



ROBERTSON HERITAGE RAILWAY STATION

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VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR DAY HISTORIC WORKING MACHINERY ART EXHIBITION

**Sunday, 10 April 2011
commencing at 11.00am**



► **Vintage & Classic Cars –**

We will be hosting a Vintage and Classic Car Day including pre-war to classical and collectable cars of all makes and models. There will be 'People's Choice' trophies for best British, American, Australian, European and Japanese classic cars 30 years and over, commercial/pickups plus special prizes for the most original unrestored vehicle and 'Ladies' Choice'.

Venue: Robertson Heritage Railway Station.

Yarranga Street, Robertson

*(The Station and Grounds will be open from 9.30am
for entrants)*

Open to all clubs and to individual car owners, it is free general admission for all cars but a small fee of \$10 applies for entry into the competition. *For further information please contact Steve Carey, President, on 02 4885 2393 or e-mail: steve@accn.com.au*

► **Historic Working Machinery –**

There will be a very popular and interesting display of restored and functioning vintage working machinery in the "Robertson Common" grounds.

► The "**Fettlers Shed**" Art Gallery will be open for the final day of the **2011 Annual Fettlers Heritage Art Prize Exhibition**, an eclectic mix of artworks portraying Robertson and surrounding areas, from landscapes to portrait, still life and architectural subject matter. Entry is free but a gold coin donation would be welcome. Please call 0408 610 714 for more details (or website: www.robertsonrailway.com.au) The Station

also has an interesting history display showing the history of the railway in this area.

► There will also be a kiosk selling food and drink, etc., and railway museum and souvenirs.

► Also, visit the **Robertson Village Markets** just a short walk 300 metres away.

This promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable day with free entry to the public so come along to the Robertson Railway Common and join in to make the day a great success!



STEAM TRAIN VISITS

At this stage we do not know of any steam trains planned for 2011 but we will advise everyone when we receive any further information.

ROBERTSON HISTORY

Robertson Heritage Railway Station has a lot more material on Robertson history than the photographs on displaying the Railway Station. Would you be interested to find out about this and see what we have? Maybe you have more information to add. Perhaps you would like to become part of a Robertson History group in RHRS? A History day/evening can be arranged or a weekly/monthly time to meet. *Helen Tranter* would like to hear from you (phone 4885 1394 or e-mail - dh.tranter@bigpond.com) or come to the Station on the Vintage Car Day and talk about it.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Often we are asked questions by visitors relating to the station, its precinct and rail operations. We are compiling a list of questions and their respective answers and in this and subsequent editions we will include one or two of these questions and its answer for your interest.

1. When was the last steam-hauled regular passenger service through Robertson station?

The last steam-hauled regular passenger service was on 20 February 1967, when Thirroul-based 30 class 4-6-4 tank engine 3077 hauled the regular two cars on the return journey from Moss Vale to Wollongong.



2. What is the name of the tall shrub with red flowers growing on the top of the embankment opposite Robertson railway station?

This has the botanical name of *Alloxylon pinnatum*. Although it is not a true waratah (ie not from the genus *Telopea*), it has been given the common name of 'Dorrigo waratah'. Typically it is at its flowering best in the summer months of December-January.

(Ian Wallace)



***** COMING EVENTS AT THE STATION *****

Please note the following websites for updated train information:

www.heritageexpress.com.au or www.3801limited.com.au or www.robertsonrailway.com.au

- "Cockatoo Run" loop train generally runs every second Sunday of the month in conjunction with the Robertson Markets. Tickets can be purchased at the Railway Station for the "loop" run from Robertson Railway Station. to Moss Vale (return) before returning in the afternoon to Sydney.

On some Sundays, and occasionally on Thursdays, the "Cockatoo Run" brings tourists to the "Illawarra Fly" in a tourist package which includes a bus which transports them between the "Illawarra Fly" and the Station. For updated details of trains running and times you need to consult the website - www.3801limited.com.au.

The Robertson Heritage Railway Station is a voluntary community initiative liaising with 3801 Limited, a Sydney heritage train firm also manned by volunteers

- Vintage & Classic Car Day – Sunday, 10 April 2011.