



ROBERTSON NEWSLETTER

Robertson Sewerage Plan and the Perils of Pump Out

Lyndy Heazlewood

As a new ratepayer in the district, I attended my first public meeting on Monday 30 November, in which the Council presented its plans for the introduction of a sewerage system for the district. We were informed of the various alternatives available to Council, their costing and advised that there were four suitable locations in outlying areas of the Robertson district in which treated sewerage could be reused.

An Environmental Scientist from the Public Works Department has been contracted to prepare an Environmental Impact Study for the sewerage system and the public were invited to nominate people to join an advisory committee which would report back to the people of Robertson on the results of the survey, and the progress of the implementation of the sewerage system. Mark Williams, Water and Sewerage manager at Wingecarribee Shire Council, is the person to contact if you are interested in joining the committee.

The meeting was very well attended, with around 70 locals, and all Councillors present, bar one. A number of townspeople voiced their disapproval of the \$56 per fortnight charge for pump out and the severe hardship this charge would have on those forced to pay this figure.

Mayor Sara Murray stated at the end of the meeting that Council would be reviewing their decision on pump out charges at the next Council meeting, on Wednesday 9 December. This has since been deferred.



First Robertson Scout Group

Colin Senior, Group Leader

1998 was a great year for scouting in Robertson. Although, due to high school exams, the Ventures went into recess late in the year, the Scouts Troop grew to fourteen members.

During the year, Scout Leaders Peter Bartlett and Graeme Hewat took the Troop bike riding along bush trails, to visit a satellite tracking station near Canberra, snow skiing, to camping and water activities at Bendeela, to an action day at Moorebank army camp and handdogging in Wollongong.

The Cubs had a great year too, with a fun day at Glenfield Scout Camp, a Region camp at cataract Scout Camp, a hike from Fountaindale Road to Carrington Falls, and along the Boxcal walking track, and had many fun packed nights. Pip Hammond joined us as a Cub Leader early in the year, and there are now nine boys and nine girls who seldom miss a night at Cubs.

We said a very reluctant good-bye to the Burns family at our break up party last year. Sam has always been ready to help us with equipment, major repairs, and fund raising, and Jay has always worked on our fund-raising activities. Maree recently organised and ran a Christmas Stocking raffle with over \$1000 worth of donated prizes. The proceeds brought in over \$13,000 for the group, and was by far the most successful fund-raiser we have had in years.

The group finished off the year by helping plant 50 native trees along the eastern side of the Hampden Park. The tree were provided by the Hampden Park Commit-

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Robertson Needs Assessment Survey

Barbara Balog - Highlands Community Centres

The Highlands Community Centres is an independent, non-political, non-denominational community organisation. Staffed by a dedicated team of workers and volunteers, Stafford Cottage provides friendly and confidential information and referral services.

The Robertson Needs Survey was undertaken by the Highlands Community Centres in response to contact with residents, who perceived a lack of services and facilities serving a growing population. 700 surveys were distributed in early September 1997. 70% of these were returned, 40% from within the village, and 30% from outlying areas.

The results of the survey appear to reflect the concerns initially held. Public transport is inadequate. Many find the current timetable unsatisfactory as people are unable to meet commitments with employment and appointments. There is support for a direct service to Bowral, and concerns for youth transport issues were also raised.

Medical issues were also raised with overwhelming support for a pharmacy, strong support for extended Surgery hours and a desire for a local Ambulance Station.

The predominant suggestions for sporting and recreational facilities were a heated swimming pool, an indoor games facility, walking and cycle tracks through the village and additional picnic / barbecue areas. Group suggestions included stress management, craft, garden, budgeting, relaxation and exercise classes.

Other concerns were crime, sewerage, railway crossing safety, pedestrian safety along Caalong Street and the highway heading east of town, maintenance of public toilets and general community program awareness.



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Southern Highlands

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Misty Mountain Mushrooms at

Carrington Falls (Outside Robertson) has a vacancy for a part-time mushroom picker. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided. Please call 4885 1108 for details

Wingecarribee Community Health Service

Maria DeDomenico

The Community Health Service is about working together with the community to promote, improve and maintain its health and well-being. It is also about assisting and supporting individuals, groups and communities through various stages of illness and disability.

It does this by recognising that 'health' is more than physical health alone, 'health' includes social, emotional, economic, environmental, spiritual and cultural factors. The service aims to provide fair and equal access to services and health improvement whilst providing resources to those in greatest need. We further aim to ensure financial and service accountability.

The community is invited to become involved in service developments and activities. We acknowledge the diversity of our semi-rural community and attempt to link clients with other teams, both within and outside the service.

Any person can access community health services, and a doctors referral is not necessary. Services are available without cost, however there may be a small fee attached to some equipment loans. To access services or information, contact Bowral Community Health on 4861 2744 between 2 & 4pm, Monday to Friday.

ROBERTSON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

The Village Centre, Hoddle Street, Robertson

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Diary Jan / Feb 1998

ROBERTSON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION General Meeting - 7:30pm Wednesday 20 January - Caalong Street Community Centre. All are welcome.

THE OLD TIME DANCE at the School of Arts is on its regular third Friday of the month, 15 January and 19 February. Note these in your diary.

The ROBERTSON MARKETS are on again, as it is each second Sunday of the month. Grab a bargain on February and March 14th.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY TRANSPORT bus service leaves Robertson for Bowral, via Burrawang, 9:30am each fortnight. We collect from your home, and can assist with lifting if required. En route drop offs can also be made. The bus leaves Oxley Mall at 2pm for the return journey. Bookings are essential. The service will operate on Wednesdays 13 & 27 of January and February 10 & 14. Community hire is also available. Phone Cathy Baker on 4862 1122, 1-5pm weekdays for all enquiries.

ROBERTSON COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS are available at the Caalong Street Community Centre from 10am to 3pm every second Tuesday. Enjoy a 2 course meal for \$6! All are welcome, February 2nd & 16th. Phone E. Potters 4885 1547.


The Caalong Street Community Centre plays host to the ROBERTSON SPINNERS every Monday night commencing 1 February. Come from 7-10pm for spinning, knitting, crochet, dyeing and all sorts of workshops. Wheels are available for hire. For further details phone R. Leeder on 4885 1452.

NURSING MOTHER'S ASSOCIATION of the Southern Highlands welcomes mums and babies to the following events: Saturday 9 January, 11am-12pm "Water-babies! An safe and happy introduction to the pool." Southern Highlands Swimming Centre, Bowral; 10 February, 10am, "Breast-feeding from 3 months - mum and baby reap rewards;" and a BYO picnic at Glebe Park, Saturday 20 February, 12pm. Please call Trish on 48616557, or Anna on 48851108, for further details.

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Southern Highlands Olympics Committee

Sue Hawick

We have been making efforts to entice Olympic and Paralympic teams to come to this area to train. These efforts have started to bear fruit with a major Water Polo carnival held last March, an Oceania Olympics Handball Coaches Solidarity in December and the interest of a Norwegian paralympic team in pre-games training here in 2000.

Also, SHOC is coordinating the 2nd Southern Highlands Community Games from 13 to 28 March 1999. The Games are designed to provide activities for all residents of the Shire. A new event will be a Community Fun Day. Activities include an egg and spoon races, captain ball, tug of war and three legged races, as, well as exhibitions, stalls and a stage for various performances.

People who would like to run an event in the community games can contact Alistair Saunders on 48836683 and if you are interested in the Fun Day please phone Sue Hawick on 48613617. It would be especially nice to have one or more events at Robertson instead of Mossagong having them all.

Don't forget the Torch Relay 4 and 5 September 2000!

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GETTING THE COCKATOO RUN BACK ON TRACK

Dion Boehme - Resident and member of Highlands Tourism Board

Does Robertson want the Cockatoo Run? This will be the key question at a meeting between the train's operators, and local business, to be convened in January by Highlands Tourism.

Even with increased Government support, making the steam trains pay will be touch and go. So how can Robertson help? One step, already underway, is to produce a glossy "Robertson" brochure with a map and guide to local businesses. It's needed for tourism generally but will also help train passengers make the most of their visit. There are also plans for better signs at the station and on the Highway.

Future trains would also probably terminate at Robertson rather than run on to Moss Vale. The increased steam activity at our station would be likely to attract visitors by car, also good for the village.

Meetings already held between Tourism Southern Highlands and the train's operators have come up with an important initiative - seeking interest from local bus companies to create a bus link between Robertson and Unanderra so that people in the Highlands can access the train. If this can be done it will at last make the train a true Highlands attraction, with Robertson as the base. The business benefits to the village if this can be achieved are obvious enough.

Grooming the station precinct is also an issue. The Tourism Board will be recommending to Council that it inject resources into tidying up and maintaining the station grounds.

The trains' operators recognise that past communication with the village has not been good, but are very keen to improve - one important reason for the January meeting.

I personally believe that the train has a great deal to offer our village, particularly if the steps outlined above can be carried through.

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