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Big Potato Shines at SHAC Launch

By Patsy Peacock

Over the past seven months a vision of a creative hub for the vast creative talent that resides in the Highlands has been born.

On Saturday May 11, the new Southern Highlands Artisans Collective, homed in the old potato packing sheds, took off with the biggest party ever held in Robertson.

Well over 500 people gathered on one of the coldest evenings in Robertson to celebrate the launch, and view the studios of the artists and artisans of The SHAC.

The crowd consisted of locals, luminaries, artists and artisans, politicians, councillors, and those of the Southern Highlands community who have come together to make this amazing initiative come to life. Brooke Munro, one of The SHAC's talented artisans, came up with the brainwave of projecting images on to The Big Potato for the first time, and actually made this happen with drawings from local school children from Robertson and Burrawang schools. The result was truly inspirational, with locals dancing in front of the lit up Big Spud.

This great new concept could not have happened



Illuminations at the Big Potato *Photo supplied*

without the community coming together. We have a small, incredibly hard working committee of locals: Gail Miller, Brooke Munro, Michelle Waters and recently the wonderful Pi Wei Lim has joined us. Plus founding artist Ric Abel, who did a live performance painting on the night. The event organiser Kristie Phelan, and with a crew too large to name, but thanks go out to each and every one who helped make this happen.

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Noeline Brown at SHAC launch

To kick off The SHAC Gallery in Robertson, the first exhibition 'Artists in Residence' features the work of the resident artists of The SHAC so



make sure you pop in and check out the amazing work for sale. You can also

see many of the artists and artisans at work, be able to talk to them, and buy or commission work from them. The SHAC, including The SHAC Gallery (next to The Big Potato) is open Friday to Monday from 10am to 4pm.

Robertson Garden Club Update

By Marion Tyree, President

It is with regret that the Robertson Garden Club will not be presenting Open Gardens this year. It is not a decision we took lightly but after eight years it was decided to take a break. Next year we hope to be back bigger than ever.



Our meetings are held at 1.30pm on the first Monday of the month and we welcome new members. We have a delicious afternoon tea

and guest speakers present topics on many diverse subjects pertaining to gardening. Last month the topic was about having a productive vegetable garden, growing vegetables sustainably so that every month there are vegetables for the table. In February we had a fascinating afternoon learning about snakes in the garden, how to identify them, avoid them and keep well away. At our June meeting we have a presentation on spring in Japan featuring the famous cherry trees. We also visit members' gardens and share ideas and plants.

Come along and enjoy an afternoon with other gardeners and learn something new you can practise in your garden, and buy some plants from the trading table.

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Tim Hewitt addresses gathering of local businesses in April.
Photo: Michael Lynch

school/club etc) that wishes to support the local economy and community.

Pleased to notice that Council has already started work on footpaths! They must be worried!

Contact can be made via email : robbobuschamber@gmail.com

The Wheels are in Motion!
Watch this space..!

Editor's Update—the new chamber will be called **Robertson Business Chamber** and has the following office bearers—Tim Hewitt (President), Jennifer Macquarie (Vice President), Louise Douth (Secretary), Doug Pritchard (Treasurer/Public Officer) and committee members Susan Everdell, Michael Lynch, Con Cotis and Mark Burns.

Robertson has a new Business Chamber!

By Tim Hewitt, President

Momentum to re-establish a local chamber of commerce gathered apace following a well attended gathering of local business operators in April. The meeting was addressed by Graeme Morrison President of the Albion Park Chamber who inspired the Robbo crowd with the successes of that chamber in their area. The meeting also heard from other local businesses and groups who are actively investing in the local economy, and putting big plans in place.

A small group of volunteers have formed an interim management committee and have met to get the formalities of incorporation under way. That meeting was



addressed by Adam Zarth, a Robbo local

Mark Burns (L) and Greg Doyle from Robertson Public House outline their plans Photo: Michael Lynch

who heads up the Illawarra Business Chamber. Adam is keen to support a local chamber and outlined the benefits to members of affiliation with the Illawarra and NSW Business Chamber.

Meanwhile, please keep excited, and also encourage any friends or associates who may operate their business/enterprise in the local area to get onto our database. Membership will be open to person, business or community organisation, (eg church/

The Evolving Robertson News

The first edition of the *Robertson News* was published in July 1997. At that time it was called the *Robertson Newsletter*. From edition 14 in October 1999 it settled into a regular publishing schedule (every 2 months) under the auspices of the Robertson Business Association. By Edition 35 in April 2003 it had become the *Robertson News* and by August 2006 the Robertson Business Association had become the Robertson Chamber of Commerce. With the winding up of the Robertson Chamber of Commerce and the retirement of long time editor Rev Barry Lee a call went out to the community for a new publisher. The CTC@Robertson managed by the Robertson Shed Inc answered the call and *Robertson News* has been published by the CTC since Edition 101 in June 2014.

In December 2018 the first colour edition of the *Robertson News* was published and just recently the publication was registered with the National Library as a serial publication with an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN). Advertising prices will be going up from the August edition to reflect the increased cost of printing in colour.

The *Robertson News* is an important historical record documenting life in our village. Over the next couple of months all editions of the *Robertson News* from Edition 1 will be available to view on the CTC website. Thanks to our village historians including Quentin Waters, Helen Tranter and previous editor Barry Lee we have been able to locate all of them. All community members, community organisations and businesses are encouraged to submit articles so that the *Robertson News* can continue to reflect what is happening in our village and future generations can see what we were up to!



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Amazing, Awesome and Totally Different— the Short Beaked Echidna!

The next guest speaker at the Robertson Environment Protection Society (REPS) Meeting on Friday 14 June 7.30pm at the Robertson Community Centre will be conservationist John Marsh



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John Marsh has been working at Potoroo Palace Native Animal Education Sanctuary for 9 years as Manager of Animal Welfare, Head Dingo Keeper and Educator. He has also worked very closely with our local NPWS in the conservation of our very endangered Koala population. He is a member of many conservation groups and firmly believes in the

principles of Compassionate Conservation. He has been involved with Save Fraser Island Dingoes (SFID) for 8 years in an advisory capacity and was also a member of their Dingo Advisory Team involved in surveillance on K'Gari (Fraser Island).

His work at Potoroo Palace awakened his interest in what he believes is the most amazing, awesome and totally different animal: the short beaked Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*).

Echidnas are members of the sub class of mammals known as monotremes, the smallest group of mammals with only 3 members and are egg laying mammals! They are Australia's most wide spread mammal species being found in every State and Territory and all the major islands around Australia. They are mostly diurnal however in very hot climate regions they are nocturnal. Echidnas lead a solitary existence for most of their lives and only come together during breeding season. The following is a quote from Dr. Peggy Rismiller which John thinks perfectly describes Echidnas, "Echidnas live solitary lives, are slow moving, insect eating and egg-laying. They have acute hearing, sensitive smell, are masters of camouflage, accomplished escape artists and decidedly inquisitive. They maintain low population numbers, are broad spectrum foragers, physiologically adaptable and not aggressive to other wildlife. As a member of the oldest surviving group of mammals, the echidna is a living model for sustainability. For me this weird, whimsical and timeless creature is a constant reminder of nature's wonders and living proof that facts can be more fascinating than fiction."

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Sat 1	Welcome to Winter Party 7pm DJ Dante on from 8pm - Midnight. Dress up with a touch of Pink to show your support for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. www.facebook.com/therobertsonpublichouseandkitchen/	Robertson Public House
Sat 8	Launch of <i>Expression</i> exhibition 2pm see page 11	CTC@Robertson
Sun 9	Robertson Markets 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Fri 14	Echidnas at REPS Meeting 7.30pm see page 4	Robertson Community Centre
Fri 21	Closing date for CLUBS grants see page 8	

July 2019

Every Fri and Sat	Christmas in July Christmas Dinner 6 for 6.30pm see page 12	The Robertson Hotel
Sun 14	Robertson Markets 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Sun 14	Dead Men Talking One Act Show 4pm see page 10	School of Arts
Mon 15	Deadline for August Edition of Robertson News	CTC@Robertson
Sun 21	Bea Cinematheque—Sunday afternoon cinema 2 for 2.30pm 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 —Mondays 6.30pm to 7.45pm, Thursdays 9.30am to 10.45 am, Thursdays 5.45pm-7pm 0407 771 828 and email to jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com	Robertson Community Centre
Every Mon	Social Carpet Bowls at 11am	Robertson Bowling Club
1st Mon	Robertson Garden Club 1.30pm Marion Tyree mob 0401425565	Robertson Community Centre
Every 2nd Tues	Robertson Community & Seniors Group 11:30am for 12 start. Contact Vinnie Shepherd (after 6pm) 4886 4344	TBC—contact Vinnie
2nd Tues of month	Robertson Men's Shed 10am-3pm ph 0467 316 070	CTC@Robertson
1st & 3rd Tues	Robertson History Group 10am-1pm Contact Helen Tranter ph 48851394	Fettlers Shed Robertson Railway
Every Tues	Run club for all levels Tuesday 6am, Simply Fitness 0438294813	From Outside Butchers Shop
Every Tues	Social tennis 1-3pm All Welcome	Robertson Tennis Court
Every Week	Mindfulness Meditation 3.30pm-4.30pm Contact Fiona Brown 0409 036 188	The Robertson Doctor
Every Wed	Robertson Songsters 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 Thurs	iPad and Tablets group 1.30pm—3pm	CTC@Robertson
2nd Thur of month	Robertson Women's Shed meeting 5.30pm (not in winter)	CTC@Robertson
Every Fri	Free Trivia/Joker Jackpot/Prize Tombola	Robertson Bowling Club
Every Sat	Crop Swap 9.30 am	Robertson Bowling Club
2nd Sun of month	Open Mic 3.30pm-6.30pm see page 12	Robertson Public House
Every Sun	Robertson Railway Modellers Group 1pm-4.30pm Neil 0457 355 970	The Fettlers Shed
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 Sundays	St Johns Robertson
1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 2nd, 4th Sun	Catholic Service 8am Catholic Service 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang

Reminiscences of Robertson by a Policeman's Son

Compiled by Jenny Kena from information and photographs sent by Denis Bowden and Dawn Leitch (nee Bowden)

My late mother, Joyce, was the unofficial Constable. Many a time I saw her answer the front door when Dad was out on patrol (no radios in them thar days). She would take messages and on several occasions I saw her get out the Station First Aid Kit and render on-the-spot first aid to people who had been injured in road accidents and came into town seeking help. Rough nursing and a hot cup of tea until the ambulance arrived, if necessary. Denis Bowden



Constable Noel Bowden kicking over the old Harley Davidson outside Robertson Police Station.

I was delighted to be contacted last week by Mr Denis Bowden. Denis grew up in Robertson in the mid 1940s. He moved to Sydney for work at age 15 (and now lives at Picnic Point). He was the son of the Robertson policeman, Noel

Bowden. The police patrol included Kangaloon, East Kangaloon, to the top of Macquarie Pass, out to Burrawang, the Pheasant Ground, Carrington Falls, Belmore Falls, Wildes Meadow and Fitzroy Falls. It was a one man police patrol for nearly eight years before they increased the strength and gave him another young constable, Vince Buckley (now deceased) and later, Kevin Spicer (also deceased).

The townsfolk/farmers were wonderful to us, says Denis. We would open the door sometimes and there would be a bag of potatoes, a couple of

cabbages et al, left without reference on the front verandah. They wouldn't even knock, just leave it. Police wages were lousy in those days and my parents struggled so all contributions were gratefully accepted. My Dad wouldn't have taken a quid from anyone but this was not bribery but simply a token of appreciation of neighbours and friends who would never have embarrassed Dad by placing him in a cramped position.

Denis is 79 this August and has indelible memories of all the old pioneering farming families and also those who owned and ran the local shops—names like Mauger, Mackie, Wilson and Gilroy were my fellow students at the Public School, wherein we first sat in long cedar desks and forms, (with ink wells and ink pens). Come Monday morning, the ink kids would recharge the ink wells, put out the pens and provide a fresh sheet of blotting paper: no biros in those days.

On a cold winter's day, the pot-belly stove would be roaring in the corner. We big boys were chosen to

chop and split the wood (using axes...cop that today!). We would also set the fires. The school also had its own vegetable garden. And at one time, the whole school



Back row L-R: Rutger Huender, Don White, Allan Rayner, Brian Bailey, Kevin Bisby, Robert Southwell, Denis Bowden, Ted Mauger, Bobbie Beasley, Archie Missingham, Mr Beasley (Headmaster). Next row L-R: May Potter, Hope Missingham, Barbara Clivery, unknown, Edith Mauger, Rita Griffiths, Norma Jones, Bisby, Edna Missingham, Carol Stephenson Next Row L-R: Irene Missingham, Patsy Ross, Dawn Bowden, Jeanette Beasley, Crystal Handley, Beryl Beasley, Annabette Huender, Muriel Sutton Front Row L-R: Carol Potter, Janice Wilson, Janice Spindler, Ruth Pointing, Beverley Spindler, Margaret Wallace, Margaret Pointing. Picture and names supplied by Dawn Leitch (nee Bowden)

I fondly remember Hope (Waters nee Missingham). My fondness for her is because I distinctly remember her lovely nature. She had a sweet face and was invariably kind. I never remember her having a bad word for anyone. She was universally liked and respected. Denis Bowden

playground was surrounded by huge pine trees (some around 10 metres at the base). Very little sun got into the yard consequently until the local P&C arranged with Missingham's Mill to cut them down and remove them. This was a huge exercise in logistics in those days.



Noel Bowden was coach of the Group Six Robertson/Burrawang Rugby League. Do you recognize any of these handsome gentlemen?

Our headmaster, (Mr Arthur Beasley), would read the classics to us and we learned all the great poems of our English heritage and of course, The Banjo and Henry Lawson. Friday arvo, we would tune to the ABC and listen to choral songs which we would learn from the songbook that was published each year. My own classical education came from the local lending library in the School of Arts Annexe. I reckon by the time of was fifteen I had read just about every book in the library as I slavishly waited the next new consignment to be delivered.

Denis says that his love of people, books and country life were gestated in Robertson and he says *I only hope those presently living there cherish what a wonderful hamlet it was and still is.* Denis has sent many more stories and photos which can perhaps be included in future editions.



Denis Bowden on old Wonga

If you remember Denis Bowden and would like to contact him, or would like further information please email

jennykena@robertsonctc.org.au

The Robertson Social Groups for Seniors

By Helen Denning, Manager WADCC

The Wingecarribee Adult Day Care Centres Inc. (WADCC) grew from a need within the community. In the early 1980's the Watson Rehabilitation Centre was connected to Bowral District Hospital and had dedicated Day Care Facilities. Patients who no longer required active treatment, often found themselves to be socially isolated, living alone and in the need of companionship. Their family carers needed time for themselves and respite from their caring duties. We have been holding Social Groups for people 65 years and older for over 30 years. The Robertson Group has been running for approximately 20 years. We believe Groups need to be available to everyone across the Shire and by doing this we hope to nurture further friendships within our towns and villages. The primary objective of the Groups is having fun, laughing and talking.

A typical day starts with being greeted at your doorstep by our staff member who will then accompany you to our fully accessible bus. You are then transported to our Moss Vale Centre in Queen Street where you disembark, are greeted by the staff and go into the Centre for a delicious morning tea (which is provided by Bakers Delight, Southern Rise Bakery and Gumnut Patisserie). After morning tea and catching up with friends and colleagues, we have an activity/theme for the day. This may be a quiz, listening to a guest speaker, being entertained by a musician, singing along to your favourite song, bingo, art or an interesting topic for discussion. After activities, and as we are getting ready for lunch, we have a short, safe exercise time just to get our legs moving and blood circulating before we sit down to a two course lunch. In winter we have hot lunches such as baked dinners, casseroles or, if you prefer soup. In summers we include salads in our lunches and we always have dessert. Dietary requirements are catered for. At 2pm it is time to head home. Usually the bus arrives in Robertson around 2.45 and we transport people to their door. The documented health benefits of talking and laughing in a Group are many. Simply put, social connections, interactions and networks matter. Overall, social connections can improve your physical and mental health and wellbeing.

The Robertson Group is held on Friday. Please ring Helen on **4862 1774** for more assistance and to book your Group. Come along and see if you enjoy the day!

Building a Humane Future in Robertson

By Michael D. Breen

Sometimes what is missing is more important than what is sticking out like a sore thumb. In case you hadn't noticed lately politicians have been out to catch your eye, and your vote. They all go on as if Australia is an economy with people somehow tacked on. We are not an economy, we are not customers of any of the three layers of government. We are people who live in all kinds of groups with differing needs. We are a society made up of community groups, we are a people. This 'economy' focus has been a successful distraction away from the two most important matters facing humanity. One is climate change and its effect on future generations. But leave that aside for a moment. The other major world issue is the massive increase in the numbers of older people. People are living longer than any time in history. That, says the World Health Organisation, is the most serious matter facing every nation in the world. And last time I looked Australia was part of the world.

Our little Robertson Futures Inc Group exists to assist Robertson to be an AgeFriendly community. That is a community where people can stay at home as they get older. But that is only part of the picture. If we are to respect old age we need to respect all age groups in our community. Each group from the young, the teenagers, the parents and the older folk. Each group has special needs and wants and contributes to enrich the lives of others. Developing an AgeFriendly community is a gradual long term project. The World Health Organisation outlines the aspects involved: the built environment, housing, social participation, respect, social inclusion, employment, ongoing learning, community support and health services.

Gradually, Robertson Futures Inc are hosting a series of forums on these matters. We want to open the dialogue about what people really want. So far we have had Doug Faircloth, Melbourne consultant to governments, talking about the Australian ageing scene. We have had a forum on transport and accessibility. There was a forum on healthy ageing. As we move forward we want to develop our understanding of the situation for all age groups. On July 14 we are hosting, 'Dead Men Talking' (see p9).

Saturday, May 11 Sydney Morning Herald has two articles which have to do with AgeFriendly matters. One by Jacob Saulwich examines the job and pay for local government councillors. He says they have a conflict of interest between representing residents and ratepayers and directing the work of the shire. A panel

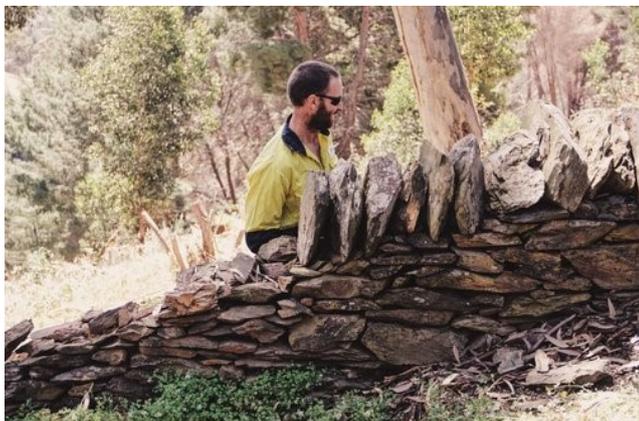
of inquiry recommended to the NSW Government several reforms. These include improving standards of councillor conduct, direct election of mayors, significant professional development and increased pay. Since Robertson Futures Inc was invited to present to the Wingecarribee Council on AgeFriendly work I would agree with the recommendation about professional development. We were respectfully and courteously received and our request for an ongoing relationship to dialogue about AgeFriendly matters was agreed to. However the overall impression of the event reminded me of a story from rural Ireland at the time of the change to decimal currency. An old lady was asked what she thought of the coming currency changes. She responded, 'Sure I don't tink it will take on in this part of the country at all'. From responses to our presentation I doubted the Council generally had the framework or awareness sufficient to deal with social issues like AgeFriendliness. Despite managing multi material matters well there needs to be more inquiry and awareness to manage complex social issues. It would be good if Council awareness could embrace AgeFriendly matters. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. As far as I can see Western Australia leads other states in this matter especially in rural areas. They can provide good examples models, training packages etc and they are the only state affiliated with the World Health Organisation on AgeFriendliness. But whether or not Council steps up we can do a whole lot for our community. The most vital changes are in attitude, respect and friendliness and no council can command those. These matters are up to us.

Across the page is the sad story told to the current Royal Commission into aged care. It is the story of a woman of 84 years living in an aged care facility. It is one of numerous tragic biographies across the nation. 'I live in an institution. No matter how many times they tell us it's our home, it's not. My answer to anyone who tells me that is; 'This is where I live but it's not a home'.' Merle Mitchell goes on to describe diminished life in a container unfit for its inhabitants. Is that the treatment we want for people who have built our lives? That is the destination for most Australians unless we build AgeFriendly communities.

Robertson Futures Inc is a group of Karen Wilmot, Lyndy Scott, Neville Fredericks, Mark Turner, Sue Everdell and Michael D Breen. The group examines age friendly matters, runs forums on matters of welfare for all ages, and consults with local and overseas bodies with the future of Robertson in mind. The group will be seeking to develop working relationships with local community groups.

Clubs Grants Close 21 June

Wingecarribee Shire Council is calling on local community groups to apply for funding in Category 1 as part of this year's ClubGRANTS scheme. Organisations must be registered as not-for-profit and only projects which directly benefit residents of Wingecarribee Shire will be considered. Application forms can be found at: www.clubsnsw.com.au/community/clubgrants/for-applicants. For further information at www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/clubgrants



contemporary styles and techniques to craft gorgeous Dry Stone Walls that look like they are trapped in time. Jon will be leading the 3-Day course and will share practical tips and processes on finding the best stones to use, while providing hands on instruction throughout the construction of the wall. Jon: "I've been running workshops in South Australia for years and this will actually be my first time to the east coast. I am extremely excited to bring this workshop to the absolutely beautiful acreage of Mt. Murray Farm.

Mt. Murray farm is a 25-acre sanctuary located on the stunning Illawarra escarpment, which is a remnant rainforest with impressive Biodiversity. Unfortunately, there are only 10 spaces available for the workshop so registering ahead of time is strongly encouraged. Further info at www.mountmurrayfarm.com

Dry Stone Wall Construction Workshop coming up at Mount Murray

By Lisa and Mark Wright

It's official. Mt. Murray Farm will be holding a 3-Day workshop on Saturday the 26 October called DIY Dry Stone Wall Construction with Artisan Stone craftsman, Jon Moore. This workshop will be a 3-day intensive wall building course which will define a step by step process for building an 8m Dry Stone Wall, using only the natural stone that has been left from paddock clearing in decades past throughout the property. Anyone interested in learning the skills and processes of building a Dry Stone wall can register for the course at www.mountmurrayfarm.com/events

Jon is currently the instructor for the walling workshops conducted by the Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia, located in SA. As the instructor for walling workshops, Jon has built countless Dry Stone Walls of beautiful quality and has been revered as the premier Dry Stone Mason in SA. He and his team use both traditional and

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- Scroll down the page to see a list of names including phone number and suburb. You can filter the list by clicking on the symbol next to the Suburb heading, selecting Robertson and clicking on **Apply**
- This will give you all the JPs with a registered address of Robertson.

CTC@Robertson is investigating the possibility of hosting a JP community desk. This would mean a JP could be available at a regular time and day each week. If any JPs are interested in being involved in this please email jennykena@robertsonctc.org.au

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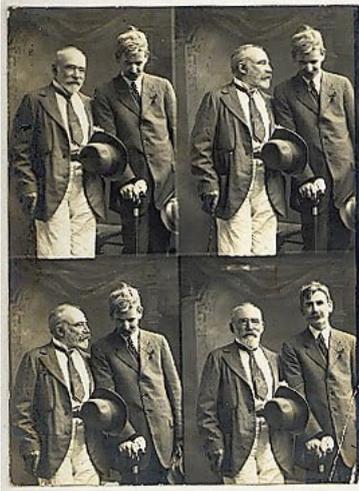
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Dead Men Talking at Robertson School of Arts



With Warren Fahey and Max Cullen (Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson) on 14 July at 4pm.

The lively one act show finds the two legendary literary figures having a casual drink at the Leviticus Bar & Grill, Heaven's Gate, and yarning about their legacies. Slightly cantankerous, yet grateful of their old

friendship, Henry Lawson (Max Cullen) and A. B. 'Banjo' Paterson (Warren Fahey) discuss each others lives including their famous 'War of Words' in *The Bulletin*. They recite poems, sing songs and generally banter – and have a laugh about life's changing circumstance.

Book at trybooking.com \$35/\$25. Hosted by Robertson Futures Group Inc.



Southern Highlands Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert Series

Many Robertson residents are members of the Southern Highlands Symphony Orchestra including conductor Dr Allan Stiles. The next concerts are on Saturday 29 June at 7.30pm and Sunday 30 June at 2.30pm at Bowral Memorial Hall. The program features works by Alfred Hill, Schumann, and Nielsen. Tickets Adults \$37, Concession/Students \$32, Children under 15 free. For booking and other information visit www.shso.org.au or call 0416 380 567

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Every Monday - Social Carpet Bowls 11am - new players welcome
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Every Friday - Free Trivia - Joker Jackpot and Lucky Member draw from 7pm
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The Club welcomes new members with social membership starting at \$13 per year. The Club is a major sponsor of Robertson's Soccer, Cricket and Hockey clubs. For further information call the Club on 4885 1306.

Robertson Community Technology Centre

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

New Sign

After 15 years our sign was looking rather tired, thanks to some fundraising and donations plus the practical assistance of the Men's Shed we now have a new sign with space for notices. Take a look as you go past to see what is happening at the Robertson CTC.

Technology

iPads and Tablets Group - Every Thursday

Learn some tricks and tips for your iPad or tablet. Casual group 1:30pm—3pm every Thursday \$5 to join and \$5 each week you attend.

Computer Classes are run on Friday mornings, call or check our website for the next program.

One on One lessons and assistance—please call to book a time. Cost \$65 / \$55 senior or concession per hour.

Art

Exhibitions change monthly. No exhibition fee for local artists.



Bea Cinémathèque—Sunday Afternoon Cinema

Cinema

Great to see so many people enjoying the film in May. Thanks to our volunteers and to Bea for running Robertson's bi monthly cinema at the CTC. Next Film: 21 July, 2:30pm — *Port of Shadows*. Call for details and bookings.

**The CTC is OPEN: Thurs & Fri 10am — 4pm,
Sat 10am — 1pm.**

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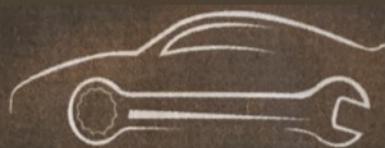
Robertson Women's Shed Winter Break

There will be no meetings during the winter months. Meetings will be beginning again with a big event happening in September.
Karon Sacks, President

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\$5000 raised for Robertson Men's Shed at *Music in the Mist*

By John Kennis, President

The Robertson community needs to be sincerely thanked for supporting our very successful variety show on Friday 3 May. Your support in raising just on \$5,000 will help with our progress to getting our new shed built.

Our sincere thanks also goes to the local businesses and organisations who supported us. And of course our very special thanks go to the fabulous people who performed for all of us—the beautiful voices of the *Robertson Songsters*, and boy the voice of Allison, absolutely magical; *Rapunzels Party*, what a sound absolutely fantastic; *Catwalk*, 4 ladies who sing in perfect harmony; and of course our very special guest John Waters who



showed us all what a great talent he is. His performance was absolutely stunning. We wish John all the best with his upcoming concerts in Melbourne and Sydney.

Yellow Shack Attack had them up and dancing

The Yellow Shack Attack,

an absolutely great fun band who know how to get people up and dancing. They are really very talented and their sound really kept the momentum following John Waters.

All the volunteers, men and women who helped put this show together, and kept it moving are to be congratulated on their fantastic effort.

Open Mic Afternoons at Pub

Last Mother's Day, the Robertson Public House hosted the first of a series of open microphone (mic) sessions. For anyone who doesn't know what an "open mic" session is, it's a live event where anyone present, amateur or professional, who is willing and able can take a turn at trying their material in front of a live audience. As the name suggests, the performer is provided with a microphone which is plugged into a PA system, to make the individual's performance loud enough for the audience to hear. Performance arts such as music (solo to three piece), comedy or spoken word are all welcome. The open mic sessions are being held every second Sunday of the month between 3.30 and 6.30pm and we hope to see you at our next gig at the Robo Pub ready and raring to try out your material or simply sit back and chill out while watching a great range of performers. Anyone who is interested or wants to know more details please contact Belinda at the Robo Pub or phone Ron on 0411780265.



On May 18 at Robertson School of Arts Southern Highlands Jazz Inc presented a student masterclass followed by a free concert in the afternoon. Student musicians Sarah-Joy Day (saxophone), Tom Dunn (trumpet) and Matthew Johnston (trumpet) performed with master bassist Brendan Clarke

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