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From San Francisco Bay to Robertson



Rev Dan Bidwell with his family—daughter Charlotte, wife Jo and son Jamie—Picture supplied

In early June the Reverend Dan Bidwell became the senior minister of Robertson and Burrawang Anglican Churches, after more than three years serving as the senior pastor of a church in California's Napa Valley. Dan, Jo and their son Jamie now live in Robertson. Their daughter Charlotte is finishing college in the US. *Find out more about Dan's story on p6*

What's Your Robertson Story?

Community members from Robertson and surrounding areas are being invited to unleash their inner writers and be part of a series of writing workshops at CTC Robertson.

Everyone has a story to tell about their life in the district - whether you have been here for generations or more recently arrived. How did you end up here? Who do you remember or what sticks in your memory? Are there things you have seen or experienced that need to be captured in words to share with others? Is there something funny, tragic, memorable about your life or your work that you've been waiting to write down before it gets forgotten?

You are invited to Spirit of Place, a series of writing workshops at the CTC Robertson where you will learn skills on how to craft and write your story and meet others interested in doing the same.

This program is supported by a grant from the Southern Highlands Community Foundation. *Find out more on p3.*

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Vale Jack Skipper MC

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Jack Harold Skipper died on 24 August following an extended illness. He and his wife, Lynette, were members and valued supporters of REPS for many years. Their farm in the Robertson district was a source of keen interest and a joy.



Jack saw active service in Korea (where he was awarded the Military Cross), Malaya and Maralinga.

Lieutenant Jack Skipper was posted to the Korean War with 1RAR for 12 months after graduating from the Royal Military College, Duntroon. He earned his Military Cross for "courage and devotion to duty" while commanding a fighting patrol that engaged with the enemy three times in no-man's land in 1952. After serving in Korea, Jack returned to Haramura Battle School in Kure, Japan, as an instructor.

Mr Skipper was a well known and highly regarded member of the Robertson community. Sincere condolences are offered to his wife Lynette.

Acknowledgements—*Eucryphia* No.181, Photograph Supplied, Peter Glass, NSW War Memorials Register

Community Association

The next meeting of the Robertson Community Association is on Tuesday 10 October at 5pm at CTC Robertson. Council Administrator, Viv May will be attending and will also be available prior to the meeting from 4-5pm for one on one appointments. (contact Council for bookings). To find out more contact Mark Turner on robboca@outlook.com or at robertson.nsw.au/robertsoncommunityassociation.html

Letter to the Editor

Regarding the upcoming Referendum, I see the reasons to support the proposed changes to the Constitution as follows:

- Most advanced countries have recognition of their native peoples in their constitutions.
- A Voice to Parliament brings with it the prospect of more effective and efficient outcomes to government programs for Aboriginal communities.
- As a nation, Australians need to take a significant step towards healing the wounds of past injustices and correcting current inequalities.

Voting yes to the Referendum question will significantly help us to become more unified as a nation.

Neville Fredericks, Burrawang

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The submission deadline for the December 2023 edition is November 15 2023. Please submit all articles and event notices to info@robertsonctc.org.au.

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Invitation to Write Your Story

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Over the course of 6 weekly sessions commencing Sunday 22 October 2-4pm, we will brainstorm and develop ideas for your story and how to apply writing techniques to create a work that can be read and enjoyed by others. Through talks, readings and discussion, we will look at things like setting, character and tone to turn your idea into the best piece of writing that it can be.

You will be taught and led by Robertson writer and UTS research student Atul Joshi within a non-judgmental and supportive workshop environment that enables you to share your work with fellow participants and learn from each other. Along the way, we'll have guests joining us, such as local writer Kylie Needham, Goulburn writer Nigel Featherstone and Wollongong writer Jackie Bailey. They will all use their own published work to show you how they have used common writing techniques.

The program of six two-hour sessions costs \$25 (\$20 Concession) and you will be supplied with a full reading kit, course notes and outline. If you don't have a computer, access to the CTC's computers is possible or you can use a notebook and pen. You will need to commit to a program of readings and writing assignments that should take up 2-3 hours of your own time a week. The program is suited to participants 18 years old plus — places will be limited so everyone can receive individual time and attention. Atul will be available outside of the weekly sessions to provide ongoing advice and mentorship. The course will culminate in a final showcase where you will have the opportunity to read your work to fellow students and invited family and friends. With your agreement, your work will then be published on the CTC Robertson website as a living archive.

What's Your Robertson Story?



Everyone has a story to tell about their life in the Robertson district – whether you have been here for generations or more recently arrived. How did you end up here?

Sign up now to a series of writing workshops on Sundays at CTC Robertson where you will learn how to craft and write your story

The program of 6 workshops starts on **Sun 22 Oct and finishes 3 Dec 2023**
Each workshop runs **2pm-4pm** (final workshop a little longer)
Cost: \$25/\$20 for the complete program of six workshops.

Find out more and book robertsonctc.org.au/writingworkshops.html or call 4885 2665 or scan the QR code

Image: Detail from *Rocks, Rain, Roots* by Peter Campbell

Generously supported by a grant from the Southern Highlands Community Foundation



Join us, and let's write the story of the beautiful Yarrawa Brush area together and through this nurture and develop your inner writer. To enrol, visit www.robertsonctc.org.au/writingworkshops.html or call the CTC on 4885 2665.

Spirit of Place: Stories from the Yarrawa Brush is made possible through a 21st Birthday Arts & Culture grant from the Southern Highlands Community Foundation. The CTC Robertson is grateful for this support.



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Visit your local brigade at the Robertson Country Market, 8 October 2023

Robertson Rural Fire Brigade Volunteers Recognised

On Thursday 21 September the Southern Highlands Team of the RFS hosted an awards ceremony to recognise significant service by local members.

Robertson volunteers were well represented, with long service medals presented to Megan Moore, Ross Brumfield, and awarded to Garry Dover who was unable to attend.

National Medals were awarded to Russell Moore and Ian Field. Many of you know Ian and would know that he is the least likely person in Robertson to toot his own horn - so can we just put on the record the tremendous level of service that Ian was recognised for:

"National Medal & 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Clasp (for minimum 55 years service) and Long Service Medal 5th Clasp (for minimum 60 years service).

Ian has been serving his community for over 60 years. Having been an active member of his local brigade Tichborne while farming between Forbes and Parkes, Ian moved to Robertson on retirement and didn't hesitate in transferring to the Robertson Brigade and has continued his active service for 18 years and became one of the brigade's most active members. He has been critical to the daytime response availability of the brigade and is still an active driver in the brigade. He has mown and maintained the surrounds of the brigade station since moving to Robertson.


Ian has never desired a leadership position within the brigade, however his strength of character, impeccable integrity, length of service in the RFS and quick wit have made him a highly valued brigade member and a regular sounding board to the brigade executive."

Congratulations to all the recipients who are worthy recipients of their awards.

Source: Robertson Rural Fire Brigade Facebook.

Garden Working Bees at Station

Every 2nd Saturday of the month from 9am-12 noon there is a working bee at Robertson Railway Station waratah gardens and rainforest. Morning tea is provided. If you can help, contact Anne on 4885 1585



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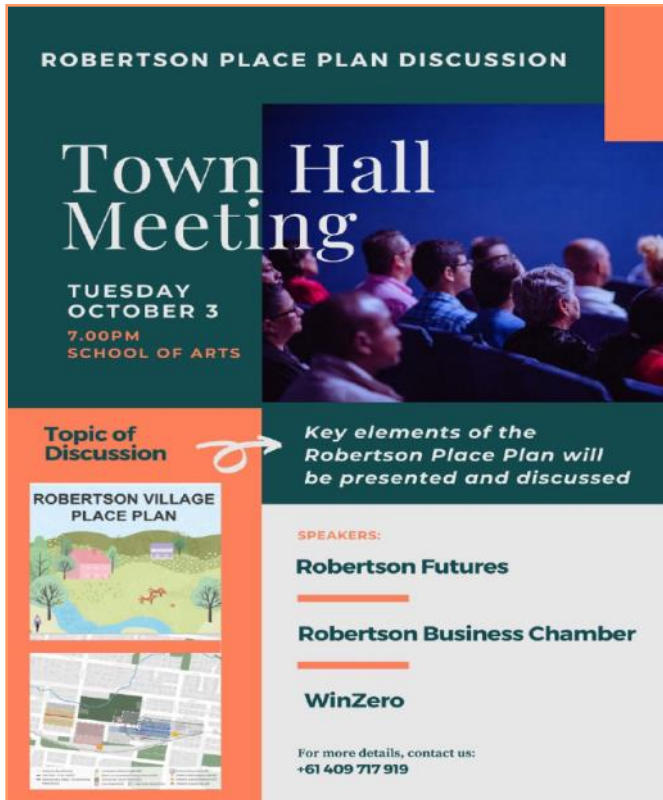
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By Mark Turner, Robertson Futures Group Inc

The Robertson Place Plan is now on public exhibition.



ROBERTSON PLACE PLAN DISCUSSION

Town Hall Meeting

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 3
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Topic of Discussion → *Key elements of the Robertson Place Plan will be presented and discussed*

ROBERTSON VILLAGE PLACE PLAN

SPEAKERS:

- Robertson Futures**
- Robertson Business Chamber**
- WinZero**

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It is a long and detailed document that can be a little challenging to plough through. A couple of copies are available at the CTC Robertson. It is important for the community to know what the Council is planning for its future in terms of housing, transport, infrastructure, accessibility (footpaths and lanes), the environment and sustainability - and the general vibe of the village.

Robertson Futures Group have had a good look at it and see several issues that need discussing and have planned a public meeting at the Robertson School of Arts on Tuesday 3rd October from 7pm.

The meeting will be hosted by Robertson Futures Group in conjunction with the Robertson Business Chamber and Winzero. Neville Fredericks, with his detailed knowledge of planning laws will be able to contribute his expertise as will Michael Cains, the President of the Business Chamber and Gaye White from Winzero.

So, if you are keen to know how this Plan will affect you and the future of the town, come along and be part of the discussion.

The **Draft Robertson Village Place Plan** is on exhibition until 16 October.

You can also find out more on Council's website at

www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au/robertson-village-place-plan



Waratah Propagation at Robertson School

REPS member Mrs Anne Wilson, Principal Mr Gordon Parrish and children planting Waratah seeds last week. The seeds were supplied by Mrs Wilson.

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A Message from New Minister Dan Bidwell

Dear new neighbours and friends,

Jo and I have received such a warm welcome from the Robertson community since we arrived here in June. On moving day, we were greeted with a fruit basket and delicious pizza from Pizzas in the Mist. A church member delivered a trailer full of firewood. Since then we have been the recipients of many offers of hospitality in Robertson, Kangaloon, Bundanoon and Bowral. We've also been grateful for the advice and reassurance we needed as new 'farmers', if owning four chickens counts as farming! Both Jo and Jamie have been welcomed into new jobs in the Robbo community.

Our family embarked on an adventure to the US in 2019 after Charlotte finished her HSC. We arrived in the idyllic Napa Valley - the heart of California's wine industry - a narrow wedge of volcanic soil just 30 miles long and 5 miles wide, filled with row after row of flourishing vines. In the mornings, hot air balloons filled with visitors hover above the mist filled valley floor. The howling of coyotes echoes in the late afternoon glow, as hawks and kites circle the skies. The landscape is punctuated with architecturally designed vineyards - sophisticated, warm and welcoming spaces that reflect the warmth of the cabernet sauvignon for which the region is famous. Napa Valley is a magical place!

We were drawn to Robertson because it possesses many of the same qualities. Breath-taking physical beauty nestled in a foodie's paradise.



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I feel privileged to be part of the Robertson and Burrawang communities, and I hope to give back to the community in years to come, as your minister and your friend.

Blessings, Dan (dan@robertsonanglican.org.au)
Join us for church in Robertson every Sunday at 8am, 10am or at Burrawang on the third Sunday of the month at 4:30pm.

Fern Talk

The next REPS talk will be held at the AGM on Friday 10 November 2023 7.30pm at CTC Robertson when Dr Kevin Mills will speak about the ferns of the South Coast as detailed in his recently released book. Kevin is a botanist and ecologist who has lived in the Illawarra district for more than 40 years. His vast experience includes work on several botanical projects in the region and his detailed knowledge of the flora has been gained through extensive field surveys across some of the South Coasts most remote areas.

He has also been conducting more surveys of the Robertson highlands and has added several species to the fern lists for the region and the state.

Kevin has authored or co-authored several books on native plant species and has systematically investigated the fern flora occurring on the NSW South Coast – a 12 year project which culminated in the production of his latest book.

He has also somehow managed to find time to conduct landmark studies on the vegetation of Norfolk Island and nearby Philip Island.

Closer to home, Kevin is closely involved with the rehabilitation of habitat on The Five Islands off Port Kembla and the regeneration of rainforest at Minnamurra Rainforest Centre in Budderoo National Park. He has been a volunteer for the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service for more than thirteen years as a member of the South Coast Regional Advisory Committee.

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Carers' Week Special Event with Petrea King

Carer Gateway | Wellways, in partnership with Wingecarribee Shire Council, will be holding a wellbeing session with Petrea King as a guest speaker at CTC Robertson on Friday 3 November from 10am-1.30pm.



Petrea will be talking about self-care strategies for carers and will include a meditation session for individuals that wish to participate. Petrea King is CEO of the Quest for Life Foundation which she established in 1989. She is a well-known author, inspirational keynote speaker, teacher and facilitator.

Come along and learn about how Carer Gateway's free services can assist individuals who are caring for a loved one. Lunch will be provided. Further information contact Anne Dixon, Community Engagement Worker, Carer Gateway Services at Wellways Australia ph 0481 469 184 or search Robertson on Eventbrite www.eventbrite.com.au/

Weekly Meditation at the Shed

RMSI member Michael Breen has organised weekly meditation sessions in the Shed building from 6pm on Tuesday evenings. The sessions will start with a few words, a story or quote, followed by 20 minutes meditation. This meditation group has a long history with Jayne Matley and Fiona Browne who used to meet at the Robertson Doctor's rooms. Michael's tradition is Zen meditation which he has practiced with various teachers since 1986. He says learning to meditate is not difficult and if there is anything to be learnt from meditation it is that it is so natural and so real whatever we are experiencing. Contact Michael on 0428 456 273 for further information.

Memory Improvement Course

Many people would like a better memory, especially as we age. You don't have a fixed amount of memory from birth which is unchangeable. You can upgrade your memory! There are techniques for remembering which can be practiced and learned to make life easier. Recent research on the plasticity of the brain shows that our brains adapt to new situations. Brains have an almost infinite number of neurons for our memories to use. This means that memory does not have to decline with age. The fact that people believe this is one of the things which limits remembering. Talking to our brains as if they are defective is not helpful. It would be like telling a child that they can't read or write. But that is not the end of the story. Tried and true memory skills and methods go a long way back in history.

Learning new memory skills can be creative and playful. Whether it is propping up your memory with new tools, assisting study, lessening frustration and embarrassment you can do it. It is reassuring to know you can rely on your memory.

In this *Memory Improvement Course* in Robertson you will learn about your memory now and what is possible when you use the tools provided. You practice those skills during the course. The course covers-names and faces, tips which work for experts, using mind maps, song and story for memory. And learning to forget things you don't want to remember. This is not a "school kind of course" it is adult learning by doing.

Course Details.

Place: CTC Robertson 58-60 Hoddle St Robertson.

Dates: October 11, 18 & 25 with the option of a fourth day if people want it.

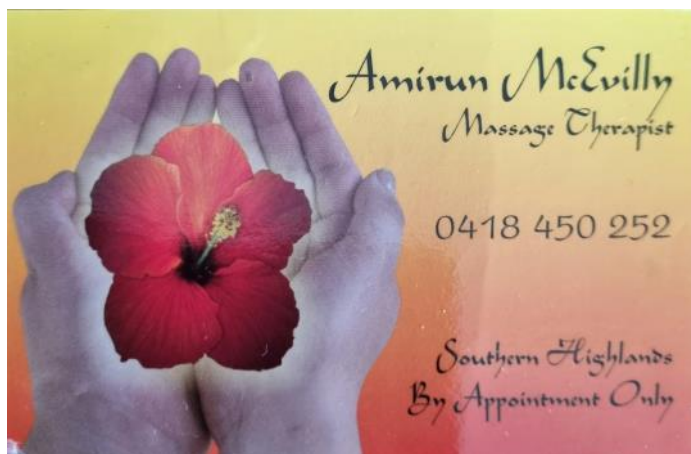
Time: 10.00am to 11.30am.

Cost: \$40.00 (Profits to Robertson Men's and Women's Shed)

Facilitator: Michael D. Breen. Educational Psychologist.

Group limit: Ten people.

How to enrol: Fill in an Enrolment Form at the CTC. You will be notified if your enrolment is 1 of 10 and then asked to pay.



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SHOW CTC

By Sandy Mauger

The Robertson Show Society and CTC Robertson are collaborating to bring new energy and accessibility to the historic Pavilion exhibits of the Robertson Show.

A recent conversation with a Robertson Resident revealed a simmering exuberance to see their own exhibits in the Robertson show Pavilion. Admiring their bees at work, this resident recalled the frisson of bottling a first honey batch and the thrill of winning a ribbon.

To help others experience the same thrill we have launched SHOW CTC Workshops. These will



Upcycling workshop at CTC Robertson

Sat 21 Oct 2pm-4pm
(cafe open at 1.30pm) \$15

This is a workshop for anyone wanting to enter the Upcycling Class in the Robertson Show. You will get ideas to recycle fabric and textile items such as doilies, fancywork, tapestry, needlework, quilting, clothing and household linen and napery into something new that you can wear or use.

Barbara Combe, an experienced dress, costume and pattern maker will demonstrate different techniques and give you lots of ideas. Come along and share Barbara's passion for minimising the amount of textiles that go into landfill. You can bring along a couple of items and brainstorm ideas!

Help make your dream of a ribbon at the Robertson Show come true!

Book now at www.trybooking.com/CLWJJ or ph: 4885 2665

This is the first in a series of SHOW CTC workshops - a partnership between CTC Robertson and the Robertson Show Society. The workshops will demonstrate how to create particular Pavilion exhibits, how to interpret the rules in the Show Schedule and provide opportunities to connect with your Robertson neighbours.

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demonstrate how to create particular Pavilion exhibits, how to interpret the rules in the Show Schedule and provide opportunities to connect with your Robertson neighbours.

The Robertson Show has been an annual fixture for 144 years and like all regional agricultural shows, the Robertson Show

includes a Pavilion showcasing individual and community endeavours. Each Show displays competitions including handcrafts, textile work, gardening, cake cooking, bread, beer, jam, art, photography and children's design and technology.

The first workshop is about Upcycling with Barbara Combe and is on Saturday 21 October 2-4pm at CTC Robertson. Find out more and book at www.trybooking.com/CLWJJ or call the CTC on 4885 2665.

Men's and Women's Shed on the Tele!

A segment on ABC National Weekend Breakfast on Saturday 9 September saw our small town shed punching above its weight! Having a ladies shed as well as a men's shed which work so well together was a point of difference which drew the attention of ABC Illawarra



Claire Hewat (Secretary) & Graeme Hewat (President)- Picture Supplied

who were looking for a unique angle to highlight the 30th anniversary of the shed movement. The reporters spent over an hour filming and interviewing for the video segment and a more extensive piece online. Here is the link if you have not already

seen it. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-09-09/australia-mens-shed-30-robertson-mens-and-womens-shed-thriving/102821044> A great promo for Robertson which shows we country folk can be true trailblazers.

Saturday evening 16 Sept had almost 70 members and supporters dressed in their finest hippy gear for a fun trivia night at the Bowlo. A big thank you to the businesses which supported this fundraiser with generous donations of prizes: Robertson Bowling Club, Gubbins Mitre 10 Moss Vale, Lucinda's Pantry, Moonacres Café, Robertson Butcher, Trotters Lane, Agriwest, Robertson Fruit Shop, Robertson Pharmacy, Robertson Friendly Grocer and Verwood Estate Wines.



Preparations for the annual Christmas Raffle are well underway and the ladies are producing wooden Christmas Trees recycled from old pallets - \$65 for a large tree, small \$20. Email info@robertsonmensshed.org.au if you wish to order one.

Wednesday evening mixed shed will be resuming from 4 October, 6pm-9pm. Supper provided. If you cannot make it to a day shed on a Tuesday or Friday this could be for you. Pop in and see how we roll!



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Whether it is at the special plant sales over the weekend of 7-8 October, at Native Grace Nursery or Penjing in Robertson, you are sure to pick up some local inspiration for your garden.

Penjing at Robertson, operated by local resident Zeke Ezra, is a specialty nursery located in the Highlands Hive complex on Hoddle Street. Since its opening in February, it has become a valuable addition to our village's retail selection. Setting itself apart from traditional nurseries, Penjing offers a



Robertson Garden Club

SPRING PLANT SALE

7th - 8th OCTOBER

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wide array of Penjing and Bonsai plants, pots, tools, and related items to accommodate practitioners of all levels. The nursery has seen great success with its popular Bonsai courses for Beginners, and Intermediate level courses are set to begin soon. Led by local Bonsai expert Dean Wilson with assistance from Zeke, these courses and Bonsai offerings have drawn Bonsai enthusiasts from coastal areas and surrounding regions, providing them with a more convenient option for their needs.

While Zeke's expertise in gardening is evident in the quality of the plants, the quantity may be limited by space. However, the nursery's inventory, excluding Australian natives due to their adequate availability elsewhere in town, appeals to garden enthusiasts of all levels with its variety and interest. Moreover, for those in need of larger quantities, sourcing and delivery options are usually available, and the nursery's prices are highly competitive with others in the Highlands. A visit to Penjing at Robertson is highly recommended. See also ad on p1.



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Heritage Study Exhibition

Wingecarribee Council, in partnership with local volunteer heritage and history specialists, embarked on a project in late 2020 to examine previously identified potential heritage places and to identify previously unidentified places of value to the community. This project culminated in the Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study 2021-23 which examined more than 600 potential places of heritage significance and recommends the protection of nearly 480 places that contribute to our cultural heritage and understanding of our area's history. Some of these places are located within Robertson. In addition to individual items, the Study also recommends 8 new heritage conservation areas, and 6 extensions to existing heritage conservation areas throughout the Shire.

The Study responds to the community's vision and goals that acknowledge and value our heritage that are articulated through the Wingecarribee Community Strategic Plan, Wingecarribee 2041.

Council is currently inviting consultation with owners of places identified as having heritage significance who have received a letter. Council will shortly be writing to owners of places within proposed heritage conservation areas for consultation with them ahead of **public exhibition which commences on 3 October 2023.**

Reminder—Voice Referendum on Saturday 14 October

The question is

A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?

To vote, write either 'yes' or 'no' - in full - in the box provided on the ballot paper.

You can vote in Robertson at the School of Arts from 8am-6pm on Saturday 14 October.

Prepoll voting is available in Bowral at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church 2 Bendooley St, Bowral on 3-7 October and 9-13 October. Check the AEC website for opening hours.

Find out more at www.aec.gov.au/referendums/

To find out more about the Community Heritage Study and the upcoming public exhibition, go to the project consultation page at www.yoursaywingecarribee.com.au/community-heritage-study.

Have Your Say on Council's Integrated Transport Strategy

Council has committed to developing an Integrated Transport Strategy for the Shire, to guide transport planning and decision-making over the coming 20 years. The Strategy will give effect to specific actions outlined in both the Wingecarribee Community Strategic Plan and the Local Strategic Planning Statement which seek to improve transport infrastructure throughout the Shire, create walking and cycling friendly communities and encourage the use of public transport. The Strategy will identify the challenges and opportunities associated with making all modes of transport in the Shire more convenient, safer and sustainable. It will highlight our current travel patterns and set targets and actions designed to respond to the community's concerns and aspirations regarding transport and accessibility and is part of Council's commitment to refocusing on the future and better planning for the needs of our community.

To help inform the Strategy, residents are invited to visit the [Integrated Transport Strategy page on the Your Say Wingecarribee website](#) and complete the survey form.

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What's Happening at the CTC?

The CTC continues to receive support to present community digital training programs

CTC Robertson has received support from our Network Partners Good Things Foundations and the Federal Government eSafety Commissioner to provide digital skills

training as part of the Be Connected Program. Topics coming up are *How to use government websites, How to spot a scam and how to protect yourself, Safer online shopping and banking, Connecting with others and staying safe on Facebook and How to keep your Grandkids safe online.* Find out more and make a booking at www.robertsonctc.org.au/training1.html

We also received a Grant to host 2 events for 2023 Get Online Week. **Get Yarning with free Afternoon Tea provided** —Learn how to find patterns, download, and save them. **Thursday 19th October 2.00 – 3.30 pm. BQ with a BBQ, join us for a free lunch hosted by CTC and The Robertson Men's and Women's Shed**



Find out more about our free presentations to develop your digital skills. Learn how to keep safer online and use technology with confidence.

Friday 20th October

12.00 - 3.00 pm Find out more about Get Online Week and make a booking at www.robertsonctc.org.au/getonlineweek2023.html

MUSIC CAFE

WITH
J & B TROUBADOURS

2 - 4PM (CAFE OPEN FROM 1.30PM)
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2023
at CTC Robertson
Entry: \$10

www.trybooking.com/CGPVX

The Benefits of Volunteering! Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area

It strengthens your ties to the community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with common interests, neighbourhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities. You don't have to make a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your day. **We are currently looking for a Committee Secretary** to attend and take minutes at our monthly Committee meeting. Experience with meeting procedures an advantage as well as basic IT skills and a willingness to discuss

ideas and work with a small team. Give us a call!

Arts of Work Exhibition
by Catriona Anderson
The colours of construction
& the shapes of the built environment in nature.

Call in for the exhibition & a coffee.

Also coming up at the CTC!

Upcycling Workshop with Barbara Combe on 21 October —*find out more on p8*

Unleash your inner writer and write your Robertson story at the **Spirit of Place Writing Workshops** starting 22 October—*find out more on p3*

Carers' Week Event on 3 November—*see p7*

Opening Hours

Thursday & Friday 10am-4pm Saturday 9am-1pm

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Mariana del Castillo at Spud Lane

Ecuadorian-born, Australian multidisciplinary contemporary artist, Mariana del Castillo's ethereal abstracted landscapes are a response to climate change and the visible transformation of the landscape through human exploitation.



The Last of the Embers, 2023,

Translating the experience of being in country, the artist focusses on surface textures with long hours of time and care drawing on gestural marks and stitched lines.

An Accomplice in Something Other is showing at Spud Lane

Annexe Gallery at 91 Hoddle Street and continues in our main gallery at the rear of Highlands Hive from 13 - 29 October. Open Fri-Sun 10-4. Find out more at www.spudlane.com.au/whats-on/

Robertson Show Ball

28TH OCTOBER 2023

Book now at www.123tix.com.au/events/39345/robertson-show-ball-2023

Tables are available to be booked for groups of maximum 8 people. Simply send us an email through to robertsonshowball@outlook.com

New at the Hive

Some new additions to the precinct are opening in October: **The Buzz Cafe** will be specialising in great coffee and delicious vegetarian food right in the middle of the Highlands Hive! **Bentley Galleries**, in the Hive Arcade—will be showcasing antiques, collectibles and art.

Cont—28 Oct	Arts of Work	CTC see p11
2-15 October	Heritage Art Prize Exhibition	Fettlers Shed See p9
Tue 3 October 7pm	Place Plan Town Hall Meeting	School of Arts see p5
Sun 8 Oct & 12 Nov 8.30-2pm	Robertson Market	School of Arts ph 0408 238 575
7-8 October	Waratah Weekend	Railway see p9
7-8 October	Spring Plant Sale	Near Op Shop see p9
Tues 10 October 5pm	Community Association	CTC see p2
Wed 11,18,25 Oct	Memory Course	CTC see p7
13-29 October	Marian de Castillo exhibition	Spud Lane see p12
Sat 14 October 2-4pm (café 1.30)	Music Café with J&B Troubadours	CTC Robertson see p11
Sun 15 Oct, 12 Nov 19 & 20 October	Cockatoo Run	Railway Station
Sat 21 Oct. 18 Nov 8-11pm	Get Online Week Events	CTC Robertson See p11
Sat 21 Oct 2-4pm	Old Time Dance	School of Arts Ph 0427 975 645
22 October	Upcycling Workshop	CTC See p8
Sat 28 October From 6pm	Writing Workshop Series begins	CTC Robertson see p3
28-29 October	Robertson Show Ball	Showground see p12
3 Nov 10am-1.30pm	Printmaking workshop	Printmaking Sisters see p12
Fri 10 Nov 7.30pm	Carers' Week Event	CTC see p7
Sun 26 November 2pm	REPS Fern Talk	CTC see p6
Every Thur 1pm-3pm	Cinema Café—TBC	CTC Robertson
Wed-Sat 9.30am-1pm & Market Days	Robbo Yarners	CTC
Every Tue 6pm	Op Shop Open	The Burrow
Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Meditation Group	The Shed see p7
Tues 9.30am-3pm	Robertson RFS Meeting	Robertson Fire Station
Wed 6-9pm	Men's Shed Mixed	Men's & Women's Shed (rear CTC) See p8
Fridays 9am-3pm	Women's Shed	
First Monday of month 1.30pm	Robertson Garden Club Meeting	Showground
Sat 9am-10.30am	Crop Swap	CTC Robertson
Church Services Kids & Youth	St John's Church	Ph: 4885 1210 See p6
Sunday Mass	St Peter's Burrawang	Ph 4868 1931

Printmaking sisters

PRINTMAKING STUDIO CLASSES - WORKSHOPS GALLERY - EXHIBITIONS

Annie Day & Robin Ezra are delighted to announce Jo Hollier's new two day workshop, 28 - 29 October 'Working creatively with Drypoint etching' BOOK NOW Regular classes Thursday morning & Friday afternoon continue. WWW.ANNIEDAY.COM.AU



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