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## We Need to Talk About Wombats

By Josephine Grieve

Another post on the Robertson Commons Facebook Group about two dead wombats on Jamberoo Mountain Road and I'm not the only one who thinks that it's time for a conversation...

Without wanting to be sensational, our local bare-nosed wombats could join their cousins – the remaining 200 northern hairy-nosed wombats – on Australia's critically endangered species list within a decade or two.

Like many locals, I feel saddened and frustrated every time I see fresh road kill. And we're not just imagining that more animals are dying on the roads. Each wildlife carer interviewed about their experience, confirmed the trend.

Kerstin Schweth, Robertson's wildlife rescue legend, has seen the numbers double since she started rescuing injured and orphaned wombats in 2006.

'It's tragic because wombats are cheeky buggers [rascals],' Kerstin says. 'As a carer you can see their different personalities. They have feelings like other mammals. They're playful and joyful but they feel pain too.'

For those who don't know Kerstin, she is the wombat, koala and macropod co-ordinator for Wildlife Rescue South Coast across the Southern Highlands and Tablelands. She is one of two or three trained carers based around Robertson who

will respond to a call out. I've called Kerstin twice after spotting a wombat on the side of the road and within ten minutes she arrived in her silver Amaroq and quickly checked for any signs of life and a pouch which may contain a joey or two.



Wildlife carer Kirstin Schweth with a rescued wombat Photo supplied

Even the most vigilant drivers hit wombats and what they do next is what matters to Kerstin.

'All the driver has to do is call us. Recently, I saw a wombat hit by a car and I stopped. I found dead baby bodies because the person who hit the wombat failed to stop and check the pouch. That makes me

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# Business Chamber Launches Post COVID *Escape to Robertson* campaign

By Tim Hewitt, President, Robertson Business Chamber

Robertson Business Chamber has launched the *Escape to Robertson* campaign to attract 'post covid' and 'post road-closure' visitors back to town to support our cafes and shops which have all struggled over the last 2-3 years.

The Chamber is sharing the cost with participating businesses. So far some twenty businesses have joined, with more joining along the way. The initial campaign is running for 12 weeks, and will continue as long as support and interest is there.

The Chamber encourages you to please 'like', 'share' but *especially comment* on the Facebook and Instagram posts from our local businesses @escapetorobbo as this is the way the message will spread.

# Big Potato Changes Hands

As reported in a number of media outlets recently, the ownership of the Big Potato, as well as the Supermarket (Friendly Grocer) has changed hands.

Originally the vision of local community groups, the Big Potato was constructed in 1979. Intended to promote Robertson's famous red soil potatoes when the industry was a big part of Robertson, later years saw it fall into disrepair as locals harboured mixed



feelings on their "big" thing. In 2008, a group of volunteers tidied up the area for

the International Year of the Potato. Plants and benches have made it more attractive for frequent tourists photographing the landmark.

Although this Robertson icon is the butt of many (unoriginal!) jokes from outsiders, we have all seen the constant stream of visitors keen to have a photo taken in front of it. For locals it can be a great source of fun, not to be taken too seriously.

Under the ownership of the Taits, the Big Potato park has been kept in pristine condition and by all accounts, the new owners have given an assurance that this will continue.

In the meantime, it is business as usual at The Friendly Grocer where there is always a warm welcome and a friendly word for customers.

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# Exciting News from The Robertson Hotel!

The Robertson Hotel has just completed its first stage of renovations to the iconic building formerly known as Ranelagh House. The first stage was renovating all the heritage bathrooms and building new Art Deco style bathrooms and ground floor areas of The Hotel. We now have over 50 hotel rooms and



large suites of various sizes and budgets available for accommodation. If you have family or friends visiting, please think of us for their accommodation needs or a visit to our Restaurant, Bar or Café.

## With the renovations came exciting new business!

The Robertson Hotel was the chosen location for the new reality series *The Traitors*, an EndemolShine Australian Production coming out very soon on Channel 10. Filming of the series and production took place at The Hotel and surrounds over May and June. So, keep an eye out for this by following TheRobertsonHotel on Facebook and Instagram.

With filming completed we are back to our normal business of Accommodation, Dining, Weddings and Corporate Retreats.

The Robertson Hotel remains true to much of its original ambience with the 5 large open fireplaces at the Entry Foyer, Bar, Dining Room and Salon creating that country atmosphere. Outside the clean crisp air, lush gardens and trees make for relaxed walking around the gardens and, if you're lucky, the rolling mists will come in.

## The Hotel while true to its heritage has a fresh and stylish modern twist.

Our extraordinary Chefs create big flavours and their attention to detail embodies an ongoing changing mouth-watering seasonal menu, mainly sourced from local produce.

With spring in the air, The Robertson Hotel has an exciting and delicious array of food or dining options.

Many locals have dined with us in our Grand Dining Room, but we also have a more casual Bar Menu available with an array of cocktails by the Bar. High Teas are always popular, and we are bringing back Devonshire Tea Days on Thursdays for those who can't make the weekend. Wednesdays we are doing our popular Local Produce Nights.

## For the new coming season, The Robertson Hotel is offering:

- **Locals Produce Nights** for our community that we hold in great regard from 6.30pm onwards each Wednesday and **pre dinner cocktails at the Bar** from 5.30pm.
- **A la Carte Dinners** generally Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday depending on function bookings.
- **Bar Dining Menu**, a more casual menu is available also at the Bar on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
- **Sunday BBQ's** from 11.30am to 2.30pm - outside in the Garden Café or inside by the fires if it is more suitable.
- **Devonshire & High Tea** from 11am to 3pm each Thursday and Sunday, - in the gardens or by our fires.

For all the above dining options please book via our website, as bookings are essential, and keep up to date via our social media.

## See you all in Spring!

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# Robertson Public School Celebrates 150th!

The celebrations are over and were a great success.

Here are a couple of photos from the School's Facebook.



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# Vale David Tranter

The following article by Bob McInnes was published in Eucryphia August 2022. It is reproduced here with permission. David Tranter, OAM, passed away on 25 July 2022 aged 92.



David at the Pinkwood Park bench opening

“ David had been a CSIRO scientist involved, if I remember correctly, with oceanographic research before retiring to a property on Mt Murray near Robbo. Together with Helen – both retired and family having left the nest. Their first task was to build a modest house high on the property, one with low impact, solar passive, comfortable and with character: a scene of many meetings. Then to make the acreage, once a potato farm,

sustainable. Spud farming of Robbo's steep red-soil slopes had amounted to mining of the top soil with typical deluges carrying it away. The Tranters chose protea and native flower growing as their sustainable crop. Native flower growing was catching on and they joined with like-minded landholders in the area, forming a Robertson Protea Growers' Co-op to maximise marketing.

They also had remnant rainforest on the property and with Helen being a trained botanist and dedicated conservationist, she and David became leaders in the protection of local rainforest remnants, David effectively secured substantial government funding for local property owners that they inspired to fence their remnants from cattle, enabling regeneration to take place.

While Helen for many years led the team weeding the Robertson Nature Reserve of invasive privet etc, David spearheaded many other community projects. Leading up to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Illawarra rail line in 2002, he organised a committee of volunteers to turn the derelict railway station precinct into a pleasant local park and induced well-known sculptor Bert Flugelman to design an arresting large sculpture from railway sleepers.

The large Totem poles on the mound as you enter the precinct, one carved by local artist Neil Boughton with settler motives and two by Koori artists, brothers Wayne and Chris Maynard (Kurnai Gunnai) and Louise

Cornwell depicting Aboriginal motifs, were of David's inspiration (David was much involved in Aboriginal Reconciliation). The hybrid waratah plantings on the embankment facing the station that give a wonderful display each year were also his inspiration.

Behind the scenes David and Helen did much to foster REPS projects which included the original rainforest book, the Sustainable House book and the retro-fitting of the Robertson Community Centre. It became the convivial venue for our bi-monthly Speaker meetings that have held REPS together for nigh on 30 years. David, as the long-term Speaker co-ordinator, ensured many memorable, prominent and inspiring speakers from the realms of science and conservation. Meanwhile Helen, as secretary, was also a persistent and effective lobbyist to Council.

REPS, as an organisation, has always been fortunate to have many fine active members contributing to its worthy activities, not the least having been David and Helen Tranter. As we look back with gratitude, our thoughts are with Helen.”

## A tribute to David Tranter by Larry Whipper

It was with extreme sadness that I heard about the passing of a truly noble man. David Tranter was a stalwart of the Robertson community. His charm, decency, wit and intelligence were exceptional qualities and very rare to find these days. He was also an environmental champion and a selfless advocate for Aboriginal people. David, along with his wife Helen, did so much, and fought tirelessly to protect and enhance the unique local Robertson Rainforest, the natural environment and the village of Robertson itself.

Founding members of REPS. David and Helen were tireless workers for our history, heritage, and social justice. David's efforts were inspirational and the lessons he taught through example and action, should not be forgotten. Many were proud to call him a friend and to work alongside of himself and Helen for the common goals and values we shared.

The work he did for reconciliation and promoting self-determination among the Aboriginal community will also be a long-remembered legacy. His inspiration was pivotal to my service to the local community, environment, and the representation of Robertson village—a village that both David and Helen loved, valued, and referred to as a “Little Piece of Australia” that needed to be respected and appreciated. It is also my hope that this vision and the contributions that David has made will also be appreciated, recognised, and honoured.

Thank you for your life, your humility and service David and may you rest in peace. My love, thoughts and prayers go out to Helen and David's family.



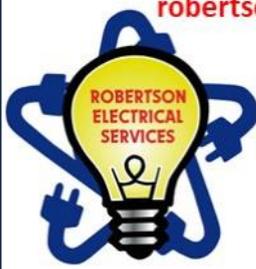
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- Reaching out – where do you start?
- Finding the right supports
- Strengthening our community connections for better wellbeing
- Practical resources to build resilience when we are starting to struggle

### Details

1 – 4 pm Saturday 22 October  
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Refreshments provided

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## Two Talented Local Poets

### Robbo weather

by Eva Henson, aged 10, Robertson Public School  
*Looking outside the window, just all rain, I say to myself  
again and again; Its Robbo weather, it will never get  
better!*

*I ask and ask, I try so hard, I can't go outside to my  
backyard.*

*Never sunny, always travel by car! It's Robbo weather,  
never gets better!*

*Pies are good, potatoes too, the paddocks and valleys  
always covered in dew! It's Robbo weather, will it ever get  
better!*

### My Robbo

by Violet Henson, aged 9, Robertson Public School  
*Never sunny always wet,  
Go outside and never sweat,  
But come here and see how great Robertson can be,  
Always happy never sad and the people here are not that  
bad.  
Robertson is nice but there are some mice, wombats that  
dig holes and birds that sit on poles.  
Robertson is the best town and things never get me down  
and frown except for the rain which floods the park, which  
means no soccer training AGAIN!*

In conjunction with the Robertson Futures Group at the last Sustainability Forum, we ran a creative competition for the kids in town. We received these two lovely poetry entries and the poets have given permission for them to be printed here—Karen Wilmott.

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'Health is the greatest possession' Lao Tzu

# Robertson Show Reboot—Are You Ready??

By Leesa Stratford

Spread the Word! The 2022 Robertson Show has been REBOOTED! Our Reboot show is on 15th and 16th October 2022.

THE 2022  
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15 & 16 October



If it wasn't COVID-19 disrupting the Robertson Show it was the extraordinary weather, we experienced in February and March 2022! So, we are delighted to announce we have planned to

REBOOT the 2022 Robertson Show. We would love to see you at our first ever spring show to be held on Saturday 15 October 2022.

This will be a one-day event featuring some of the Robbo Show favourites like the Spud Race and Fireworks, but we will also be mixing things up a bit too.

We will also be featuring the Inaugural ROBERTSON SPRING DAIRY SHOW. The REBOOT Show will be held in conjunction with the Annual Robertson Spring Horse Show on Sunday 16 October 2021. All the usual fun of the show on the 15th with our Spring Horse show only on the 16th.

Come along and have a go at the ring events and enter our special pavilion classes just for the Reboot Show. Details available at [www.robertsonshow.org.au](http://www.robertsonshow.org.au) or follow us on Facebook @ Robertson Show

Don't panic – the Robertson Show will resume its normal March program in 2023. Keep an eye out for all the news of upcoming events.

We have moved into the modern age! You can now prepurchase your tickets online @ 123Tix [www.123tix.com.au/events/35511/robertson-show-rebooted](http://www.123tix.com.au/events/35511/robertson-show-rebooted)

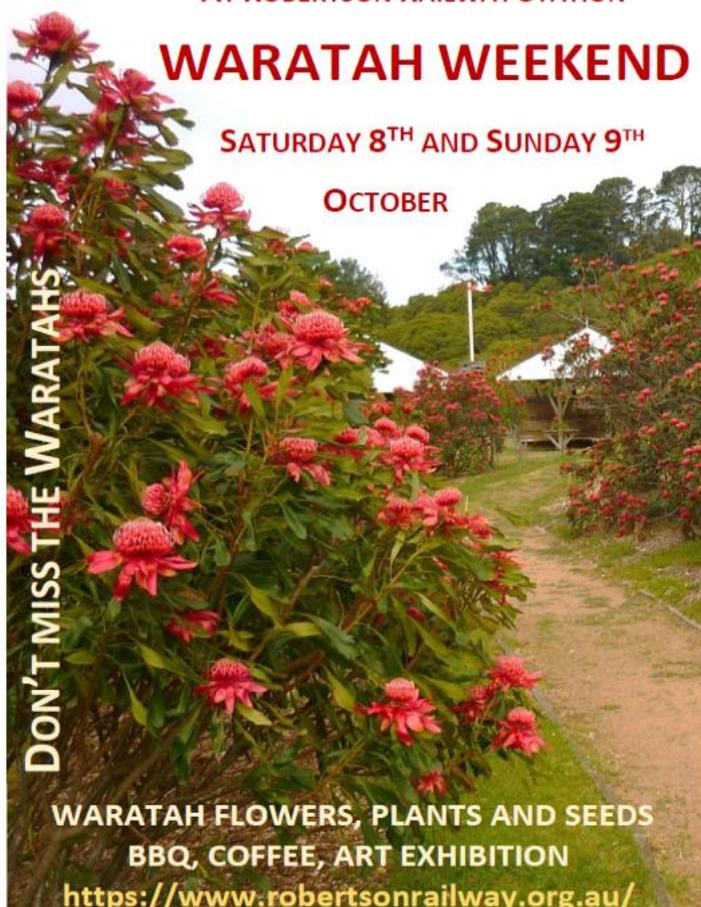
The Show cannot operate without the huge amount of help received from **volunteers** and the Show Society cannot thank everyone enough for your time and effort. If you have an hour or two to spare on Saturday to help out on the Gates / Parking / Grounds / Office for example or for more details on any of the above please contact: Leesa Stratford 0411 537 600 or Sharon Makin on 0488 428 776.

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# Potato Festival Confirms 2023 Dates

Pick up those peelers, dust off your potato mashers and start saving those hessian sacks, the Robertson Potato Festival has confirmed that it will go ahead next year. The dates are locked in for April 29th and 30th 2023 and event organisers have confirmed that there will be heaps of new activities, as well as the show favourites being made even more spud-tacular.



Running at Robertson Showground, the Festival focussed on one of the key crops for the Robertson region, the potato, and exposed how much love there is for the humble spud with thousands turning up to learn, be entertained, eat, compete and just have a great family day out.



Whilst new elements are in the planning, one of this year's favourites has already been confirmed with an extra twist. The 'Hessians on the Field' has been confirmed and Singer will again sponsor the major prizes. And to accompany the human hessian fashion fest, a new category, 'Hessian Pets on the Field' has been added so that competitors can showcase their creative skills alongside their furry friends, it's going to be pawsome!

Plans are well under way to lock in guest presenters and new features and the town of Robertson will again host this exciting Festival. Visit [potatofestival.com.au](http://potatofestival.com.au) for more information and follow @robertsonpotatofestival on Instagram for updates.

# Robertson Men's and Women's Shed

Despite the cold and wet weather, illness and the 'travel bug', attendances at the Tuesday (Men) and Friday (Women) Sheds have been solid. Sadly, the Evening Shed initiative on Wednesdays has not been well supported despite the community expressing a need for this. We will continue until the end of September but unless there is more support it will have to close.

The combined sheds enjoyed a great 'Christmas in July' lunch! We were blessed with a rare day of lovely sunny weather and tucked into a sumptuous feast, prepared by members, at long tables in the car park joined by Jenny and Kate, our mates from the CTC. The two sheds combined again in September to hear from Ted and Barbara Smith, two of our members who started the original Robertson Truffle Farm. All who attended very much enjoyed an interesting and witty presentation.

We have been busy with several community projects. Furniture repairs for Triple Care Farm continue. The Heritage Railway Trolley is almost complete; and we will be embarking on a big project to lift the floor of the Burrawang School of Arts which is over 100 years old. The timber will be salvaged for reuse. **If you are interested in joining a happy, creative bunch of people who like wood and metal work, don't be shy. For more info go to [robertsonmensshed.org.au](http://robertsonmensshed.org.au)**



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# The Magical Robertson Recipe

I am grateful for my childhood and early 20's spent in a busy suburb of Sydney, with easy access to entertainment, transport and extracurricular activities. It was a great but fast paced life.

I thought I might feel isolated and lonely while I found my feet in a new town, a long drive from where I called home. I soon discovered, there's no time for that in Robbo. There are too many friendly faces to get to know, activities to embrace and wide open spaces to explore.



Matilda and Tim out and about in Robertson.

My husband and I have lived here for almost two years now and our appreciation for this town is growing constantly. It helps that I teach dance classes attended by some vivacious locals and work in one of the cafes in town - a place where I'm on a first name basis with all the regulars. Jess the oat cap, Gary the two flat whites, Jo a long black. Occasionally hearing a snippet of their career, character or contributions, a glimpse at their story behind the morning coffee.

The locals have a way of remembering something about you and making you feel part of the Robbo landscape, not an outsider who needs to grow thicker skin to stay warm. It's a town that is open to evolving with the times, welcoming tourists and Sydney invaders like us.

It's a delicate recipe to create the perfect small town.

- Start with a local store stocked with the one ingredient I'm missing for dinner.
- Add the opportunity to call the doctor who has an appointment open that same day (impossible in Sydney!).
- Have the CTC hold an art contest, exhibiting works by talented locals, in all age groups.

- Stir in a giant attraction affectionately referred to as 'The Turd'
- Don't forget to run into your neighbour's brother on the street who invites you to a weekend BBQ "just bring an esky, see ya there".
- Sprinkle a few backyards holding farm animals and the drama of what's happened on The Pass that day.
- Season with the thriving 'Robertson Commons' Facebook page to keep track of lost dogs and hear what's new at the Op Shop.
- Serve cool, often wet, but always full of fresh air.

There you have it - the perfect Australian small town, welcoming me to be as much a part of it as I choose. Thank you Robbo!

## Endangered Spiny Crayfish Talk



The next REPS public talk is at the CTC on Friday 14 October at 7.30 pm. Felicity Sturgiss, Senior Land Services Officer for South East Local Land Services, will be giving a talk on the endangered Fitzroy Falls Spiny Crayfish. It is found no

-where else on the planet except in Wildes Meadow Creek and possibly in other local waterways upstream from Fitzroy Falls. Find out all about this remarkable creature and what can be done to help the species survive. Supper provided. Masks recommended. Contact Peter Glass 4885 1921

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# Talking About Wombats

upset and very angry. I live ten minutes away and could have saved them but it was too late. The joeys are usually viable but if they're not found, they die needlessly. It's best if the driver checks the pouch but if they don't want to do that, just call us.'

'A wombat is smarter than a pig and faster than Usain Bolt,' says John Creighton, who was mentored by Kerstin and set up Wombat Care Bundanoon in 2015.

'Bare-nosed wombats have been residents of the Southern Highlands for millennia because our environment – with its hills, water and gullies – is ideal,' John says. 'On the downside, that's what humans want too and we're pushing wombats into places like horse and cattle paddocks which aren't suitable but they have no where else to go. Wombats are now extinct in areas where they used to be populous. Their numbers are dwindling like platypus and koalas.'

According to John, the biggest killer of wombats is mange. Introduced by foxes after European settlement, mange is now spreading through the wombat population. 'It's up to humans to intervene.'

'I did mange training in 2016 and since then the focus of my work has been knocking it out of the Southern Highlands. Even if we don't achieve total eradication, we can make a huge difference by treating as many wombats as possible with Cydectin, using either burrow flaps or direct application,' John says.

Cydectin works even when the mange is serious. Last Easter, I noticed a wombat around my house during daylight hours. It looked terrible with large gashes along its coat exposing cracked skin underneath and lesions around its eyes.

I contacted Kerstin and she guided me through a four-week treatment plan using Cydectin and a telescopic pole with a glass bottle taped to its tip. Once a week, when the wombat was in sight, I would tip the required dose of Cydectin into the glass bottle and slowly approach the animal with the pole extended to three metres until I was close enough to pour the treatment along its back.

Then, I didn't see that wombat for a month or two. I thought I'd killed it but one night I spotted a healthy wombat with exactly the same markings as the one I'd treated, out near its old burrow. 'We've had a success,' I texted Kerstin.

The work is endless, but John Creighton is buoyed by the goodwill generated in Bundanoon with his Wombat Care project. 'I try to recruit the community

not to be wildlife carers necessarily but just to care. A wombat is a real sentient being with emotions. I find that most people want to know how to accommodate them and it's just a matter of finding out how.'

Apart from road kill and mange, the biggest threats to wombats are misunderstandings in the farming community and this is a delicate subject in need of discussion. Anecdotally, wombat holes are bulldozed, and wombats are shot or left to die in traps.

Andy MacLeod, a generational farmer from Woodlands became a passionate advocate for wombats after reading *The Secret Life of Wombats* by James Woodford and as a farmer speaking to farmers, he takes a pragmatic and economic perspective.

'For every problem, there are workable solutions,' Andy says. 'For example, wombats can mess with fences but you have to be smarter than them. I use wildlife cameras to find their tracks and put in wombat gates as needed. There are simple instructions for making gates on the DPI website.'

Andy places big hoops made from poly-pipe and decorated with reflective tape over burrows in his paddocks so that vehicles or children riding horses know where the burrows are.

If a wombat burrowing under a building is an issue, there are a variety of strategies. Some builders specialise in the installation of underground barriers. Andy has adapted wheelie bins to let the wombat leave but not re-enter. However, one moved in under his house three years ago and it hasn't caused any structural problems. 'In fact, I think it's a privilege,' he says.

For Andy, there is also a business motivation for his family's positive co-existence with wombats. 'As a farmer making a living, wombats contribute to the 90% occupancy rate we have with our holiday accommodation. People come to see our wildlife.'

For many Robertson residents, wombats enrich our daily lives with their quirky personalities and cubic poo but they're existence is threatened on a few fronts. If you would like to join the conversation about how to better co-exist with them, look out for details of a coming event.

If you see injured wild life, **call 0418 427 214** for Wild Life Rescue South Coast (WRSC) and they will send a rescuer. Response time if the number is busy is a matter of minutes.

Or download the **IFAW Wildlife Rescue App** which connects you to the closest licensed wildlife rescue wherever you are in NSW.

If you see a wombat with mange, contact WRSC or John Creighton from Wombat Care Bundanoon – 0490 659 245. [www.wombatcarebundanoon.com.au](http://www.wombatcarebundanoon.com.au)

# CTC Robertson News

## CTC receives support to present community wellbeing programs

CTC Robertson has received support from the **Australia Post Community Grants** program and the **Wingecarribee ClubGrants** scheme to deliver a program of events that will connect our community to conversations about mental wellbeing.

In association with Mental Health Awareness month, we will be hosting the **"Minding Your Wellbeing" information forum on Saturday, 22 October**, for everyone in the community interested in learning more about mental wellbeing for themselves and others. Mental health services Beyond Blue and Community Links, alongside local counsellor Jedison Wells will come together to share personal and professional perspectives on managing mental wellbeing. Find out more about this event on page 6 or at [www.robertsonctc.org.au/wellbeing](http://www.robertsonctc.org.au/wellbeing).

In November, community members can participate in **Mental Health First Aid Training**. Annette Tesoriero from Upskill Mental Health will deliver this accredited program over two days (20th & 27 November). Registration for this training is offered at a significantly subsidised rate of \$30 ( usually \$250) and includes a handbook, lunch, and refreshments on both days. Places are limited. Book in now: [www.trybooking.com/CDCFZ](http://www.trybooking.com/CDCFZ)

CTC Robertson will continue these community conversations into the new year with a program of events aimed at different aspects of coping with challenges and managing wellbeing. If you are interested in contributing to this program's development, please get in touch via email [katiefagan@robertsonctc.org.au](mailto:katiefagan@robertsonctc.org.au) or tel 4885 2665



## *all aboard!* Exploring the wonder of the world through your device

Book in for a free  
Get Online Week 2022  
workshop and learn new digital skills

### CTC Robertson is hosting two exciting workshops to celebrate Get Online Week 2022.

- Discover programs we can all access to "travel" online to international landmarks and remote landscapes
- Take a virtual walk through a world-famous art gallery
- Experience what it is like to be a part of an online audience for an orchestra performance
- Learn how to find, save and watch films, tv programs and podcasts through your device
- Enjoy a tour of the free online library services available to access e-books, help you with particular research subjects or even learn a new language!

This event will be held in Bowral and Robertson. Book in for your preferred location and start exploring the wonder of the world through your device. Afternoon tea will be provided.

**1 – 3pm Tuesday 18 October**  
**Henrietta Rose Room Bowral Library**  
Book online [www.trybooking.com/CCVTM](http://www.trybooking.com/CCVTM)  
or call 4885 2665

*Thanks to Wingecarribee Shire Council for supporting this event.*

**1 – 3pm Thursday 20 October**  
**CTC Robertson 58-60 Hoddle St, Robertson**  
Book online [www.trybooking.com/CCVTQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CCVTQ)  
or call 4885 2665

### Exhibition: *Seeing Things* by Helen Cameron until the end of October



A collection of works focused on abstract landscapes and still life. Helen has an innate sense of design and colour and expertly creates her own stunning and quirky combinations.

### Music Café: JB Troubadours 2 –4pm, Saturday 12 November



Come along for an afternoon of jazz and blues classics with Music Café favourites, JB Troubadours. Wine, coffee and baked goods will be available from the CTC café.

\$5 at the door

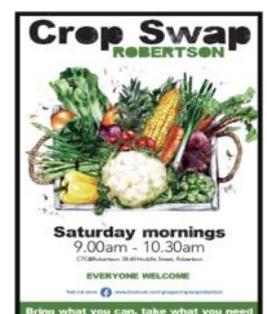


### What's happening at the CTC

#### Opening Hours

Thursday & Friday 10am-4pm  
Saturday 9am-1pm  
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connect you with other  
community members at the  
CTC.



## Calendar of Events

# On at The SHAC

Continuing until 10 October

Sharyn O'Grady - *Life in Colour*

Sista Weavers - *Bilum Hauslain*

Lissa-Jane de Sailles & Carla Jackett - *Fragility*

New exhibitions opening 14 October

Anthony Springford - *The Disinvention of Nature*

In this exhibition Anthony examines his interest in time, duration and subjectivity moving into a more overtly political and collective territory. This show finds its genesis in the last few years of global crisis – bushfires, floods, COVID 19 - which has changed our collective experience of time, our politics and our human relationship to the earth.

Kathy Forrest - *Coastal Journeys, an exhibition of ceramics by KMF Collections*



This is the story of my travels around Australia from the Sydney basin in New South Wales, across to the south west coast of Western Australia and the Kimberly region in the north and how it has sparked my creativity in structure and form.

Find out more at [www.theshac.com.au/events](http://www.theshac.com.au/events)

# At Moonacres School

**Sustainable Seafood in Spring, Saturday October 15 at 10am—1pm \$245**



Build your confidence and learn the simple art of seafood with Anna Philips, seafood Master and foundation teacher at the Sydney Seafood School. With a passion for sustainable seafood and over 40 years experience teaching and writing about Australian Seafood,

Anna will take you on a delicious seafood journey. After our cook up we will sit down for a seafood feast with local wine.

**Bookings and further info about all Moonacres workshops in Robertson [moonacres.rezdy.com/catalog/334722/classes](http://moonacres.rezdy.com/catalog/334722/classes)**

Through October	<b>Exhibitions</b>	The SHAC p 12 & CTC p11, Railway p 7
Wednesday-Sunday Various times/days	<b>Dinners, Bar, BBQs, Devonshire Teas</b>	The Robertson Hotel see p3
Sun 9 Oct & Sun 13 Nov 8.30-2pm	<b>Robertson Market</b>	School of Arts ph 0408 238 575
Sat 8—Sun 9 Oct	<b>Waratah weekend</b>	Railway Station see p7
Tues 11 Oct 5pm	<b>Community Assoc</b>	CTC Robertson
Fri 14 Oct 7.30pm	<b>REPS Talk</b>	CTC Robertson see p9
Sat 15 & Sun 16 October	<b>Robertson Show ReBoot</b>	Robertson Showground
Sat 15 Oct 10am-1pm	<b>Sustainable seafood workshop</b>	Moonacres School see p12
Sat 15 October 10am-3pm	<b>Avoca Public School 150th</b>	Avoca Public School see p8
Thurs 20 October 1pm-3pm	<b>Get Online Week event</b>	CTC Robertson see p11
Sat 22 Oct 1-4pm	<b>Minding your wellbeing</b>	CTC Robertson see p6
Sat 22 Oct, Sat 19 Nov 8-11pm	<b>Old Time Dance</b>	School of Arts Ph 0427 975 645
Sat 29 Oct , 5.15 for 6pm	<b>Spring Ceilidh</b>	School of Arts See p1
<b>Sat 12 Nov</b> 2-4pm	<b>Music Café</b>	CTC Robertson see p11
Sun Nov 20 & Sun Nov 27	<b>Mental Health First Aid Course</b>	CTC Robertson see p11
Every Wednesday 7.30pm	<b>Robertson RFS Meeting</b>	Robertson Fire Station
Tuesday 10am-2pm Fridays 10am-1pm	<b>Men's Shed Women's Shed</b>	Men's & Women's Shed (rear CTC)
First Monday of month 1.30pm	<b>Robertson Garden Club Meeting</b>	Showground
Sat 9am-10.30am	<b>Crop Swap</b>	CTC Robertson
Church Services	<b>St John's Church</b>	Ph: 4885 1210
Sunday Mass	<b>St Peter's Burrawang</b>	Ph 4868 1931

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