

THE UNSW STAFF SOCIAL CLUB
ROBERTSON SPRING GARDENS
Sunday 11 November 2012

The Village of Robertson sits above Macquarie Pass and the Illawarra Escarpment. As such, it is very different from the rest of the Wingecarribee Shire. Known locally as the "Green Heart of the Highlands", it is ideally situated at the intersection of three major regions, giving residents and visitors alike convenient access to the coastal areas of the Shoalhaven, the forests of the Illawarra, and the shops, restaurants and amenities of inland towns such as Bowral and Berrima. Robertson, beautiful at any time of year, is a great place to live and play, with forests and waterfalls to walk and ride through and to, charming restaurants and shops, a variety of accommodation options, a thriving art community, a friendly and unpretentious "working village" atmosphere and events all year round to keep grownups and kids alike entertained.

Approximate Itinerary

8.00	Leave UNSW (just inside Gate 14, Barker St)
10.30—11.15	Morning tea and visit to Linden Park Garden
11.30-12.30	Free Time and visit to 2 private gardens at Robertson – The Willows and Acmena Hill*
12.45-1.45	Lunch at Robertson Bowling Club (main meal, dessert, tea/coffee)
2.00-2.20	Free time and visit to a private garden at Robertson - The Morrings*
2.30-3.30	Tour of Robertson on board the coach
5.30approx	Arrive UNSW

*Time permitting – visits to gardens might vary on the day.

Linden Park

The creation of Linden Park began in April 2003. Originally 3 acres of horse paddocks with a 90 year old cottage and a handful of established trees the property was known as "Four Winds" - a long windswept block. It was renamed "Linden Park" when 24 Linden trees were planted along the main driveway in 2003. Today there are extended rain forest plantings, wind breaks and hedges which are well established. The aim was not to block but to frame the magnificent vistas over the rolling green hills of Robertson. The cottage garden has been revamped and colourful garden rooms have been developed with expansive lawns and winding pathways through annual and perennial beds featuring natives, proteas, leucadendrons, exotics, deciduous trees and shrubs. Other features include a rose folly, wisteria walk, walled sasanqua vegetable garden and a covered orchard/chook run with 13 fruit trees. A small pond provides a home for domestic ducks who work hard keeping snails and other pests out of the garden. Work is always in progress maintaining and developing the garden which will take many years to reach its full potential.

The Willows

Orchids, begonias, pieris and kamlmia are a feature of the 5 acre cold climate garden. Cherries, crab apples, rare trees and shrubs, mini arboretum. A large bonsai collection, with horticulturalist on hand to answer gardening questions.

Acmena Hill

Set against a backdrop of Lilli Pilli (Acmena), this northeast facing hillside garden has evolved from a bare potato paddock since 1981. Cherry trees, maples and many other exotics are maturing to provide spring and autumn colour. A large vegetable is very productive over the summer months. Fruit and berries from the orchard are varied and plentiful.

The Morrings

Mature 4 acre garden amid rolling hills on a 100 acre working farm. Contrasts of foliage, colour and form, topiary, ater features, maples azaleas and conifers.

Robertson Bowling Club (lunch)

A 2 course alternate meal (main and dessert) plus tea/coffee will be served.

Cost including: transportation from and to UNSW, morning tea, Visit to 4 Spring Gardens, Lunch and guided tour of Robertson:

Members: \$60 each (and one guest at \$60 – i.e. max. 2 each at \$60 per head)
Children (upto 15 years) : \$25 each
Guests: \$70 each

Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds. For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 9385-3652 or n.withers@unsw.edu.au . Deadline: Wednesday, 24th of October 2012.

To : Nadia Withers, School of Marketing, UNSW, Sydney NSW 2052
Deadline: Wednesday,24/10/12
Roberston Spring Gardens

Name : -----

Address. ----- Extn No. -----

Email Address: -----Mobile No./Home No.: -----

Dietary Needs (if any) -----

---- places at \$60 each (max. 2 each at \$60)	\$-----
---- places at \$25 each (children upto 15 years)	\$-----
---- places at \$70 each	<u>\$-----</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$-----</u>

A cheque for \$----- made payable to The UNSW Staff Social Club is enclosed.
Cash is accepted by prior arrangement (to be hand-delivered – Room Quad3031B)