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Pru Goward and Don Harwin present the grant certificate to Robertson School of Arts Secretary John Johnston in December. Photo supplied.

## \$99,490 grant for improvements to Robertson School of Arts

The Minister for the Arts, Mr Don Harwin and Pru Goward Member for Goulburn made an announcement in December that the Robertson School of Arts would receive a grant of \$99,490 from the New South Wales Government through the Regional Cultural Fund.

The Robertson School of Arts will contribute \$21,000 to this project to complete a new concrete entry to the Hall, erect a new front fence, paint the outside of the hall, for new signage and to construct a new tin roof on the stage. This work is very important to maintain the hall and keep its historical value. Work will commence early in 2019.

Congratulations to the hard working members of the Robertson School of Arts Committee look after the Hall on behalf of the community. [Check out details of the **Old Time Dance** fundraiser on page 6]

## Get ready for the Robbo Show!

This year's show is on 8 & 9 March—find out all about it on pages 4-5.

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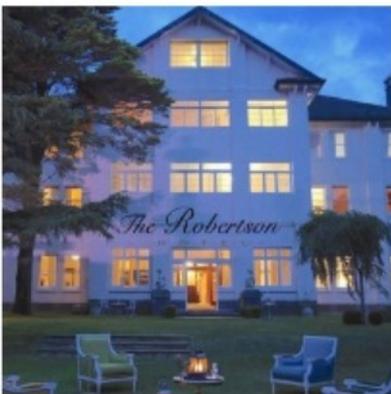
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New Friends, One Happy Flock! Picture supplied.

## Letter to the Editor

### Home, Green Heart of the Highlands!

Dear readers,

You may recall last December's News which mentioned tough times for three Suffolk ewes and their bubs. I am very happy to let you all know that, quite soon after the word was put out, the tale of their plight found a wonderful ending. The family found their way (back) home ... home on lush Robertson meadowlands, home already to four lovely old Suffolks! So, grazing now is one harmonious flock including six, now spectacularly plump, lambs!  
Healthy pasture and fine 'kin sheep' - kinship,

along with uninterrupted contentment.

Heartfelt special thanks to Jenny Kena @Robertson News for ensuring the story got out (!) and, all others kind and caring, including those of you who rang, able to offer your homes. So great.

2019 very best wishes to you all !  
Georgina Cameron.

## Vale Jessie Madeline Francis

by Frances Bailey nee Mackey

Jessie Francis (Jessie Mitchell) nee Donovan passed away on 13th December 2018. Jessie went to Robertson Public School and Bowral High School. Jessie was in her 80th year when she passed away. A graveside service was held at Thirlmere Cemetery.

She was from a large family and some of her brothers and sisters lived in Robertson - Snow Donovan (Deceased), Harry Donovan, Len Donovan, Eunice Mauger (Deceased).

Jessie married Robert (Bob) Mitchell and lived in Robertson until Robert's death. Jessie then married Bill Francis (deceased) and they lived in Picton. Jessie is survived by her children Karen Hann and Debbie Mitchell. Both girls grew up in Robertson and went to Moss Vale High.

Jessie was very athletic and took an active part in Robertson tennis club and hockey club. I was one of Jessie and Bob Mitchell's' bridesmaid when they married.

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# Southern Highlands Artisans Collective Now a Not For Profit Association

By Patsy Peacock

The façade of the Old Potato Shed is receiving a major facelift, turning into The SHAC—the Southern Highlands Artisans Collective—which is now a Not for Profit Association.

The carpark has been upgraded, painting in and outside is happening, new signage is up, and by February the front studios and a gallery will be open, together with artist Ric Abel's existing Spud Lane Studio at the Back of The SHAC. By late March the studio at the back should be ready for rental and the Southern Highlands Artisans Collective will be complete.

The SHAC concept is to have a diversity of artists

and artisans in working studios, showcasing a range of creative work of top quality and design, opening to the public to view and talk to the creators—a building that will showcase the creative talent of the Southern Highlands.

This is a concept that has not been available to visitors and locals in the Southern Highlands to date; being able to see artists working in their own space and be able to purchase or commission work directly from them. So we believe it will be a first, and another great reason to visit the beautiful town of Robertson, that is increasingly becoming a food and arts hub for the Highlands.

If you are interested in supporting The SHAC and becoming a member please go to [www.theshac.com.au](http://www.theshac.com.au). Memberships will be available initially at 3 levels: A Friend of The SHAC, a Corporate member or a Community member. If you are interested in renting a studio at the Back of The SHAC or booking an exhibition in the Gallery, please email [enquiries@theshac.com.au](mailto:enquiries@theshac.com.au) or call Patsy on 0402 998 644 or Gail on 0416 911 028.

## Crop Swap every Saturday at Robertson Bowling Club

By Judy Fisk

**Crop Swap** is on every Saturday morning at Robertson Bowling Club, Yarrunga Street from 9.30am—10.30am. Bring your excess vegetables, fruit, herbs, magazines, jams, chutney, jellies, eggs, egg cartons, potted plants and **Swap!** No money exchanges hands only what's on offer and in season. All welcome - if you fancy, you can purchase breakfast from Peggy's Bistro at the Club - egg and bacon roll, full breakfast, scrambled eggs, tea/coffee, cakes/biscuits all for sale. If the front door at the Bowling club is not open look to the left and enter the side gate.

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Why not take part in the fun and competitions at this year's Robertson Show? General information on all the Show competitions and events can be found in the official Show Schedule—now available from the Show website.

## It's Show Time!!

By Leesa Stratford

**Be a part of the best little country show. The 2019 Robertson Show will be held on Friday 8 & Saturday 9 March and plans are well underway.**

The Show is shaping up to be just as much fun and excitement as always.

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, with the fast and furious horse sporting program in the afternoon.

**The Pavilion** opens on Friday and we look forward to seeing those cakes, flowers, crafts and needleworks start to arrive as we get closer to Show Day. Remember the Show Office is open from 18 February for enquiries and pavilion entries.

### School Day Fun Day on Friday

Friday we will again be hosting our "School Day" full of educational experiences and good old fashion kids 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.

### Saturday—the main event!

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

The dog show, will again be of the usual high standard, so don't forget to venture beyond the fence and check out the dogs on parade. At 2pm on Saturday in the dog ring check out the **agility dog display** conducted by Canine Education Australia.

The **beef cattle judging and poultry pavilion** will be a must see on Saturday as well as our wonderful

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miniature goats and we will cap off the evening with the ever popular **Demolition Derby** and spectacular **fireworks** display, proudly supported by Robertson Public House and Kitchen. Our bullocks will be back, this time accompanied by heavy horses.

The ever popular potato races will be on again so start training – only a few weeks left to get in shape. This year we will be celebrating **50 Years of the Australian Championship Potato Race** and to mark this occasion we will be staging a commemorative 'Spud Team Relay' for the over 50's- which is bound to be a lot of fun.

The winners of last year's **Young Farmers Challenge** proudly represented Robertson at Sydney Royal, so again we will be looking for teams of 3 to 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. More details are available on the website. The challenge will be run after the derby on the Saturday night.

## Become a member for \$15—get benefits

Have you ever thought of becoming a member of the Robertson Show Society? It is a great way to demonstrate your support to 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 run throughout the year. Membership application forms are available on line or in the Show Schedule.

## Step Up—Volunteers Needed to Help at the Show to Meet and Greet

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 for 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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### DON'T MISS A THING AT THE SHOW

#### FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2019

**8.30am** Horse Events (main arena)  
**9.00am** Dairy Cattle Judging (Cattle Pavilion)  
**9.30am** Pavilion Open with Art/Craft/Produce Exhibits on display  
**10.30am to 2.30pm** Miniature Goats Display (beside Poultry Shed)  
**10am to 12.30pm** Children's "Spud Olympics" run by RFS  
**11am to 2pm** Chook Washing Demonstrations  
**12pm onwards** Country Woman's Association - Afternoon Tea (Pavilion Dining Room)

#### SATURDAY 9th MARCH 2019

**8am** Horse Events (main arena)  
**9am to 6.30pm** Pavilion Open with Art/Craft/Produce Exhibits on display  
**9am** Beef Cattle Judging (Cattle Pavilion)  
**From 9am** Show Dog Competitions (behind Pavilion in adjoining paddock)  
**From 9am** Pet Show (Entries taken at the Pet Show Tent - Center Ring)  
**9.30am** Poultry Chook Washing Demonstrations - various times  
**11am** Push Bike Races in main arena on the track (Helmets Must Be Worn)  
 Miniature Goats  
**11.30am** Junior Gig Races main arena  
**12pm onwards** Country Woman's Association - Afternoon Tea (Pavilion Dining Room)  
**2.30pm** Potato Races - Junior (Girls & Boys), Womans & Mens in main arena  
**Approx 6.30pm** Demolition Derby in main arena  
**7.30pm** Hay Stacking Competition in main arena  
 Young Farmers Challenge  
 50 Year Commemorative Spud Relay  
**Approx 9.00pm** Fireworks Finale (**when dark**)

Events planned for Saturday Entertainment are scheduled to start at the above listed times - BUT REMEMBER, this is Robertson and all events are subject to the weather on the day!! We make no apologies for climate conditions. Have Fun at the Show!



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# Quoll expert to speak at REPS meeting in February



**Reminder—The next public meeting of the Robertson Environmental Protection Society (REPS) will be on Friday 8 February at 7.30pm.**

The speaker will be Mr James Dawson Senior Team Leader, Ecosystems & Threatened Species—Illawarra Office of Environment & Heritage. He will be speaking on the latest developments in the Barren Ground-Budderoo Quollidor Project. The spotted-tail quoll is the Australian mainland's largest carnivorous marsupial and is listed as a threatened species in all areas where it occurs across Australia.



"Spotted-tailed quolls are threatened by habitat fragmentation and competition for prey with introduced predators such as foxes which can also kill

quolls. Land and pest management activities can therefore greatly influence quoll linkages and reduce the movement of foxes between the reserves and

important habitats on other tenures nearby."

Infra-red cameras have revealed that quolls are still present in the Barren Grounds Nature Reserve and Budderoo National Park. The Quollidor Project has been established to improve the monitoring of resident quolls and manage increasing areas of habitat in and around the reserves, to gradually increase the resilience and size of the local population.

Great supper served after the talk. All welcome.

## Council's Wingecarribee Community Assistance Scheme grant program opens on 18 February.

Applications will close on March 29. A Free Grants Writing Workshop is being held in Moss Vale at the Council on Tuesday February 19 (6pm-9pm) RSVP Cath Brennan, [cath.brennan@wsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cath.brennan@wsc.nsw.gov.au) or phone 4868 0888

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# Summer—a time to catch up and connect

By Graham Thomas, Minister, Robertson/Burrawang Anglican Church

As I write we begin a week of heat! It'll be pushing 40 degrees each day for the next few days, then on Sunday the Zombie fog (what my family likes to call it) will roll in with the southerly change. Sweet relief. But I do love summer, I'm a keen surfer so warmer water is always more comfortable and wearing less layers is a positive.

Another great thing about summer is the opportunity to catch up with friends and family, it's warmer, you can get outside without getting frost bite etc etc. But there is a sadness in our community which sometimes we can overlook, that is, of loneliness. There are many in our community who are missing friends and family and often feel it more acutely this time of year.

In 2016 a Lifeline report found an alarming 82 per cent of Australians felt loneliness was increasing. And technology and social media are not helping! Lifeline chief executive Peter Shmigel said in response to the survey results:

**“For a society that is more technologically connected than we have ever been, these results suggest we’re overlooking good old-fashioned care and compassion when it comes to our mental health and wellbeing.”**

A Relationships Australia 2017 study found more than a third of Australians felt like they often lacked companionship, and almost half said they sometimes felt left out. The study also found more than a third of people often felt isolated.

These statistics should cause us a pause, reflect and check. As a community we (in Robbo) need to take note of this and we need to take ownership because I know it affects us as much as anywhere else.

So, can I suggest you take the time to visit or invite over your neighbour or someone you know in the community who might be lonely? There are also some great groups in Robbo that people are free to join (see the rest of the *Robertson News!*). Of course, one of those groups is your local church, here at Robertson Anglican, where anyone is welcome. You don't even have to believe in God to attend! You'll be welcomed, cared for and I reckon you'll make friends. Feel free to get in touch with me if you'd like to know more.

Enjoy the heat, see you around!

## Regular church times at Robertson and Burrawang

@ Robertson Anglican Church:

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of the month – 8am traditional service in the St Johns building

10am – weekly family service in the main church building, with Kids Church and crèche.

6pm – youth service during school term time, with a light dinner.

@ St David's Burrawang:

4.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. A relaxed traditional service.

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**Save the Date for this concert—further details in next edition**

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# Ageist Myths Vs Everyone Fully Alive

By Michael D Breen

A young girl was helping her mother cooking the Christmas turkey. Mother says 'Then we cut off the tail of the turkey and put it in the baking dish'. 'Why?' Asks the girl. 'That's what we have always done. That's what my mother taught me.'. 'Why?' Again. 'Because that's what her mother taught Granny to do'. 'OK Great Granny is in the nursing home let's go and ask her why we cut the tail off the turkey'. So they did go and ask Great Granny. She explained, 'When we were first married, long ago, we had a little house, a little kitchen and a little oven with a small baking dish. So we had to cut the tail off the turkey to fit in the little baking dish'.

That was what we call a family myth. We all have them don't we? Many are based on not knowing or fear or 'isms'. Like phobias, or racism, a fear of other groups. One of these is ageism. So let's look at ageism which affects us all. Whether we like it or not. After all, age is the way we are all going. So we might as well find out about our trip.

Ageism is discriminating and labelling on the basis of age. The word was first coined in 1968. So it is a fairly new word. Ageism is the attitude that locks people away; away; from the young 'What would that twelve year old know?' Away from the old, 'She is too old to wear that' or 'I'm too old to do that'.

We do this to ourselves and to others. It does no one any good and limits our lives. Ageism is not the only way to look at life. Why do we not celebrate our ability to adapt and grow? Or think young people know nothing? Why struggle to look like a younger version of ourselves? Why limit our health by dreading our future?



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The longer people live the less they fear dying. People are happiest at the beginnings and ends of their lives. We are not born ageist, we learn it. Hollywood's best picture nominations had only 12% named or speaking characters 60 years and up. And many of those were disabled. Shops, their layout and products (especially fashion products) pretend old people don't exist. Have you ever seen a supermarket with seats for tired customers? No wonder old people say that they feel invisible.

You can't make money from satisfaction but shame and fear create markets. They create billions for the skin care industry and the pharmacy industries. And if there weren't a bob in aged care we would not be having a Royal Commission into Aged Care. What we do not always recognise is that old age can be better or worse depending on what culture we live in. To change culture is challenging but culture, attitudes, opinions are fluid. They do change. Just think about attitudes to smoking or corporal punishment in our lifetime.

The World Health Organisation realises a culture which is ageist is unhealthy. That is why they see age as the most serious health problem facing the world. That is why they are developing a global anti-ageist initiative. This is not just to extend life but to extend health. By making a community a better place to grow old we are making it a better place to be different, to be young, to be middle aged and to be who we really are at any age. It is funny that we never hear 'That place is too kind, too considerate, too accepting. I wouldn't want to live there'. I have thought, though, that visiting other countries some seem to be better places to grow old than Australia.

Living longer is here now and for ever. Each year the numbers of older people are increasing. Ageism is ours to challenge. We can all be like the little girl helping mother discover that turkeys can be cooked with their tails on, or pretend doing what we have always done is the best way, the only way.

# Registration Days for Robertson-Burrawang Rovers Soccer Club

Registration days for the Robertson-Burrawang Rovers Soccer Club will be at Hampden Park Robertson as follows:

4pm to 6pm on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February; and 2pm to 3pm on 9<sup>th</sup> February, with a sausage sizzle and our Fun Day activities to follow from 3pm to 6pm.



From children turning 5 in 2019, right through to the senior 'veterans', we have teams to suit everyone and a very

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## Surprise Exhibition

An exhibition of work by Karon Sacks is now showing at the CTC@Robertson until 9 March. Opening hours are Thur-Fri 10am-4pm and Sat 10am—1pm.



Emu by Karon Sacks

# The Return of the Cockatoo Run!

Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc. (RHRS) is very pleased to announce that the 'Cockatoo Run' heritage tourist train will recommence running from Sydney to Robertson on Sunday, 3 February 2019.



Heritage diesel-electric locomotive 42101 rounds a curve to the east of Robertson hauling the 'Cockatoo Run' on its return trip to Sydney from Robertson and Moss Vale on Sunday, 17 January 2016. Photo supplied

This good news was conveyed to RHRS by 3801 Limited recently and follows a period of time during which the future of the *Cockatoo Run* appeared uncertain. The volunteers of 3801 Limited have undertaken the necessary preparations and propose running the train on a regular basis, about every four weeks. Early indications are that the heritage train will comprise five passenger cars and be hauled by a mainline heritage diesel-electric locomotive such as 42101 or 4501.

RHRS congratulates 3801 Limited volunteers for their persistence and hard work over the last year to make these tours a reality and wishes them every success with this very popular day-trip, which traverses some of the most spectacular scenery close to Sydney. RHRS volunteers will be on hand at Robertson station to meet each train. Both organisations look forward to Sunday, 3 February.

More info [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au)

## Cinema Dates

Bea's Cinémathèque returns to the CTC again this year with a great selection of films for lovers of good art cinema. Further details to come but this year's dates are Sunday 17 March, Sunday 19 May, Sun 21 July, Sunday 15 September and Sunday 17 November. Send a message to [info@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:info@robertsonctc.org.au) to be put on the cinema mailing list.

<b>Robertson Events Calendar</b>		
<b>February 2019</b>		
Sat 2	<b>Annual Clean-Up Working Bee</b> at Robertson Railway Contact Neil 0457 355 970	Fettlers Shed
Sun 3	<b>Cockatoo Run</b> heritage train comes to Robertson <i>see page 9</i>	Robertson Railway
6, 9, 13, 17	<b>Soccer Registration</b> and Fun Day <i>see page 9</i>	Hampden Park
Thur 7	<b>Robertson Women's Shed</b> meeting 5.30pm <i>see page 12</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 8	<b>REPS public meeting</b> 7.30pm <i>see page 6</i>	Robertson Community Centre
Sun 9	<b>Garden Working Bee</b> at Railway 9am-12 noon. Morning tea. Contact Ian 0412 696 381	Fettlers Shed
Sun 10	Robertson <b>Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Tues 12	<b>Robertson Mens Shed meeting</b> 10am <i>see page 12</i>	CTC@Robertson
Thur 14— Fri 15	<b>Seniors Festival</b> free technology workshops at CTC <i>see page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 15	<b>Old Time Dance</b> 8pm—11pm <i>see page 6</i>	School of Arts
Sat 23	<b>Healthy Ageing Forum</b> 1pm-5pm <i>see page 8</i>	School of Arts
<b>March 2019</b>		
Fri 8—Sat 9	<b>Robertson Show</b> <i>see pages 4—5</i>	Showground
Fri 15	<b>Deadline for April Edition of Robertson News</b>	CTC@Robertson
Sun 17	<b>CTC Cinema</b> 2.30pm <i>see page</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 1, 8, 15, 21, 29	<b>Computer Classes</b> at CTC 10am-1pm <i>See page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson
<b>Regular Events</b>		
<b>Every Mon &amp; Friday</b>	Outdoor exercise class for all bodies and fitness levels, <b>Simply Fitness</b> 9.15—10.15am 0438294813	Hampden Park
<b>Every Mon &amp; Thur during school terms</b>	<b>Yoga—Adults</b> Mondays 6.30pm to 7.45pm & Thursdays 9.30am to 10.45 am <b>Adults/Teens</b> Thursday Evenings 5.45pm to 7.00 pm 0407 771 828 and email to <a href="mailto:jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com">jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com</a>	Robertson Community Centre
<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Social Carpet Bowls</b> at 11am	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>1st Mon</b>	<b>Robertson Garden Club</b> 1.30pm Colin Hancock mob 0421 061 651	Robertson Community Centre
<b>Every 2nd Tues</b>	<b>Robertson Community &amp; Seniors Group</b> 11:30am for 12 start. Contact Vinnie Shepherd (after 6pm) 4886 4344	TBC—contact Vinnie
<b>1st &amp; 3rd Tues</b>	<b>Robertson History Group</b> 10am-1pm Contact Helen Tranter ph 48851394	Fettlers Shed Robertson Railway
<b>Every Tues</b>	Run club for all levels Tuesday 6am, <b>Simply Fitness</b> 0438294813	From Outside Butchers Shop
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Trivia Night</b> 7.30pm	Robertson Public House
<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> 3.30pm-4.30pm Contact Fiona Brown 0409 036 188	The Robertson Doctor
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Songsters</b> 4.30pm Contact Karen Wilmott mob 0403 044 828	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Knitting Group</b> 10.30-12.30	The Cool Room Emporium
<b>Every Thurs</b>	<b>iPad and Tablets group</b> 1.30pm	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Free Trivia/Joker Jackpot/Prize Tombola</b>	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>Every Sat</b>	<b>Crop Swap</b> 9.30 am	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>Every Sun</b>	<b>Robertson Railway Modellers Group</b> 1pm-4.30pm Neil 0457 355 970	The Fettlers Shed
<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 2nd, 4th Sun</b>	<b>Catholic Service</b> 8am <b>Catholic Service</b> 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang

# Robertson CTC News

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

**Seniors Festival**, As part of the Seniors Festival we are running several **Free Technology Workshops during February**

## Should I get a tablet or iPad – Free Presentation

How do I choose and what would I use it for.

When: **Thursday 14th Feb**

Time: **10:30am – 11:30am**

## iPads and Tablets Group – 2 Free workshops

Learn some tricks and tips for your iPad or tablet. For the 2 weeks of the Seniors Festival our regular Thursday iPad / tablet group will be free.

(Usually \$5 to join and \$5 each week you attend).

**Booking essential as numbers are limited**

When: **Thursday 14th Feb and Thursday 21st Feb**

Time: **1:30pm to 3pm**

## Shopping online - Free Workshop

Do you shop online or worried about whether it is safe. Tips for shopping, banking or buying tickets online.

When: **Friday 15th Feb**

Time: **10:30am – 12pm**

## Scams, Passwords and Computer Security – Free Talk.

Do you have problems remembering passwords? Do you use the same password for everything? Tips on scams and passwords.

When: **Friday 22nd Feb**

Time: **10:30am – 12pm**



All sessions will be held at Robertson Community Technology Centre, 58-60 Hoddle Street, Robertson.

Barista coffee or tea and cake or biscuits available from our café

Booking for any of these please call 4885 2665 & leave a message.

or email: [karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au)

One on one computer / tablet / phone lessons available by appointment. iPad group every Thursday 1:30pm-3pm.

## The CTC is OPEN

**Thurs & Fri 10am — 4pm,**

**Sat 10am — 1pm.**

**Phone: 4885 2665 -**

*please leave a message if we aren't able to answer at the time.*

email: [info@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:info@robertsonctc.org.au)

[www.robertsonctc.org.au](http://www.robertsonctc.org.au)

[facebook.com/CTCRobertson](https://facebook.com/CTCRobertson)

## Computer Classes at CTC@Robertson

All classes are taught by a qualified and experienced trainer. Ph 4885 2665 [karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:karenmewes@robertsonctc.org.au)  
 Cost \$65 (\$55 concession/senior) per 3 hour class, morning coffee and manual included. Maximum of 6 per class.  
 If you can't make a Friday please contact us, with sufficient interest we may put on extra classes or adjust.

<b>Friday 1 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Basic skills 1</b> — Never used a computer or just having problems, this is for you.
<b>Friday 8 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Basic skills 2</b> —learn how to get your files and folders sorted plus email and saving attachments.
<b>Friday 15 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Photos</b> —putting photos onto your computer from camera, phone or tablet. Organising, simple editing and sharing via email.
<b>Friday 21 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Scanning</b> —scanning & simple editing of documents, photos and negatives. Especially suitable for storing and enhancing old photos.
<b>Friday 29 March</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Creating documents &amp; sending via email</b> — Suitable for beginners using Microsoft or the free alternatives.
<b>Friday 5 April</b>	10:00am 1:00pm	<b>Facebook &amp; Social Media</b> — Getting started and how to keep your details as private or public as you want.



# Attention All Women

Attention all Woman ....re  
 Robertson Women's Shed  
 General meeting to be at CTC 58-60 Hoddle St Robertson-on the 7 February at 5:30 pm.

So please come along as we have lots of interesting things to discuss and we need all your input to get our Women's Shed off the ground and running.

Hope to see you all there!

**Karon Sacks, President, Robertson Women's Shed**

The inaugural meeting of the Robertson Women's Shed on 8 December 2018 at the CTC. Picture supplied.

## Robertson Men's Shed News

Authorised by the President John Kennis

Meetings for this year will be at the CTC from 10am to 3pm on the second Tuesday of each month starting on 12 February 2019. For further information call the Secretary of the RMSI on 0467316070 or the President on 0455911980. We always have a BBQ lunch and you'll meet and make friends with a great bunch of blokes. And, if you're stuck for transport give us a call and we'll try to pick you up and drop you off. There will be a range of activities this year, more news later.

We have now submitted our Development Application (DA) to Council and we hope to have it all finalised by the end of March, then we can apply for infrastructure funding. In the meantime, the RMSI has applied for a grant under the National Shed Development Programme to obtain a shipping container as a temporary storage and workshop area as we work towards building this community facility. We are thrilled that the Robertson Women's Shed is up and running and we look forwards to working with them on projects.

Helping the community is an important part of RMSI activities so this year we will be continuing to help with the general maintenance at the CTC precinct. There was a lot to clean up after the recent big rain events and we also carried out some preventative repairs. We also do some general maintenance work at the Community Information Centre precinct.



RMSI members at Bunnings on Australia Day—raising money for the shed—picture from Facebook

On Australia day (Saturday 26 January) from 9am to 4pm we ran the BBQ at the Bunnings Braemar store and will be doing it again on Sunday 17 February.

Another activity recently started by the Men's Shed has been our Book Club, meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month it is a great time to chat about the latest book and a whole range of other topics. The book club is open to all comers, male/female, working/retired so come along if you are interested or call Chris on 0407495572 for more details.

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