



# Robertson Newsletter

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## LOCAL ELECTIONS : LOCAL BOYS MAKE GOOD!

It is pleasing to find that two of our locals have won the day in such an overwhelmingly successful manner and will, therefore, be in a strong position to speak up loud and clear whenever issues directly affecting Robertson are raised in future Council meetings.

We refer, of course, to Larry Whipper and Paul Tuddenham; and we extend to each our very best wishes and support for the full and demanding roles for which they have both, so selflessly, volunteered their time and energy during the coming four years.

We were able to reach Larry by telephone soon after the results were declared and, after thanking us for our congratulations, he went on to say, "Above all, I want to say 'Thank you' from the bottom of my heart, to all of the people who have supported me and who have voted for me, especially those in Robertson but also throughout the Shire".

Larry added, "I'd like to emphasise to everybody that I'm always here and ready to help. There are many local issues which are of major concern to me, such as the Sheepwash Road intersection. But, of course, my overriding interests are in doing all that I can to ensure that the outstanding benefits of living and working in Robertson are shared and enjoyed by all residents. I firmly believe that this should ideally be achieved by aiming for ecological and economic sustainability combined with social justice. It is to these principles that I am committed on behalf of the community which I am so proud and happy to serve."

We had to wait until later in the day to reach Paul Tuddenham. When we did, he had only just arrived home in the evening after his tough and daily commute by car to and from business in Sydney. Almost certainly he had to have been a trifle travel weary when we spoke, but there was no hint of it in the pleasant, warm and friendly manner in which he came to the telephone.

Again after thanking us for our good wishes, Paul said how very grateful he was to the entire community for its tremendous support and how indebted he was to all of the many people who had voted in his favour. He said, "Of course, I've always had a very close affinity with Robertson and a deep interest in its affairs. I'm sure that this stems from the fact that, when I was in my early teens, I moved there to live and help on my father's farm, so I naturally built up a strong rapport with the village itself and with the surrounding area."

Obviously I'm committed to working for the benefit of all communities and I should like everybody to be assured that I'm approachable at all times. But I'm especially supportive of Robertson interests and activities, particularly the exciting initiative of the newly-formed Robertson Business Association together with its move towards inclusion within the Southern Highlands Business Chamber, of which I'm an enthusiastic and heavily involved member."

Paul ended our friendly conversation by saying

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## PETITIONS ON THE BLACK SPOT.

We take off our hats to the local lady who has siezed the initiative and organised the petitions to be found throughout the village.

As most of us already know, these petitions are yet a further attempt to generate more swift and urgent action over the terrifyingly hazardous Sheepwash Road junction with the Illawarra Highway.

And yet, why should it be such a black spot

It's a simple little road junction with perfect vision in all directions and, by modern day standards, involving very little traffic. There's nothing wrong with the junction and just about everything wrong with so many of the couldn't-care-less drivers who use it.

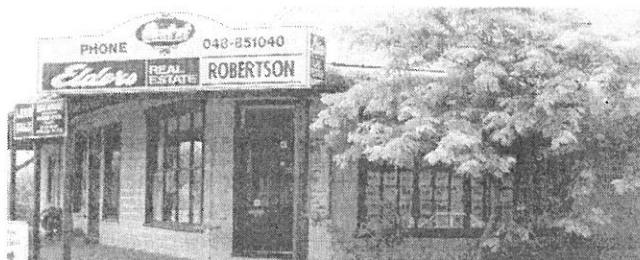
This junction seems to be a never-ending topic of conversation and concern among all sectors of the community and with so many of the different National and local authorities responsible for highway administration. All sorts of high profile politicians like Peta Seaton and Joanna Gash are taking a lively and active interest and, for this, we are extremely grateful. There seems to be much concern, considerable interest, innumerable reports and limitless statistics. In fact, there seems to be masses of just about everything that you can imagine except, in the final analysis, fast and positive action to resolve the problem.

Surely it does not require the mental powers and depths of wisdom of a modern day Socrates to spell out what needs to be done. And, for what it's worth, here's just one contribution for consideration:

All traffic on the Sheepwash Road must be made to stop at the junction. All traffic on the Illawarra Highway must be made to slow down to 60K when travelling through the junction. All drivers who fail to observe the rules face immediate loss of licence.

Draconian? Possibly. But something pretty dramatic needs to be done, and fast, to drive some sense and responsibility into the heads of the irresponsible few who have such callous disregard for the safety and well-being of the quiet, peaceful and law-abiding members of our community who, thankfully, represent the overwhelming majority.

So let's hope that the petition will make a significant contribution towards helping substantially to reduce the deadly menace of this highway blackspot which has been with us now for far too long. Arthur Jackson



For good sound rural advice call the  
locals, Phillip or John. 4885 1040

## **R.B.A. News – Success of the Robertson Brochure.**

Wide praise has been received, both inside and outside the community, for our "Robertson – Green Heart of the Southern Highlands" brochure. It has been so successful that the Robertson Business Association is planning a reprint at the end of the year.

The aim of the brochure is to encourage tourists (to the wider area of the Highlands and the Coast) to make the extra trip to discover the appeal of our village and it's beautiful natural surroundings. To this end, the brochure has been distributed to major motels, hotels and information centres in the Mittagong, Bowral, Moss Vale, Kangaroo Valley and coastal areas with extremely positive feed-back.

This is just one example of the efforts of the R.B.A. to bring attention to the village. It also sees itself as a mechanism to work with other interest groups, such as the Highlands Business Chamber, in an effort to make a united voice to Council and other government bodies for the benefit of local residents and business people.

Membership is only \$100 per annum and members are able to offset their fees through various discounts obtained by the Association. Every dollar spent in Robertson encourages business to employ local people. The president, Allan Jackson, stresses the importance of those with a business concern getting involved in this representative body.

The next meeting of the R.B.A is on Tues, 12th Oct at the Community Centre, 6pm sharp.

Contact – Allan Jackson – 4885 1133  
Dion Boehme – 4885 1080

## **Editor's Note.**

Apologies to all those who received their August newsletter so late. We have since discovered that our mail is sent to Canberra to be sorted and that the PO requires 2 weeks notice to ensure a particular delivery date for this type of mail.

So we have learnt our lesson and booked for the 6th October for this addition and will book for a similar date in the first week of December for delivery of our Christmas newsletter.

Response to advertising has been enormously successful. Thanks to all those business houses that have supported us. We will have to keep some limit on the number of advertisements in future, so please, if you want to be sure of your spot in the Christmas edition, please have your money and copy to Micki Boehme at the Robertson Recollections by 15th November. Phone 4885 1080.

## **Once in our Lifetime**

A Millennium Party is being organised for New Years Eve at Robertson Showground - the Party of the Century.

We are planning a community and family fun night with something for everyone, no matter what age you are.

There will be Jumping Castles and Face Painting; a free play Juke Box and live band; hot meals and snacks; canteen and glo sticks; Fireworks Spectaculars at 9-30p. m. and midnight -sponsored by local businesses; and fun activities. Fancy dress is optional!

This is a community organised and non profit event, any profit will go to local schools.

Admission tickets are available by mail order form (enclosed with our Flyer) and soon at Robertson Supermarket. Discounts apply to tickets purchased before 15th October.

Come and join the fun!

Event Co-ordinator: Jeff McCavana Ph. 4885 1115

## **TULIP TIME FOR ROBERTSON GUILD MEMBER.**

The outstanding craft and workmanship of highly skilled Robertson Guild member, Graeme Stuart, has been recognised and acknowledged yet again.

This came about when he and his wife, Yvonne, were recently requested to display Graeme's superb custom-built saddles and other top-quality leather products within the Tulip Time Arts and Craft Fair which was held between Thursday September 30th and Monday October 4th at the Bowral Memorial Hall.

This excellent Fair, organised by the Wingecarribee Craft Group, sets exceptionally high standards. Robertson Guild is therefore justifiably proud that the work of one of its leading members, Graeme Stuart, so ably assisted by his wife, Yvonne, has this year been selected for inclusion.

Congratulations, Graeme. It couldn't have happened to a more deserving bloke.



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that he recognised the challenges and hard work which lay ahead in Council and that he was quietly confident of his ability to do all, and more, that would be required of him.

So, once again, the heartiest of congratulations and good wishes from the people of Robertson to Paul Tuddenham and Larry Whipper. The best of good fortune to you both and may you both go well.

Arthur Jackson

## Community Notices

### Robertson and District Rural Watch.

The next meeting will be held at the Robertson Community Hall, Caalong St, Robertson, on the 7th October at 7.45pm. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month.

### Robertson Garden Club.

The next meeting of the Robertson Garden Club will be held on the 11th October at 1 o'clock, at the Robertson Community Hall, Caalong St, Robertson. Dean Wilson will give a talk on Care of Trees at 1.30pm. A gold coin donation.

For further information contact Anette or Cara Lee on 4885 1210.

### Ronald McDonald House

Excerpt from a letter of thanks for the people of Robertson who provide casseroles.....

"It means such a great deal to the families here. I wish you could see the looks of disbelief on the faces of worried parents when we tell them about the meals that you make available to them.


We are very grateful to you. This house really is a special place because of people like you who work quietly behind the scenes making sure whatever a family might need is here when they need it!"

### Cockatoo Run

Due to track maintenance, the Cockatoo Run will be closed 11th - 22nd October

1st - 19th November

The service will then continue till the end of November and recommence in March 2000.



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### REPS November Meeting

There will be 2 interesting speakers at the Robertson Environment Protection Society Meeting on Friday November 12. Geologist Ray Nolan will speak about the different soils - red soil, sandstone, shale etc. - in the Shire and Greg Stone will explain how on each kind of soil we find a different kind of native vegetation growing. Robertson Community Centre at 7.30pm. All are welcome at REPS talks, no charge and light supper provided. This meeting is also the AGM and REPS will be 9 years old!

### Community Bus

Don't forget the Community Bus is available for those needing transport in and around Bowral/Moss Vale on the following dates:

October 7 & 21

November 4 & 18

December 2 & 16



For more information please call Cathy Baker at Stafford Cottage on 4862 1122



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Joyce Bailey - 4885 2885

### Robertson & Burrawang Senior Citizens

It seems Christmas is well on its way again and plans are afoot for the RBSC's Christmas Lunch at Ranelagh House on Friday 10.12.99. Bookings are required by the end of November - please contact Lydia on 4885 1730.

The Christmas Hamper, which is raffled to raise money for our two charities, is presently being assembled and any donations would be gratefully accepted by Hope Waters at the General Store.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 20.10.99, starting at 1.30pm at the Community Centre.

### Robertson Tennis Club.

This is a community club, the members raise the money for upkeep and amenities. The courts have been cleaned and are looking like new. The broken window has been replaced and new globes installed.

Elders have generously agreed to provide the key to players and members.

\$10 deposit on Key (Everyone)

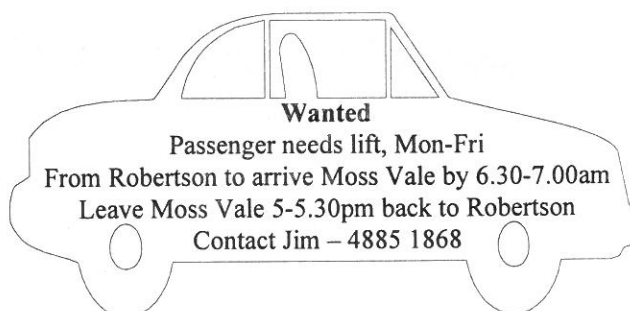
\$10 per hour or

Club Membership: \$10 Junior

\$30 Single

\$50 Family

(Friends pay \$2 to play)





## New in Robertson

Welcome to Pat & Maurice Bosa, new owners of the Robertson Country Motel.

Many people will remember "Patsy's Roast" in Oxley Mall, Bowral, which Patsy set up about 15 years ago and ran for 5 years. She became famous not only for her roasts but for her hot roast rolls and salad, not to mention her delicious lasagne. The café was so popular that there were always queues waiting outside.

Now joined by daughter Romy, Patsy has just re-opened the café at the Robertson Country Motel and will be providing her famous roasts as well as other goodies and take-aways. Opening hours are 7.00am for Breakfast to 7pm, 7 days a week.

A new shop has opened in a familiar "old" location in Robertson.

Formerly "Camden Valley Antiques", "Country Reflections" opened late August with a fresh new look. It is run by local couple John & Kaylene Shepherdson. They and their family have lived in Robertson for the past seven years. Until recently John & Kaylene worked in the Illawarra and are enthusiastic about their new venture which allows John to make and sell products in their hometown.

John makes mirrors framed in quality reclaimed or plantation grown timbers, cupboards in timber and lime-washed finishes, rustic birdhouses and assorted timber products which can be made to order.

Country reflections also stocks "Bearloom" handmade mohair jointed teddy bears, glass jewellery boxes, hanging stars and a variety of inexpensive gifts and cards.

John and Kaylene are in the little pink shop near Pizzas in the Mist and are open from Thursday to Monday, 10.00am to 4.30pm.

### Pizza's in the Mist

Locals and visitors alike have extended a warm welcome to Thomas & Belinda Borbely, the new owners/operators of Pizza's in the Mist.

Thomas, a former chef at Pepper's Mount Broughton, and Belinda, formerly running a small business from their home of 3 years in Burrawang, have been cooking up a storm in Robbo's main street for about 3 months.

There have been some physical changes including the removal of a wall to increase seating to about 35, the polishing of the floors and a change in decor. There are changes to the menu with salads being added and with all deserts being baked fresh on the premises. Thomas and Belinda have chosen to support the "Buy Local" theme and use all local produce!

Friday and Saturday nights are the busiest so bookings are advised.

**ॐ Anne Stowar**

B. Soc. Stud. (Syd), M. A. A. S. W., Dip. Teach. (IYTA)

**YOGA TEACHER**

### Classes in Robertson

Thursday Evenings 6.00-7.30pm

Friday Mornings 9.00am -10.30pm

Phone - 4885 1341

Term 4 begins 14th October 1999

## What's cooking at the County Inn?

**Dining a-la-Carte** every Friday & Saturday from 6.30pm

**Bistro style lunch** - 7 days from noon.

**Country Roasts & Barbecues** - Sundays from noon

**Live Entertainment** - Thursday, Friday, Saturday at lunch.

**Jazz Band** every Sunday at noon, and entertainment most Saturday nights.

## Wedding Bells

Spring must have been in the air last month with three Robertson couples being married.

On September 18th, our local butcher, Nathan Alcock, was married to Amanda Post, at the Anglican Church, Kiama. They spent their honeymoon on Hamilton Island.

Also on the 18th September, the marriage of Lauren Jackson, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Allan Jackson (Robertson Cheese Factory) with Alex Wilms, son of Matt & Lindy Wilms of Burrawang, took place at the Sutton Forest Anglican Church, followed by a reception at Fowberry Down (home of Matt & Lindy Wilms).

The third wedding took place on the 26th September. Well known Robertson resident, Robyn Hampson was married to Robert Kirby, at the Bowral Lighthouse.

While we are talking about weddings, the Rev Barry Lee of St John's Anglican (4885 1210) has received a request from the granddaughter of past residents who were married at St John's in 1889.

Frederick Waldron McMahon married Elizabeth Anne Sarah Jane Williams on the 11th December 1889. Fred, together with his mother, Mary McMahon (nee Waldron) and 2 or 3 sisters had the Jubilee Stores Robertson while "Lizzie" lived with her parents at "The Moorings".

Their granddaughter is hoping to find some old photos of anything to do with the wedding and wondered whether anyone had passed down to them photos of the occasion! Some of the names of those who were present are:

Mr & Mrs John Nelson, Mr & Mrs Hindmarsh (Snr & Jnr), Mr & Mrs McEvilly, Mrs Crisford, Mr Ferguson, Mrs Garrett, Mr John Stone Jnr, Mrs & Mrs Curtis, Mrs Ed Williams, Miss Fife, Mrs E Johnston, Mrs McMahon, Miss Johnston, Miss Stone, Mr & Mrs E. R. Williams, Mr & Miss James.

The following is a quote from the article in the Moss Vale Record.

*"The Rev. D.T. Smith occupying the chair and the Rev. E. Crisford the vice chair, after the good things provided had been done full justice to, the chairman proposed the health of the Bride and Groom, dwelling at some length upon the variety of feelings and sympathies called for on such an occasion, how it was a blending of joy and sorrow. From what he knew however of both Bride and Groom he was sure that the contract entered into that day was one that neither would ever repent of."*

## The Old Cheese Factory Gift Shop

It's only 2 months to Christmas.....

Don't forget the Old Cheese factory Gift Shop for that special gift for someone you love.

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### Fruit Trees in Robertson.

Do you have a little bit of spare space in your garden ? Have you thought of growing a fruit tree?

Fruit trees can provide us with beautiful flowers, fruit and foliage. The white flowers of the fruiting plums and cherries the bright pink flowers of the peaches and the perfect blossom of the apples and pears can compete with their ornamental cousins any day.

Some types of fruit trees will need to be planted in pairs to allow for cross pollination. Two different varieties of the same fruit - for example a Granny Smith and a Delicious planted close by will ensure masses of apples on each tree. If space is a problem two trees can be planted in the same hole or neighbours can get together and plant one on either side of the fence.

Plums are very easy to grow and you can choose from the juicy Japanese blood plums or the firmer European plums. A plum tree should fruit within a couple of years of planting, providing enough fruit for jams, pies and eating straight from the tree after about four years.

Nashi pears are a fairly new fruit tree for the Australian backyard. They have large white flowers in spring followed by fruit which ripens in summer. Picked and eaten straight from the tree they taste like liquid sugar.

For a really stunning effect in a small area the new series of 'Ballerina' apple trees will provide a good crop of fruit on a small tree less than 40cm wide. These new trees look great as a feature or used in pots on a sunny verandah.

All fruit trees are heavy feeders and will respond well to regular applications of animal manures or chemical fertilisers. They need regular deep watering especially when the fruit is growing and ripening and do not like to have grass growing at their base.



No garden is too small to grow some fruit and just remember that if you don't get around to eating your crop at least you will have some very happy birds in your neck of the woods!

**Robertson Village Nursery**

**Jill & Lindon Keft**

Phone 4885 1138

## Church Service Times

Anglican

St John's Robertson

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

St David's Burrawang

7.00pm - Informal Service - Every Sunday.  
(At Vance Hall, Dale St, on the Second Sunday)

Presbyterian, Burrawang

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

Uniting, Robertson

9.00am - 2nd & 4th Sundays

Roman Catholic

Robertson

10.00am - 2nd & 4th Sundays

Burrawang

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

- Did you know that Debi has opened her shop on weekends?
  - Did you know that she has all handcrafted and handmade Porcelain Dolls, Teddy Bears, Peek-A-Boo Dolls & Crafts?
  - Did you know that she runs classes in her Studio - Day, Evening & Weekends?
- Term 4 classes start Tues 12th October.**  
"Porcelain Dolls" & "Christmas Decorations in Porcelain & Ceramic."

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**WHATNOTS**

**Contact - Debi Gronow**



### Nathan's Recipe of the Month

#### Apricot Topside

Cover ½ cup of dried apricots with water and soak 2 hours. Brown a large piece of lean topside (1-2 kilos), in a little butter in a large saucepan. Add 1 chopped onion, grated rind of ½ lemon, 1 cup of stock or water, salt and pepper. Simmer for 2 hours; add apricots and simmer further ½ hour. Remove meat and thicken liquid with a little flour. Serve with rice or boiled potatoes.



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### Garbage Collection

It is possible to have more than one bin picked up by the council garbage collection. Each extra bin (up to 55 lt) requires a sticker which can be purchased from Mackey's Real Estate for \$2. It may be cheaper than a trip to the tip!

## Barren Grounds Bird Observatory & Field Studies Centre.

Spring is here and for our "Outdoorsy" readers, the Barren Grounds Bird Observatory has a great programme of activities for all:

29-31 Oct - BG Bird Race fundraiser for the 1999 Birds Australia Twitchathon.

5-7 Nov - Wildflowers of the Heath with Alan Fairley, co-author of "Native Plants of the Sydney District".

12-14 Nov - Butterflies and Moths

26-28 Nov - Slitherers and Croakers

For more information please call the Centre on 4236 0195.

Don't forget the many beautiful walks Barren Grounds has to offer in this unique and diverse area.

From Cherry Archer....

We attended a "Weeds Day" at berrima and were delighted to meet people from Landcare & The Department of Agriculture who were as concerned about weeds as we are. Since we came to Robertson five years ago we have noted with concern the spread of Oxeye Daisy in the area. This is a noxious weed in Victoria and although it has been noted in the Southern Highlands for many years it is now reaching plague proportions in the Belmore Falls Rd area and notably the old rubbish tip in Yeola Rd.

It is already invading the bush areas and if left unchecked can become a major menace. All farmers know about "Fire Weed".

Fortunately the Department of Agriculture is taking a keen interest and looking at how best to attack the problem. The daisy will soon begin to bloom and when we have more information we hope to hold a meeting to do something to attack this problem.

Cherry can be reached on 4885 1276.

## Robertson Calendar 2000

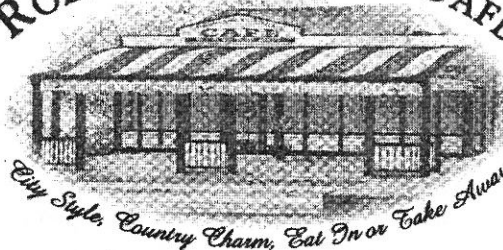
Colin Hart is in the process of setting up the Robertson Calendar for next year.

The Calendar features old photos of Robertson and surrounding areas but finding ones that have not already been used is getting difficult.

If you have old photos of the Robertson area Colin would appreciate being able to borrow them with a view to possibly featuring them in the Calendar.

Colin can be reached on 4885 1022

## ROBERTSON VILLAGE CAFE



Open Thurs - Mon 10am-8pm for Lunch and Dinner

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## Contribution Guidelines

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

## Advertising

A single insertion in the December issue is \$25. Each insertion is limited to a maximum 90 x 55 mm. Advertisers are responsible for meeting submission deadlines. Any copy received after the deadline is unlikely to be included. All advertising is payable in advance. All advertisements to Micki Boehme at Robertson Recollections. Thank you for your support.

## Deadline

The next issue will be distributed in the first weeks of December. All advertising & submissions must be received by **15th November 1999**. Forward correspondence to: **Robertson Newsletter, 64 Hoddle St, Robertson 2577**. Phone: 4885 1210 or Fax: 4885 2241 Email: [bjlee@tpg.com.au](mailto:bjlee@tpg.com.au)

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