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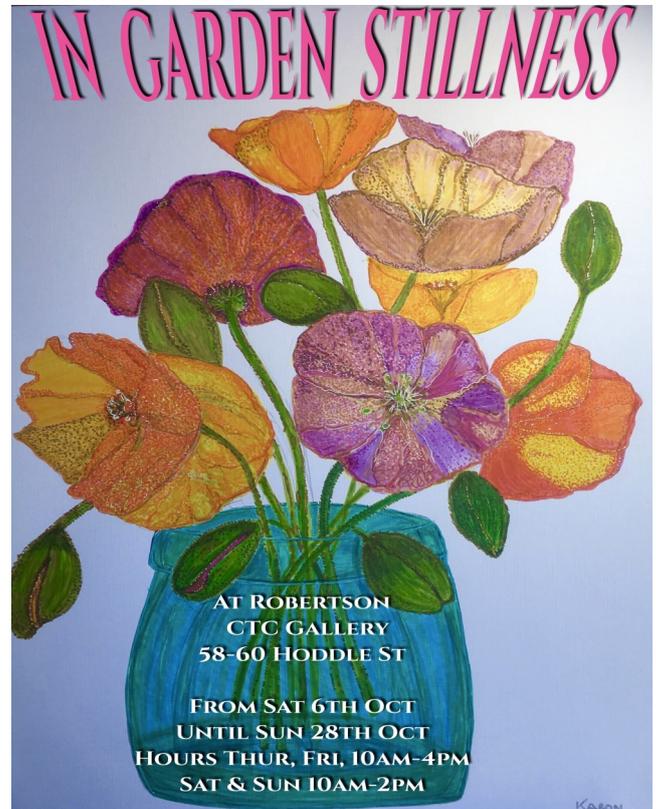
## Get Inspired For Spring at Robertson Open Gardens Weekend This Month

By Colin Hancock

The Robertson Garden Club is once again holding the Open Gardens and Spring Fair on the weekend of 13-14 October. Seven beautiful gardens will be open from 10am until 4pm on both Saturday & Sunday. Tickets, garden descriptions and all information will be available at the CTC@Robertson in Hoddle Street (Illawarra Hwy) from 8.30am and also at the gardens.

The Garden Club will also be running a gigantic plant sale with over 2500 cottage garden plants, succulents, rare perennials and others for sale throughout the weekend.

This year will see a range of entertainment including a botanical art and craft exhibition to peruse whilst taking morning tea at the CTC plus music and a sausage sizzle manned by The Robertson Men's Shed. Also in Robertson visitors can enjoy the Heritage Railway Station Waratah Gardens, the Community Markets at The School of Arts on Sunday and a competition for the best dressed commercial window in a botanical theme as you wander through the village.



Turn over for details of all the gardens and to read more about the Robertson Garden Club.....

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## ROBERTSON BOWLING CLUB

Open 7 days a week

Mon-Fri 12 noon till late, Sat-Sun 10am till late

**Every Monday** - Social Carpet Bowls 11am - new players welcome  
**Every Wednesday** - Social Lawn Bowls (\$10 per player) - new bowlers welcome  
**Every Thursday** - Soccer Club Joker Jackpot and Pool Comp from 6.30pm  
**Every Friday** - Free Trivia - Joker Jackpot and Lucky Member draw from 7pm  
**Every Sunday** - Prize Tombola - Members Draw from 6.30pm

The Club welcomes new members with membership starting at \$10 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.

**Peggy's Bistro** - open Mon & Tues lunch and dinner  
**Mountain Spice Bistro** - open Wed to Sun lunch and dinner. Authentic Thai, Chinese and Australian favourite dishes.

# Plan your Open Gardens Visit

Prices are \$5 per garden or \$20 for all gardens. Children are free and tickets are valid for both days. Seven beautiful town and country gardens not normally open to the public will showcase the individual style of the owners with a variety of plantings to please the most ardent gardeners. *No dogs please.*

## This Year's Gardens

### **GARDENALIA**

Established over 6 years Gardenalia's 2 acre garden is a delight, featuring an eclectic collection of different species growing in vintage pots and containers

**DEIRDRE'S GARDEN** Deirdre's Garden is a beautiful formal garden originally planned by the previous owner who was employed as a horticulturist at Wollongong Botanical Gardens.

### **THE WILLOWS**

The Willows is a 5 acre property with extensive established gardens

### **THE GARDEN**

The Garden has a wide variety of Rhododendrons, Camellias, Azaleas, Roses, Maples and a wonderful Camellia sasanqua hedge in the front.

### **FLAMINGO WEST**

This property is set in a street lined with cherry trees. Scattered throughout the garden are mature Japanese Maples, an aged standard weeping cherry, roses, camellias, hydrangeas, box topiaries and an espaliered pear.

### **LYNWOOD FARM**

This property enjoys views to Carrington Falls, Buddaroo National Park and Kangaroo Valley. Features of this garden include espaliered apples and Camellias, tree Peonies, Box hedges,

Hornbeam and Linden walks.

### **PRITTLEWELL**

Recognised as one of the loveliest gardens in the Southern Highlands, *Prittlewell* is sited on 29 acres adjoining Fitzroy Falls Reservoir and overlooking a beautiful lake.

**Further info—Margaret on 0477 213 141**  
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**www.robertsonopengardens.weebly.com**

## About Robertson Garden Club

The Robertson Garden Club is a not for profit organisation and all proceeds raised from the Open Gardens will be returned to the Robertson Community. The club prides itself in supporting the community in many ways with funds from past events going to the Community Technology Centre, RFS, the Robertson Primary School, Robertson Show Society and Ladies auxiliary and the Robertson School of Arts to name a few. This year we have donated \$2000 to the **Drought Relief Fund** and to further assist the drought affected farmers of the region, in March next year, we will cover the cost of entering dairy exhibits in the Robertson Show, our way to show that we understand the plight that many are in. Hopefully many farmers that would usually attend the Show but not in a position to afford the entry fees will have one less thing to worry about and come along to the show and have some fun with their families and forget about their situation for a while. If past years are any indication it will most likely rain on Show day. We can only hope. The Garden Club will once again be the major sponsor of the Horticultural Section at the **Robertson Show** for 2019. Donating prizes and awards in the following categories.

**Champion Vegetable** = \$50 cash plus Award & Ribbon;

**Champion Fruit** = \$50 cash plus Award & Ribbon; **Champion**

**Rose** (from classes 1 to 14) = \$50 cash plus Award & Ribbon;

**Robertson Dahlia Championship** = \$50 cash plus Award &

Ribbon; **Grand Champion Dahlia** = \$80 plus Award & Ribbon

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Dy soaked in her four year immersion in Greece, learning the language and culture and sharing it with tourists and visitors. Having a good time the while. As another Greek Island dweller like Zorba she lived according to his spirit of life. "Life is trouble only death is not. Open your belt and look for it" and "You are a good person but you lack one thing; a little madness, without which a person never cuts the bonds and remain free."

Dy was often shocking, especially to those who were shock prone. That shock might be in an authentic response, which was unconventional. It could be amusing. It could be enlightening. It could also be reassuring that there was not only one way of seeing the world. It could be a learning experience.

They say 'uneasy lies the head that wears a crown' but Dy wore her tiara comfortably enjoying her own unseriousness. As a youth of the

Sixties she enjoyed the balmy incense of that era.

Dyan's obvious largeness and loudness was not all there was. Her affection and warmth embraced and comforted adults, children and animals. And if you listened at her funeral to those who knew her intimately she had her own deep seated vulnerabilities. The vulnerable Dy managed her uncertainties just below her courage to be happy.

Dy will never have an exact replacement in Robertson. That is the loss we mourn and where we link with her family in sadness. Though we will retain the bit of Dy which rubbed off on those who met her. We can be thankful that we have experienced her presence which was inspiring for each of us to be who we genuinely are.

Robertson, September 2018

## In Memory of Dyan Verity

By Michael D Breen

**Verity. Definition. (From latin *veritas*, truth) Truth, conformity to fact or reality...Oxford Dictionary.**

**Never a name fitted better. Dyan Verity was her own authentic person. She was larger than life, though never grotesque. She had a privileged private education but never traded on it. Rather she used her gifts to benefit many less fortunate. She was no wowser nor snob.**

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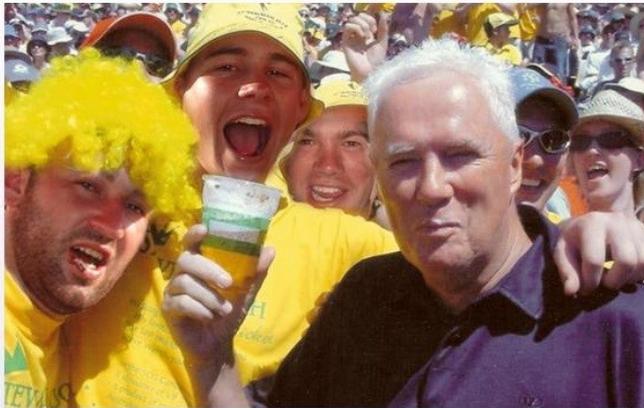


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# ONE (more) NIGHT WITH KERRY O'KEEFE



## Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club Hosts Kerry O'Keefe in Robertson

Former Australian Cricketer, best selling author, FOX cricket commentator and all round good guy Kerry 'Skull' O'Keefe is returning to Robertson for what will be another great night!

**Saturday 27 October at 7.15pm for 7.30pm dinner at Robertson Bowling Club. Tickets \$60 per person (includes dinner and show) or a table of 10 for \$550. Book now at the Club or phone 4885 1306.**

The night will feature some great auction items and a huge raffle to be won on the night.

Robertson Burrawang Cricket Club is now taking registrations for the upcoming summer of cricket. We are looking for boys and girls of any age and ability to join us in playing Australia's number 1 summer sport.

Children aged 5-9 play 'Woolworths Blast Cricket' on Thursday afternoons with coloured clothing, plastic bats and balls and at a central venue each week. For older kids aged 10-16 matches take place on Saturday mornings around the Highlands

District with some new rule changes this summer making the game a bit simpler and guaranteeing more involvement for each child. The season starts in early October.

No matter if you've played proper cricket before, a little bit in the backyard or at school or never played at all there is a team for you!

Our Registration Fees are amongst the lowest in the district. All gear is provided and you'll have plenty of fun! We also accept the NSW Active Kids \$100 Rebate Voucher.

We are also taking registrations for anyone looking to play Senior Grade cricket this summer as well, please also get in touch!

You can register online at [PlayCricket.com.au](http://PlayCricket.com.au) or for more information please contact Aaron on 0421 452 167 or [aaronazz@hotmail.com](mailto:aaronazz@hotmail.com)

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# So Much Happening at Robertson Heritage Railway Station in October!

**Thursday, 4th October 2018 - 10am-1pm - Entries for 2018 "FLOWERS IN ART" Exhibition to be dropped off to the Fettle's Shed Gallery.** Contact Anne for alternative - [annejw@bigpond.net.au](mailto:annejw@bigpond.net.au) or 4885 1585. [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au)

**Friday 5th and Sunday 7th; Friday, 12th and Sunday, 14th; Friday 19th and Sunday 20th; Friday 26th and Sunday 28th October 2018 - Railway Modellers Group:** 1pm to 4.30pm – Meets in the Fettle's Shed. Eighteen years and over, plus visitors welcome. Neil 0457 355 970 [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au)

**Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th; Saturday, 13th and Sunday 14th; Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st October 2018 - "2018 FLOWERS IN ART" Exhibition - Floral/ Garden subjects - 10am-3pm - the Fettle's Shed.** Anne 02 4885 1585. [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au)

**Sunday, 14th October 2018 - Robertson Railway Waratah Dog Walk History - 1pm for 1.30pm start** –Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc (RHRS) and Friends of Wingecarribee Animal Shelter (FOWAS) Inc are holding this FUN walk as a fundraiser to continue to maintain our heritage station and grounds. Proceeds to RHRS and FOWAS. [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au) Calling all walkers - **We need some supporters to lead the way** and follow up the end of our Railway Dog Walk. Two distances 800 metres and 2.2 kms - you do not have to have a dog to assist. **Pose with Paws** - For Robertson Railway Waratah Dog Walk .For a gold-coin donation, hire an animal hat and have a photo taken before or after the Dog Walk. Email [accn@bigpond.com](mailto:accn@bigpond.com) or Lyndy Scott: 4885 2805 / 0419 435 916 or Rona 02 4885 2393 or text 0419 498 768 for more information [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au)

**Wednesday, 24th October 2018 - 10am to 2pm Robertson History Group** in the Fettle's Shed. All welcome to drop in any time to browse books, look at old maps or talk about our history. For further information Helen Tranter on 4885-1394. [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au)

## Robertson's 3<sup>rd</sup> Waratah Dog Walk!

The ONLY charity DOG WALK in the Southern Highlands!



Be there 1pm at the latest for a 1.30pm start, Sunday 14 October 2018

This is an after-lunch start to accommodate am church goers and sports events – please join us!

**A fantastically fun, friendly and truly tail-wagging event!**

ONLY \$5 per dog / dog family / walker

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- WARATAHS in bloom and for sale plus young waratah plants
- Model train displays
- Delicious food, coffee and refreshments
- Dog training demonstrations, competitions and dog sports
- Of course, you and your bestest buddy will be part of the fun too!

**Register online and you'll be in the special express queue at registration!**

For information: [www.robertsonrailway.org.au](http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au) or Lyndy Scott: 4885 2805 / 0419 435 916

- Held at Robertson Heritage Railway Station and Common
- Enter via Meryla St before the train line – there'll be lots of signs

**Funds raised by the Waratah Dog Walk will be donated 50%:50% to:**

- Robertson Heritage Railway Station (RHRS)
- Friends of Wingecarribee Animal Shelter (FOWAS)

## Commemoration of 100 years since end of World War 1

Sunday 11 November at the War Memorial at Robertson School of Arts 10.45 to 11.15am Flag ceremony and placing of tributes.

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# The Science of Tapping—free screening plus Q&A

By Naomi Janzen

Come and learn about a revolutionary self-help stress reduction technique that you can use for a variety of physical and emotional issues. This 30 minute new documentary film explores EFT Tapping, an evidence-based modality being studied at universities around the world - including Australia's Bond and Griffith Universities - and explains in easy to understand terms the science underlying the method's effectiveness. The film's writer and co-producer, Robertson local Naomi Janzen who is also an EFT practitioner and trainer, will present the film, answer questions afterwards, and provide a wealth of free resources for those wanting to try it for themselves.

*Among the many experts featured in the film are author and chiropractor Dr. Joe Dispenza and Dr. Peta Stapleton, Professor of Clinical Psychology at Bond University and author of a recent landmark fMRI study on the effectiveness of tapping for food cravings.*

Robertson CTC 58-60 Hoddle Street. Thursday, October 25, 6pm-7:30pm. **SPACE IS LIMITED** so PLEASE RSVP to [naomi@ozfreedomtechniques.com](mailto:naomi@ozfreedomtechniques.com)



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It will be first-come-first-served when it goes ahead, so don't miss out on such a prominent ad in every home for 12 months.

The proceeds of the project will be going to local, non-profit, community organisations

## Celebrating Pat Willard

By John Johnson



Pat Willard turned 70 on the 2nd September 2018.

Pat has been the Treasurer and member of the Robertson School of Arts since 26 March 1990. She was issued with the best Treasurer award this year at the opening of the new Amenities Block. She is also involved with the Showground Trust.

The Committee surprised her after the September markets with a small party and picture shows her

cutting her cake.

Her and her family had 2 dinners to celebrate her becoming 70 at the Central Hotel at Shellharbour on her birthday.

## Want to advertise your community event on the electronic noticeboard?

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# Children Bloom at Kangaloon

By Charlotte Shields, President Kangaloon Public School P & C Association



2019 will mark an important milestone year for Kangaloon Primary School – 150 years of providing continuous education to local children. To help celebrate, the Kangaloon Public School and the Kangaloon P & C Association have several

special events planned. .

## Oral History Project: February/March

Our Year 5 & 6 students will be developing their interviewing skills and participating in an oral history project designed to help preserve the stories from past students of Kangaloon School. The students will prepare questions and interview some of the wonderful senior citizens in our community about their memories of their childhood and school years at Kangaloon Public School. We are hoping to film these interview series to ensure that this aspect of our history is retained. We also hope to include DVD in a time capsule. This important oral history project will be an integral part of the curriculum across the school during Term 1 next year and all students will participate.

**We are seeking:** mentors to help the students at Kangaloon Public School develop their interviewing techniques. (We would like to conduct a workshop at the school where our students are guided and given feedback about how to effectively conduct an interview.) assistance with filming the student interviews with past students of Kangaloon School producing a DVD to help preserve this important oral history.

## Back to Kangaloon School Open Day Saturday 6 April

This will be a wonderful day at the school and will include an art show, vintage cars, old milk machines, country style games, open classes rooms, historic display of memorabilia and much more.

**We are seeking:** your assistance to place a call out to previous students of Kangaloon Public School for them contact the school to share any memories, photos or memorabilia that could be included in our Sesquicentenary book.

## Kangaloon Bush Dance – Saturday 10 August 5-8pm

Later in the year we'll be inviting the whole community to kick up their heels and step back in time for a traditional bush dance at Kangaloon Community Hall. The wonderful Paddy's River Bush Band will be playing all night and calling the dances. A BBQ will be provided. Tickets on sale from January 2019 via [www.trybooking.com.au](http://www.trybooking.com.au).

## A Written History of Kangaloon Public School

Jill Miller, Bernadette Mahony and Lyn Dunn are currently working on compiling a written history of the school that will be available for purchase at our sesquicentenary celebrations. With school photos from as far back as 1889, copies of old "punishment book" records, wonderful memories of excursions and special community events, reflections from students about their time at the school – this book will be a wonderful record of the school's history and its contribution to the lives of children and families in the community.

We are seeking: to spread the word about the compilation of this book to school alumni and locals in order to collect memories, photos or memorabilia that could be included in our sesquicentenary history book. We'd love to hear from any past students or people whose parents or grandparents time attended Kangaloon Public School. Kangaloon Public School P&C has set up a Facebook page – **Kangaloon Public School – 150 Years**. People via the Facebook page, by email [kangaloon-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kangaloon-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or by phone on 02 4888 2215. We would grateful for any contributions as we will be doing our best to honour those who have been associated the school over the last century and a half.

We are a small school with only 30 students, but we believe small schools can accomplish big things.

## Illawarra Regional Rose Society presents the 2018 Spring Rose Show

Averaging over 700 entries. Saturday 27 October 12 midday to 5pm. Open to public 12 midday, official opening 2pm. Sunday 28 October 9am to 3pm. Raffle drawn at 3pm, Roses sold at 3.15pm. Jamberoo Municipal Hall. Entry \$5/\$3 concession Further information contact 4236 0158 or 0411 863 464. Stall selling interesting products, roses and other plants will be available to purchase. Tea, coffee and home made scones, sandwiches and light refreshments also available for purchase.

# All Things Wombat at Next REPS Meeting!

Robertson Environment Protection Society  
October Meeting – 7.30pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
2018. Robertson Community Centre Caalong St  
Robertson. Speaker: Associate Professor Julie  
Old from Western Sydney University



Julie is a marsupial immunologist that has a strong interest in the conservation of marsupials. She is particularly passionate about wombats and aims to aid their conservation by studying the incidence of

sarcoptic mange incidence and their immune systems and ecology.

She established WomSAT in 2016, a website and associated Android and iPhone apps, that allows citizen scientists to log their sightings of wombats and their burrows. The tool allows collection of data on wombats including road kill and sarcoptic mange incidence in 'real time'. Current research findings to date utilising WomSAT data, and additional wombat research will be discussed.

## The Old Potato Shed In Robertson Set To Turn Into Vibrant Artisans Collective *The SHAC*

By Ric Abel

Located in the Old Potato Shed, Robertson, The SHAC (Southern Highlands Artisans Collective) is seeking to bring together talented artisans and artists from across the Southern Highlands.

Many people have long seen a need to have a centre filled with all the creative talent we have

residing in our beautiful Southern Highlands. Nowhere else in Australia is there such an intense grouping of creative people, yet there is no one place you can go and meet with many of them.

*The SHAC* is in the process of creating a space where people can come and see some of those artisans making things, and be able to buy a wide selection of beautiful, hand made items, located in beautiful Robertson.

Within its dedicated space, you will be able to see artisans and artists at work creating their works, or browse through the dedicated gallery space.

Artworks will be available for sale in the gallery and direct from the artists and artisans. There will also be opportunities for emerging artists of the region to exhibit their work.

*The SHAC* will also hold regular workshops where you can learn direct from talented artisans or partake in creative workshops with guest tutors.

Creatives that wish to take space or be involved with *The SHAC* can contact Rick by email at [enquiries@theshac.com.au](mailto:enquiries@theshac.com.au)

## Sydney Balalaika Orchestra Live in Concert

Sunday 28 October 1.30pm at Robertson School of Arts.

Featured artists—Sophia Markovtzev (Vocal), Tanya Jephtha (Domra), Lucy Voronov (Cimbalom), Richard She (Accordion), Oliver Rathje (Domra). Arrangements: Victor Serghie, Lucy Voronov. Tickets \$30, Concession \$25, Children under 10 \$10. Enquiries 0418 402 712. Book tickets at [balalaika.com.au](http://balalaika.com.au) or at the door.

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# Robertson Men's Shed News

Authorised by the President John Kennis

The Robertson Men's Shed Inc. held their AGM on Tuesday 11 September. A big thank you to all outgoing officers for your efforts this last year. Those elected for 2018/2019 are as follows. President, John Kennis. Vice President, David Ricketts. Secretary, Nigel Walker. Treasurer, John Kennis. Tools, Equipment and Asset Management officer, Graeme Sessions. Membership and Welfare Officer, Bill Sloane. Ordinary Committee Members, Dan Stuart, Russell Bailey and Peter Hart. There are a variety of other positions we'd like to fill so come along and see what you'd like to do. We had a



good BBQ after the elections. Here we are full of sausage sandwiches!

Chris Welsh has started our Book Club, Books @ Robertson Men's Shed Inc (B@RMSI) and some of us are reading William McInnes *A Man's Got To Have A Hobby*. All are welcome, no sign-up, no tests on the book, no judgementalism, just open minds opened further.

It was with great pleasure that our President John was able to report to us that he has confirmed with Wingecarribee Shire Council that we can submit our Development Application (DA) as we now have Crown Lands owners' consent and all other interested parties are "on board", so it is full steam ahead.

We will now prepare all documentation for submission to Council. Once we have a DA we can then apply for infrastructure grants to cover the building costs.....our shed is becoming a reality. As some of you will know the Robertson Men's Shed Inc. (RMSI) volunteers to carry out gardening and some maintenance at the Community Information Centre (CIC). We had a working bee recently and mowed, weeded and mulched the area as well as doing a general tidy. Thanks for helping



John, Dan, Nigel, Dallas and Bill.

The RMSI will also be volunteering on the Robertson Garden Club Open Gardens

Weekend on Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th of October, we will run a BBQ sausage sizzle at the CTC and help in other general ways.

The next meeting of the RMSI will be on Tuesday the 9th of October at the CTC from 10AM to 3PM. We will have a BBQ lunch. For further information call the secretary of the RMSI on 0467316070. If you don't have transport please give us a call and we will organise to pick you up and drop you off. Website: [www.robertsonmensshed.wixsite.com/website](http://www.robertsonmensshed.wixsite.com/website) email: [robertsonmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:robertsonmensshed@gmail.com) Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RobertsonmensshedInc/](http://www.facebook.com/RobertsonmensshedInc/) RMSI is a member of AMSA the Australian Men's Shed Association

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## Ace the Celebrity Duck Steals the Show!

By Janet Waterlow

ACE a Silver Appleyard Duck did the honours by opening the "Feathers in the Mist" exhibition at the CTC in September to great acclaim and applause. Being a most sociable and amiable fellow he captured hearts, and indeed took all the attention from the lovely artworks which were on display at the latest exhibition at the CTC Gallery entitled "Feathers in the Mist". He was delighted to have been invited as guest of honour and demonstrated not only a great appreciation of the works on display but indeed a great attachment to feathers. Ace socialised, quacking and mingling with the crowd, and even added quite a few feathers (among other contributions) to the exhibition which was a great success showing the works of over 20 artists and craftspeople. This exhibition closed on 30 September and is immediately followed by something special to coincide with the open gardens weekend in Robertson.

"In Garden Stillness" running from 6 - 28 October will be devoted to art which is associated with gardens, from still life and gardenscape paintings to ceramics and garden sculpture. The CTC Gallery opening hours are from 10am - 4pm on Thurs & Fri, and 10am -2pm on Sat & Sun. FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL come along and listen to the brass quintet "THE BRASS CONNECTION". Five brass instrumentalists have kindly agreed to perform at the CTC for the Open Gardens event on Saturday 13 October from 10am until 12 noon, so do come along to Robertson CTC be part of the fun.

## Age Friendly Community Meeting

Invitation to everyone in the Robertson community . If you are concerned about...the growing needs of the town's aging population, public transport limitations, challenges faced by local businesses, come and have your say.

**Robertson Community Centre, Caalong Street, Thursday 4 October at 6.30pm. Guest speaker Doug Faircloth, Age Friendly Community Authority and Planner.** The hope is there will be positive community input by individuals and various clubs and groups in towns and surrounds. Further information Michael Breen ph: 4885 2180

### DROUGHT 2018

The Soil is cracked  
 How long will the farmers be backed?  
 The hay sheds are empty  
 The cost of feed has tripled  
 The price of hay is crippling  
 There is no site of mud on our gumboots  
 Farmers are the countries roots  
 The grass wont grow  
 and neither can we sow  
 Farmers are paying for bills  
 Higher than the hills  
 Water is drying  
 Farmers will be crying  
 How long till the drought rebates?  
 For the farmers and their mates  
 The expression on the farmers faces says it all  
 The weather is not the farmer's call

Farmers are thought to be rich  
 By the Kich  
 Just because they have acreage  
 and farmers need knew brokerage  
 There's nothing to Slash  
 And there isn't any cash  
 The dirt is dust  
 but continue they must  
 when milk retails for a dollar  
 it's a bit tough under the collar  
 Moving of the stock  
 makes a farmer's heart like a rock  
 and they ask, please find me some agistment  
 Well before Christmas  
 The help from family and friends  
 makes ends meet  
 A farmer's wealth  
 Can't be measured in health.

Judy Fisk

# Robertson CTC

by Karen Mewes CTC@Robertson Manager

**Computer classes** pause for the school holidays, restarting on Friday 19 Oct with PowerPoint. The Publisher class for Fri 26 Oct is being rescheduled. Please contact Karen at the CTC as we are discussing new dates with the participants.

**Other classes** for the remainder of the year will include our popular classes on **Photos** (putting photos onto computer or into the cloud from camera, phone, tablet, simple editing, & sending via email). Also the class on **Scanning** documents, photos, slides and negatives, editing, storing and sharing these.

**One on one** computer lessons continue through the school holidays but please call to book a time as we are often booked out a week or two ahead.



## iPad & Tablet Group

Join us any Thursday at 1:30pm for our iPad and Tablets group (\$5 to join & \$5 for each session that you attend). This is very casual, we have a friendly group of people who come most weeks and we try to cover a topic and answer a few questions.

We hope to have a new colour A3 printer soon. We have computers, iPad and WiFi for public use. If you just need a little help with these, to get onto the internet or check your emails, our volunteers can assist (and make you a coffee too).



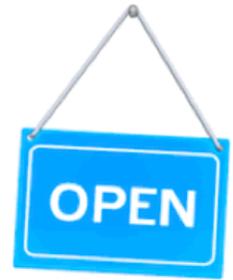
Don't forget to check the latest exhibition in our gallery / café space.

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

**Phone: 4885 2665** -  
*please leave a message if we aren't able to answer at the time.*

**email: info@robertsonctc.org.au**  
www.robertsonctc.org.au  
facebook.com/CTCRobertson

Note the CTC gallery is also open on Sundays, see below.



## Have You Noticed Robertson's Own Community Gallery?

By Janet Waterlow

**The CTC Gallery (58-60 Hoddle St) is now open with continuing exhibitions. Opening Hours: Thurs-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat-Sun 10am-2pm.** The Gallery now is booked with exhibitions until the end of the year, and is already taking bookings for next year, so there is always something interesting for you to see there.

Please call in and view—entry is free and there is absolutely no obligation to purchase, but do come and admire the artistry of the many talented people living and working in our district.



## Gallery Coordinator Position

The CTC Gallery has a team of volunteers but will be seeking a new coordinator in 2019 please contact the CTC if you would like to know more.

<b>Robertson Events Calendar</b>		
<b>October 2018</b>		
Thur 4	<b>Age Friendly Community Meeting</b> <i>see page 10</i>	Robertson Community Centre
Sat 6—Sun 28	<b>In Garden Stillness Exhibition.</b> See ad on <i>page 1 and page 10.</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 6—Sun 21	<b>2018 Flowers in Art Exhibition</b> on weekends <i>see page 5</i>	Robertson Railway Fettle's Shed
Tues 9	Robertson <b>Men's Shed</b> meeting 10am—3pm <i>see page 9</i>	CTC@Robertson
Fri 12	<b>REPS meeting</b> <a href="http://www.reps.org.au">www.reps.org.au</a> <i>see page 8</i>	Robertson Community Centre
Sat 13 & Sun 14	Robertson <b>Open Gardens and Spring Fair</b> <i>see page 1-2</i>	Tickets and plant sale at CTC@Robertson
Sun 14	<b>Waratah Dog Walk</b> <i>see page 5</i>	Robertson Railway
Sun 14	Robertson <b>Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Fri 19	<b>Powerpoint class</b> <i>see page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sat 27	<b>A Night with Kerry O'Keefe</b> 7.15 for 7.30pm <i>see page 4</i>	Robertson Bowling Club
Thur 25	<b>The Science of Tapping</b> Free Screening <i>see page 6</i>	CTC@Robertson
Sun 28	<b>Sydney Balalaika Orchestra</b> <i>see page 8</i>	School of Arts
<b>November 2018</b>		
Sun 11	<b>Commemoration of 100 since end of WW1</b> <i>see page 5</i>	School of Arts
Sun 11	Robertson <b>Markets</b> 9-2 (2nd Sunday of the month) mob: 0408 238 575 Pat	School of Arts
Sat 15	<b>Deadline for December Edition of Robertson News</b>	CTC@Robertson
<b>Regular Events</b>		
<b>Every Mon &amp; Friday</b>	Outdoor exercise class for all bodies and fitness levels, <b>Simply Fitness</b> 9.15—10.15am 0438294813	Hampden Park
<b>Every Mon &amp; Thur during school terms</b>	Yoga Mondays 6.15pm to 7.45pm & Thursdays 9.15am to 10.45 am 0407 771 828 and email to <a href="mailto:jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com">jenniferrobinson108@gmail.com</a>	Robertson Community Centre
<b>Every Mon</b>	<b>Social Carpet Bowls</b> at 11am	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>1st Mon</b>	<b>Robertson Garden Club</b> 1.30pm Colin Hancock mob 0421 061 651	Robertson Community Centre
<b>Every 2nd Tues</b>	<b>Robertson Community &amp; Seniors Group</b> 11:30am for 12 start. Contact Vinnie Shepherd (after 6pm) 4886 4344	Robertson Inn
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Tai Chi for Health</b> 11am	Robertson Doctor
<b>Every Tues</b>	Run club for all levels Tuesday 6am, <b>Simply Fitness</b> 0438294813	From Outside Butchers Shop
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Trivia Night</b> 7.30pm	Robertson Inn
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Social tennis</b> 1-3pm Contact Lyndy Scott 4885 2805	Robertson Tennis Court
<b>Every Tues</b>	<b>Mindfulness Meditation</b> 3-4pm Contact Fiona Brown 0409 036 188	The Robertson Doctor
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Choir</b> 4.30pm Contact Karen Wilmott mob 0403 044 828	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson Knitting Group</b> 10.30-12.30	The Cool Room Emporium
<b>Every Wed</b>	<b>Robertson History Group</b> 10am-2pm Contact Helen 4885 1394	Robertson Heritage Railway
<b>Every Thurs</b>	<b>iPad and Tablets group</b> 1.30pm <i>see page 11</i>	CTC@Robertson
<b>Every Fri &amp; Sun</b>	<b>Robertson Railway Modellers Group</b> 1pm-4.30pm Neil 0457 355 970	The Fettle's Shed
<b>Every Fri</b>	<b>Free Trivia/Joker Jackpot/Prize Tombola</b> <i>see page 1</i>	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>Every Sat</b>	<b>Crop Swap</b> 9.30 am	Robertson Bowling Club
<b>1st Sun, 4th Sun</b>	<b>Traditional Service</b> at 8am every 1st and 4th Sundays of the month	St Johns Robertson
<b>Every Sun</b>	<b>Family Service</b> – 10am every Sunday and Youth Service 6pm Sun-days	St Johns Robertson
<b>1st, 3rd, 5th Sun</b> <b>2nd, 4th Sun</b>	<b>Catholic Service</b> 8am <b>Catholic Service</b> 5pm	St Peter's Burrawang