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Op Shop Donation Helps Keep School Chickens Happy and Safe!

By Karen Wilmott, President, Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop



Photo—Robertson Public School Facebook

Since opening in November 2020, The Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop has rapidly become a much appreciated institution in the village. Through the generous donation of goods and the enthusiastic patronage of locals and visitors, we are

able to provide grants to community organisations and provide a means of recycling items that might otherwise be lost into landfill.

The recent round of grants closed at the end of March and three community organisations were

successful. Robertson Public School needed to upgrade their chicken enclosure so that students had better access and to give the girls more room to move. CTC Robertson required a weatherproof noticeboard and a battery pack for their PA system and the Robertson Table Tennis Group applied for funds to purchase a new table. These grants totalled some \$2600 bringing the total of money distributed to local causes since opening to \$14000.



The next round of grants will close 30th June. Any local organisations or individuals with a project to enhance the social or physical fabric of our village, or enable a community event, is welcome to apply. Grants up to \$1000 are awarded quarterly. Information is available at the Burrow or can be found on our website: therobertsonburrow.org.au You can also contact us at info@therobertsonburrow.org.au

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julie.lewis@service.nsw.gov.au

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Robertson Bowling Club

WHAT'S ON

ROBERTSON BOWLING CLUB

Highland Singers 25 June	Folk Group Independence Day 4 July	Xmas in July and Us Too Duo 16 JULY
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Highland Singers Choir	2:00 pm	Saturday, 25 June
Folk Group, Independence Day	5:00 pm	Monday, 4 July
Xmas in July plus Us Too duo	6:00 pm	Saturday, 16 July
Folk Group	1:00 pm	Sunday, 31 July
Pure Diamond (Neil Diamond tribute)	6:00 pm	Friday, 19 August

HIGHLAND SINGERS CHOIR

WHEN
Saturday, 25 June
2pm – 4pm

WHERE
Robertson Bowling Club
Yarranga Street, Robertson NSW 2577

robertsonbowlingclub.com.au

4885-1306

PROCEEDS TO:

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ENTRY FEE
\$10 donation

Plenty of parking

Afternoon tea provided



The wonderful Highland Singers return to the Bowling Club for a concert of songs from the past. You are sure to know many of them – come along and enjoy!

Three Spuds Bistro & Robertson Bowling Club

Christmas in July

Saturday 16th July

Music by 'Us Too' Starting at 6pm

Three course dinner - \$40 per person

One – One drop menu with meal served at 6:30PM

Entrée

Maple bacon & pumpkin tart
OR
Fried camembert served with Nullabah zucchini relish & sesame bark

Main

Baked cranberry and rosemary chicken
OR
Fennel, lemon zest and rosemary pork belly
Both served with seasonal vegetables

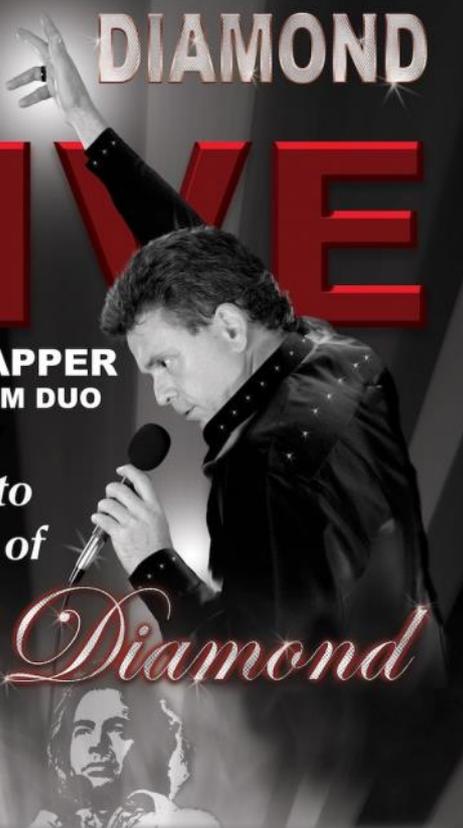
Dessert

Orange, almond, and cranberry bread pudding served with spiced orange sauce
OR
Eggnog panna cotta with spiced jelly

Bookings Essential by July 9th
Phone 02 4885 1306 to book

PURE DIAMOND LIVE

SHANE TAPPER and PLATINUM DUO
present ...
a Tribute to the music of Neil Diamond



A Hot August Night Tour Event ...
Robertson Bowling Club
Friday 19th August
From 7.30pm / Call Club for bookings

Avoca Public School Turns 150 This Year

Avoca Public School will be celebrating its 150th birthday in October 2022. We are looking for community members who may have information on the history of the school that you would like to share. Any stories from past students, teachers and principals or photos would be greatly received. Please contact the school office 4887 7224 / avoca-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or the Principal, Lesley Kelly on 0457 072 785.



Save the dates for Robertson Public School 150th Anniversary Celebrations!



Robertson Public School 150th Anniversary Ball - Robertson Showground Saturday 30 July 2022

Robertson Public School 150th Anniversary School Open Day Friday 23 September 2022

Robertson Public School 150th Anniversary Community Fair Saturday 24 September 2022

Robertson Public School 150th Anniversary Dinner – Robertson Bowling Club Saturday 24 September 2022

Burrawang Ball

The Burrawang Breakout Ball is back! The theme is colour and light and it's on Saturday 11 June. Tickets are \$100 which includes a 3 course meal. Dance the night away to the fabulous Eklypse family. Book your table of 10 on Trybooking.com

Bush Traditions Closer Than We Think

By Michael D Breen

If you have heard some new sounds, well, really very old sounds, coming from the Bowlo on some Sunday afternoons they were coming from a 'session'. This is when a group of musicians get together to play and learn traditional tunes. There is almost no limit to the number of musicians who will join in nor any limit to the number of tunes they play. It is a longstanding practice in many countries, though most of the tunes we hear in Robertson are from the Australian bush, from Ireland and Scotland.



Sunday Session at the Bowlo Picture supplied

We are very lucky to have such experienced musicians come along and play here. The group is coordinated by David Johnson who presents a swag of rollicking songs

and tunes particularly from the Australian bush tradition, playing guitar, banjo, concertina and fiddle with which he accompanies dance tunes. He is often side by side with his concertina specialist, wife, Anne.

David is a life member of the Bush Music Club and carries on the work of collectors over the years. 'I like to encourage younger performers to explore their traditions, to develop and extend the older repertoire and sing with an unaffected natural voice' says David.

He has been associated with *The Rouseabouts*, *Reddy River Bushmen*, *Pinchgut*, *Southern Cross Bush Band* and *Paddys River Band* playing for parties, schools, weddings, markets and more.

Then there is Johnny Spillane who is featured on



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David Johnson Picture Supplied

over 50 albums, on a number of films including *Moby Dick* and *Under Black Skies*. Johnny carries a large bundle of pipes, whistles and flutes and is in demand for recording and to play with iconic bands including *North Bulli*, *Settlers Match*, *Mad Marion*, and *Wongawilli*. He can be as shrill as a mudlark and as melodious as a thrush.

Then there is local treasure Bob McInnes. Bob's repertoire is wide but he is in most demand for Scottish musical venues all down the east coast to the country. Bob has been there since the '60s as a reliable and respected performer. You may have heard him play the *Ashoka Farewell* at Ben Lim's farewell.

The list goes on with Chris Hayden (mandolin, fiddle and guitar), Samantha O'Brien (flute), Cath O'Grady (mandolin), Monte Montgomery (fiddle), Yvonne O'Grady (accordion), Russell Churcher (guitar, mandolin, banjo and some lovely ballads), Tim Flause (concertina) and Mariama (piano).

We are so fortunate that this talented mob of songsters has chosen to migrate to our town. They are musicians crowds flock to see in other places and they come to us in Robbo.

Next.... Midwinter, after the ravages of fire, flood and plague we will be treated to a **Bush Dance at the School of Arts here in Robbo on Saturday July 23rd**. Mark it on the fridge calendar. It will be the real deal, music, dances, families, all ages, bush gear and all. David Johnson has agreed to lead a team of musicians and to arrange the program and call the dances. You don't have to be 'able to dance', in the formal sense. Just listen to the caller who tells everyone what to do, you can't go wrong. We will have excellent leaders for a great night.

Dave has a website

<https://www.davidjohnson.id.au/>

If you do Facebook you can find Johnny Spillane at

<https://www.facebook.com/john.spillane.904>

Volunteers Needed to Weed Rainforest

The Robertson Rainforest Reserve needs help. It's been so wet there hasn't been one rain free volunteer weeding day all year. National parks needs volunteers to help weed the first Wednesday of each month from 9:30am to noon. Meet at the South Street Carpark with garden gloves.

Everyone is welcome. It is not necessary to stay for the full time. Please contact

Melinda.Norton@environment.nsw.gov.au

Don't Forget Your Shopping Bag!

Single use lightweight plastic bags will be banned in NSW from 1st June



Lightweight single-use plastic bags will be banned in NSW next week with a swathe of other disposable items to follow suit in a bid to stop billions of bits of plastic litter entering the environment over the next 20 years. This is the first step in a plan to rid the state of many single-use plastic items and packaging which make up 60 per cent of all litter in NSW. Single-use plastic is used by many of us for just a few convenient minutes, but it remains in our environment for many years, eventually breaking into microplastics. Find out more at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/news/news/2022/bag-ban-beginning-of-the-end-for-single-use-plastics

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Everyone Is Equally Important Community Garden Project on Hold

By Rev Graham Thomas,
Minister Robertson/Burrawang Anglican Church

As I write it's now 5 days until the Federal election. But by the time you've read this we'll either have a new PM or we'll be sticking with the incumbent. Although, we can never please everyone, I'm really thankful for our safe democracy. There'll be no riots, no blood spilt, no mass corruption, just freedom to choose, freedom to vote. We ought not take that for granted.

Of course, with democracy comes a variety of thoughts, ideas and opinions. And sometimes that presents us with disagreements and the challenge of getting on with each other, even when we butt heads over politics or whatever.

I think at the heart of our modern democratic process, here in Australia, is the belief that all people are equally important. No one vote is worth more than another, no matter what your background, education, skin colour, gender and so on. Your vote has equal worth.



That sentiment reminds me of what the Bible says

about how God treats all people. Equally. Everyone has equal worth, no matter how educated you are, no matter what your skin colour is, no matter what you've done against God! In fact, it's no secret that our democratic system was founded on such beliefs.

There's a bunch of passages I could show you that tell us of God's love for all irrespective of who they are or what they've done, but probably the most famous verse in the Bible is the best place to go.

"For God so loved *the world* that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Below are our regular church times, and we also have a new website, which is still taking shape, but one thing you'll find there is a link to our 'sermons and teaching.' If you'd like to hear or watch a little more about what we talk about from the Bible on Sundays, follow the links to our YouTube channel and have a squiz!

<https://www.robboanglican.org/>

REGULAR SERVICES

Our regular service times at Robertson are:
Sundays @8am Traditional (1st and 4th of the month)@10am Contemporary Family (weekly with children's program) We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at St David's Burrawang at 4.30pm.

It was with great sadness that Ange Clark recently advised supporters of the Robertson Community Garden that the organization was being dissolved.

"The garden committee as you are aware, spent a great deal of time designing, planning and communicating the garden concept and it was deeply considered to be a place to build friendships, more capacity as a town and grow beautiful food to be shared" said Ange, resigning Chair of the organisation. "It is with a great deal of sadness that I advise that the Robertson Community Garden will not be moving ahead with its plans. After a few years of community consultation, accessing land, creating an accessible garden plan for all abilities and, collaborating with the Robbo Mens Shed and Native Grace, the weather, the affects of COVID and personal circumstances have taken their toll. We also realise that the bulk of the initial work was left to a few people, and that could not be maintained. It has been truly hard to make this call. I hope that sometime down the track our community in Robertson, may see the real benefits of a community garden and embrace it at the right time."

Ange and her hard working Committee really tried to make this project happen! Thanks should go to all of them for their inspiration, energy and hard work. Perhaps one day in the future a new group might emerge who are able to pick up the project again.

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A Path to a Sustainable Future

Invitation to a Community Seminar

The Robertson Futures Group is proud to present the first of two community seminars, to be held at 2pm on **Saturday 25th June at the Robertson School of Arts**. Both seminars focus on sustainability in all its guises, and guest speakers will discuss topics such as affordable and diverse housing choice, the value of ageing in the place you call home, access to locally produced goods and services, the economics of sustainability and how to encourage a vibrant and value-driven township.

production and business ownership.

Sustainability is not *only* about reducing fossil fuels and mitigating the effects of climate change through renewable energy production. Sustainability also has a wider, more holistic meaning: in the creation of compassionate and caring communities in which social, individual and economic wellbeing can thrive. In order for this to happen, a practical approach that is focussed on core values needs to be planned and developed.

The seminar on 25th June will discuss these ideas as well as providing an opportunity for you to participate in question and answer sessions with the panellists. Everyone is welcome, afternoon tea is provided and a gold coin donation is requested. Enquiries ph: 0418 657 456.

Robertson Community Association

The Robertson Community Association holding its next meeting at the CTC on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 5pm and everyone is invited to attend to see what we do.

If you are a member of a group that is considering joining the Association, please discuss with your fellow members and nominate a representative. Membership will facilitate interaction with other groups and draw attention to matters where the Association can provide assistance and support.

Enquiries to Mark Turner 0418 657 456 or to the Association email roboca@outlook.com.

Garden Club

Robertson Garden Club meets the first Monday of the month except for January. If the Monday is a holiday the club meets the following Monday. Meetings are held at The Robertson Showgrounds at 1.30pm.

Hugh Mackay will draw on his book *The Kindness Revolution* and discuss how to generate hope and optimism. Jennifer Macquarie (Chair, Regional Property Council) will talk about how diverse housing choice helps to reduce travel and encourage social vibrancy and equity. Urban Economist Mike Cullen will discuss how local economy and social fabric can be strengthened through access to local retail goods and services while Phil Lavers of Moonacres will be talking about the opportunities and challenges for local food

Robertson Rural Fire Brigade update

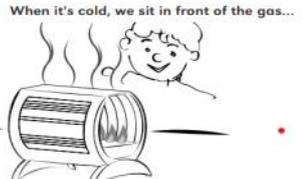
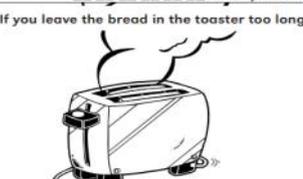
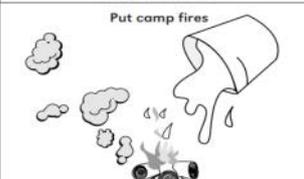
A key part of preparing to live bush fire ready is having a conversation with all family members about how to stay safe, as well as what to do in an emergency. Here's a fun activity sheet you can use with your family.

Other key tips on preparing your home and creating a bushfire survival plan can be found on the RFS website:

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/prepare-your-property

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan

GOOD FIRES - BAD FIRES ACTIVITY

<p>On my birthday I have a cake with...</p>  <p>_____ on it</p>	<p>In summer, we cook sausages on the...</p>  <p>_____</p>
<p>When it's cold, we sit in front of the gas...</p>  <p>_____ to keep warm.</p>	<p>Unattended camp fires causes bush...</p>  <p>_____</p>
<p>If you leave the bread in the toaster too long</p>  <p>_____ it will</p>	<p>Put camp fires</p>  <p>_____ before leaving the camp area.</p>
<p>Too many plugs in a power point cause...</p>  <p>_____</p>	<p>On hot days we have big...</p>  <p>_____ fires.</p>

New Initiatives From the Shed

It's getting cold outside, but the fire and the welcome are warm in the Shed!

We have listened to the feedback from the community that they would love to attend the shed, but they work and cannot attend during the day so.....WE HAVE LAUNCHED AN EVENING SHED! 6-9pm each Wednesday. Anyone over 18 is welcome. Come along and see how it works. Enjoy a hot cuppa and a bite to eat and get your teeth into a project or two.

Of course, the usual men's day on Tuesday and women's day on Friday are also welcoming anyone who wants to join. We now have our metalwork area set up for anyone who is interested to learn some new skills.

The ladies have completed their first community projects for the year, restoring some benches for Triple Care Farm and building a possum box for WIRES. The men have undertaken some minor renovations to the CTC to fit the new back door.



Benches restored for Triple Care Farm *Photo supplied*

In late March Graeme Hewat (Pres), John Kennis (VP) and Claire Hewat (Sec) attended the national Sheds' gathering in Albury to share knowledge and network with members of 62 sheds from all over Australia.

Our local State MP, Wendy Tuckerman, was visiting Robertson and dropped in to talk to the ladies a couple of weeks ago and was very pleased with what she saw and heard.

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All About Dingoes at Next REPS Meeting

Robertson Environmental Protection Society update

The topic for the next REPS talk on **Friday 10 June at 7.30pm at CTC Robertson** is dingoes. The speaker is John Marsh who recently retired from working at Potoroo Palace Native Animal Education Sanctuary as Manager of Animal Welfare, Head Dingo Keeper and Educator.



Dingoes are arguably one of our most misunderstood, controversial and persecuted native animals. Until recently they have been believed to be descended

from the wolf and classified scientifically as such, but for the first time, scientists have confirmed that they are a species in their own right. The dingo has been misunderstood for 200 years and new evidence and research are revealing facts to us that will hopefully change our attitude to this truly amazing and wonderful animal.

According to Dr Mike Letnic, a University of NSW ecologist "... *the Dingo is a distinct form of canid*". Mathew Crowther, research leader from the University of Sydney says that the appropriate scientific classification is *Canis dingo*. This revelation came after a group of Sydney scientists found there was no scientific description of the animal. The lack of official status has meant that they are often confused with so called "wild dogs" and considered a pest to farmers for killing

livestock.

Research continues to show that by letting dingoes exist in the wild, pests such as feral cats, foxes and rabbits can be controlled and ecosystems restored. Some graziers are aware that dingoes eat large numbers of kangaroos, which compete with cattle for food and also wild pigs which can attack and kill calves. Researchers have concluded that the dingo's presence has significant positive effects for biodiversity, conservation and economics.

Our unique Australian Wildlife can live in harmony with and benefit the lands being grazed by farm animals. We must make sure they are allowed too.

Robertson Show Reboot!

The Robertson Show Society are delighted to announce the *REBOOT* of the 2022 show, postponed due to horrific weather in February and March.

Go along for a reboot of the dairy and beef cattle, horses, goats and poultry competitions. The Pavilion will run a 'special edition' competition with unique, one-off classes. In the coming weeks all details will be posted on www.robertsonshow.org.au.



And there will be even more reasons to visit the show reboot with the launch of the new *Family Fun Area with FREE activities and market stalls*, show rides and bands to

entertain you on Saturday night before our spectacular fireworks.

Mark your calendar, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th of October, for two FULL days of fun and entertainment.

Country Christmas in July

Friday 29th July
6:30-11pm

- Three course Christmas Dinner
- Live Music / Ross Webb & the Rusted Track
- Mulled Wine available at the bar
- Dress: Country Christmas
- Tickets: \$90pp

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Potato Finally Gets Recognition it Deserves

Inaugural Robertson Potato Festival

Despite the soggy Saturday, the inaugural Robertson Potato Festival saw hundreds come together to celebrate the region's famous tuber offspring. Visitors came from as far as Canberra and Newcastle for an event showcasing some of the best from the Robertson area including talented chefs and local businesses. And even TV stations got involved with the spud-tacular celebration.

Gary Fitz-Roy from event organisers, Expertise Events, who has farmed in the local area for the last 25 years said, "We have lived in the region for a long time and, during the pandemic, we thought it would be great to create an event that would give back to the community that we love. Like other regional towns that have their own events, we wanted to create something for Robertson that would bring tourists back to the area."

The strong reaction to the first event has seen the organisers confirm that the event will go ahead next year on the 29-30th April 2023, promising to deliver more great potato-based experiences.

Hundreds of chips on a stick and baked spuds were enjoyed by the potato revellers, as well as delicious cooking demonstrations from incredible chefs, Fast Ed, Daniele Cavallucci from the Robertson Hotel and local legend, Helen Vlahakis from Mumma's Country Kitchen. And the kids didn't miss out, with a gnocchi making class from Fede Guidi. Live music from local musicians kept the toes tapping throughout the weekend and the Spud-A-Dome saw the crowning of some new local legends in the mash eating, potato peeling and spud and spoon races, amongst others.

As the sun shone brightly on the Sunday, so did the incredible craft talent at Hessians on the Field. Canberran Jackie Roots took out the first prize with her Elizabethan-inspired hessian creation, Rachel

Price took out second prize and Christine Faron and Karen Wilmott came in joint third. Winners of both the

kids and adults competitions won top of the range Singer sewing machines to continue their crafty creations. Hessians on the Field Judge, Julia Zaetta, was staggered by the standard of entrants



Karen Wilmott, Christine Faron, Jackie Roots, Rachel Price on the winners podium. Photo—Barbara Combe

saying, "I was absolutely surprised by how far they went with their designs. The finishing touches and detail was of a very high standard."

So after hundreds of potatoes were peeled, baked, mashed and enjoyed, the first ever Potato Festival was heralded a successful and suitable celebration of the humble spud. Keep an eye out for updates for next year's event here: potatofestival.com.au/

Cliché Phobia and Other Pedantic Things By Mark Turner, 2022

Please don't reach out
It sounds like a plea
Just enquire or ask
Or come over for tea

If you chomp at the bit
You're content just to chew
It's champing not chomping
To go somewhere new

We don't need to touch base
Unless playing baseball
Just knock on the door
Or make a phone call

Don't hone in on a subject
Just sharpen your knife
Home in on your target
It may save your life

Not teething problems
Unless two years old
Or have need of a dentist
Or teeth sensitive to cold

It may be a foul swoop
If evil motives do lurk
But if just lopping a tree
A fell swoop will work

And what is a rain check
But a need for some cover
If you're really too busy
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Can't see forest for trees?
Then open your eyes
Trees need attention
Before forest dies

Free that bee in your bonnet
And speak out your thoughts
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It's when the sun sets
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CTC Robertson News

We have been busy planning a new program of events and services for our community.

FREE DIGITAL TRAINING TO OVER 50's

We are happy to announce the CTC will continue to be a Network Partner in the Be Connected program. This means that all residents over 50 can book in for free training to help build digital skills and use online services. Our Digital Mentors can help you with getting started on using a smartphone, tablet, or laptop; backing up to the cloud; using online banking and government services ;working out social media, and a range of other topics. Contact the CTC to make a booking.

SUPPORTING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The CTC is a great space to hold meetings and events for local groups. Our wonderfully refurbished space is accessible and available for hire at reasonable rates, and groups are always welcome to use our café space during opening hours free of charge.

Thanks to funding from Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop, the CTC has a new **weatherproof community noticeboard**. If you have an upcoming event or local service that you would like to promote, please get in touch about placing your flyer. We also appreciate the help of the Robertson Men's Shed, who installed the noticeboard.

We were fortunate to receive further funding from the Burrow to purchase a new **portable Bluetooth PA & microphone**. If you have an outdoor event or gathering, get in touch about our community hire rates.

MUSIC AND ART AT THE CTC

Alongside National Reconciliation Week, CTC is proud to host the **Being Brave, Making Change** exhibition featuring local First Nations artists. Also showing in June is an exhibition of hats by Fiona King (see back page).



The **Being Brave, Making Change** exhibition was an excellent setting for our **Journey Through Gundungurra Culture** workshop with Aunty Trish Levett on Sunday 22 May.

In May, we also presented the first in our **Music Café** series. The J&B Troubadours played a great selection of blues and jazz classics to a packed house. Next up, we look forward to welcoming the folk musician **Peter Campbell** on Saturday 16 July. Further details can be found in the event list to the right.

What is happening at the CTC?

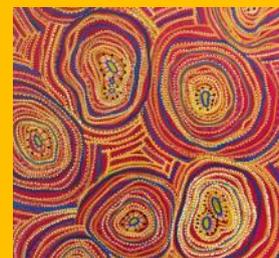
Being Brave, Making Change

On until the end of June

An exhibition of works by First Nations artists - Aunty Trish Levett, Pamela Luke, Michelle Gordon and Leeallison Downie. (Also hats by Fiona King in June)



One Voice
Leeallison Downie



Topographical Landscape
Pamela Luke

Accidental Counsellor Workshop

9.30am - 4.00pm Sunday 5 June

This interactive one-day workshop is designed to equip participants with a significant life skill – helping others who are distressed or upset.

Tickets: \$25 (includes morning tea and lunch)

Bookings essential: www.trybooking.com/BYMSM

Bea Cinémathèque—Driving Miss Daisy

2.30pm Sunday 12 June (café open from 2pm)

The funny, touching and totally irresistible story of a working relationship that became a 25-year friendship.

Tickets: \$10 adults (plus 50c booking fee)

Bookings essential: www.trybooking.com/bzwgg

Music Café - Peter Campbell

2 - 4pm Saturday 16 July

For over 50 years Peter Campbell's music has been an ongoing exploration of his political and environmental concerns alongside the bitter-sweet matters of the human heart. Come along for an afternoon of his finely crafted songs played on 6 and 12 string guitars and banjo.



Entry: \$5 on the door



Opening Hours

Thursday & Friday 10am-4pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

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Slow Crafted Hats on Exhibition



This years Robertson show champion knitter winner Fiona King is having a little exhibition of her hats at the CTC in June. Fiona makes slow crafted hand spun, hand dyed, hand

woven and/or knitted one off hat art for your head! The hats are designed to be unique and practical and can be worn from paddock to party. At CTC Robertson from 2 June.

The SHAC Exhibitions

Continues to 27 June

Emma Sheehan, Tillian Clegg and Bronwyn Bermann.



www.theshac.com.au

Open Fri-Mon 10am-4pm at 74-76 Hoddle St Robertson

Image: Tillian Clegg *Secrets of the Seed*

Local Poet Wins Major Prize

Congratulations to Peter Ramm who was recently announced as the winner of the prestigious Manchester Poetry Prize—the UKs biggest award for unpublished writing. Ramm's collection of poems *Landfall* were praised by judges for "luxuriating in the musicality of the language" and for the "richness and beauty portrayed". Ramm said: "It is with immense gratitude, thanks, and a lot of surprise, that I accept this prize. I feel deeply honoured just to be



counted alongside the amazing poets on this year's shortlist. Writing, and poetry in particular, is not an easy road to tread. There are many rejections, little acclaim, and almost no income, but we are stubborn bunch us poets; who seek to not only observe our own lives, but also to honour language, and let it unlock so much more than an ordinary existence.

www.mmu.ac.uk/writingcompetition/news/

Calendar of Events

Through June	Exhibitions	The SHAC & CTC See p11 & 12
Fri 10 June 7.30pm	REPS Public Meeting—Dingoes	CTC Robertson see p 9
Sun 12 June & Sun 10 July 8.30-2pm	Robertson Market	School of Arts ph 0408 238 575
Sun 12 June 2.30pm Café opens at 2pm	Cinema—Driving Miss Daisy	CTC Robertson see p 11
Tuesday 14 June 5pm	Community Assoc Meeting	CTC Robertson see p 7
Saturday 25 June 2pm	Sustainable Future Seminar	School of Arts See p7
Saturday 25 June 2pm-4pm	Highlands Singers Choir	Bowling Club See p3
Monday 4 July 5pm Sunday 31 July 1pm	Folk Group	Bowling Club See p3 & p 4
Sat 16 July 2pm-4pm	Music Café—Peter Campbell	CTC Robertson See p11
Saturday 16 July 6pm	Christmas in July	Bowling Club See p3
Saturday 23 July	Bush Dance	School of Arts see p5
Saturday 29 July 6.30-11pm	Christmas in July	Robertson Public House see p9
Saturday 30 July	Robertson Public School Ball	Showground see p4
Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Robertson RFS Meeting	Robertson Fire Station
Tuesday 10am-2pm Wednesdays 6-9pm Fridays 10am-1pm	Men's Shed Evening Shed Women's Shed	Men's & Women's Shed (behind the CTC)
First Monday of month 1.30pm	Robertson Garden Club Meeting	Showground see p7
Sat 9am-10.30am	Crop Swap	CTC Robertson
Church Services	St John's Church Services	See p 6 for details
Sunday Mass	St Peter's Burrawang	Call Ph 4868 1931

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