



ROBERTSON HERITAGE RAILWAY STATION

NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thursday, 23 September 2010 – 5.00pm

Dear Members,

Please note that the Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc. will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** on **Thursday, 23 September, 2010, at 5.00pm, followed by supper.** The meeting will be held at the 'Fettlers Shed Gallery' at the Robertson Heritage Railway Station. Any nominations for committee positions to be lodged as soon as possible to the RHRS Hon. Secretary, Ian Wallace, at ianwallace@anet.com.au or to our postal address above.

Current members, new members and anyone wishing to become a member of the committee are always welcome at this meeting and any meetings throughout the year. We hold our monthly meetings on the second Thursday night of each month at 5.00pm.

We will also be discussing the upcoming **Railway Station Fair** on **Sunday, 10 October.** Please come along and support the Fair and bring your friends.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual General Meeting and/or the Railway Fair.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Spring will be a busy time at our Railway Station as we have two steam visits as well as the Railway Fair, Waratah flower show and art exhibition while participating in the Robertson Open Gardens program. Any help you can give over the October long weekend (open garden, steam train visit, open gallery) or the following weekend (open garden, Railway Fair, steam train, "Cockatoo Run" diesel train, open gallery) would be very welcome. Please contact Anne Wilson on 4885 1598 or Marion Harvey on 4885 2823 if you are able to give us a helping hand?

Even if you cannot help on one of those days do try to visit some time over the Spring period to admire our magnificent display of flowering waratahs.

OPEN GARDENS in and around Robertson 2 to 17 October 2010 – see details on pages below.

WORKSHOPS & ART EXHIBITION at 'Fettlers Shed' Gallery – see details on pages below.

RAILWAY STATION SPRING FAIR 2010 Sunday, 10 October 2010 – 9am to 4pm

Robertson Heritage Railway Station Common
Railway Common, Yarranga Street, Robertson



▶ **Steam Locomotive 3642** – Visit by heritage steam locomotive 3642. Possible steam train rides yet to be confirmed - check updates on www.robertsonrailway.com.au.

▶ **"Cockatoo Run" Heritage Diesel locomotive** – Approx. 12.30pm departure - 'Loop train' tickets available on the day – Robertson/Moss Vale return - \$10 adults, \$5 concession, \$25 family

▶ **Display of old historic farm machinery**

▶ **"Fettlers Shed" Art Gallery** – Art Exhibition "Floral Subjects" - paintings on canvas or paper. Pre exhibition flower painting and flower arranging workshops: enquiries please phone 0408 610 714 (or www.robertsonrailway.com.au)

▶ There will also be a **Kiosk** selling food and drink, etc.

▶ **Waratah Flower Show** – Waratah species in magnificent bloom in Station gardens, displays and sale of flowers.

▶ **Flower Arranging Competition** – Entries to Gallery by 4-6pm on Saturday, 9 October or 9am on Sunday 10 October. Enquiries: phone David Tranter on 4885 1394.

▶ **Miniature Railway and miniature steam train rides (outdoor)**

▶ **Model train display (indoor)**

▶ **Railway history museum - display and old artefacts**

▶ **Flower & Plant Stall, Railway Station souvenirs, Second-hand books**

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

The Fair promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable day for all the family with free entry to the public. So come along to the Robertson Railway Common and join in to make the day a great success!

Enquiries: Anne 4885 1598
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Website: www.robertsonrailway.com.au

Robertson Heritage Railway Station is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers and all funds raised are used in the maintenance and management of the railway station buildings and grounds. We look forward to your support on the day.



3237 leaving Robertson on its way to Moss Vale
Photo: Ian Wallace

STEAM TRAIN VISITS

Sunday, 3 October 2010 – Approx. 12 noon

At this stage on **Sunday 3 October only** there will be a 'loop train' ride to Moss Vale and return. Intending passengers can purchase tickets for a ride behind the steam loco **3237** with the proceeds going to Robertson Heritage Railway Station Inc.

Ticket prices are Adult \$15, Concession \$10, Child \$5. Booking is advised and can be made by contacting 4885 1394 or 4885 2823 - refer to www.robertsonrailway.com.au

Sunday, 10 October 2010 – Approx. 12 noon

Visit by steam loco **3642**, rear assistance by heritage diesel loco. Possible steam train rides yet to be confirmed – see website for updates. If there are no rides, the steam train will remain at Robertson Station for at least 2 hours.

Here are two wonderful opportunities to see grand old locomotives still in service, with steam-era carriages, and to savour the sight, sound and smell of steam in a rural setting. Sightseers are welcome to view the arrival and departure of these historic trains from the heritage-listed station and spacious adjoining grounds.

*** 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

- Sunday, 3 October 2010 – Visit by Steam locomotive 3237 (rear assistance by heritage diesel locomotive) with steam train "loop" rides to Moss Vale and return.
- Sunday, 10 October 2010 – Annual Railway Fair (*Please note it is one day only this year and has been moved from the long weekend to the following weekend to coincide with the Markets and "Cockatoo Run"*). Steam locomotive 3642 (rear assistance by heritage diesel loco.) visit on the day *but "loop train" rides are yet to be confirmed.*

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ROBERTSON OPEN GARDENS

2 - 17 October 2010

All gardens open from 10am – 4pm

Admission is by donation to a charity of the owner's choice

Enquiries: Micki Boehme 02 48851080

Website: www.robertson.nsw.au

The Castle, 121 Illawarra Hwy

Eye-catching Robertson landmark with 2 acres of lush gardens. Conifers, deciduous trees, exotic flowers and shrubs. Formal/informal gardens, ponds, fountains, native plants and rural outlook

Every Day - 2 -17 October

Acmena Hill, 79 - 85 Mackey's Lane

A wonderful garden of pleasures, shared by humans & native animals; fruit trees, vegetables, cool climate ornamentals and natural rainforest.

5,6,7,8,9 October

The Moorings, Fountaindale Road

Mature 4-acre garden on a 100-acre working farm with contrasts of foliage colour and form, topiary, water features, maples, azaleas and conifers. 2.2 kms down Fountaindale Road on right.

8,9,10 October

The Willows, Lemmons Road

Orchids, begonias, *Pieris*, and *Kalmia* feature in this 5 acre cold climate garden. Cherries, crabapples, rare trees, shrubs and mini arboretum, bonsai collection. Horticulturist available.

2,3,4,13,16,17 October

Heritage Railway Garden, Railway Station Precinct, Yarranga Street

Masses of Waratahs at their flowering peak in the railway station's landscaped gardens. Horticulturist David Tranter will conduct tours of the gardens, outdoor sculptures, historical displays.

Open every day 2 - 17 October – Guided tours on 2,3,4,9,10 October

Idyllwilde 5 Rotherwood Road, Wildes Meadow

Views and a wide range of cool climate trees and shrubs are features of this delightful 2-acre garden, part of a 22 acre farm. Variegated tulip trees and a pretty potager garden are also highlights. (Not suitable for coaches)

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 2,3,4 October

Barren Grounds, Jamberoo Road

Superb natural spring wildflower garden. A mass of flowering heath including Banksias and *Hakea* Easy table-land walks lead through banks of wildflowers to wide coastal views.

Free – Open every day 2 – 17 October

Fountaindale Manor, Illawarra Highway

Nearly 14 acres of established and landscaped grounds, with its own weir and creek. Sweeping lawns lead to traditional gardens. There are fountains, statues – also deer and peacocks roam the gardens.

Open every day 2 - 17 October, except 9,16 October (Weekend admission by donation to charity)

Linden Park, 4963 Illawarra Highway

Established from 2003 from a 3-acre horse paddock with a 90-year old timber cottage. Today you will find extended rainforest plantings, exotic deciduous trees and shrubs, native plantings, a rose folly, cottage garden, covered orchard, a sasanqua-walled vegetable garden and much more.

Open 9, 10, 16 and 17 October

**EVENTS AT ROBERTSON "FETTLERS SHED GALLERY"
With Open Gardens Theme**

***Venue: Robertson Heritage Railway Station Precinct,
Yarranga Street, Robertson (behind 'Chats Café' & Motel & Robertson Bowling Club)***

**ROBERTSON OPEN GARDENS ART EXHIBITION
*1 to 17 October 2010 (or by appointment)***

Open 11am-3pm daily weekends during event 1-17 October 2010 (or by appointment)
Railway Fair 10 October 9am-5pm
Entries are invited. Enquiries 0408 610 714 registration & details: www.robertsonrailway.com.au

Expect all images related to flowers and gardens at this local art exhibition organized as part of Robertson's Open Gardens Event.
Paintings on canvas or paper, any mediums and styles - feel free to enter your own painting or attend floral painting or floral arranging workshops.
Get involved by voting for your favourite art piece and view the beautiful Railway Precinct.

"How to Paint Flowers" Workshop

Wednesday, 22 September & Saturday, 25 September 2010

Special workshops to introduce you to painting flowers, using non-threatening experimentation, exploring quick sketching, painting and collage. Have fun and create a picture with option to exhibit (and chance to sell) during Robertson's Open Gardens 2-17 October and Railway Fair 10 October 2010.

TIMES: Wed 22 Sept (Acrylic) 10.30am – 1.00pm with morning tea break
OR: Sat 25 Sept (Watercolour/Pastel) 2.00pm – 4.30pm with afternoon tea
COST: \$33 Bookings essential (book early to avoid disappointment - limit 10 per class)
INCLUDES: canvas/paper.
Some acrylic paint/watercolour/pastels, tools & other materials available on day
Registration forms for workshops: www.robertsonrailway.com.au

"Flower Arranging" Workshop

Saturday, 9 October 2010

Get ready to enter this year's Waratah Flower Show and Flower Arrangement competition during Robertson Heritage Railway Fair (entry free)
TIMES: 10am – 12noon - Formal; and 2pm to 4pm - Free form
COST: only \$16 (\$11 when entering floral art exhibition/doing a painting workshop also)
INCLUDES: one waratah and native greenery, wire/bowl, morning afternoon tea, entry into Flower Show & Arranging Competition (prize for viewers choice)
Registration forms for workshops: www.robertsonrailway.com.au