



# Robertson Newsletter

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## Paralympic Torch in Robertson

The Olympic excitement will continue for Robertson when the Paralympic Torch comes through on Thursday 12th of October. .

It will leave at 9.20am from the corner of Wallangunda St (next to the service station) and be carried by 2 torch-bearers along the main road as far as the Cheese Factory.

The Southern Highlands Olympic Committee hopes that all of Robertson will turn out for the occasion. Our Primary School children will certainly be there to cheer on the torch bearers because of their affiliation through the Link Elete Athlete Programme.

A sausage sizzle will be held at the Robertson Butchery, kindly provided by our local butcher and the Robertson Supermarket.



### Robertson Student wins Prestige Scholarship

Georgia Stannard aged 16 has been awarded the Grahame Smee Scholarship for Years 11 and 12 at Oxley College, the second year a Robertson student has been selected. Selection is based on academic per-

formance and community involvement. Mrs Nance Morrow, President of the Robertson Show Society Pavilion Committee was pleased to give Georgia a reference. "So many children enter exhibits during their primary school years," Mrs Morrow said, "but few carry on once they start High School. Georgia has been a consistent and successful exhibitor for many years, both with floral art and horse-riding, and I am delighted that she has been awarded the scholarship."

Georgia also believes strongly in the ongoing commemoration of Anzac Day. Her poem on that subject has been selected for the 1999-2000 "Youth Writes" book, featuring the writing of 141 Australian students and co-edited by Burrawang resident Jonathan Persse.

## World Cup Player from Robertson.

Congratulations to Nathan Hindmarsh. Nathan has been chosen for the Australian World Cup Rugby League Team and will play his first match in London at the end of this month.

Both Nathan and his brother Ian have been playing 1st Grade with Parramatta. Ian was also invited to play for Scotland in the World Cup but had to decline because of a wrist injury.

Quite an achievement! Two world class players from one small village!

## Federation Tree Planting

Thanks to the enthusiasm, support and donations already being received in Robertson for the tree planting scheme, it has been decided to plan a really special occasion to celebrate Federation next year.

To set the programme in motion, a meeting will be held at the end of October or early November and all the village organisations and residents are invited to attend to contribute ideas for making this a successful event.

Notices of the time and place for the meeting will be placed in village shops within the next few weeks. For more information, please ring Joan Campagnoni on 4885 1280.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

The correspondence and articles within recent issues of The Robertson Newsletter and regarding the problem of litter scattered so widely around our village are depressing and yet, at the same time, encouraging. The fact that they were written and published at all proves that, in spite of appearances to the contrary, a lot of people genuinely do care about the problem of Robertson rubbish. Especially the kind of rubbish which is deliberately flung around by young and old alike simply because they are either too lazy or too uncaring of their fellow men to place it in a garbage bin.

However, we should not fall into the trap of believing that this is a problem which is peculiar to Robertson or, indeed to the whole of our beautiful country. It is a problem of so many different countries, one of the worst offenders of which is, sadly, England. A recent article in "The Spectator" leaves one with the impression that major conurbations in the U.K. these days are easily mistaken for gigantic rubbish dumps with lots of houses in the middle.

A Belgian visitor to England was horrified by what she saw and was asked if she could offer any suggestion for the decline. She replied, "It may have something to do with the English losing their sense of fair play" And she continued, "It used to be something that the English were known for but it is a fallacy, just as it is a fallacy that the English have good manners. If you, the English, understood about fair play you would pick up after yourselves. To throw litter on the ground or out of your car window and expect someone else to clean it up isn't playing fair. It's cheating."

An interesting observation for all of us who are, indeed, fortunate enough to live in the land of the 'fair go', don't you think?

Arthur Jackson.

### To Let

#### Robertson

Rural Location - 2 Bedroom Cottage - \$190 pw

#### Fitzroy Falls

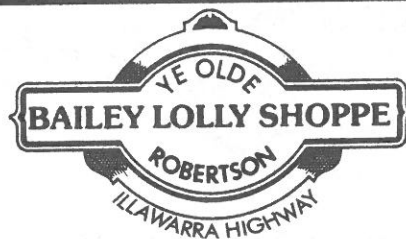
3 Bedroom Home, garage, wood fire, ensuite, fenced yd - \$190 pw

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Joyce Bailey - 4885 2885

## BETTER STREET BINS SOON



Robertson Business Association has had a victory in the fight against litter in Hoddle St. New street bins are on the way. 'These will have clamped lids designed to stop large garbage bags being inserted, and to prevent waste spilling out. We understand that old bins will be replaced progressively over coming months, starting within the next couple of weeks.

## HOW BIG IS "BIG ENOUGH?"

What's the ideal size for a village? How many people do we need to make Robertson economically viable for the many amenities we now lack - for instance, a chemist, a Bank, a TAB, a skateboard park, a swimming pool? These are some of the questions raised in the RBA's major submission to the recent "Wingecarribee Our Future" Council initiative. No-one wants Robertson to grow too big. But there's a good argument to be made that our village is currently too underdeveloped to attract or sustain amenities we very much need. The RBA is surprised that these questions don't seem to have even been asked, let alone addressed in Council village planning so far, hence our decision to make a major submission. If you'd like to read what we said, copies are available from Dion Boehme at Robertson Recollections.

## NEW MEMBERS

Since last newsletter, the RBA has welcomed two new Members - Murrays Tractors and Solicitor Brian Muir. This brings membership to 24, and helps to make the RBA ever more representative. Most businesses in the village are now members.

## Robertson Business Association

*Making Robertson better for your business and a better place to live*

## HUGE SUCCESS OF BURRAWANG ARTS AND CRAFTS.

Thanks to a vast amount of hard work and planning extending over many months, the inaugural Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Burrawang School of Arts proved to be an almighty success.

The exhibition was the brain-child of Mrs. Harley Martin. She was the Chairman of the small committee of ladies who developed the whole idea and she was most strongly supported by Mrs. Theresa Baudert who organised the publicity and so much of the detailed administration.

The Governor of New South Wales, The Honourable Gordon Samuels, accompanied by Mrs. Samuels, kindly attended and declared the exhibition open. All of this generated considerable public interest and attendance and, during the three days of the exhibition from September 1st to the 3rd, a substantial sum of money was raised for the benefit of The Children's Cancer Institute Australia for Medical Research.

This exhibition was a major undertaking for any community and was especially so for the small village of Burrawang. The fact that it proved to be so very successful is a tribute to the many volunteers who worked so tirelessly and so cohesively to ensure that the whole, complex operation welded together so smoothly and in such a spirit of genuine goodwill.



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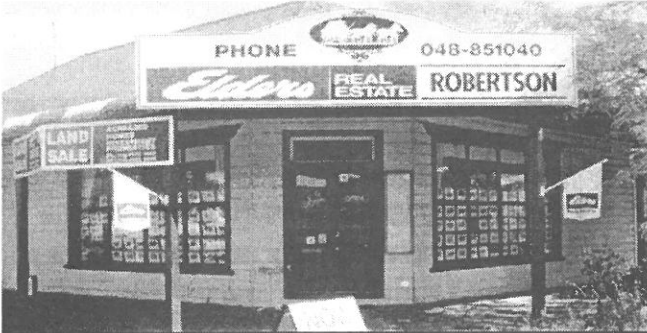
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## DON'T WORRY. THE BILLYCAN'S BOILING.

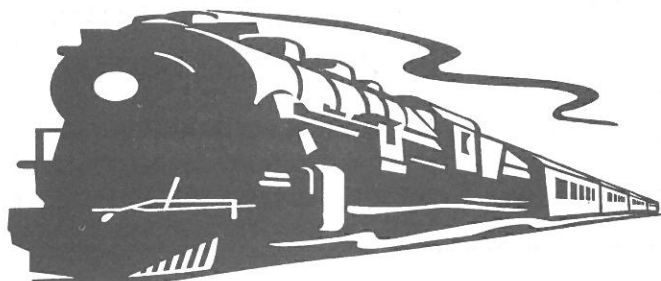
Just because you may not have heard much about it recently, it would be completely wrong to assume that the steam has run out of the Robertson Rural Railway scheme. Quite the reverse is the case and the billycan of enthusiasm for this exciting village project is steadily boiling away in the background thanks to the perseverance of dedicated people like Helen and David Tranter, Larry Whipper and many others.

On behalf of our village, a few weeks ago these people made a detailed and professional presentation of the ambitious but realistic plans to representatives of Rail Estate and to Wingecarribee Council. The presentation was complimented upon and appears to have been well received. We now await what is hoped will be a positive response so that all of the exciting planning can finally be translated into even more exciting action by all members of our community.

Jan Giblin has kindly produced a spectacular colour illustration of how beautiful the new area is planned to be. This splendid visualisation will shortly be on display at Hope Waters' store.

Now is definitely the time to find out more about this wonderful project; to learn about how beneficial it will be for everybody in Robertson and about how you and your family members can be involved in making it happen.

So contact Larry Whipper (4885 1695) or Helen Tranter (4885 1394), today. And keep that billycan boiling!



## Community Notices

### Robertson Uniting Church

"KIDS KLUBB"  
for 3rd-6th Class Tues-  
days 3pm - 4.30pm

"KIDS KLUBB"  
for Kindy-2nd Class  
Mondays 3pm - 4.30pm

During School Term  
Games, Craft, Fun  
Cost - \$2

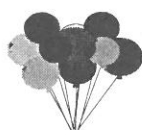
Sunday Services till the end of October  
2nd & 4th Sundays at 7.30am.  
For more information - 4885 1490 or 4868 1134

### Robertson Public School



## Fete.

Saturday 28th October  
11.00am - 3.00pm



Come and support our local school.  
Donations & Goods welcome.



### Warehouse Shopping Tour

Saturday 4th November  
Cost \$25

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### Robertson/Burrawang Senior Citizen's Club.

The Christmas Dinner this year will be held at Ranelagh on Friday 15th December, 2000 at 12.00 for 12.30pm. The cost is \$27.50. Please leave names with Lydia or Joan.

Membership Fees (\$2.00) are now due.

Donations are asked for towards our Christmas Stocking (proceeds to the Children's Hospital). Please leave items at either the Post Office or Water's Store, by Monday 13th November, 2000.

Lydia Maynard 4885 1730  
Joan Campagnoni 4885 1280

### Support your local Gardens and The Smith Family.

#### OPEN GARDEN

"The Moorings"  
Lot 8 Fountaindale Rd  
Robertson

7th & 8th, 21st & 22nd October  
from 10.00am - 4.00pm

### ROBERTSON SHOW SOCIETY LADIES AUXILIARY

Our well attended AGM was held at Ranelagh on August 9. At the meeting our President of many years, Mrs Nance Morrow, retired and Mrs Katherine Wood was elected our new President. Mrs Janet Yabsley gave a most inspiring talk on jams and preserves and their presentation for Show judging. A wonderful 'Xmas in July' lunch followed and our thanks go to Ranelagh for their continuing support of the Robertson Show and particularly their generosity to the Ladies Auxiliary..

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on 11th October at 10.30am at the Robertson Motel.

All welcome.

### Marathon at Avoca

**Avoca's Waratah Festival** will not only be celebrating it's 62nd Waratah Ball on the 21st October, but will include a 42k Marathon. Under the patronage of Heather Turland, the Marathon will start at "Twin Falls Bush Cottages", Throsby Rd, Fitzroy Falls and finish at a Country Fair at "Prittlewell", Bodycott Lane off Sheepwash Rd, Fitzroy Falls.

The course will be overseen by the Rural Bush Fire Brigade and all proceeds from the Marathon will go to maintain the voluntary brigades.

For further information phone 4887 7333



### Another Spring Comes Around.

October in the southern Highlands is spring time. No more frosts, we hope, and no more winds – a truly perfect time of the year for those of us who love to be out in it.

October is also a special month for us at Robertson Village Nursery. It marks our 11th year of operation at the nursery. Eleven years of gale force winds, sleet, snow, hail, water restrictions, floods, perfect sunshine and lots of good memories.

The nursery has grown markedly over the years not only do we have people coming from all over the shire but from as far away as the ACT and the tablelands of NSW.

This winter we have been able to double the size of our shadehouse and it is packed full of advanced sasanquas and beautiful weeping maples all bursting into fresh spring growth. We have improved the children's playground so you can wander around while your children play. Or sit for a while in the shade of our verandah and enjoy the amazing display of new season flowers now in stock.



October in Robertson - the perfect time to get out and enjoy your backyard or come up to the nursery and enjoy ours.

### Robertson Village Nursery

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### Robertson Garden Club.



The Robertson Garden Club was formed in March this year.

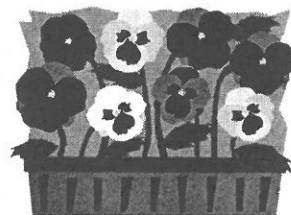
The Club meets in the Community Hall, Caalang Street, Robertson, on the 1st Monday of each month, commencing at 1.30 p.m. (except when that Monday is a Public Holiday, when it will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month.).

The main aim of the Garden Club is:  
"Friendship Through Gardening"

There is a different guest speaker each month, discussing varying aspects of gardening.

Come along and enjoy the Friendship of other Gardeners.  
Afternoon Tea will be provided.

For more information contact  
Julie Payne on 48851767.



### Recipe of the Month

#### Leg of Lamb Marinade & Sauce.

(Winning recipe contributed by Joan Jacobs of Fitzroy Falls.)

Mix together : ¼ cup tomato sauce, ½ cup Worcestershire sauce, ½ jar mango & ginger chutney, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp black pepper, ½ cup brown sugar, 2 tsp crushed garlic, 1¼ dsp red wine vinegar, 1 tbsp mustard sauce, 1 tbsp ground ginger.

Cover leg of lamb with above marinade and leave at least 2 hours, turning every so often. Baste well while cooking. Thicken sauce if necessary and pour over sliced meat.

This recipe is brought to you with the compliments of

### Robertson Recollections

26 Hoddle St, Robertson

Open 9.30am-5.30pm (Closed Wednesdays)  
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Joan Jacobs has received a \$20 gift voucher from Robertson Recollections. If you would like to enter the Recipe of the Month competition, drop your entry into Robertson Recollections by 15th November. From now on you may submit any of your recipes, for cakes, jams, chutnies, soups, main meals etc.



## PLEASE LET'S PROTECT THE PLATYPUS.

For some years now our village has been unusually fortunate inasmuch that we have had a small and rare colony of Platypus living peacefully and contentedly in the creek close to the Council Reserve in Devonshire Road.

Sadly, these shy and inoffensive little creatures appear to have either departed or, worse, expired. Certainly they have not been sighted for very many months and this genuinely is a great loss. If they are gone, then the strong likelihood is that they may never return.

The reason for their disappearance remains a mystery although it is believed that some of the very young ones may have died in yabby traps which had been set in the creek by young children.

Ah, well. Accidents inevitably happen from time to time. However, we really do live in such a fragile environment and what has happened here is, undeniably, a very sad and tragic affair. Let us all be on our guard to do all that we can to ensure that it is one that will not be repeated. And let's hope, with all our hearts, that the Platypus do, somehow, come back. They are very much missed.

## Church Service Times

### Anglican

#### St John's Robertson

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

7.00pm 1st & 3rd Sundays - Informal Service

#### St David's Burrawang

8.00am - 1st Sunday (NEW)

### Presbyterian, Burrawang

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

### Uniting, Robertson

7.30am - 2nd & 4th Sundays

### Roman Catholic

#### Robertson

10.00am - 2nd & 4th Sundays

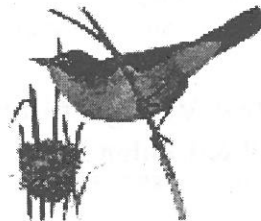
#### Burrawang

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

### Spring is in the Air.

The swallows have come back and so has the reed warbler, to Hampden Park.

Do we have any bird-lovers in Robertson who might like to contact our editor and let us know more about our local birds?



### Contribution Guidelines

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

### Advertising

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

### Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of December. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th November 2000**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577, Fax: 4885 2241 or Email: bjlee@tpg.com.au.** (Submissions are best supplied by email or on disk. Hard copy should preferably be typed) Enquiries - 4885 1210

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