

Robertson Newsletter

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COUNCILLOR LARRY WHIPPER OPENS ROBERTSON GUILD EXHIBITION.

The third annual Robertson Guild Exhibition at the Foyer Gallery in Moss Vale was formally opened on Friday May 5th by Councillor Larry Whipper.

As in previous years, the reception to celebrate the opening of the Exhibition was very well attended and everybody who was there expressed delight and pleasure at the high quality and wide variety of all of the many items of work and art which were so tastefully displayed.

During his speech of opening, Larry Whipper described his own joy at seeing all of these splendid examples of the industry and creativity which exists in our small village. He went on to thank all of the members of the Robertson Guild for the hard work which they constantly devote to the Guild itself and indeed, to the promotion of Robertson. And so we do. It is a village of which we are all extremely proud. We are strongly attached to it and that's why we live and work here.

MELANIE TAIT TO STAR IN BURRAWANG PANTOMIME.

As a lot of us already know to our pleasure and delight, local singer Melanie Tait knows how to charm the birds out of the trees when she delivers a soul-seeking ballad. And when she decides to jazz up the tempo and knock out a red hot Sophie Tucker kind of a number, the Earth moves and our toes wriggle right up to our excited ears.

Well, she'll be doing this and more in the Pantomime, "Cinderella" which is currently in rehearsal and which will be performed at The Burrawang School of Arts on July 20, 21, 22 and 23. Directed by Alan Dunk and with words and music by local Robertson writer, Arthur Jackson, this show, with its extremely young and highly talented cast, is already proving to be in popular demand. Just about all tickets for the two initial performances on Thursday July 20th have already been booked by the pupils of Bowral Primary School and once the publicity for the show begins in earnest, it's anticipated that there's going to be quite a rush. For further information phone 4885 1686.

BURRAWANG SCHOOL OF ARTS, ALIVE AND WELL!

Popular Director of the annual Easter Saturday Burrawang Fair, BINNIE SHEPHERD, will report record Stall Holders and record public attendance estimated in excess of 5000 when the Burrawang School of Arts Committee meet in the next few days.

Saturday 22 April dawned a brilliant day after a long rainy spell and the crowds just kept coming in from Sydney, Canberra, the South Coast, Robertson and even from Bowral which was holding its own inaugural Produce Harvest Festival in the courtyard of the new Library on the same day.

Under the energetic and inspiring leadership of their President (Robertson resident) Arthur Jackson, the Burrawang Hall Committee held a 16 mm. Film Club Night in April. Kind Hearts and Coronets attracted 55 enthusiastic Members. On Friday 12 May at 7.30 the film will be REAR WINDOW. \$5 Membership tickets at door include refreshments. On 23 June FRANKENSTEIN will be shown.

Arthur is also the Producer of the Pantomime CINDERELLA now in rehearsal and the opening in Burrawang Hall is set for 20 July followed by a four day season directed by ALAN DUNK.

The Company of Players presented PLAY ON celebrating Shakespeare's birthday (six days late!) on 29 April in the Burrawang Hall to a packed and highly appreciative audience. Their next production is AN EVENING WITH OSCAR WILDE set for 18, 19 & 20 August.

The new millennium, so far has brought good fortune to Burrawang and the famous old Hall has been used to good purpose more frequently in the first 4 months of this year than it has in the last ten years. If you would like to know more or get involved with the Burrawang Hall's activities please call the Secretary, OLIVER BAUDERT on 4886 4428 or send a fax to 4886 4429.

Pizzas in the Mist New!

BBQ Chicken Pizza
Hickory Smoked Pork Ribs

4885 1799

Dine In or Take Away

ROBERTSON ~ WHY I LOVE IT AND HOW IT COULD BE BETTER.

We thought that it would be a great idea to invite all of the children and young adults who live in Robertson to write a short article or a poem on the above subject and then to send it in to the editorial staff to see if they'd like to publish it within future issues of The Robertson Newsletter.

To make things a little more interesting as well as providing a modest incentive, we're offering small prizes to the three best entries received. 1st prize \$5, 2nd \$3 and \$2 to the third. Entries close July 31st, so out with the pencils and paper and let's be hearing from all of the budding journalists out there!

HOW ABOUT JUMPING ON THE SOAP BOX?

No doubt we've all experienced moments when we've really wanted to get something off our chests or alternatively when we've had such an inspirational thought or something so wonderful has happened in our lives that we just can't wait to share it all with somebody and to tell them all about it.

So why wait? The good old Robertson Newsletter is here for you to have your say on whatever topic you feel strongly about. So let's hear your views. And if you're not much of a writer, let us know what you'd like to say, anyway, and we'll do our best to cobble it together for you.

Robertson Environment Protection Society



Echidna - the Prickly Australian.

This is the title of the talk by Helen George at the next meeting on Friday 9th June. In this talk, Helen will speak about the first year in the amazing life of the Echidna and about the distribution of the adults and their reproduction. From her wide experience in wildlife rehabilitation, she will discuss the interaction of Echidnas with humans, their pets, their lawnmowers and their cars.

Helen George, from Kangaroo Valley, is well known for her work with native animals and many will remember the fascinating talk she gave on wombats a couple of years ago.

7.30pm Robertson Community Centre

Warm Hall, light supper provided.

New members & visitors always welcome.

Enquiries - 4885 1394

Summit Tree Services



Tree Care & Land Management Services

4886-4177 or Mob.0409-129165
Burrawang

Public Liability Insurance

Paul D'hondt

Sandy Morse

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• Cert. of Tree Surgery
• Cert. of Tree Care
• Member of the N.A.A.A.

• Assoc. Dip. Landscape
• Grad. Dip. Land Rehabilitation
• Member - Aust. Inst. Hort. &
• Aust. Inst. Landscape Designers Managers

Robertson Business Association Notes

Next General Meeting

Tuesday 13th June at the Community Centre at 6pm.

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11th July, 2000

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Dinner (3 courses, BYO) & Meeting
\$22 per person.

Bookings & money to Laurel Horton.
The Olde Cheese Factory Gift Shop.

What's New In Robertson.

Connie's Cuts.

36 Hoddle St
4885 2383

Hours:

Tues - Fri 9am-5pm

Sat 8am-12pm

After hours Thurs by appointment.

The building was first sold in 1876 for £10. From 1895 to 1920 it was owned by Andrew Humphries as a Hairdresser & Tobacconist. Now, 80 years on, Connie's Cuts. Connie has been working from home for the past 2 years with 16 years of qualified experience. She offers affordable quality cuts with no appointment necessary before 3pm.

There is also a showroom for Oscar Wahlin of Ironstein Engineering, beautifully crafted ironwork, made to order.

Also available is a full range of pure essential oils from "Into the Mystic" (local) with a specific range designed for women and children.

Brian Muir, Lawyer.

Brian Muir, an approachable experienced lawyer in private and government practice, is opening a law office in Robertson. Brian is available to help in a wide range of matters for moderate fees and is available for phone consultation and personal consultation which can be arranged in Robertson. If you need legal advice or want to buy or sell a property you can speak to Brian by contacting him on 4885 1644 or by e-mail (muirbsol@ozemail.com.au).

To Let

Robertson

3 Bedroom Quaint Older Style Cottage - \$220 pw

2 Bedrooms Quaint Cottage,

Ocean views, rural setting - \$290 pw

Burrawang

Large Building with Kitchen & Toilet facilities

Wanted Urgently - Furnished Houses to let.



R J MACKEY Real Estate
Robertson Phone 4885 1329

Community Notices

Thank you!

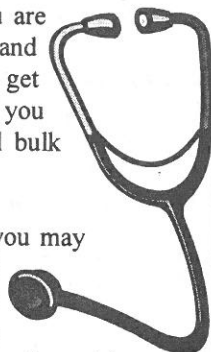
Peter and Judy Frost and their family would like to thank their friends, the community of Robertson, for the support that was given and is still being given over the loss of Keelen in April. They were overwhelmed by the generosity and thoughtfulness, not only from friends and neighbours, but from people they had not even met.

The community of Robertson donated close to \$3,000 which, together with donations from other sources, was more than sufficient to pay for the cost of the funeral and a headstone. All monies donated were accounted for through St John's Anglican Church.

It is good to see that our community feels the hurt of its members and is prepared to rally together to see them through.

Medical Notes

The focus of this month's newsletter is to emphasise that the strain of flu around this year is particularly virulent and to remind you that flu vaccines are available for those people in need. The Sydney flu, as it is called, has caused hospitalisation and in some cases death. The people who are at particular risk are people over 65 and those with respiratory illnesses. If you believe you are at risk, the vaccine may be free for you and it is highly recommended that you get vaccinated. The doctor can tell you if you can receive a free vaccine and we will bulk bill those who need vaccines.



Even if you are not at particular risk, you may feel that you would like to be vaccinated against such a virulent flu. We all know how sick flu can make us feel. You may be travelling or working with a lot of people, making you more vulnerable to the flu. Discuss this with the doctor and work out whether a flu vaccine would be a good idea for you as well.

Robertson Medical Practice
Hoddle St, Robertson
4885 1502

**Porcelain Dolls,
Ceramics & Teddy Bears**
Classes - Weekends, Days & Evenings.

**"WHIMSIES
&
WHATNOTS"**

86 Hoddle St, Robertson
(Nearly opp Olde Cheese Factory)
Ph/Fax 4885 1868



**Contact - Debi for
more info!**

ROBERTSON IS ON THE MOVE

Elders Real Estate have just sold 8 residential homes in the village in 2 weeks.

The homes have sold between \$108,000 to \$220,000 with buyers from Sydney and local.

Phillip Vickery and John Crawley are confident the interest will continue in residential sales in Robertson and due to Elders recent achievements they are in need of more listings to satisfy their buyers.

Residential homes in the village are selling between \$130,000 and \$220,000 and above if on large blocks. 1/4 acre blocks of land \$70,000, 1/2 acre blocks of land \$85,000, 1 acre \$110,000 and 5 acres \$300,000 to \$350,000. Phillip and John have seen 5 acre blocks increase in value dramatically over the past two years.

There has also been keen interest from Sydney buyers in rural farms and land, which looks to continue through 2000. In the six years that Elders Real Estate Robertson have served the district they report that there has never been a better time to sell real estate and Elders are happy to provide a free appraisal of any property.

Nathan's Recipe of the Month

Winning Recipe

Joanne's Beef Casserole.

(Contributed by Frances Bailey)



Fry 500g of ground beef and 1 chopped onion in 1/8 cup of butter. Add 125g of cooked macaroni, 5 tablespoons of white wine, 5 tablespoons of tomato sauce, 1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 2 tablespoons parsley and pour into a greased casserole. Heat 1/8 cup of butter, stir in 4 tablespoons plain flour and cook for 2-3 minutes before adding 1 1/4 cups milk and 1 teaspoon dry mustard. Pour gradually into a beaten egg and then pour into casserole. Top with grated cheese and bake for 40 mins in moderate oven. (180°C, 350°F)

If you would like to submit your favourite meat recipe for publication in the next issue of the Newsletter, drop it in to Nathan by 15th May. Winning recipe will receive one of Nathan's minted legs of lamb.

With the compliments of

Robertson Highland Butchery

7.30am - 5.00pm Mon - Fri, Sat till 12noon
34 Hoddle St - Phone 4885 1215
Free Home Deliveries.

Winter in Robertson.



Cool, clear days, freezing nights and frosty mornings - it must be winter in Robertson. It's the perfect time to be out in the garden, the only time of the year when the weeds won't be growing faster than you can pull them out, the ground won't dry out faster than you can pour water in and the Bower birds won't be walking behind you feasting on your new seedlings.

Winter is a busy time in the nursery too. It's the time of the year when we take delivery of all our new, fresh stock, including thousands of bare root roses, fruit trees, deciduous shade trees, maples and berries. We also have herbaceous flowering plants such as lily of the valley and delphiniums arriving during winter.

If you plan to buy any bare root stock (plants packed in sawdust without pots) it is a good idea to plan ahead. Decide where you will be planting your new purchase, clear it of any weeds, add some organic fertiliser and dig a good size hole. It is very important that the roots of your bare rooted plant are not allowed to dry out. Plant Your tree and stake if necessary and make sure it stays moist during winter. Then go inside, light your fire and enjoy the beautiful highland winter - it's why many of us are here isn't it?

Robertson Village Nursery

Jill & Lindon Keft

Phone 4885 1138

People News

Mrs R J Mackey, Robertson, has a ninth great grandchild, born to her granddaughter Cheryl (nee Lemmon) & Tony Fumer. This is the Fumer's first child & Mrs Mackey's first great grandson. Thomas John Fumer, born 17th April, is the 7th grandchild and first grandson of John and Marie Lemmon, now living at Orange but formerly of Hillview, Lemmon's Rd, Robertson.

Church Service Times

Anglican

St John's Robertson

8.00am Traditional Services - 2nd Sunday- Communion
4th Sunday- Morning Prayer
9.30am Family Service & Sunday School - Every Sunday

7.00pm 1st & 3rd Sundays - Informal Service

St David's Burrawang

8.00am - 1st Sunday (NEW)

Presbyterian, Burrawang

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

Uniting, Robertson

9.00am - 2nd & 4th Sundays

Roman Catholic

Robertson

10.00am - 2nd & 4th Sundays

Burrawang

10.00am - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

Contribution Guidelines

Community Service Announcements, articles and diary submissions are free of charge. All items must be submitted by deadline dates and may be modified at the editors discretion. To avoid extensive editing please limit announcements to 25 words, and articles to a maximum 300 words. It is preferable that submissions be typed or emailed. Thank you.

Advertising

A single insertion is \$30. (Discount of \$5 for members of Robertson Business Association) Each insertion is limited to a maximum 90 x 55 mm. Advertisers are responsible for meeting submission deadlines. Any copy received after the deadline is unlikely to be included. All advertising is payable in advance. All advertisements to Micki Boehme at Robertson Recollections. Thank you for your support.

Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of August. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th July 2000**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577**. Phone: 4885 1210 or Fax: 4885 2241 Email: bjlee@tpg.com.au

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