landscaping. Finally a Crowd Funding site is almost ready to launch.

So 2017 should see construction underway in the first half of this year. If you feel that you can contribute in any way please call me on Ph: 4885 1093 or [dbdyer@bigpond.com](mailto:dbdyer@bigpond.com). All assistance is welcome.

The full concept plan, by Peter Campbell, can be seen at the CTC@Robertson or [www.robertson.nsw.au](http://www.robertson.nsw.au) Panels will contain the following information:

- Variable message sign with emergency information, event and community announcements
- Noticeboards and display cabinets for paper based community notices and billboards
- Local visitor information including town map
- Regional visitor information including regional map
- Environmental History of the Region inc geology, weather, fauna and flora
- Social History: Pre and Post Settlement—Aboriginal history, village history, popular culture e.g. Babe and Big Potato

# Safer hockey for young players—come and try it!

By Tash Blenkinsopp

Introduction of new, softer ball to junior hockey will make the sport much safer



Changes to junior hockey will make the sport safer for its most valuable participants with the roll out of the new **Kookaburra Joey ball** in 2017.

No sport can prosper without

a sound junior base, leading Hockey NSW to announce a state-wide roll out of the revolutionary Joey Ball; a softer, safer alternative ball for young players designed without sacrificing the fundamental characteristics of a hockey ball. The introduction of the “squishy ball”, as well as smaller playing fields for players under 11, will help change parents’ perception of hockey. The idea of the softer Joey Ball is for it to be in possession longer, helping kids hone their skills and making it safer for everyone involved.

It’s been shown that small-sided, modified field games provide a greater hockey experience for all levels of participation, with a focus on fun, participation and skill development.

Starting **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 4.30pm**

Robertson Hockey Club will be hosting a *Come & Try Hockey* program. This program is designed for children to come and taste



hockey. The program is free, no need to bring anything other than a drink bottle we will supply hockey stick, shin pads etc. It will run for 4 weeks at Burrawang Turf and will be followed up with a sausage sizzle. For any extra information or to express your interest in joining in email: robertsonhockey@outlook.com

Robertson Hockey Club fields teams in the Southern Highlands Junior Competitions from Minkey (Under 7), Under 9s and Under 11s on Saturday mornings through to U13 and Under15s played week nights.

Senior Players wanted all grades !! Teams compete in both the Southern Highlands and Illawarra competitions, playing Saturday and Sunday.

**Senior & Junior Registration Friday 10 February 2017 4.30pm Robertson Bowling Club followed by Barefoot Bowls.**

## Robertson-Burrawang Soccer Club 2017 Registration Days

February: Wednesday 1st

FUN DAY Sunday 5th

Wednesday 8th, Sunday 12th

4pm – 6pm Hampden Park, Robertson

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## REPS News

Our next public meeting will be at Robertson Community Centre Caalang St on **10th February 2017** at 7.30pm with Joe Stammers from Council speaking about all the latest on the Koala Tracking project. All welcome. [www.reps.org.au](http://www.reps.org.au)

## Robertson & District Swimming Pool Assoc. Inc

A happy and healthy New Year to all residents. **Our GOOD NEWS** is the advice of the approval of the DA for the Robertson Aquatic Centre on Lot 8 the adjacent block to the Robertson Bowling Club. We are now in the process of completing the Construction Certificate

We are still looking for Members and Volunteers who can assist with our sub-committees. We encourage you to join us in this exciting project

Further details can be found of our website Robertson Aquatic Centre or Face Book

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Contact: Don Ferguson  
0419 445 413 email: [dgf.focus@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dgf.focus@yahoo.com.au)

## Are you interested in joining a choir in Robertson?

Dawn Wilson and Karen Wilmott would like to hear from any local people interested in forming a new Robertson choir. A meeting will be held later in February to discuss where and when to meet and the style of music the choir will focus on.

If you like singing and would like to be kept in the loop, please contact Dawn on 4885 1297 or Karen on [kwilmott1@gmail.com](mailto:kwilmott1@gmail.com) as soon as possible so that you can be given details of the meeting. You

can also call in and see Karen at Driven by Fabric (near the Butcher) from Thursday to Sunday.

They are looking forward to hearing from you!

## The Robertson Shed Inc AGM

At the AGM held on 15 December 2016, the following members were elected to the Committee of The Robertson Shed Inc (CTC@Robertson) - President—Jenny Kena, Vice President—Renate Birch, Secretary—Jenette Stiles, Treasurer—Doug Pritchard, Committee members—Debbie Short, Naomi Janzen, David Murphy, Gary Norwell.

## Business News

Welcome to our new **fruit shop** which has opened on the corner of Main St and Hoddle St (next to the Pharmacy). Jim and his family have been operating fruit shops in the Highlands for many years

Looking for the **Einsteinium**? It has moved to the CBD building in what used to be Utopian Arts

Welcome also to **Frederick and Muriel Homeware** which has opened next to the Petite Fleur Patisserie.

Speaking of the **Patisserie**, it is closed for a break and will be re-open on March 1st—long enough for us all to lose some weight!

### MACKEY FAMILY LUNCHEON & GATHERING

**Wednesday 8th March, 2017**  
at Robertson Bowling Club 11am  
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*Best wishes for 2017*

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# The Highlands Panther - Fact or Fiction?

by Naomi Janzen

How had I not heard of this? That there's even the possibility of big black jungle cats roaming the area, sounds like a new take on drop bears.

And yet, recently, in the Robertson Commons facebook group someone posted about a scary run-in with a leopard-sized black cat that had run in front of and then chased his car on the Pass the night before. Shaken, the poster asked the group if anyone else had come across a beast such as this in our environs. I was expecting the poor chap to be bombarded with suggestions he was hallucinating from inhaling the fumes of spilled diesel fuel (and, naturally, this being Robertson Commons, the opportunity to mention that particular scourge of the Pass was not wasted entirely) but the opposite happened! Instead, people came forth in numbers to vouch for similar experiences. From Kangaroo Valley to Bundanoon to the Macquarie Pass, sightings of a black, panther-like cat abounded. And not in that 'friend of a friend of a guy who used to own the shop on left's gardener said he saw it in 69' way - in the "I have security cam footage of it on my property" way.

One reply to the post offered that it could be the result of a zoo escape, knowingly adding that "it happens more often than you think".

Wanting to get to the bottom of this, I decided to see what the official word was on this so I called WIRES...Okay, so I Googled it.

And, wow! It's a thing! The Sydney Morning Herald even tackled the subject in 2010 and in that article touched on pretty respectable evidence of a government cover up. Sightings are increasing, too, as more and more people are coming forward with reports of encountering the big cat - assumed by experts to be in fact a black leopard and not a panther - out in the open.

Just when I think this part of the world can't get any cooler, it does. When and if the day comes that this "myth" gets proven 100% true, it will simultaneously bust another myth: the one that says Australia is the only place in the world that doesn't have killer mammals...

*Editor's note—you can find all sorts of additional information about big cats at <http://www.australianbigcats.com/>*



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## Bea Cinémathèque

**Sunday Afternoon Cinema at  
CTC@Robertson starts again in February**



**Feb 19 at 2pm ZELIG**  
Woody Allen and Mia Farrow—Comedy 110 minutes 1983  
Woody Allen's madcap mockumentary about an identity crisis of hilarious proportions!

**Mar 19 at 2pm SUNFLOWER** Marcello Mastroianni and Sophia Loren –107 minutes 1970

**Apr 23 at 1.30pm THE STRAIGHT STORY** Sissy Spacek and Richard Farnsworth –112 minutes

Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children (CTC fundraiser). Bookings recommended. Café opens half an hour before starting time for tea/coffee/cake.  
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# Robertson Events Calendar

## February 2017

Wed 1, 8 & 12 Sun 5	<b>Robertson-Burrawang Soccer Club</b> Registration 4-6pm Robertson-Burrawang Soccer Club Fun Day from 3pm—see page 7	Hampden Park
Fri 3, 17, 24	<b>Subsidised classes for Seniors</b> Card holders 10am—1pm—see page 5	CTC@Robertson
Thur 9	<b>Come and Try Hockey</b> Program at 4.30pm see page 7	Burrawang Turf
Fri 10	Senior & Junior <b>Hockey Registrations</b> at 4.30pm see page 7	Robertson Bowling Club
Fri 10	<b>REPS</b> public meeting—koala tracking at 7.30pm see page 8	Robertson Community Centre
Sun 12	<b>Robertson Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Sat 18	<b>Art Exhibition</b> opens at the CTC—at 2pm—Lee Bogat <a href="http://leebogot.weebly.com/">http://leebogot.weebly.com/</a>	CTC@Robertson
Sun 19	<b>Bea Cinematheque—Zelig</b> at 2pm—see page 9	CTC@Robertson

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Fri 3 & Fri 10	Free <b>Seniors Festival</b> workshops—10.30am-12 see page 5	CTC@Robertson
Fri 10 & Sat 11	The <b>Robertson Show</b> <a href="http://www.robertsonshow.org.au">www.robertsonshow.org.au</a> see page 1-2	Robertson Show Ground
Sun 12	<b>Robertson Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month)	School of Arts
Wed 15	<b>Deadline for April edition of Robertson News</b>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 17, 24 & 31	Short talks on <b>Security and Privacy</b> 10.30am-12 see page 5	CTC@Robertson
Sun 19	<b>Bea Cinematheque—Sunflower</b> at 2pm—see page 9	CTC@Robertson

## Regular Events

<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Yoga</b> Jennifer on 0407 771 828 6.15-7.45pm In School Term only	Robertson Community Centre
<b>1st Mon</b>	<b>Robertson Garden Club</b> 1.30pm Geoff King ph 4885 2592	Robertson Community Centre
<b>3rd Mon</b>	<b>Wuka Plukas Ukulele Group</b> mob 0429 826 431 Jenny 7-9pm	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every 2nd Tues</b>	<b>Robertson Community &amp; Seniors Group</b> 10am-3pm	Robertson Community Centre
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Trivia Night</b> 7.30pm	Robertson Inn
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Social tennis</b> 1-3pm Contact Lyndy Scott 4885 2805	Robertson Tennis Court
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Mindfulness Meditation</b> 3-4pm followed by Buddhist Discussion Group	The Robertson Doctor
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Knitting Group 10.30-12.30</b>	The Cool Room Emporium
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Robertson Railway Modellers Group</b> 1.30-4.30pm	The Fettle's Shed
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Live Music</b>	Robertson Inn
<b>Every Sat</b>	<b>Crop Swap</b> 9-10am	Outside Rockabellas
<b>1st Sun, 4th Sun</b>	<b>Traditional Service</b> at 8am every 1st and 4th Sundays of the month	St Johns Robertson
<b>Every Sun</b>	<b>Family Service</b> – 10am every Sunday and Youth Service 6pm Sun-days	St Johns Robertson
<b>1st, 3rd, 5th Sun</b> <b>2nd, 4th Sun</b>	<b>Catholic Service</b> 8am <b>Catholic Service</b> 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang



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