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Forthcoming Activities

Friday, 5th August: Railway Modellers Group: 1pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday, 10th August: 10am to 3pm. Robertson History day; looking at the history of buildings in Hoddle St. Drop in any time. All welcome.

Friday, 12th August: Railway Modellers Group: 1pm to 4.30pm

Saturday, 13th August: 9.30am to 12 noon. Gardening Day. Time now to start getting the gardens ready for our Waratah weekend in October. Bring garden gloves for mostly weeding and pruning. Morning tea provided.

Thursday, 18 August: 'Cockatoo Run' train, presumably with ability to run as a loop-train to Moss Vale

Friday, 19th August: Railway Modellers Group: 1pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday, 24th August: 10am to 3pm. Robertson History day; looking at the history of buildings in Hoddle St. Drop in any time. All welcome.

Friday, 26th August: Railway Modellers Group: 1pm to 4.30pm

Sunday, 28 August: 'Cockatoo Run' and 'Illawarra Tree-top Flyer' – also presumably with ability to run as a loop-train to Moss Vale.

Thursday, 8th September: 7.30pm Annual General Meeting. Fettlers Shed Gallery at the Railway.

1st – 16th October: "Flowers in Art" exhibition at the Fettlers Shed. Further details Anne: annejw@bigpond.net.au

Sunday, 2nd October: RHRS Spring Time Event – Robertson Railway "Thousand Paws Walk"
Put this day on your Calendar, Diary, Smart phone or other device

The Historic Village of Robertson By Grace Oswald aged 7.

Student of Robertson public school, read out by Grace at the launch of the 'Robertson – Our Village, our Future, Action Plan' at the school on Friday, 17 July 2016

The people of Robertson celebrate many different things like:

1. *Australia Day*
2. *New Years Eve*
3. *Christmas*
4. *Easter; and*
5. *the all important Robertson Show.*

Some celebrations only happen every couple of years. One of these is the celebration of the Heritage Railway.

When this happens the Robertson School kids get to march with the light horseman from the school to the railway station.

A special steam train comes from Sydney. On this train are people who used to travel to school on the train in the olden days.

There are not many of these people today. They are too old!

This celebration is to remember how things were in the olden days before cars and buses.

Lots of people come and watch the celebrations and the train comes in. If they want to they can get on the train and have a look. I have been on this train. If I lived in the olden days I would have to ride a horse to the train line to get to school.

Thank you for listening to my speech.

From the RHRS President:

Recent heritage train arrivals:

In addition to regular visits by the 'Cockatoo Run/Illawarra Tree-top Flyer' so far this year, we have been fortunate to have welcomed three separate visits to Robertson by steam locomotive 5917 hauling heritage trains staffed by volunteers of Lachlan Valley Railway (LVR).

We have been led to believe by LVR volunteers that future trains of a similar nature may visit Robertson in the future. Typically, such LVR steam trains are organised through advertising on Facebook and LVR's website. We will attempt to keep our readers informed of such visits as soon as they are known by us.

Future heritage train arrivals:

As most readers would know, the future operation of heritage trains by 3801 Limited, particularly the 'Cockatoo Run/ Illawarra Tree-top Flyer' cannot always be advertised well in advance of their running due to uncertainties surrounding 3801 Limited's access to the Eveleigh Large Erecting shop, which has been "home" to 3801 Limited for many years. Such access is granted by NSW government agency Transport for NSW through its Transport Heritage NSW office.

Again, we will do our best to notify RHRS members when approved trains will run. There is a 'Cockatoo Run' train scheduled for Thursday, 18 August and for Sunday, 28 August.

RHRS has requested a 'Cockatoo Run' train on Sunday, 2 October 2016 to coincide with its Waratah Spring Event, and this has been agreed to by 3801 Limited, however its running needs to be approved by Transport for NSW.

Watch this space.

Railway Modellers Group

Meeting each Friday 1.30pm to 4.30pm - Fettle's Shed Gallery. The group is currently designing and building an N Scale railway layout based on a European country scene. The project is up to the stage of landscaping.

RHRS Maintenance - Concrete Cancer Project

The concrete cancer project has been delayed but should recommence soon. To date wet abrasive blasting to affected areas has been completed. The next step is to apply a chemical coating to those areas exposed by the abrasive blasting in preparation for the application of a cementitious material. Once this is done painting can be considered.

RHRS Maintenance - Fettle's Shed Gallery Roof

The roof of the gallery has been leaking for some time but it seems to have been exacerbated once the awning had been built. Leaking water has been able to make ingress into the exterior wall cavities resulting in wet carpet and mould on an internal wall in the model train room. There are also water stains down some internal walls and there is evidence of rainwater making its way into the storage area and the Gents' toilet. It is suspected the strange odour in the Ladies' toilet is from dampness in the ceiling. We have been advised by experts that the only answer to this leakage problem is to replace the entire roof with steel sheeting which is going to be quite expensive. To date we have had two roofing contractors inspect the building. We have already received one quote and are awaiting another.

We have applied for a Community Building Partnership grant and we can only hope that we are successful. ARTC, the owners of the building, will also be approached to finance this project if our grant is unsuccessful. ARTC has been advised of our intentions.

RHRS Spring Event.

As many people may know, RHRS runs a fund-raising activity in Spring Time.

Currently planned are:

- Floral Art Exhibition
- Model Train Displays
- Vintage Farm Machinery
- 'Cockatoo Run' train visit, if available
- Coffee and Kiosk



For dog lovers, the first "Robertson Railway Thousand Paws Walk" fund raiser for RSPCA and RHRS on 50:50 basis is being planned. \$5 for dog (or dog household) entry free. Two walks – one short and one long walk. More Information: <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/spring-2016-dog-event.html>

To assist with planning, please register your dog's willingness to join our walk, and bring his or her human family along for company. See: <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/register-your-dog.html>

Non-RHRS Events at the Fettle's Shed Gallery

Tuesdays: 3pm-5pm **Mindfulness Meditation.** Robertson Secular meditation group.

Contact Fiona Brown 048 4904 564 or

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=robertson%20meditation%20circle>

Interested in a 5" Gauge steam loco?

The item is a 5" gauge steam loco 2-6-0 never steamed, including axle water pump, cylinder drain cocks, brakes, including an all brass tender with a hand water pump, 3 seat passenger truck incomplete but has bogies, and a hand brake.



For further details and photos contact:

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RHRS Membership

Please consider making a contribution towards the maintenance of Robertson Heritage Railway Station and precinct by becoming a financial member or renewing your membership. (Membership runs for financial years.)

Download a RHRS Membership Form from:

<http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/rhrs-friends.html>

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RHRS Contact us via our website <http://www.robertsonrailway.org.au/contact.html>

Related Websites

RHRS:	www.robertsonrailway.org.au
RHRS Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/robertsonrailway
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Lachlan Valley Railway	www.lvr.com.au
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