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Big Changes at the Robertson School of Arts

2017 was a big year for the Robertson School of Arts with the resignation of Joan Compagnoni and the completion of the much needed new amenities block. SOASecretary John Johnston tells us all about it.....



Joan Compagnoni in 1995

Resignation of Joan Compagnoni after 47 years

At the general meeting of the Robertson School of Arts Incorporated held on the 23 October 2017 Mrs Joan Compagnoni resigned as the Committee Secretary. Joan has served under 5 Presidents as Secretary over 47 years.

Joan will be 97 years young in 2018 and she decided it was time to give the Secretary's job away to someone a bit younger.

Joan is still a member of the Committee and on the

4 December 2017 she was given a Life Membership Certificate. A cup of tea was put on to celebrate her great work on the Committee. Her name has been put on the Honour Board in the Hall. Joan still drives her car just around Robertson and she goes to the school to help out with the reading programme with the kids. Joan is also involved with the Anglican Church.



Joan is presented with a School of Arts Life Membership Certificate by Jean Tobler.

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Joan, like many of the older community, is still an active member of the different organisations in the Robertson village. The Robertson School of Arts honour people like Joan and thank them for a good job. For Joan the Committee would like to say to Joan, *Well done good and faithful servant.*



Pat Willard receiving her certificate for best Treasurer

Best Treasurer in the District

Also at the December 2017 meeting, Mrs Pat Willard was awarded a certificate for the best Treasurer in the district by the Commonwealth Bank. The Secretary presented this to Mrs Willard for the good job she has done as Treasurer over the past 27 years. Pat keeps an accurate tally of the

Committee's finances and runs the monthly markets. Pat is one of the best.

Completion of the New School of Arts Hall Amenities Block



New School of Arts Amenities Block

In 2016, the School of Arts applied for funding to replace the toilets at the hall through the NSW Government Liquor and Gaming Grants. Pru Goward

presented the Committee with a cheque of \$217,672 from the NSW Government on 19 August 2016. The Hall committee put \$50,000 towards this project and we now have an up to date amenities block capable of emergency use in a disaster. An opening date is to be planned for 2018.



Ray Foster (builder) and Peter Campbell (designer) at the installation of the steel panels at the Community Information Centre

Community Information Centre Another Step Closer

By Don Dyer

We are getting closer! Go for a walk and see for yourself. All of the steel work for the information boards has been installed. The next step is getting the information for each board completed. This takes time as we must "get it right". When done the words and pictures will be moulded onto aluminium sheeting and affixed to each of the 7 structures. In the meantime Dan Thomas will complete the landscaping including placement of decomposed granite onto the walk ways. Volunteers will assist him. The Waters family will then complete the installation of the electronic information equipment and the site lighting. In the next edition we will talk about the opening ceremony.

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The submission deadline for the April 2018 edition is March 15 2018.

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It's Robertson Show Time in March!

Sharon Makin tells us all about the *Best Little Country Show Around*.....

The 2018 Robertson Show will be held on **Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd March** and plans are well underway.

2017 saw the committee make some changes to the timing of events with the Demolition Derby run at 6pm in the daylight where we could all see the action without the fog. It was one of our most successful shows ever! The 2018 Show is shaping up to be just as much fun and excitement.

Friday is our quieter day but for those who attend, you will be impressed by the wonderful sights of the dairy cattle on exhibit and the horse events in the centre ring. Friday afternoon will see a revised sporting program for those that like to see and ride fast moving horses.

Friday is the first day of the Pavilion being open and we look forward to seeing those cakes, flowers, crafts and needleworks start to arrive as we get closer to Show day.

Friday we will again be hosting our "School Day" full of educational experiences and good old fashion kid's fun, involving many of the local schools in activities such as the RFS "Spud Olympics", "chook" washing, and the Junior Rugby league development team testing out footy skills. A copy of the Robertson show "passport" will be issued to the schools so that children can have fun identifying the various sections at the show.

Demolition Derby and Fireworks

Saturday will see a packed program of horse events with show jumping back in the main arena along with the usual fun 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.

Potato Races—anyone can have a go!

The ever popular potato races will be on again so start training – only a few weeks left to get in shape. This year we invite the junior girls to come along and compete with the introduction of the inaugural junior girls potato race. For the not so young, we also have a relay potato race so get your teams together. This should be a lot of fun to watch!

Young Farmers Challenge

For 2018, thanks to some of the younger members of the show society we are introducing the Young Farmers Challenge. Teams of 3 attempt 4 challenges testing their farming skills. The first team to successfully complete all the challenges to the correct standard will share in \$500 prize money and represent Robertson show at the 2018 Sydney Royal Young Farmers Challenge. More details are available on the website. The challenge will be run after the Derby on the Saturday night.

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 & Saturday. Your renewal and Show schedule are sent to your door each year – so be one of the first to know what is in store for the Show. Discounts will also apply to two additional events the Show committee will be running in 2018 – "Movies at the Showground", in April and the "Fire and Ice Show Ball" in June. Membership Application forms are available on line or in the Show schedule.

How about being part of the Show as a volunteer?



ROBERTSON SHOW 2018
CELEBRATION AND THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

In recognition of our wonderful volunteers we invite all who have ever helped at the show and **those who would like to be involved** to a BBQ to be held at the showground Pavilion on Thursday February 15th 2018 commencing at 7pm.

Come along and catch up with friends and other volunteers and find out what this year's show will be about.

We cannot run a show without our volunteers so the committee would like to thank you in person at this gathering.

For catering purposes please RSVP by contacting Leesa on 0411 537 600 or email robertsonshow@bigpond.com.au by the 10th February 2018.

The Show cannot operate without the huge amount of help received from volunteers and the Show Society cannot thank everyone enough for your 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 or would like more details on any of the above please contact: Leesa Stratford 0411 537 600 or Sharon Makin on 0488428776.

All details are now available on our website or join our Facebook Page "Robertson Show Society" and keep up to date with all the news.
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See you at the Show!

Turn over to read all about the history of the Robertson Show.....

The Beginnings of the Robertson Show

By Quentin Waters

Almost every year since its foundation, the Robertson Agricultural & Horticultural Society has been faithfully organising the Robertson Show. It's the biggest day of the year in this little town, but it hasn't always been so.

Tracing all the way back to the first settlers of the district, the RAHS finds its foundation in 1878, when the early settlers of the district formed the Burrawang Farmers Club. Evidently a natural leader, John Hanrahan, the very first European settler of the Yarrawa Brush, was the first president of what was effectively the progress association. Just one example of the difficulties those pioneers faced can be found in the fact their meetings were held on the Thursday nearest the full moon, so that they could see their way through the bush at night.

At a meeting in 1879 Samuel King Miller (the principal at Burrawang School) suggested the Farmers Club hold an agricultural show to compare produce and share knowledge on what worked best in Robertson's environment. And so the club was renamed the Burrawang and West Camden Agricultural Society and began planning the very first show. Wednesday and Thursday, 21 and 22 April 1880 saw the realisation of their hard work with the inaugural Show. The arena was off Dale Street in Burrawang, behind the Burrawang Club Hotel, which then stood on the corner of Church and Dale Streets, while the pavilion exhibits were displayed in the school and some tents. The Show was a roaring success, with 1,600 attending the first day and 2,000 the second, justifying the committee's ambitions in an era when just getting to Burrawang took a whole day. However, one unfortunate precedent was set—that very first day, it rained.

The second show was held in Moss Vale on a block of land near the railway station, loaned to the society by John Cullen who also provided his public hall. In the following years the venue for the Show alternated between Burrawang and Moss Vale, with ever growing success. Responding to the immense popularity of these early shows, a meeting in Bowral in 1882 formed the Berrima District Show Society, which is the modern day Moss Vale AHS. But despite 5 successful shows down and a bright future expected, trouble loomed in 1885.

A Tale of Two Villages

The tyranny of distance in an era of literal horsepower caused distinct villages to develop in the Yarrawa Brush, and the rivalry was no more intense than between Burrawang and Wildes Meadow. The building of St. David's Burrawang is a

classic example of this. The decision to build it outside the actual village and half way down the side of the hill is quite deliberate. It's half way between Burrawang and Wildes Meadow. But a far more dramatic showdown flared at the annual show society meeting in 1885.

As the Show grew in popularity the question of a permanent home became a hotly debated topic. The N.S.W. Government had offered £400 to John McGrath for 10 acres of his land at Burrawang, but McGrath declined. This offered the Wildes Meadow members new hope of having the showground established in their village. For some time they had been pressing for the showground to be in Wildes Meadow, and to this end they held a meeting (which President Dunicliffe declared illegal) at which they voted £50 be placed as a deposit on a site in Wildes Meadow. The Burrawang section countered this by appointing William Vance and Frank McGrath to canvass the Robertson area for new members. The move was a success, with some 300 new members from Robertson and Kangaloon being persuaded to pay the 5 shilling subscription and enrol, thereby swinging the balance of favour back for the upcoming annual meeting, or so Burrawang had hoped...

An Unexpected Victory

The annual meeting held on Thursday, 4 June 1885 was held in Ginger's Hotel in Burrawang and lasted 6 hours through to 2 am! The hotel was packed with 300 members and tensions ran high between Burrawang and Wildes Meadow. Dunicliffe lost the presidency, without a vote, for the simple fact that he resided in Burrawang, and some of the more hot-headed members came to blows outside in the street. David Moffit of Robertson was elected president in place of Dunicliffe, and James Alcorn of Kangaloon as vice-president. The rest of the committee was also largely made up from the Robertson and Kangaloon ends of the district, as Burrawang and Wildes Meadow fought with each other. And then... they were blindsided.

Remember all those new members that the Burrawang section had convinced to join up? Well that move wasn't calculated as well as they had thought, when the members from Robertson put a surprise motion to the meeting that the showground be established in Robertson! The vote was carried on a show of hands, resulting in quite the scene as tempers boiled over. Wildes Meadow members were pleased that Burrawang had not been chosen, while Burrawang reciprocated the feeling about Wildes Meadow, but both were supremely annoyed to watch as the showground moved so far east in the district as to end up in Robertson. As the *Bowral Free Press* wrote, "*Bad feeling will get worse. Wild's Meadow will refuse to*

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...speak the same language or breath the same air as Burrawang. A petition and a counter petition will be sent from these two places to Mr. Dalley, who can do what he likes, to fence off the sunlight and forbid it to shine on the one place if it shines on the other. When it is summer at Burrawang, it is to be winter at Wild's Meadow... Though the prediction did not eventuate, the strains of the meeting did prevent the Show being held that year. Instead, the 6th Show was held Wednesday, 31 March and Thursday, 1 April 1886.

Setting Roots in Robertson

Over the next few months the Show Society laboured to clear the land behind the Royal Hotel (now Robertson Farm Machinery) and the Bank, while the newly completed School of Arts was used as the pavilion. In true Robertson fashion it rained on Show day. Nevertheless, the Show continued to flourish, and soon found a permanent home at the current showground when W. R. Hindmarsh Jnr. agreed to lease 10 acres of his land to the Society for £5 a year from 1 October 1887. The original lease was signed for 21 years, and was later renewed for 99 years at £10 per

annum. The land has since been purchased by the Crown and is managed by the Showground Trust. The land was soon cleared and tenders were accepted for the construction of the pavilion in December 1887 at a cost of £214. The work was quickly carried out in time for the 8th Show held at the current showground on 27 and 28 February 1888. Now firmly established, the Robertson AHS is approaching its 134th Show on March 2 and 3 this year, having conducted the Show almost every year of its existence since that first Show in 1880. Only 5 occasions have ever been severe enough to force the cancellation of the Show – 1885, 1919, 1942, 1943, and 1977.

The Committee was forced to abandon the 1919 Show as the Spanish influenza epidemic swept the world killing millions. The next disruption to the Show's regular schedule happened with the height of World War Two, when the Army was occupying the showground, forcing the cancellation of both the 1942 and 1943 Shows. Despite the fact the Show is held in March – historically the wettest month of the year in Robertson – only once has the rain ever managed to cancel the Show, and that was because in 1977 the ring was literally under water. Some 485mm had fallen in the previous 10 days, and on Friday morning another 25mm fell in just 20 minutes. That being said, 2017 was the 4th wettest March on record, and yet 3 of the only 4 days it didn't rain last March were the Show weekend! So despite its reputation, the Robertson Show does indeed have some glorious years and we hope for another for this 134th Show in 2018.

From: Hope Waters, "The Winds of Change" 1979, "A History of the Berrima District" 1962, "A History of the Parish of Robertson" 1976, and the "Bowral Free Press" Saturday, 6 June 1885. Community News



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James Frederick [Fred] Wright

30 April 1933 - 8 November 2017

Fred was born on 30 April in the village of Woodhouse, 5 miles from the town of Sheffield in the U.K. In 1950, at the age of 17, he travelled to Australia along with his father and younger brother. His older sister was already living in this country.

He happily settled into the Australian way of life, doing three months National Service.



James Frederick Wright

In 1954 Fred moved to Robertson and bought a cottage in Victor Road, where in May 1955 he settled with his new wife Elva until sadly passing on 8th November 2017. Over the years Fred did several renovations

making their home a delight to the eye with a beautiful sunroom and living area along with many other improvements.

He worked locally on the railway for 20 years then with the Sydney Water Board for another 20 years. Fred was a member of the local Rate Payers Association and enjoyed a game of bowls at the Robertson Bowling Club. He always found time to give a hand to his extended family whenever the need arose. Retiring in 1966 and discovering he was a diabetic, Fred became an avid morning walker and many locals would have come across him during these past years while on his way to buy the morning paper or a loaf of bread.

He is survived by his wife Elva, son Gary and daughter Janet. Gary and Janet attended Robertson Primary School and Moss Vale High School. The family wish to thank the many locals for their kindness and support, also the medics for their tireless efforts. Fred was a loving husband, Pop, brother, uncle and friend.

[Information supplied by Jocelyn Crowe]

Film Afternoons start again in March with a Film from China

Dates for your diary - Sunday afternoon movies at the CTC - the Bea Cinémathèque series starts again in March, and Bea has again selected some interesting, unusual and award winning films to present. Make a note of the following dates - 18 March, 20 May, 15 July, 16 September and 18 November. Screenings will be at 2.30 pm (café opens at 2pm).

The first film for the year, March 18, will be a Chinese film called **The Road Home** (1999). Bea says about this film "It's a pure beauty and describes very well the life of the people under Mao in the rural environment, mixed with the traditions of the Chinese people."

City businessman Luo Yusheng returns to his home village in North China for the funeral of his father, the village teacher. He finds his elderly mother insisting that all the traditional burial customs be observed, despite the fact that times have changed so much, and that it involves many people carrying his father's body back to the village - the road home. As Yusheng debates the complications involved in organising such a big feat, he remembers the magical story of how his father and mother first met and got together. (imdb.com).

The *Road Home* (*Wo de fu qin mu qin*) is directed by Yimou Zhang and stars Ziyi Zhang (star of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*), Honglei Sun and Hao Zheng. It is based on the novel by Shi Bao.



Bookings ph 4885 2665 info@robertsonctc.org.au Tickets are \$10. Other films planned for 2018 are *SERAPHINE* - French- 2008, *BREAD AND TULIPS* - Italian - 2000, *BELLISSIMA* - Italy 1950s and *THE CHORUS* - French—2004.

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'Health is the greatest possession' Lao Tzu

Come and Learn all about our Local Platypuses at the next REPs Meeting



The next public meeting of the Robertson Environment Protection Society is at the Robertson Community Centre,

Caalong St, on Friday 9 February 2018 at 7.30pm

The guest speaker will be Dr Tom Grant. He will be speaking on the platypus biology in our local area.

Tom Grant is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer in the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of NSW. An Australian citizen since 1986, Tom was born in Scotland but educated in New Zealand (BSc. Hons. Canterbury University, Christchurch) and Australia (PhD, University of NSW). He has studied various aspects of the biology of the platypus over four decades, has published a number of research papers and a book, that is in its 4th edition (*Platypus*, CSIRO Publishing, 2007). He has been involved with investigations related to environmental impacts of various human activities on the species, including work in the Wingecarribee and upper Nepean rivers. He will discuss the general biology and habitat requirements of the species, field investigations, distribution and abundance (in the southern tablelands, NSW and nationally), as well as considering its long term conservation.



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An Early Report on the Settlement now known as Robertson

By Allan Stiles



William Woolls (1814-1893), by unknown photographer, State Library of New South Wales

A Botanist visits the Mittagong Range in 1863

William Woolls was an Anglican clergyman, teacher, and botanist, one of whose books, *Contribution to the Flora of Australia*, was published in Sydney in 1867. In that he gave accounts of the plants he found when in several

parts of NSW. Of special interest is the chapter entitled *Remarks on the Botany of Berrima and Mittagong with a Glance at Free Selection*. This was originally a paper that he read before the Parramatta Church Society in 1864, and commences with: "During a short visit to Berrima and the Mittagong Range in the beginning of October last I had the favourable opportunity of examining the vegetable productions of those parts..." This, in 1863, is likely to be the earliest account of a visit to our district on the Mittagong Range, being soon after the commencement of free selection in 1861 that lead to the clearing of the rainforest in the district that later became called Robertson.

He wrote that on the Mittagong Range "basalt occurs in the country near the Wingecarribbee Swamp and Mount Kinnoull" and "on the road from Jamberoo to Bong Bong are several other large masses of basalt, and there, also, tree-ferns abound." He went on to describe many native plants that he observed near Berrima.

Hidden beauties and gigantic trees

Of special interest to Robertson residents is: "The Rev. James Hassall, of Berrima, who, possessing a thorough knowledge of the district in which he resides, takes a pleasure in conducting his friends

through the wildest and most intricate parts of the bush that he may shew them the hidden beauties of the country." Woolls expressed gratitude for being taken to the part of the range called "The Sassafras" to see "the noble trees which he delights to exhibit... Two remarkable trees of considerable size grow near the Wingecarribbee Swamp...*Eucryphia moorei* [Pinkwood]...and *Elæocarpus holopetalus* [Black Oliveberry]...This noble tree sometimes attains eighty feet".

"In that part of the Mittagong Range, which has been recently made the object of free-selection, the dense parts of the forest closely resemble those of Mount Tomah. The geological formations seem almost identical and the elevation is considerable... The principal gum-tree...is of gigantic dimensions, being more than 160 feet high and six or seven feet in diameter, and, therefore, the labour of clearing the ground, one would imagine, is somewhat discouraging to settlers. And yet, as I passed along, I heard few complaints on that head, all hands being cheerfully engaged in felling timber, or burning off, or preparing ground already cleared. Most of the men seemed pleased at the idea of being landed proprietors, how limited soever their farms might be; and one in particular spoke in glowing terms of his future prospects...There is, doubtless, a pleasing satisfaction arising from the possession of anything which a man may justly call his own; and this feeling is probably enhanced by the amount of labour which he expends upon its improvements. The terms on which land is obtained are at the rate of one pound per acre, one quarter of the purchase money being paid as a deposit...No farm can be less than 40 acres nor more than 320...I could not but be impressed with the idea that the system of alienating the public lands in small allotments suitable for farms is calculated to call forth a great deal of physical energy and to make a hard-working and industrious population."

A Wild and romantic place

He proceeded to describe many of the rainforest plants that he saw, most of which are still to be found on the plateau. Notably absent were *Acacia melanoxylon* (Blackwood) and *Pittosporum undulatum*, pioneer species which probably arrived after the clearing of the rainforest. He concluded this by writing: "I cannot but express the pleasure I felt in visiting a most wild and romantic part of the colony, where I had an opportunity of examining in a living state many plants quite new to me, and of noticing some of the results of free selection. It has long appeared to me a most desirable object to place industrious families on small farms, and I cannot but hope that the experiment now being tried on the Mittagong Range may turn out favourably... The settlers are surrounded by dense and beautiful woods, which, as the country is opened and facilities are afforded for better means of communication, may become really valuable."

Yoga: A Tonic for Body, Mind, Heart and Soul

By Jennifer Robinson

Daily life can have its ups and downs. I have the great fortune to have yoga as one of my allies in the journey of life. Yoga's daily tonic allows me to deal with the very worst and hardest life can throw at me and still keep my body well, heart open, mind clear and faith in goodness.

Those of you who have a dedicated yoga practice will have an understanding of what I am saying, that yoga is a great tonic for the soul, mind, heart and body. It is like a best friend, that supports and sustains you in the hardest of circumstances and can make you flourish with loving nourishment throughout all your life experiences.

The inspiration and health, yoga gives me is why I continue to teach and share this incredible science and methodology for a fulfilling life. In fact it has helped save my life many times.

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Yoga classes with Jennifer Robinson are held at the Robertson Community Centre Monday evenings and Thursday mornings during school terms. Private sessions are available by appointment. Childrens yoga is also available privately or in groups.

Promotional opportunity for main street businesses



Another view of the Community Information Centre in progress see page 2

The new Robertson Community Information Centre includes a village map and a key to businesses and services of interest to visitors. There are also a limited number of spaces for sale on the village map panel for businesses to advertise. If you are interested in advertising your

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Community News

The Robertson Garden Club

Next meeting of The Robertson Garden Club will be held on Monday 5th February at the Community Centre, Caalong Street Robertson. Meeting starts at 1.30pm. All welcome to join in a friendly club of keen gardeners with guest speakers on a range of gardening related topics each month. New members and guests always welcome. The Garden Club is a not-for-profit organisation and all funds raised during the year are returned back into the Robertson community. Colin Hancock - President

Mens Shed

The next meeting of the Robertson Mens Shed is at 10:30 AM **Tuesday 13th** of February 2018 at the CTC in Robertson. Our President John Kennis will put out an Agenda. Phone: 0467316070 <https://www.facebook.com/Robertsonmensshedinc/>

Tai Chi for Health

Classes have resumed for the year in Robertson. Come and join us in the Care for Life/ meditation room at the rear of Robertson Doctors for the Tai Chi for Arthritis & Falls Prevention class. Classes in Robertson are **11am every Tuesday**. Fees are kept to a minimum and help to cover the instructors insurance, petrol, accreditation and professional development costs. \$20 per hr, \$10 concession, or \$100 season ticket for 3 months.

Simply Fitness outdoor exercise classes and Run Club

A friendly group where All ages and fitness levels catered for. Outdoor exercise class for all bodies and fitness levels. Monday's and Fridays 9.15-10.15am, Hampden Park Run Club for all levels Tuesday 6am from outside the butchers. Further information call Liz on 0438 294813



Registration days for the Robertson Burrawang Rovers Soccer Club

4pm to 6pm on 18th, 21st and 28th February; and 1pm to 2pm on 24th February with a sausage sizzle and our Fun Day activities to follow from 2pm to 4pm.

From children turning 5 in 2018 right through to the senior 'veterans', we have teams to suit everyone and a very reasonable fee structure. Our juniors are provided with club socks and a free uniform item at no extra cost. Our Club prides itself on being a family club offering the best in sport. Like our Facebook page for more information, or contact Kate van Eimeren on 0432 690 451.

Robertson Hockey Club

Looking for a sport for yourself or children to play in 2018? Then look no further the HOCKEY...RHC are looking for new members to join their great little club. They have teams from Under 7's, 9's, 11's, 13's, 15's and 18's as well as men and women 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade. If you are interested please email Tash Blenkinsopp robertsonhockey@outlook.com

Robertson Judo Club

Classes are on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Tuesdays Little Juniors from 4.15, Big Juniors from 5.15 Thursday Seniors at 6pm. First class is free. Held at Robertson Community Centre, Caalong Street. Further information robertsonjudo@gmail.com

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Robertson CTC News

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

Having visited my elderly father and friends over Christmas I am reminded how valuable technology can be in the lives of seniors. Not only can he keep in touch with me via video calls, email, text and social media but he can listen to music or find old films that he remembers from his youth. Sadly I have also seen how some people prey on the vulnerable with scams.

The Seniors Festival this year runs from April 4 to April 15 and the CTC will have some workshops and activities to help seniors stay in touch and to keep their personal information private.

At this stage we are planning an iPad and Tablet try it out and info session, for anyone considering getting one of these or just wanting to know a bit more about what they are and what they can do. Plus a session on Social media for Beginners and how to stay private. No need to have a tablet or social media account to attend these workshops. More activities & information to be announced closer to the date or call the CTC for details and booking.

NEW for 2018 - Thursday group sessions for iPads, tablets, iPhone and other smart phones. Short talks/

demonstrations where we will look at one topic each week. You can meet and chat to others with the same device or try one of ours. There will be a \$5 charge to join the group and then \$5 each week that you attend. We will have a list of topics starting with the basics. Call the CTC to register your interest in the group and to request topics.

Community Groups at the CTC:

Alternate Tuesdays – Robertson Men's Shed. (The CTC is also open to the public during this time). Contact Nigel on 0467316070

Wednesday – Choir- Contact Karen Wilmott on 0403044828

Normal opening hours:

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

Phone: 4885 2665 - please leave a message if we don't answer.

email: info@robertsonctc.org.au

www.robertsonctc.org.au

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Computer Classes at CTC@Robertson

All classes are taught by a qualified and experienced trainer. . Ph 4885 2665 karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au
Cost \$60 (\$50 concession/senior) per 3 hour class, morning coffee and manual included. **\$35 if booking 3 or more classes.**

Friday 9 Feb	10:30am 1:30pm	Basics — (Windows 10) — Suitable for complete beginners .
Friday 16 Feb	10:30am 1:30pm	Word Beginners or Refresher
Friday 23 Feb	10:30am 1:30pm	Word part. 2 – follow up from part 1. Taking current knowledge a step further—lots of tips for those already using Word
Friday 2 March	10:30am 1:30pm	Excel Beginners or Refresher — Create and understand spreadsheets
Friday 9 March	10:30am 1:30pm	Excel part 2 - follow up from part 1. Taking current knowledge a s step further—lots of tips for those already using Excel.
Friday 16 March	10:30am 1:30pm	Essentials 1 – Password Management – LastPass and other options for creating and storing passwords safely.
Friday 23 March	10:30am 1:30pm	Essentials 2 – Back ups, Updates, Privacy and Security
Friday 6 April	10:30am 1:30pm	Free alternatives to Microsoft Office – Google Docs, Open Office, Office online

One on one classes available by appointment call to book or discuss. Computers, WiFi, business services, scanning, copying, laminating, binding all served with coffee and a smile!
Please note we are not always able to answer the phone but will pick up messages.

Robertson Events Calendar

February 2018

Mon 5	First 2018 meeting of the Robertson Garden Club 1.30pm see page 10	Robertson Community Centre
Tues 6	First 2018 meeting of the Robertson Mens Shed 10.30am see page 10	CTC@Robertson
Fri 9	REPS public meeting 7.30pm see page 7	Robertson Community Centre
Fri 9	Windows 10 Basics for complete beginners 10.30am see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Sat 10	Ceramics and Painting & Drawing Classes commence see page 7 ph 0458 511 611	Cloud Farm Studios
Sun 11	Robertson Markets 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Thur 15	Robertson Show celebration and thank you to volunteers 7pm see page 3	Showground
Fri 16	Word Beginners or Refresher 10.20am see page 11	CTC@Robertson
18,21,24,28	Robertson Burrawang Soccer Registration Days see page 10	Soccer Club
Fri 23	Word Part 2 10.30am see page 11	CTC@Robertson

March 2018

Fri 2	Excel Beginners 10.30am see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Fri 2 & Sat 3	The Robertson Show —see page 3	Showground
Fri 9	Excel Part 2 10.30am see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Sun 11	Robertson Markets 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Thur 15	Deadline for April edition of <i>Robertson News</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 16	Essentials part 1 10.30am see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Sun 18	Bea Cinematheque —Sunday afternoon movie 2.30pm see page 6	CTC@Robertson
Fri 23	Essentials part 2 10.30am see page 11	CTC@Robertson

Regular Events

Every Mon & Friday	Outdoor exercise class for all bodies and fitness levels, Simply Fitness 9.15—10.15am 0438294813	Hampden Park
Every Mon & Thur during school terms	Yoga (Hatha style) Mondays 6.30pm to 7.45pm & Thursdays 9.30am to 10.45 am Contact Jennifer Robinson 0439 398 777 jennifer@whitelotusinspiration.com	Robertson Community Centre
Every Mon	Social Carpet Bowls at 11am see page 1	Robertson Bowling Club
1st Mon	Robertson Garden Club 1.30pm Colin Hancock mob 0421 061 651	Robertson Community Centre
Every 2nd Tues	Robertson Community & Seniors Group 11:30am for 12 start. Contact Vinnie Shepherd (after 6pm) 4886 4344	Robertson Inn
Every Tues	Tai Chi for Health 11am see page 10	Robertson Doctor
Every Tues	Run club for all levels Tuesday 6am, Simply Fitness 0438294813	From Outside Butchers Shop
Every Tues	Trivia Night 7.30pm	Robertson Inn
Every Tues	Social tennis 1-3pm Contact Lyndy Scott 4885 2805	Robertson Tennis Court
Every Tues	Mindfulness Meditation 3-4pm Contact Fiona Brown 0484 904 564	The Robertson Doctor
Every Wed	Robertson Choir 4.30pm Contact Karen Wilmott mob 0403 044 828	CTC@Robertson
Every Wed	Robertson Knitting Group 10.30-12.30	The Cool Room Emporium
Every Fri	Robertson Railway Modellers Group 1.30-4.30pm	The Fettle's Shed
Every Fri	Free Trivia/Joker Jackpot/Prize Tombola see page 1	Robertson Bowling Club
Every Fri	Live Music	Robertson Inn
Every Sat	Crop Swap 9.30 am	Robertson Bowling Club
1st Sun, 4th Sun	Traditional Service at 8am every 1st and 4th Sundays of the month	St Johns Robertson
Every Sun	Family Service – 10am every Sunday and Youth Service 6pm Sun-days	St Johns Robertson
1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 2nd, 4th Sun	Catholic Service 8am Catholic Service 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang

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