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## Robbo School Needs Our Help!

### Our school needs us—the community can have a role in helping fix Robertson PS’s mould problem

By Robertson Public School P & C

If you’ve been to Robertson Public School lately, you may have noticed a demountable going up alongside the administration building. The original building is closed indefinitely after dangerous mould levels were found inside its walls. It’s the most visible sign yet of a problem our school community has been living with for years.

Robertson PS sits in one of the wettest microclimates in the Southern Highlands – around 1,670mm of rain a year. Water pools under classrooms, an on-site well overflows after rain events, and moisture works its way through ageing roofs and walls. Floors in some classrooms have been replaced multiple times. Students are regularly relocated when works begin. And the mould keeps returning.

Students and staff have reported persistent respiratory illness, chronic coughs, headaches and fatigue that ease in the holidays and return with the school term. Some have had to leave the school. These are not people who complain easily – but there comes a point where health of our children and staff must come first.



Repairs in progress—picture supplied

The Robbo teachers are extraordinary. They have shown up every day for our kids, managing disrupted classrooms and ongoing uncertainty without complaint. They have reported and escalated this problem for years. It is not theirs to fix.

The P&C has been working with parents, legal advisors and health experts to build a formal case for government action. We wrote to *Contd p 4.....*

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# Robertson Community Association

The next meeting of the Robertson Community Association will be held at **5pm on Tuesday 2 June** at the CTC. Our member representatives will give updates on their Group's activities.

All are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

The Robertson News (free) comes out regularly and reliably for us in Robbo. It informs us about our community, advertises coming events and services and is a noticeboard for local issues and concerns, obituaries, promotions. It is an historical record of the town.

We are fortunate, in an age of false news and unreliable social media, to have 'The News'. I for one, appreciate, and I know many others also appreciate the News and the effort which goes into its production.

Michael D. Breen.

## Bowral Classic Cycling Event—get involved

Bowral Classic will return on **Sunday 18 October 2026** — marking a special milestone as they celebrate 10 years of The Classics cycling event series.

Over the past decade, the event has grown into a

much-loved fixture in the Southern Highlands, bringing thousands of riders, supporters, and visitors to the region. In 2026, They are looking forward to making it their biggest and most memorable year yet.

They love to include local residents, businesses and groups as much as possible each year, and there are a number of ways to get involved, including— supporting or promoting the event within your network, fundraising opportunities, volunteering across event weekend or exhibiting at the Event Village

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# Robertson Winterfest

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

**VENUE: PIG/POTATO & THE HIVE  
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- “Elsa” will arrive from 12.30pm with give aways for the kids and a photo opportunity
- Then at 2pm Revolution Rock will kick off some great music. A great cover band to enjoy the afternoon with.

We are also running an ugly jumper contest! Wear your best/worst ugly jumper. Christmas themed or otherwise.

So bring a blanket/chair, grab some food and a drink and relax or boogie the afternoon away.

This event is sponsored by Robertson Supermarket.

If you are interested in having a site at the market please contact Michelle on [robboevents@gmail.com](mailto:robboevents@gmail.com) or drop into The Highland Hattery.

We are now also taking stall applications for Babe’s Country Fair being held at Robertson Public School on Sunday the 4th of October 2026.

# Christmas in July

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## Looking for a winter school holiday day out locally?

Your local business chamber is putting together a Winterfest Market day on Saturday the 11th of July around pig/potato and at The Hive running from 10am-5pm. Spend the day locally around town with our stalls, music, local specialty shops and eateries.

What to expect -

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state and federal ministers – including the NSW Deputy Premier – calling for independent assessment, funded remediation, and a clear timetable. That letter had an impact.

On Monday 11 May, the Department’s Asset Management Unit came to the school, met with the P&C and Principal, and opened by acknowledging the Department had dropped the ball. Hygienists have been engaged for a whole-site assessment, a hydraulic engineer is examining the water table and drainage, and a structural engineer is assessing the buildings. All findings will be shared with the P&C and the community. This is a 9-month process – but for the first time, there is a plan.

### Here is how the community can help Robertson Public School right now:

**Share your experience with us.** If your family has been affected – health concerns, classroom disruptions, anything that hasn’t felt right – we want to hear from you. The P&C needs the full picture to hold the Department to account as this unfolds.

**Come to the June 10 P&C meeting.** The Department’s Asset Management team will be there to give the community a direct update. Robertson Pub, 6:30pm. Hear it firsthand and ask your questions.

**Complete our health survey.** We are asking families and staff to share their health experiences at Robertson PS. Respiratory illness, persistent coughs, headaches or fatigue that ease in the holidays – we want to hear from you. Contact us for the survey link.

Our teachers have managed this for years, under conditions that should never have been allowed to continue. They deserve better – and so do our kids.

**Contact Robertson Public School P&C**  
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# Robertson Public School Community Cookbook Coming Soon!

Excitement is building as the Robertson Public School Community Cookbook is almost ready to be released! This special cookbook has been lovingly created with recipes contributed by members of our wonderful school and wider community.



Filled with treasured family meals, sweet treats, potato dishes and family favourites, it is a celebration of the people and connections that make our school so special.

Not only is this cookbook something to cherish in the kitchen for years to come, a go to for those learning to be independent, but it is also an important fundraiser for Robertson Public School. All profits raised from cookbook sales will go directly towards projects and initiatives that benefit the children of our school.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has contributed recipes, the generous sponsors who supported the project and helped bring this idea to life and those that have volunteered their time to make this happen. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and belief in our school community. Keep an eye out for purchasing details and launch information coming soon.

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# Robbo School News From Our Budding Journalists!

## Student Council and GEM Ambassadors

By Archer A

At our school, we have a Student Council and GEM Ambassadors. Firstly, I would like to talk to you about the Student Council. It was first implemented last year so that students who campaigned for the captain role could still have a say in the decisions made for our school. These roles enable more students to have a voice, embodying our school motto: Truth, Honour and Courage. Every so often, the Student Council and leadership team have a meeting to discuss the things happening in our school. This helps the teachers gain a younger generation's insight and perspective.

Secondly, our GEM Ambassadors were also implemented last year. We now have GEM in the curriculum, which stands for Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. Every week or so, everyone from Kindergarten to Year 6 gets involved by practising these values to help them deal with different situations in a positive way. Each year, 2 or 3 GEM Ambassadors are selected from classes in Years 3 to 6, and only students who truly embody these traits are chosen. Every week, they work hard to make our school a better place. At every assembly, the GEM Ambassadors create videos to help students across the school better understand the concept of GEM.

## Sporting Achievements

By Henry G

Last term, we had some students participate in amazing sporting achievements across rugby, hockey and softball. Every one of these students competed with great sportsmanship, teamwork and gratitude.

We had students Jack F, Henry G and Sebastian B participate in the PSSA hockey trials in Welby

alongside Ava and Emmy, who took part in the girls' trials. All of these students participated with great determination and resilience, giving it their all. Jack F, Henry G and Sebastian B progressed to the second stage of the Wingecarribee representative hockey trials, where they showcased excellent sportsmanship and perseverance. As a result, Henry G was selected to represent the South Coast School Sport Hockey Team, where he competed in Bathurst from the 18th–22nd of May.

We are very proud of all our hockey representatives, and we wished Henry all the best in Bathurst! On the footy field, students Ruby-Jules W, Jack F and Santana R gave it their all, showing great determination and sportsmanship. Ruby-Jules W progressed to the zone level for NRL and district level for both Rugby 7s and touch football. Santana achieved district level in both rugby and touch football, while Jack F progressed to district level in rugby. Students Oscar D and Rylan M hit it out of the park while participating in the softball trials in Goulburn. These students showcased excellent skills and teamwork, representing Robbo with true Robertson spirit. Well done to our extraordinary softball players!

We are very proud of all these achievements and determination in sport.

## Peer Support Camp

By Ruby W

In Term One, all of Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) went on a school camp to Kangaroo Valley to learn how to support students in our Peer Support groups. Peer Support is when students from different classes are placed into 12 or more groups around the school, with one or two Year 6 students and one Year 5 student leading each group. We include the Year 5 students so we can teach and prepare them for when they take on the role next year.

Moving back to the school camp, all of us had so much fun. From arriving and unpacking to spending time with our friends, it was an amazing experience. Not only did I enjoy it, but I think everyone had a great time.

*More Robbo School news on p6....*

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## Future Council and Young REPs

By Jack F



Our Future Council has been a fantastic opportunity for students to have their voices heard and help shape the future of our school community. We have watched the Future Council movie to give us a better understanding on how to protect nature and encourage

others to do so too. This was really good because many schools and people don't really care for nature and the environment.

We are also excited to continue building our Young REPs, encouraging students to care for our environment and make sustainable choices every day. From recycling initiatives and waste reduction to gardening and environmental awareness activities, students have been actively learning how small actions can make a big difference. The Young REPs have already created a strong sense of responsibility and pride within our school, and we look forward to expanding this further in the future.

## Mental Health and GEM

By Taylor S

Mental health is important. At our school we practise being mentally healthy through the resilience project or GEM. The G is for gratitude the E is for empathy and the M is for mindfulness. We believe that these are the three most important things to be successful at being resilient. Recently our school had a joint harmony and GEM day. Our whole school dressed up in orange and/or green and brought in a gold coin donation to send to a school that not long ago experienced bush fires. This helped raise awareness and appreciated their resilience. It was inspiring to see how important it is to never give up. We also had a special assembly that was run by all our GEM Ambassadors who range from Years 3-6. These students were nominated by peers and teachers. They are chosen because everyone at school agrees that they showcase our GEM values consistently. It gives them all a chance to represent the school with pride. Our school always tries their best to succeed in resilience to set us all up for a life ahead where you definitely need to stand up for yourself and bounce back from experiences quickly.

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### EVENT DETAILS

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Saturday 4th July

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*I am looking forward to hearing from you!*



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# Firewood habits for cleaner air and healthier habitats

Nothing beats a warm wood fire on a cold night, but the way firewood is sourced and burned can make a real difference to local wildlife and air quality.



Fallen timber, hollow logs and dead branches provide shelter and foraging areas for birds, reptiles, insects and small

mammals. Removing this material from bushland can destroy important habitat and disrupt local ecosystems.

Help protect local wildlife by sourcing firewood from reputable suppliers, not from Council land, reserves, roadsides or national parks. On private property, leave hollow logs and decaying wood where possible, as what appears dead is often already a home to wildlife.

Using dry, seasoned hardwood helps reduce winter smoke pollution. It burns hotter, cleaner and more efficiently than green or freshly cut wood, producing less smoke and reducing chimney build-up.

Good firewood is typically lighter in weight, cracked at the ends and sounds hollow when knocked together. Storing wood off the ground and protected from rain will help keep it dry and ready to burn.

Simple smoke reduction habits—Burn only dry, seasoned wood ; Never burn rubbish or treated timber ; Use kindling to get a hot fire quickly ; Avoid letting fires smoulder overnight ; Clean chimneys and flues regularly .

A good wood fire should settle into a steady flame with minimal visible smoke.

For more practical tips and advice search, “Reducing Wood Smoke During Winter” at [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au)

## Wiltipoll, the best sheep meat in Australia

By Nikki & Geoff Lomman

Bred from the English Wiltshire horn, Wiltipoll sheep have become famous for their superior meat which other breeds find hard to rival. Such is the interest in Wiltipoll meat, that Nikki and Geoff Lomman hosted a group of five chefs at their Robertson NSW property in February this year. The chefs were impressed with Nikki and Geoff’s Pine Hill Wiltipoll stud. Four of the five chefs are Sydney based and rarely get the opportunity to visit rural properties to see where the food they cook comes from.

The fifth chef, Stephen Santucci from Robertson’s Moonacres restaurant, purchases 2 year old hoggett from Nikki and Geoff, every time they do an abattoir run. Stephen gets incredible feedback from his customers when he prepares Wiltipoll hoggett dishes. The meat is tasty and lean and assists in building Moonacres restaurant as a place to eat locally produced food. In fact Moonacres is owned by a company that also runs an organic vegetable farm and much of the food that is cooked and sold through the restaurant, comes from the farm.

Nikki and Geoff’s Wiltipoll meat is butchered in Bowral NSW by the Hot Canary butcher. Nikki takes orders for the meat which after hanging is cut to customer requirements and packed into cryovac packs. Customers pick up their pre-sold meat directly from The Hot Canary thus ensuring top notch cold chain management.

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# New Owners of 39 Hoddle Street Promoting Robertson to Guests

By Cheridan Kerr

My husband David and I are new Robertson locals and have recently reopened accommodation at the old church property on Hoddle Street, following the wonderful work Josette put into creating such a special place.



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Our website launched on 12 May—  
<https://39hoddlestreet.com.au/> - and as part of settling into the community, we'd love to help support local businesses, makers, cafés, events, and community groups wherever we can.

We're currently putting together guest information folders for visitors staying with us, so if local businesses or community groups would ever like to drop off menus, flyers, or event information, we'd be very happy to include them for guests. Just pop them in the letterbox. I'm a micro business owner from way back and grew up in a small town in WA, and I finally feel like I found my hometown, if that makes any sense.

We're also building a section on our website highlighting local events and things to do around Robertson and the Southern Highlands, and would be very happy to include community events there free of charge.

We've already fallen a little in love with Robertson and are excited to become part of the community.

## Next REPS Talk— Ecosystems of the Illawarra Escarpment, Coastal Plains and Plateau Areas

David Rush is a distinguished authority on the ecosystems of the Illawarra Escarpment, Coastal Plains and Plateau areas. In his presentation at the **next REPS public meeting at CTC Robertson at 7:30pm on Friday 12 June**, David will answer the question "What's so special about the escarpment forests?"



The  
Escarpment  
Forests

David was the Project Officer of the Thin Green Line and Berry Bush Links Projects which was part of the NSW Environmental Trust Bush Connect program from 2016 to 2026 involving a consortium of community, government and organisational partners.

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Southern Highlands and South Coast

# Saving the Robertson Rainforest

By Mark Turner, REPS

When you live with your surroundings for such a long time, you take it for granted that familiar things will always be there. Then one day, you look over your shoulder and suddenly part of your life is absent. It may be that it has been disappearing so gradually that it was not noticeable and then the tipping point is reached and what was always there is gone. So it is with our natural environment. Now, just like that metaphorical frog sitting in warming water, it has boiled before we noticed.

REPS has noticed and has been doing what it can to keep the temperature down within our limited resources. Although it is recognised that the Robertson Rainforest is critically endangered, protected stands of the forest have been gradually disappearing over the years, either through ignorance or deliberate clearing, on a scale that has been barely noticed but incremental in its effect. Most of this remnant rainforest is on private land and provides habitat for many species and has flora that will only grow on Robertson's basalt soils. We have been encouraged by many of our members who recognise the value of preserving this wonderful asset and have actively taken steps to protect and enhance rainforest on their patch. Also, a number of landowners have approached REPS seeking information on how to identify and protect the rainforest on their land. The more of us who take these steps, the better chance we have of preserving this contribution to the uniqueness of the Robertson.

If you are a landowner who wants to know more about what grows on your land and want to protect it, please do not hesitate to contact us through the contact box on the REPS website <https://reps.org.au/get-in-touch>. We are happy to come and have a look and provide some expert advice without charge.

There have been some recent reports by some concerned locals about clearing of Robertson Rainforest and understorey by owners who may be unaware that it is an illegal practice. If you know of any of this occurring and a friendly chat has not helped, there is an easy anonymous way of reporting to the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) via the Ecosystems and Threatened Species Branch. The Environmental line is 13 15 55 or send an email to [info@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@environment.nsw.gov.au). This Branch is keen to be on the front foot on environmental matters. It has inspectors who will investigate and take action if necessary. The WSC is also liaising with the Department to ensure that there are appropriate approvals for land

clearing.

An excellent map that illustrates the sparse distribution of the remnant rainforest can be found on our website <https://reps.org.au/maps>. It was prepared by the Council in collaboration with our Committee member Allan Stiles. A larger version can be viewed at CTC Robertson.

## Inaugural Robertson Rainforest Festival

The Robertson Environment Protection Society (REPS) is presenting the inaugural Robertson Rainforest Festival from 26 September to 4 October 2026.

REPS invites anyone who would like to be involved to contact their Get In Touch page of [www.reps.org.au](http://www.reps.org.au) and [REPS Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/reps). REPS calls out for social media and technical support (volunteer), practical help on the day (volunteer), art and craft teachers to hold children's eco workshops (paid opportunity). Applications are open for local food and produce stalls at the Robertson School of Arts on Sunday, 4 October e.g jams, honey and handmade crafts/clothing stalls with an eco vibe.

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# A View of Robertson

By Michael D Breen

What kind of Robertson do we want? What can you or (I) do about it? My work life has included years assisting large and small, city and country communities to plan their future visions, objectives and aims. Initially I would ask the participants, sometimes hundreds, in small groups to record what were the best places they ever lived or visited and what were these places like. Then what did they want in the places where they were planning to live. Things like 'a variety of housing options', 'open green spaces', 'local jobs', 'closeness to shops-not necessarily supermarkets', 'being able to walk to school', always showed up as did 'friendly people', 'respect for all ages', and 'neighbours who would help'. Which you might notice were close to what we have in Robertson.

But the most important things in life are unspoken and unable to be put into words and certainly not able to be commanded by laws and regulations. Pretending to make laws to regulate hate speech or be nice to others are ludicrous and bound not to work. You might as well make laws about which football team you have to follow. Those serious things have to arise from common sense and the heart. Talking to people around Robbo about what was/is important to them these were the main things people told me. 'Getting the Council to be more responsive', 'a swimming pool', 'somewhere to get a food on Tuesday, 'a skate or pump park', 'fixing the footpaths', 'fixing the dangerous railway crossing for pedestrians', 'more reasonable rates'. You notice most of these are the responsibility of Council and the Department of Transport. So how we relate to Council is importance to lobby for what we want. But that is not all; far from it.

So what can we do locally? We need spaces where we

can feel safe, be part of a community and have the healthy necessities of life within the average wage. My belief is that our comfort and satisfaction lie in small local groups. Here in Robbo groups like the Eleven o'clock Friday group for older folk at Nadine's, the Men's and Women's Shed, the Knitting Group, The Heritage Railway group, the Gardening Group, the Bowling Club, several Sporting Clubs, the Robertson Environment Protection Society,(REPS), the Show Society, the Robertson Community Association, to name some, are groups where you can belong and have your say. In these groups you can meet like minded folk, you can learn, and be respected. And you can often get help with a job or problem. You can balance that human need to belong and to stick out.



REPS photo of tree planting with Robertson students—supplied

There are heap of things we can do to make life better in Robertson. These do not depending on funding, or permission from the Council nor everyone in town to be involved. Sure, we need funding and grants for some matters. But I would argue that for several of the most important human things can do it ourselves and enjoy and be proud we created the results.

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# What's Happening at the CTC

May has been busy with lots of events. We have just finished the Sydney Writers Festival Live and Local here over 4 days – interesting conversations and of course great coffee and homemade cakes. Thank you to our team of volunteers who made this successful!

**Coming up in June** we are very pleased to be able to offer a course that supports our young people by giving the adults in their lives the skills to recognize and respond to any mental health challenges they might be experiencing. Thanks to a grant from Wingecarribee Council, the course is heavily subsidized—for parents it is \$50 for the 2 day course including all materials and refreshments. Places are limited so please book quickly if you are interested in taking up this opportunity.

Book online at [www.trybooking.com/DMBKQ](http://www.trybooking.com/DMBKQ) or use the QR or give us a call.

Planning is underway for the next round of **Be Connected Digital Skills training for Over 50's** commencing end of July. If you are new to using technology or would like to improve your skills, these classes are easy and include wonderful learning support! If you have already signed up and completed previous Be Connected training, we offer Revision Classes and 1 on 1 support. Call or email us to discuss what we can help with.

We are pleased to have received grants for training, items and equipment. "Thank you" to:

- Community Underwriting Insurance for funding a new Coffee Grinder and a Baby Changing station
- The Robertson Burrow Community Op Shop for funding 2 PCs for our Technology Training
- Good Things Foundation for Be Connected Digital Skills training for Over 50's.

**Parents & Bubs Group** – an initial meeting of a small group of Mums was held recently to talk about a possible regular group meeting at the CTC. Those present were keen to have some structured activities for the little ones at the group and we are following up a couple of ideas along those lines. Watch this space!

Thanks also to Emma Calver who as a CTC volunteer worked with the students of **Robertson Public School** on their news items. You can see the wonderful results in this edition!

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# Showing at CTC Robertson

Coming up in June the CTC is delighted to host a first exhibition by young Robertson artist Bethany Herford.

"I've lived and grown up in Robertson for most of my 25 years of life, which was subsequently where I solidified the decision to take a career in art seriously. As the natural beauty of the landscape surrounding my home and nostalgic memories and people, inspires my practice, so to does capturing a subjects calm, or in some cases sombre, resting expression. I like to intertwine people and nature together in my portraits plus native studies/scenes, as a reminder of our softer natures in an often harsh, fast-paced world."



Bethany's exhibition runs from Thursday 4 June to Saturday 1 August. Open 10am-4pm Thur-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat. Find out more at [www.robertsonctc.org.au/exhibitions.html](http://www.robertsonctc.org.au/exhibitions.html)

## Rainforest Art Prize

It is time to start preparing for the Thin Green Line Art Prize. Submissions open on 19 June and close on 19 September.

This is an initiative of Robertson Environment Protection Society in partnership with the CTC and the prize money is \$500. All the details can be found at [www.robertsonctc.org.au/thingreenlineartprize.html](http://www.robertsonctc.org.au/thingreenlineartprize.html)



## Calendar of Events

Tues 2 June 5pm	<b>Community Association</b>	CTC Robertson <i>see p2</i>
Wed 3 June 8,30am-11.30am	<b>Mobile Recycling Centre</b>	Hampden Park
Thur 4 June—Sat 1 Aug	<b>Bethany Herford Exhibition</b>	CTC Robertson <i>see this page</i>
Wed 10 June 6.30pm	<b>Robertson Public School P&amp;C meeting</b>	Robertson Public House <i>see p1 &amp; 4</i>
Fri 12 June 7.30pm	<b>REPS Talk-Illawarra Escarpment</b>	CTC Robertson <i>see p8</i>
Sun 14 & Sun 21 June 9-4.30pm	<b>Youth Mental Health First Aid Course</b>	CTC Robertson <i>see p11</i>
Sun 14 June & Sun 12 July 8.30am-2pm	<b>Robertson Market</b>	School of Arts Ph 0408 238 575
Fri 19 June	<b>Entries open for Thin Green Line Art Competition</b>	CTC Robertson <i>see</i>
Sat 20 June 6-9pm	<b>Winter Ceilidh</b>	School of Arts <i>see p3</i>
Sat 4 July 4pm	<b>Writers in the Round concert with Amber Kenny</b>	School of Arts <i>see p6</i>
Sat 11 July 10am-4pm	<b>Robertson Winterfest</b>	Pig/Potato &Hive <i>see p3</i>
Sun 12 July	<b>Cockatoo Run</b>	<i>See p3</i>
July	<b>Christmas in July</b>	Robertson Hotel <i>see page 1</i>
26 Sep -- 4 Oct	<b>Robertson Rainforest Festival</b>	<i>See p9</i>
Every Monday (except 3rd Monday) from 6pm	<b>Trivia Night</b>	<i>Robertson Public House</i>
Every 3rd Mon of month from 6pm	<b>Open Mic Night</b>	<i>Robertson Public House</i>
Every Friday 11am	<b>Seniors Coffee Group</b>	Nadine's Coffee
Every Tues from 1pm Every Tues from 6.15pm & Every Wed from 11am	<b>Table Tennis Line Dancing</b>	Robertson Bowling Club
Every Tuesday 1pm-3pm	<b>Social Tennis—all welcome</b>	Tennis courts Contact Maureen Ph: 0457 236 383
Wed-Sun 10am-2pm	<b>Op Shop Open</b>	The Burrow
Every Wed 7.30pm	<b>Robertson RFS Meeting</b>	RFS Shed
Tues 9.am-3pm Fridays 9am-3pm	<b>Men's Shed Women's Shed</b>	Men's & Women's Shed (rear CTC)
First Monday 1.30pm	<b>Robertson Garden Club</b>	Showground
Every Sat 9am-10.30am	<b>Crop Swap</b>	CTC Robertson
Church Services Kids & Youth	<b>St John's Church</b> <a href="http://www.robboanglican.org">www.robboanglican.org</a>	Ph: 4885 1210 or check website
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