



## Bulletin No 4, April 2015

Take a look at that white waratah in front of the Station. What's it doing flowering in April? - Waratahs flower in October, don't they? Well yes, they do. October is the spring equinox when days are as long as night. The secret is that waratahs flower in response to day length and some "odd-ball" bushes can't tell the difference between the autumn equinox and the spring equinox.

### Forthcoming Activities

Thursday April 9: Management Meeting, 5pm, Fettle's Shed.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Vintage and Classic car day featuring Historic working farm machinery, Cockatoo Run and Loop train (Robertson-Moss Vale-Robertson).

Come and enjoy a full day of fun. Managed by Berrima Historic Car Club and sponsored by NRMA Insurance. Calling for volunteers: come and help out for an hour or two as well as enjoy the day. Help is welcome in setting up and clearing up, manning the station and history display, selling tickets on the loop train ride to Moss Vale and preparing and serving food at the kiosk. Please contact Anne (4885 1598 [annejw@bigpond.net.au](mailto:annejw@bigpond.net.au)) and offer your services. \*

Tuesday, April 14: History of Robertson, Fettle's Shed, drop in from 10am.

Wednesday, April 15: History of Robertson, Fettle's Shed, drop in from 10am.

Saturday, April 18: Hunter Valley Steamfest, Maitland\*\*

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Cockatoo Run and Loop train (Robertson-Moss Vale-Robertson).

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Planned Run by 3801 Limited to Goulburn via Robertson. \*\*\*

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: History of Robertson, Fettle's Shed, drop in from 10am.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: History of Robertson, Fettle's Shed, drop in from 10am.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Cockatoo Run and Loop train (Robertson-Moss Vale-Robertson).

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Cockatoo Run and Loop train (Robertson-Moss Vale-Robertson).

### \* Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Launch of the relocated and appropriately restored Heritage Signal now located on the Railway Common, kindly gifted to RHRS by the Robertson Bowling Club, after the arrival of the Cockatoo Run from Sydney.

**\*\* Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Burton Automotive Hunter Valley Steamfest is Australia's premier steam festival. This year experience the excitement that is Steamfest. A range of steam excursions on offer with destinations such as Branxton, Dungog, Broadmeadow and a special enthusiast run through the Port Waratah coal loop. [More Info](http://www.steamfest.com.au) (<http://www.steamfest.com.au>)

**\*\*\* Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015**

–As advertised by Australian Railway Historical Society (ARHS) a train is planned to be run by 3801 Limited, to Goulburn via Robertson, hauled by 42101 to Moss vale and from Moss Vale to Goulburn by Beyer Garratt locomotive 6029. The Garratt will return the train to Moss Vale, where 42101 will replace it and haul the train to Sydney via Picton. The trip is still being planned, further information will be advertised closer to the date.

**NEW, UPDATED AND ENLARGED RHRS BOOKLET**

Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc is pleased to announce that a revised and enlarged booklet replacing the earlier booklet “75 Years of the Mountain Railway” has just been published. The new booklet, entitled “80 Years and More of the Mountain Railway” will go on sale immediately.

There will be a public “launch” of the new booklet at a time yet to be decided in the May/June 2015 period. Details of the launch will be announced shortly.

The new booklet was compiled by Ian Wallace, is 64 pages of A5-size, in full colour, containing numerous photographs and diagrams. It contains sections on the following:

- Early history of Robertson and transport in the area
- History of the link railway line
- Description of the line’s features
- Early services on the line
- Present traffic on the line
- Accidents and major incidents
- Observations on railway operations – personal accounts, many historic

The booklet may be obtained initially through Robertson Heritage Railway Station for \$20/copy, but it is expected to be sold through other outlets in due course.

Enquiries: Ian Wallace, phone 02 4885 2848, email [ianandsandraw@gmail.com](mailto:ianandsandraw@gmail.com)

**Around the Railway Common**

Visitors to the Railway Precinct will have noticed a recent flurry activity on the Common.

A new fettlers shed gallery sign has been erected in a lovely red and manilla colour and the Lamp Shed is being repainted in heritage colours by our volunteer painting team, Ian, Ron and Neil. The Common has been mowed, mulched and brush cut by the Corrective Services crew from Wollongong. All this work will present the grounds in good trim for our Autumn festival and car day on 12th April. Help with these preparations would be most welcome. Contact Steve on Ph. 4885 2323 if you can assist.

## **Fettlers Heritage Art Prize**

First prize went to Ruth Kemp for “Looking at Ewe”, the Railway theme prize donated by Robertson Recollections to Marjorie Kay for “Adventure Through Forgotten Railway” (deepest rail cutting, Balmoral NSW), the local environment prize donated by Robertson Chamber of Commerce to Jane Pye for “Track to Echo Point” and the built environment prize donated by Teknemodus” to Regina Brewster for “Then & Now – Moss Vale. Highly commended awards were also made to Regina Brewster, Penny Levett, Jan Newton and Anne Wilson; and commended awards to Anthony Barnett, Margarete Hill and Carol Thomson.

The exhibition is open until the end of Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – come and have a look.

### **RHRS Contacts**

Steve Carey	4885-2393:	Meetings. Outings.
Ian Wallace	4885-2848:	Heritage Railways. Steam Trains.
Anne Wilson	4885-1598:	Art. Autumn & Spring Festivals.
Helen Tranter	4885-1394:	Cockatoo Run. History of Robertson. Gardens
Neil Harvey	4885-2823:	Old Railway Artefacts.
Andrew Bosa	4885-1444:	Junior Railway, 3801 Ltd Volunteer, Bulletin Editor
John Hopkins:	0418-759-882	Restoration Techniques
Rob Randall	4885-1282:	Old Farm Machinery.
David Tranter	4885-1394:	Gardens. Aboriginal heritage.

### **Related Websites**

RHRS:	<a href="http://www.robertsonrailway.com.au">www.robertsonrailway.com.au</a>
RHRS Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/robertsonrailway">https://www.facebook.com/robertsonrailway</a>
3801 Limited	<a href="http://www.3801limited.com.au">www.3801limited.com.au</a>
Rail Transport Museum	<a href="http://www.trainworks.com.au">www.trainworks.com.au</a>
Heritage Express	<a href="http://www.heritageexpress.com.au">www.heritageexpress.com.au</a>

.....