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ROB FIDOCK'S 60TH



Over 150 family and close friends gathered at the Fidock's Shed in the Araluen Estate to celebrate Rob's 60th birthday on the 29th of December. Rob Fidock is a well-known and respected businessman and contributor to our local community and the many guests who attended were testament to how well he is perceived in the area.

Rob and Kerry have worked hard to produce a wonderfully united blended family and all 6 of their children took the opportunity to toast their parents, and especially their beloved dad, on his big day. The grandchildren were also excited about the whole event! The evening also gave the opportunity for his extended family and work mates to

celebrate Rob reaching his big milestone.

'The Shed' had been transformed into a comfortable cabaret style restaurant and the guests were treated to a wide range of tantalising taste treats. The Metro Big Band (yes all 30 of them) provided a high standard of musical entertainment and the guests enjoyed the great music in this magical hills setting. It was a wonderful evening of conviviality and outstanding entertainment. Well done Rob and Kerry and 'Happy Birthday to you'. *Pictured above: Rob and his mum having a good time (at left) and the Edwards dancing cheek to cheek.*



COCKATOO FRIENDS GLENN AND ANDREA, WED

Glenn Dewhurst of Kaarakin, chose January to marry his long term partner Andrea. Glenn, who is the President of the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society of Australia Inc is also Chairman of Wildlife Australia.

They were accompanied by their girls: Jayde, Codi and Tari and surrounded by an enthusiastic group of family and friends. They chose the moment to release some red tailed black cockatoos in celebration of their union.

JANUARY FEBRUARY COVER

After a hot day many locals decided to 'cool down in style' at 'The Carols by Torchlight' in Araluen Park before Christmas. The amphitheatre was packed and the audience enjoyed the warm balmy night while participating in one of the best carols events ever at Araluen. This photo, capturing the magic of the evening and showing our Park to perfection, was taken by local photographer Robert Diss.

The students from the Roleystone Primary School are on stage with with renowned local vocalist, Paul Peacock, in the wings waiting to enthrall the audience with his solo performance.



Biting Off More Than He Can Chew!

At left: A dugite slowly eats a monitor lizard, taken at a local farm this summer. This took about 6 hours to consume and the snake did not move very far.

Photo Rachel Gear.

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Roley Theatre Scoops The Finleys

The Roleystone Theatre received 16 nominations in this year's Finley Awards announced on Saturday 23rd of January. These are: 'The Oscars for community theatre and are run by The Independent Theatre Association', according to Theatre President Zyg Woltersdorf.

Theatre members were hopeful of doing well; but the results exceeded their expectations with success in 6 awards, all from Sweeney Todd: Best Musical - Sweeney Todd; The Mary Webb Award for Director of a Musical - Stephen Carr (NB This award is named in honour of Roleystone Theatre's Mary Webb). The Best Musical Director: Matt Austin; The Best Musical Theatre Performer 'Male': Scott Burns and 'Female': Lindsay McNab and The Best Other Than A Lead: Tim How. Bree Hartley relates the story of the night. 'There were 40 or so members of Roleystone Theatre in the audience and together we made a LOT of noise! Our crowd was on it's feet when Scott Burns was announced as the Best Musical Theatre performer 'Male' and then that excitement was quickly built upon with the next award going to Lindsay McNab. With a hushed air of hope we waited for the announcement of Best Musical Director and Best Director of a Musical. You can imagine how excited we all were to win both of those awards!

And then lastly the big one, Best Musical. Roleystone Theatre members went wild at the announcement of first place.

What an achievement for Stephen Carr, Matt Austin and all of their cast and crew. The air was electric during the ceremony and the buzz for Roleystone Theatre members due to the recognition of an amazing production had us smiling the biggest smiles. All in all this was a fitting tribute to a show that was set to be something special from the end of the audition process.

We knew we had a special mix of the right people, in the right place, at the right time. Pure magic.

The cast of Sweeney Todd did an excerpt at the Awards night with all the cast thrilled to once again have the opportunity to 'get their Sweeney on'!



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At the City of Armadale Australia Day awards the Roleystone Theatre was recognised for its outstanding contribution to the community. Below: President Zyg Woltersdorf accepts the award. WELL DONE!



WELCOME PETER THATCHER

Roleystone District High School has a New Principal and he has the passion and the enthusiasm to build: 'one school, one curriculum and one community.'



He has over ten years of experience as a level 6 Principal in a range of schools and this expertise was acknowledged in 2007 when he won the Fremantle Peel District, Principal of the Year Award.

Peter arrived at the school to confront the alarming news that the school library had been gutted and has willingly forgone his school holidays to ensure that the impact on the students of this catastrophe would be minimal. His hard work and commitment to the school is already revealed by this selfless action.

Peter has taught in both primary and secondary and has district high school experience. He was Foundation Principal at Neerabup PS, which was a 'school in houses'. This is a concept school; a joint project between education and a building company where the school exists in 'normal houses' while the population is young. Once the demographic ages, the school can be sold off as real estate. 'This can be quite challenging and forced me as an administrator to think quite differently about how best to provide a safe and effective learning environment.'

Most recently Peter was Principal at Koorana in Warnbro, where he faced a range of challenges with students with a range of behavioural and social issues. His effectiveness was evident in the range of accolades won by the school for the programs they set up to address these challenges.

His driving belief that 'we must become the change we want to see in this world' (attr Mohandas Gandhi), will be a great basis for the future of Roleystone District High School as it undergoes amalgamation with Roleystone Primary School.

We wish Peter and the school community, all the best as they forge into the future.

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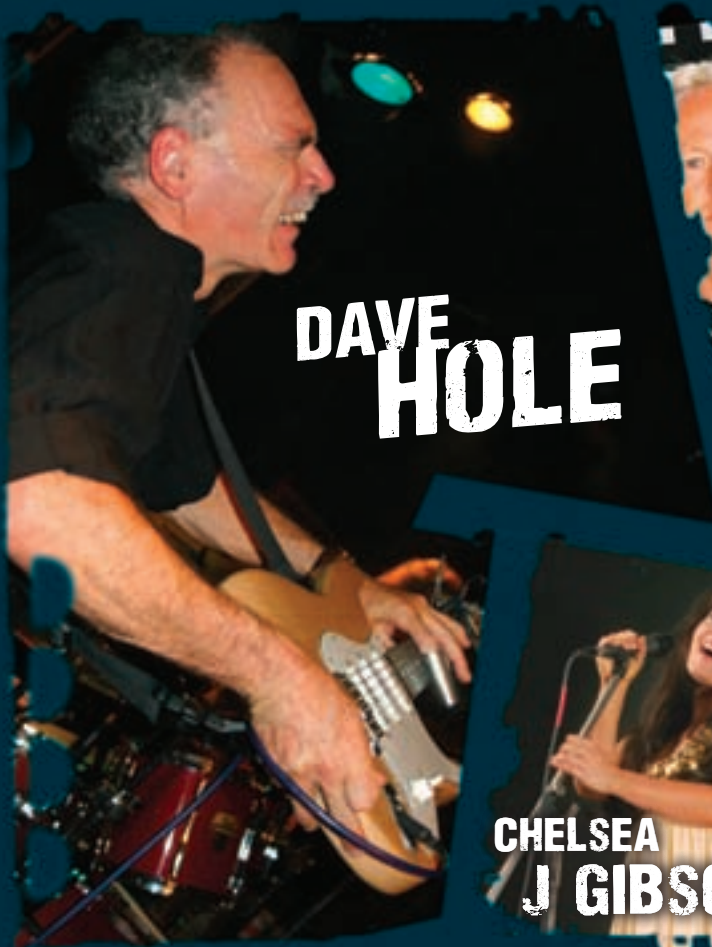
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Hannah Tops the State



Hannah Brockway's passion is music. Hannah topped the state in Music and Society, was awarded a Certificate of Excellence and also achieved a TER score of 98.25! She won a music scholarship from Roleystone District High School in year 8 that allowed her to attend Perth Modern School. Hannah has now become a very talented violinist.

At the end of 2009 Hannah won the STAAB scholarship from her school, which will help her pay for her university fees. Hannah is intending to study a Bachelor of Music degree at WAPPA. But first she is having a gap year. During this time she will be pursuing her passion, hopefully playing with WASSO and the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra and perhaps even forming her own music ensemble.

She puts her success down to: 'staying focussed in class.'

'I really enjoyed the cool projects my teachers gave us and the fact that Perth Modern School is a specialist music school means that music is really valued.' *Keep the music flowing Hannah.*

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Tynan Excels in his Final Year.

Roleystone's Tynan Stuart topped off a very successful year as Dux of Kelmscott Senior High School with a TR score of 99.4 (in the top 1% of the state) and achieved a Certificate of Excellence.

Tynan is an unassuming young man who is very modest about his achievements. He credits his teachers with his outstanding success.

'The school was awesome. They created an environment where kids were encouraged to do well. My thanks to Mr Terry and to all my teachers for my wonderful school experience.' He commented 'They allowed me to achieve and encouraged me all the way.'

Tynan's year at Kelmscott was full of great achievements. He topped: Chemistry, Physics, Calculus and Applicable Mathematics, represented the school interstate at summer schools in Mathematics and Science, served on the School Council, performed in drama productions and was inducted into the school's Honour Society.

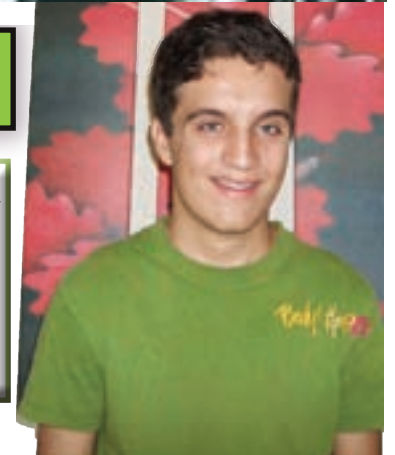
Tynan intends to complete a double degree at UWA in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering in the hopes of entering a career in the renewable energy field. He would dearly love to find vacation and after-hour's employment – prospective employers can be guaranteed of someone who gives 100% attention to the job.

Well done Tynan.



Evan's a 99'er

Another '99er', Roleystone student Evan Pearce from Mazenod College, achieved a TER score of 99.2 and was awarded a Certificate of Excellence. Evan is now planning to go to UWA, studying a double degree in Engineering and Commerce. His school results indicate that he should achieve this with ease. Well-done Evan.



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December 1988 saw the arrival of 'an instant family' for June & Neville Slender following the birth of triplets: Gemma, Adam and Fiona, at King Edward Memorial Hospital.

Late Christmas Eve saw their transfer to Gosnells Family Hospital where they stayed for a short time before coming home to live in Roleystone. They created quite a stir when they first came home and this continued right through their schooling. Life had certainly been a challenge for them and for Neville and June.

Often referred to as 'the triplets', Gemma, Adam and Fiona have grown up as individuals with a diverse range of interests whilst still retaining many 'shared' friends. On a hot summer night, over 100 friends and family joined with the family to celebrate their combined 21st on the 14th December. **Congratulations Gemma, Adam and Fiona.**

Above: The original Newspaper article announcing the miracle of the birth of the young family to June and Neville Top: Fiona, Adam and Gemma at 21.



Deb Finds Happiness with Her Dave

After a three-year courtship Deb Wallis (one leg Deb) was persuaded to marry her sweetheart Dave Cook on New Year's Eve in beautiful Stirk Park in Kalamunda.

Deb's son Levi was the ring bearer and daughter Shannon stood proudly by her mum's side throughout the ceremony.

They also believe that Aaron, who passed away last year, was with them in spirit. The joyous wedding allowed Deb, Dave and their family and friends to commence the healing process.

Congratulations Deb & Dave.

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The mangoes on the tree by the road are forming. It will be a light crop this year.

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them down, don't bother to go after them just yet. It will be March before they are anywhere near ready.

Take them early and they will be green as grass, hard as bullets and taste like turpentine.

The tree is infected with anthracnose, a plant disease, which affects to all mango trees sooner or later. The disease is spread by insects and people climbing all over the tree. If you have to pinch the mangoes during March, please use the pipe to get them down. It is still there under the Camellia where it was hidden last season.

Please don't climb the tree. It will last a bit longer and a few more crops will come off it if the disease is contained. It is also safer. You can see a crack developing on the eastern side, which means the trunk is starting to go on the inside.

If you get a mango that is still hard when it is taken, don't throw it down the road. That is wicked waste. I mean wicked in wrinkly-old speak, not teen ergot. Take it home. Put it in a plastic bag with some yellow bananas and the natural ethylene gas off the bananas will ripen it up.

If you find a plastic bottle with rank looking stuff in it, which smells like rotten meat and vegemite, don't smack it off into the blue yonder with a stick. It is a bait trap for fruit fly control. The fruit is still

safe to eat.

It may be a different story with orchard fruit. There is a withholding period after fruitfly control spraying before the fruit can be picked. This is to allow the chemical to be broken down into benign constituents. The fruitgrower knows if the fruit is okay. People who go for a stroll among the trees with a few shop bags for a bit of picking at night do not.

Why am I not making a fuss? I am allergic to mangoes and don't touch them but I would be lying if I said I didn't object to them being taken.

The reality is, a tree so close to the roadside is going to get robbed by somebody. However please do not be greedy.

When the population gets down to about 15, please leave those for a WW2 army vet and his wife down the road and my old aunt who is in aged care.

So here's the claimed get-out of jail clause for me.

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OVAL IN DROUGHT

Well it has been some 2 months since my complaint about Cross Park being somewhat drowned by its watering process.

Since then our poor local oval has gone into extreme drought mode, appearing to not have received an ounce of water more than what is dropped from the water bottles of the cricket players at training and weekend games.

ARSONISTS AKIN TO TERRORISTS

I notice that the terrorist that attempted to blow up an American aeroplane around Christmas has been charged with, among other indictments, with attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction (WMD)

What is a weapon of mass destruction?

At this time of the year, a box of matches is a WMD - dropping lighted matches in the bone dry, high fuel loaded and flammable bush will create more terror than any bomb.

So, why is an arsonist treated as a mentally unstable individual needing help - but a man with explosives strapped to his body is a terrorist and deserves no clemency, no sympathy will be wasted on him?

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I would like to know what is going on? Maybe the tank has run dry, which leads to my previous point that if not as much water was used previously we would not be in this predicament right now.

Get onto it Mr Council Man!

Ashleigh Ginich

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Daniel Lowe, Cameron Trump, Lee Blackwell and Zoe Kerferd all received Certificates of Excellence (they all scored at least 10 A's in year long courses over the last two year of their schooling).



Shown above (l - r) Lee Blackwell, Cameron Trump and Daniel Lowe all with Certificates of Excellence in their final year and at right: School Dux, Zoe Kerferd who is heading to Medicine.



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His excellent final year results are just icing on the cake and as his mother Pam said; 'We are running out of room on the wall for all of the Certificates'.

Both Cameron and Lee are after careers in Engineering and Science. Dux of the School, Zoe Kerferd from Churchmans Brook topped: Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Applicable Mathematics. Her TER score of 98.9 should allow her to enter her chosen career of Medicine: Year 12 is extremely stressful and you definitely do need encouragement from family, friends and at school. I was really fortunate to have great teachers at John Wollaston who were very supportive and who understood the challenges of the year.

John Wollaston Principal, Anne Ford, said: 'I am very proud of these students whose contribution to the life of the School and strong commitment to their studies have been rewarded by excellent results.'

I wish them every success in the future.'



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ARALUEN NOTES *Liz Dunn*

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EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 2010



This first edition of 2010 is a bumper edition! I had so much content that I had to increase the size by 8 pages! So much is going on in our community.

The centre spread this month features the Year 10 2009 School Ball. My thanks to the photographer Mr Ian Craig for his excellent photos. I congratulate all of the young people for their presentation and behaviour on this night.

Seeing our local young people doing well is always excellent and the fantastic end of Year 12 results achieved by many of our local youth need to be recognised. Our best and brightest are celebrated in this edition. Congratulations to you all.

I also would like to add my congratulations to Don Winstanley, City of Armadale Citizen of the Year and to Diane Horgan, City Of Armadale Environmental Person the Year. Both of these individuals have given countless hours (and years) of service to this community and we are richer because of their efforts.

At the City's Australia Day ceremony The Roleystone Theatre also received a commendation. This comes in the same month that the theatre also scooped 6 Finley Awards! Our theatre is great and I urge residents who do not currently go to their shows, to check out what they have on offer in 2010. Just make sure you book as it is getting very popular.

Like many in this area I was gutted by the news of the destruction of the District High School Library. This beautiful building was in perfect harmony with its surroundings and housed many of the resources essential to the running of the school. I can only imagine how the staff of the school must feel. Good libraries are at the heart of good schools and it is vital that this is replaced with an equivalent structure. The new Principal Peter Thatcher arrived in town early, cutting short his holidays so that he could deal with this disaster. His work should be appreciated by all of the community. We should also recognise the Fire and Emergency services who responded so thoroughly on the night of the fire, ensuring that it did not spread to other areas of the school. I would like to recognise the many people who have assisted Peter in the last few weeks especially Verna Splatt and Karen Trethewey and thank them for their efforts.

It always amazes me that adversity brings out the best in people. Offers of help have come from many across the

community and special thanks must go to our Roleystone Karragullen Branch of the Community Bank for their wonderful donation.

This is what having a community bank is all about.

I have recently heard of the death of Mr Phil Martin. Phil was a true local pioneer. He lived much of his early life on Urch Road (in the homestead more recently known as Gerbera Vale) and has been associated with the district all of his life.

As a child I was astounded when I was told of his wartime exploits as a Dam Buster, flying with Bomber Command. I was able to interview Phil about his wartime experiences for last Anzac Day and this was reported in the April 2009 Roleystone Courier.

Even more astounding to me was when he used his expertise as a photographer (he was chief photographer at the Western Australia for 38 years) combined with his expertise as a pilot to take aerial photos of the valley I grew up in.

I express my sympathy to his family especially to his children: Deb, Anne, Glenda and Owen. His was a life packed full of rich experiences.

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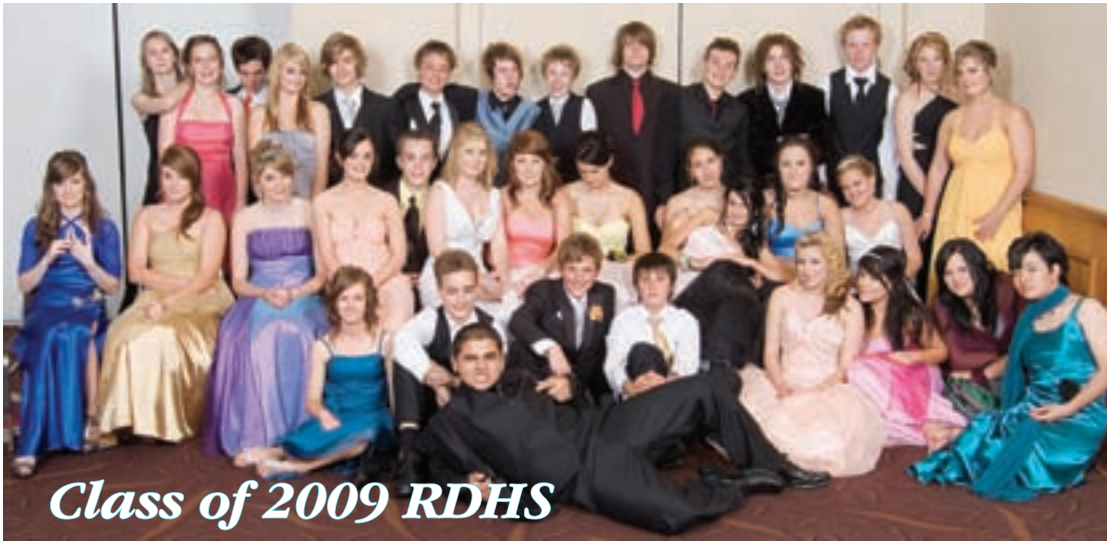
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LIBRARY WILL BE RE-BUILT

The Roleystone District High School library, gutted by fire in early January, is already being demolished to enable the rebuilding of a replacement library. All parties agreed that it needed to be completely demolished after structural engineers assessed the damage to the structure and pad due to the heat of the fire. The demolition has been a four-stage process and by the time students resume, there will be no evidence of the fire-ravaged building.

Risk Cover has been very supportive and due to the school maintaining meticulous records of the contents of the library, much of the equipment and many resources can now be reordered and replaced. A temporary library facility has been set up in B block.

Forensic evidence has established that the fire burnt most fiercely in the northeast corner, indicating that it did start in this area, however there is currently no clarity regarding the cause of the blaze. Although graffiti around the school did occur on the same evening they have not yet established a clear link between these events. Investigations are still continuing.

'The rebuilding of the library will take

time and replacement of the contents will be expensive however we are optimistic that this can be achieved with minimal impact on the school experiences of our students,' Principal, Peter Thatcher reported. 'I would like to thank all of the people who have been involved.'

'I am especially thankful to a range of school staff and community members who have given extensive hours to assist in this process. Particular thanks to: Verna Splatt, Chris Walsh, Karen Trethewey, Geoff Hoskins, Robyn Walker and Dale Diss.'

'They have provided me wonderful support. This allows us to achieve a relatively smooth start to the 2010 academic year in terms of accommodation and access in this area. Probably most would of thought this very unlikely on New Year's Day.'

In closing Peter wanted to offer his sincere thanks to those who responded to the fire: 'As the son of a career fire fighter with over 40 years in the job, I have enormous respect for the career and volunteer fire fighters who were able to keep the damage to an absolute minimum. They showed great courage, commitment and skill. Thankyou.'

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Jordan Stuart of Roleystone has just returned from Sydney representing WA in the Under 16 National Softball Championships.

Western Australia came 3rd overall with Jordan playing every game.

He alternated between playing shortstop and fielding in the outfield. Jordan also starred with the bat. There were 7 days of competition with two games per day.

Jordan reflected: 'It was great fun. Playing two games a day really takes its toll. But it was really worthwhile.'

For more information on the National Softball Competition check out the website on: <http://www.softball.net.au/> powered by [Interfuse](http://www.interfuse.com.au/). Jordan was selected after competing in the state trials. He usually plays softball with the Titans (Dale Districts) Softball Club and is also keen on Baseball playing for the Hawks. (He was unlucky to miss out on the State Baseball team too even being issued with a uniform).

If anyone is interested in pursuing these sports they should contact: Gosnells Hawks Baseball Club (your local State League Baseball Club) - Mark Stuart 0427939768 <http://www.gosnells.baseball.com.au> or the Titans Softball Club - Karen Vagg 0417992431.



Jordan Stuart playing for 'The Titans' and in his state colours

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In the early hours of the 8th of January Barry Manns lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. Barry was only 61 years old.

He leaves behind wife Cheree, sons Simon and Justin, close friend Anne and 'Big Ted' his loyal companion. His family and friends have lost a fine man.

Barry had moved to Roleystone four years ago and he cherished the quiet isolation. He often mentioned how at home and relaxed he felt in the hills and he had dreams of remaining in the area, in his delightful A frame hills retreat, over what he hoped to be a long and active retirement. Barry certainly had dreams – he was going to fill his life 'after work' with golf, travel, fun with family and friends and then maybe some more golf.

Barry had a full life and thoughts of illness were a long way from these dreams.

The insidious diagnosis of pancreatic cancer got in the way of these plans. Barry coped with the ravages of this disease without complaint and with stoic acceptance. All who new Barry will miss a good friend with a great sense of humour and a zest for living life to the full. Barry's life was cut short but the memory of this fine man will long live on.

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Just what we have been waiting for don't you reckon?

The Roleystone Courier would like to again invite everyone to join this year's Community AFL Footy Tipping Competition. It is very easy, it is lots of fun and it is all done via the internet and emails. Mike Moore (0429688645 or mikemoo@bigpond.net.au) of the Roleystone Courier and Brian McCormack (0417173035) of the Roleystone Football Club & Roleystone Cricket Club will again be your contacts and we have the new Footy Club President 'Crackers' aka Jamie Bendall (crackers78@westnet.com.au or 0409680980) also offering his services.

WINNERS FOR 2009

1st Glen McCormack on 129, 2nd Ashley McCormack on 124, 3rd Jack Biddulph closely followed by Soozy, Tony and Robbo all on 123. A fantastic finish!!

COSTS AND WINNINGS

The fee to join is \$50 per person. All funds will need to be paid by the end of March to the Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Bank (BSB: 633000 ACCT: 136318615). Please reference your payment. We have 22 weekly prizes, three substantial prizes at the end of the season and a sizable donation will be given to the Roleystone Footy Club to help out as a fundraiser/end of season festivities. A trophy is also located at the Footy Club denoting our winners Ross Anile 2008 and now Glen. This is a non-profit competition, the social benefits are great, the networking is also good for the community, your skills on the internet/emails are enhanced and just imagine the payouts if we have 100 tippers!! The Courier also emails and prints results each month.

FOR NEW TIPPERS:

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Glenn who is the President of the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society of Australia Inc, is also Chairman of Wildlife Australia.

Glenn stated: 'Lottery West has been a life saver. We inherited a large number of kangaroos and other animals. The kangaroo population was desperately in need of care and adequate accommodation.'

The Lotterywest cheque, to the value of \$110,000 will allow the organisation to reference the kangaroo compound and provide some much need alterations to the Park to make it safer and preserve other native species.

Glenn and his volunteers work very hard and along with their prime aim, to ensure the sustainability of black cockatoo species, they work more broadly in the conservation and care of a range of wildlife species.

This organisation took over the old Cobuna site in November 2008. The Black Cockatoo Society is still in urgent need



Above: Glenn Dewhurst with the cheque, Senator Helen Morton cuddling a Queensland Swamp Wallaby 'Bradie Kraker', local helper Sheldon Spry, and Codie and Jayde Dewhurst at the award ceremony. (Acknowledgements to photographer Verity Wilson).

of financial support to enable them to continue their essential role. Their Kangaroo population costs approximately \$250.00 a week to feed. Any donations of roo mix and or bales of hay (not oaten please) would be much appreciated. Glenn said that the care of the roos is a month-to-month battle in finding funds.

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Lina Uribe of Roleystone was amongst the more than 50 people who became Australian citizens during an Australia Day ceremony at the City of Armadale this year.

She joined 16,000 people who became citizens of Australia across the nation. Lina met her husband Mark in a Colorado Ski resort when both of them were on working holidays at the end of their studies. Lina had studied English and Spanish in Colombia and Mark had finished his qualifications as a Marine Biologist.

Lina was working inside a restaurant as a cashier, Mark was braving the elements at the Ski lift – it was no wonder he wanted to get friendly with the little lady in the warm restaurant!!!

Following this experience, Mark had left Lina for only two weeks when she read about a scholarship in Translation and Interpreting to be located in Sydney. She applied and was accepted (the only successful applicant from Colombia)! Once Lina was in Australia, Mark proposed and they applied for a spouse visa – which was granted the day before she was granted her Masters Degree.

The rest is history. They have since honeymooned in Europe (this came before the wedding as Mark had scored a major project in Europe photographing fish for museums across the Continent) and this was followed by a huge wedding in Colombia.

They have now returned to Mark's hometown of Roleystone and Lina can clearly understand why Mark always wanted to come back here. She too has fallen in love with the place. When asked why she wanted to become an Australian citizen, Lina replied: 'My family is here and this is now my home'.

Nicholas has now rounded out their family. Lina is full of praise for the way she has been welcomed by her new country.

Both reflected on how much easier it is to live and travel as an Australian and that our way of life and comfort can easily be taken for granted. New Australians like Lina, enrich our country. We are without doubt a very lucky country.



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Over this time the two friends kept in touch and now George has persuaded his former pupil to join him at the Araluen Golf Resort. He is now living and working on the Araluen Estate and comments: 'I am really happy to be here. It is exciting to be able to work in such a beautiful environment and I am looking forward to introducing my cooking expertise to the local patrons.'

The pair has some exciting plans for the restaurant and catering side of the operation. The successful theme nights will continue in 2010 (already a highly successful Italian night has been held in January). These will be held monthly on Wednesday nights. Patrons are advised to book early for these events to avoid disappointment.

Both George and Joko are very enthusiastic about the arrival of a wood fired pizza oven which will enable them to provide reasonably priced gourmet pizzas (dine in or take away). Joko is hoping that the locals will take advantage of the 'moderately priced but classy' family dining experience offered on Saturday evenings with steak and salad and pizzas being the highlight of the menu.

Friday nights are planned to focus on fine dining experiences and Joko is planning a very special menu. Araluen Golf resort is also offering a full functions menu with a range of options and Gluten free and Vegetarian choices. This is a most beautiful venue and locals are encouraged to make use of this spectacular resource on our doorstep.

Summer Crime Trends

The Bureau of Meteorology has predicted high temperatures next month. This rise in temperature has lead to members of the community leaving doors/windows open more often, providing opportunity for offenders to enter occupied properties. This has resulted in an increase in burglary offences in the Roleystone area.

Police are urging that people be extra vigilant when at home and to remember to check all doors and windows. Please report any suspicious activity to Police on 131444 or contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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Congratulations To Winners: Don Winstanley and Diane Horgan



Two Roleystone identities took out the two major 2010 Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards at the City of Armadale awards night on Tuesday 26th January.

Roleystone Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade stalwart Don Winstanley and environmental volunteer Diane Horgan were both recognized for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Don Winstanley won the Armadale Citizen of the Year Award for over 50 years of community service including his selfless devotion to the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade. He had previously been awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal in 1991.

Don is humble in his acceptance of the honour: 'I am very proud to be nominated and even more proud to have won this award. It means a lot to me,' he said.

In the words of current Fire Control Officer for Roleystone and Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Rob Van

Uden: 'Don winning this award is extremely well deserved. He has been involved with the brigade since its inception and has been of major importance in the growth and development of fire safety and awareness across the district. In many ways Don has been the face of the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade for over 50 years!'

Don was also a former Armadale Councilor and more recently Don has also been an active member of the volunteer graffiti removal team in Armadale and has been the President of the Minnowarra Progress Association. This is a truly well deserved award!

Twelve years ago winner of the City's Environmental Award, Roleystone's Diane Horgan, was a founding member of Roleybushcare (known previously as the Roleystone Dieback group). She is still a committed and creative participant.

Diane is passionate about the environment and the surrounds of Roleystone and Karragullen are much richer due to her passion and hard work. Her contribution to such initiatives as



the photographic competition for the Roleybushcare calendar and the Roleystone Art Exhibition plus she still has time to organise volunteers, seek sponsorship and do administrative tasks as well.

Diane has also been involved with a range of other community activities including many years with the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre and more recently supporting her son Chris in the establishment and maintenance of the Roleynet website. She is truly a person dedicated to community service.

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Hilary Conquers "Everest"



*Hilary raised \$1255 on the climb. With other fund raising efforts they have got the total over \$8000 (their target is \$24000).
At left: Hilary and her flags (background photo courtesy Barry Morley.) Above: Hilary, David and the support crew.*

of a building to provide a secure refuge for the victims of domestic violence.

Hilary has a history of simulating extreme physical events for charity. In England she managed to 'swim the English Channel' in a swimming pool. She is no doubt already planning another extreme event and, when she catches her breath, will welcome suggestions. There is still time to be involved and pledge funds to this important project if you contact her on dhbardsley@googlemail.com

When Hilary Bardsley reached the junction of Hall Road and Peet Road on Saturday 23rd of January, she had 'conquered Everest'.

She (and some 'random sherpas' she had acquired on her last leg) was welcomed at 'the summit' by a host of excited friends (obviously airlifted into this remote location). Following the placement of flags celebrating the Australian and the Romanian nations, they all celebrated with a sumptuous breakfast of pancakes and coffee.

Hilary managed to complete the route: from the Canning River bridge on Soldiers Road to St Christopher's on Hall Road, 48 times. (This is equivalent to the elevation of Everest, which is 8848m.) Hilary has been 'trekking' since October and she reflected that the weather was remarkably kind to her: 'I had to cope with a few drops of rain about 60 days ago but no blizzards or avalanches.'

This trek was designed to raise funds for a charity project in Romania. Hilary, with her husband David Bardsley, Minister at the Roleystone Community Church, has been raising money for the HOST project which links the Roleystone community with the town of Oravita in Romania. The funds raised have helped in the purchase and equipping

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When Ben began teaching in 1959, he received a certificate to prove that he had passed all the necessary courses to enter the profession. By some strange quirk of history, the current Director of Education did not actually sign this certificate. A few months ago, Ben mentioned this to his boss, the Principal of KSHS, Tony Terry. Wheels were set in motion, and by the time the important date came, a signature had been obtained from the present Director General, Sharon O'Neill. District Director Margaret Collins

visited KSHS and presented the newly signed certificate to Ben, who then regaled the staff with tales of Wundowie and some interesting glimpses into a past world.

Ben is currently going in to his fifty first year of teaching at KSHS where he is part of the faculty of English. His colleagues presented him with an engraved pen and some signed footballs. They also wrote and performed a song in honour of his contribution to education in Western Australia.

Ben Celebrates 50 Years of Teaching



Mary Gwynne

Australia Day - 6 a Side Cricket Comp

This year's BIG EVENT was a record turnout with 10 teams competing. This is due to a lot of new recruits this year, along with the involvement of many of our current and past players.

The day saw some very big hits and some awesome fielding. Everyone had a great day out and supported Australia Day by wearing Aussie gear. Even the clubhouse was suitably decorated.

Many thanks to the Stewart family and President Brad Ryan along with stalwart Buzz Fuller for their help.

Once again this event was organised by Brian (Macca) McCormack who's:

'Rules are Final'!!!

Thanks Macca.



Above: Macca and Maxine in their Australia Day Finery. Below: Bruce Fraser buys a round of 'soft drinks'. Below centre: Chris Dudley 'all kitted out for a big bash'. Below far left: New Rookie Joe Ruffio who is a 'young 42 year old'.



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The Italian Night Araluen Golf Resort



Above: these locals enjoyed the hospitality at the Italian Night at Araluen Golf Resort on Wednesday 20th January. Pictured clockwise from top left: Sue Walton, Anne Mattfield and Anne Parkin, top right the Araluen Estate Progress Association, below right: Luke and Gill Nass and below left: Colin and Shelley Hickenbotham.



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Above: Declan Dirri checks out the controls in the Fire Fighting Helicopter seen regularly in the Roleystone Area over summer.



Bushfire Safety for Hills Residents.

With the horror of the Toodyay fires so fresh in our minds, we would have thought pole maintenance would be a top priority in bush fire prone suburbs like ours. So take a look at the state of the power pole on the corner of Holden and Chevin Road. It looks to be riddled with white ants and unlikely to stand up to even a 'puff of wind' let alone the ravages of a firestorm.



New Staff at the District High School

Roleystone District High School welcomes 5 new staff for 2010. Pictured from l - r: Elizabeth Singe, Natalie Hodge, Catherine Fleming (back) and Helen Gray. (NB Maureen Thather was absent for the photo). Natalie, Maureen and Helen will be providing roles as Education Asssitants. Elizabeth will be providing German and English (replacing Victoria MacMillan who is having a year off (no she is not in Peru!). Catherine Fleming taught occassioanlly at RDHS in a relief capacity in 2009. This year she will be teaching S&E. We hope they all enjoy their time at our local school.

New Bushfire Safety Business

'Most people think they are well prepared for bushfires, but in reality the vast majority are not' said Rohan Carboon Managing Director Bushfire Safety Consulting.

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The Passing of a Roleystone Pioneer, War Hero and Newspaperman Phillip Hubert Martin 19/06/1923 - 25/01/2010

Phillip Herbert Martin was born on the 19th of June, 1923, to Herbert and Ruby Martin, in a little cottage in Gosnells - the home of his grandparents.

Phil's older sister and brother had been born at the maternity hospital in Kelmscott and Ruby was expecting this, her third child, to also be born there. His early arrival robbed his mother of her much-looked-forward-to ride in a motorcar to the hospital.

Phil began his life on the orchard in Urch Road, Roleystone. As a little bloke, Phil bloomed on the orchard - he fished for gilgies in Stony Brook, shot greenies, rode the horse and had his jobs to do - feeding the chooks and the pig, manning the hand pump to water the orchard and making up the fruit boxes from jarrah boards. The only cloud was that he was an asthmatic and the hills environment did not suit his condition.

He began school at Kelmscott Primary School walking to and from school every day from the orchard - a relatively easy task on the way down, but an enormous challenge for the return journey at the end of the day, particularly if the weather was hot.

At seven years of age, he was sent to Southern Cross for schooling due to his asthma; Phil returned home completing his last year of school (1938) at Perth Boys.

It was during this year, back at home, that Phil met his future wife, Mavis Fuller. One of his mates asked him if he had seen: 'the good sort at the general store'. He hadn't, but he soon made the effort - he asked her out, and that was the start of a relationship that would take the next ten and a half years to culminate in their marriage.

At the beginning of 1939 Phil started work at the Mines Department but with war breaking out in May, 1942, Phil joined the Royal Australian Air Force.

Phil's highly decorated war career was largely spent in Britain flying with Bomber Command. The average life span for a bomber crew was just six missions, Phil was awarded his first Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for completing 30 missions.

Based on his great flying skills he and his crew were invited to join the famous 617 Dam Busters Squadron. Phil won his second DFC destroying the Kembs Barrage dam on the Rhine River with 617 Squadron. He was also involved in the D-Day Landings, bombing German beach head gun installations.

Following his return to Perth, Phil needed to find work, James McCarthy editor of the Daily News asked him: 'Have you thought about taking pictures?' This resulted in Phil's 38 year career as a press photographer for the Daily News and later rising to Chief of Staff - Photographers, of The West Australian.

Phil and Mavis were married on the 5th of February, 1949, in St Andrews Church, in Perth.

Their first residence was at River Road, Kelmscott a house that had originally belonged to Phil's parents. During that time, their four children were born: Deb, Anne, Glenda and Owen.

Phil was so proud of his kids and never let an opportunity pass to tell everyone about their exploits and achievements.

Once all of the kids had left home, it was time to take off for foreign parts. From 1976 until 1990, Phil and Mavis travelled the world. From the time Dad retired, and when they weren't gallivanting across foreign soil, they spent every winter up north for a two to three month stay at Exmouth or Broome.

...and if you thought that Phil loved his kids, you should have seen him with his grandkids!! He adored them - loved spending time with them, 'rough housing' them and working with them in the shed. He always found them something to do, keeping them occupied and teaching them some valuable skills that they continue to pursue, like working with wood and using 'bushy' skills to do running repairs.

The death of Mavis devastated Phil. They meant the world to each other and they did everything together. They talked and laughed and worked as a team in everything they did.

The last six years weighed heavily on him, he missed his soul mate so much.

Phil spent the last three months of his life in Carnarvon, firstly with Anne and Deb, then, following a stroke and a fall, in the permanent care unit at the local hospital. The staff here called him a real gentleman, he said please and thank you and didn't spit or swear at them!! He slipped quietly away to join his sweetheart at 1pm on the 25th of January.

Now they are together, laughing, holding hands and relishing each other's company once again and whilst we are sad at his leaving us, we are so pleased that the two lovebirds are singing their song at the tops of their voices.

Thank you, Dad, for the memories, for teaching us to see the funny side, for instilling in us a work ethic that is the envy of others and for knowing that a good life relies upon having luck when you need it and recognizing the opportunity when it arises.

We miss you Mum and Dad - very much.

Taken from the Eulogy given by daughter Deb Woods (nee Martin and formerly Deb Hopper).

Phil Martin is pictured with his daughter Deb and holding a picture of himself as an Airman in World War 11.



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Building Sensitively in Roleystone; An Owner-builder's story

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We had a very difficult block with the land falling 30m over its length, granite outcrops and clayey gullies but we wanted the house to be on the ground and to blend in to the surrounding bush. (See photo right, clear block, July 2007).

To start with I made a detailed feature and contour survey of the house site. This made it possible to design a house that minimized the damage to the remnant vegetation and minimize earthmoving. It saved us huge amounts of money and in the end we didn't need to knock over any old trees or blackboys. We used a local contractor (Bob Moles) who was helpful, very experienced with hill sites, and was respectful of our request to minimize damage and preserve the remnant vegetation.

We both liked the look and properties of straw bale walls, and after some thorough research into its fire resistance and durability decided to use this for our exterior walls. Straw bale walls provide exceptional insulation and are finally covered with a thick lime render. The appearance of the final walls can vary from a rendered brick wall to curved natural rock-like finish. (See photo right, showing straw bale walls during construction).

I knew nothing, and had no experience in the building industry so we engaged the services of Gary Dorn, who is an architect with 15 years of experience building straw bale houses. He transformed our plans to something I could build and came up with some innovative building materials and techniques. Our roof for example, is made from sandwich panel similar to that used to make cool rooms. It consists of a 150mm layer of polystyrene

sandwiched between two layers of tin and is extremely light and strong. I used old Jarrah power poles for posts and the ridge beam, recycled bricks and stone for some walls, and recycled timbers for doors and window frames. We also had local timber slabs and floorboards milled from logs that I salvaged from a local subdivision.

So after about 2-3 years of planning, approvals, and delays of one kind or another, we poured the footings in November 2007 and started the building of "Mukmanor".

Next month: Completion of Mukmanor. *Paul Mutton*



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Ken and Jean Revisit Bali - 10 Years On!



When our children were young we visited Bali regularly. It was a cheap, fun holiday destination. In the past ten years the children have left home and Ken and I have been seduced by Thailand with its beautiful beaches and enticing spicy food.

This Christmas, using cheap airfares and booking accommodation on the web, we revisited Bali.

We stayed in Sanur where things have greatly improved. The place is sparkling clean – no plastic in sight and no drain smells aka Canal No 5!

The pavements are all in place and the road surface is good too. There were no roving sellers on the beach so life was very peaceful.

Ken's Bahasa Indonesia came on by leaps and bounds. I was more hesitant. On a previous trip I had explained with great seriousness, in Bahasa, that I was a school principal. Something became lost in translation and I told them I was a "pineapple head". They had no trouble believing that!!

We no longer saw any Cholera carts – the mobile food stalls that sold chicken soup and other nameless horrors – they have all gone in Sanur though we did see them in Ubud. . The number of bimos – little vans for transporting people – have greatly decreased. Everyone these days uses taxis or taxi bikes. The traffic jams around Kuta are now horrendous.

There are still loads of little shops selling the same old shapeless beach tat. But in between there are a few trendy boutiques selling very striking clothing that is well made and available in Australian sizing.

The hotel we stayed in was fantastic! We had a gorgeous little Balinese style bungalow with a high rattan roof and some lovely Balinese masks on the wall. The bathroom was a lovely courtyard outside and we cleaned our teeth whilst looking at the stars.

The restaurants have improved out of sight. For the first time ever I didn't catch "Bali Belly"! There is now a good selection of food at reasonable prices. Beer is cheap A\$2.50 for 650 ml bottle. Wine is marked up 500% - we knew this and brought 6 litres with us – no problems with customs at Bali airport!

The people are friendly and charming, many of them speak good English and their culture seems to be intact. We saw Legong dancing and temple processions just as they were ten years ago. We were in Bali for 18 days and will return there as soon as possible. It is still a great place for a family holiday and it is oh so cheap!!

Jean Henrickson, Foreign Correspondent!

Welcome to Matthew

Introducing a brand new Roleystone resident Matthew Alexander Horgan born 17th December 2009 weighing a healthy 9lbs 7ozs. Matthew is the newest addition to the Horgan family joining his brother Jacob and proud parents Julie and Chris. Thank you everyone for your kind wishes and gifts for baby Matthew.



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AWARDS COORDINATOR - The Awards Coordinator's role is to organise award donors, purchase awards, organise trophy engraving and set up the presentation table in the Hall.

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Tramlines Tennis Club News



Congratulations to the Ladies Tuesday Division 2 Pennants Team: Lois, Edna, Judy, Wendy and Taryn.

They got into the finals and won against Safety Bay losing to Forrestfield in the Grand Final.

Mixed Saturday pennants has commenced and our team is currently in fourth. We wish them the best of luck for the rest of the season.

Thank you to the children who attended the Junior Social Tennis Clinic held over the holidays. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and we will see you back at the tennis courts soon.

Social Sunday Tennis is held every Sunday from 2pm (unless it is too hot). Members \$2.50 and Non-members \$5.00. Come along and enjoy some great tennis. Contact Virginia, 9390 7668 to register your interest.

This year's Fuller Cup was held as a one-night event, playing timed sets with four teams of four players. Thank you to everyone who participated. Thank you to Graham Fuller for coming along and representing the Fuller Family.

Many thanks to Virginia Bird our Club Captain for organizing the event.

The winning team pictured above includes: Greg Quartermaine, Helen Mantle, Vicki Maughan, and Wendy Tucker.

If you are interested in enrolling in Coaching for the new year please contact our Club Coach Cameron Fenner on 9457 9704 or 0439 960 629.

All 2009/2010 Club fees are now due: adults \$70.00, children \$30.00, couples \$120.00 and Families \$150.00.

Please complete an updated membership form to accompany your fees (these are available at the Club)

and either hand them in at the Club at Social Tennis or post them to: 'Helen Mantle, Club Treasurer, PO Box 172, KELMSCOTT WA 6991.' The Club will be issuing its 2009/2010 Membership Cards shortly.

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Brand New Chef at the Rock

Matthew Crockford has worked in restaurants and taverns around Perth and now he has 'bit the Rock'.

He is enjoying the challenge and the wonderful big kitchen and is looking forward to turning out great family fare for locals. There is a new menu for summer and this will be expanded over the next few months. The kitchen is open in the evenings from Wednesday – Sunday and they are open for lunch on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For a special treat try the all day breakfast on Sunday.

So come on down to sample Rock Inne Hospitality; great food with a lovely cold drink.





As at the start of every New Year there are a few changes to the line-up at Roleystone Primary School, I (Pat Watson), will be reporting on events at the Primary School in 2010.

This year has special significance for me, as it is 50 years since I started Year One at Roleystone Primary School! Obviously I can't keep away from the place.

We welcome three new teachers to our staff. **Alastair Evans (pictured at left)** received his first teaching appointment to Roleystone. I was able to chat to Alistair before the start of school and he tells me he is interested in fitness and sport and he is involved in cricket coaching in his spare time.

Aileen Keeffe comes to us from Pickering Brook Primary School. Julie Smith joins us from South Thornlie Primary. Julie has a daughter who attended the school last year in Year 5, so she is not really totally 'new' to us. Finally, the Primary School Staff would like to extend best wishes to everyone at the District High School, as they deal with the loss of the library. I'm sure the Roleystone Community will support them in their efforts as they overcome this hurdle.

Pat Watson

Thanks Sue Bosley

After many years of writing interesting informative and often very humorous articles about Roleystone Primary School, our correspondent Sue Bosley has moved on to a new profession.

We thank Sue most sincerely for her efforts and all of the many years of devotion she gave to the school and to her many students. Her school report has always been fun to read. And we now welcome a new (well quite old really) school correspondent in Pat Watson. Pat was born in Roleystone and we welcome her on board. She first arrived at RPS in 1960 as 'Patti Mitchell'. We are excited about her musings and jottings.

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Roley Scouts Go to Sydney Jamboree

On Friday the 1st of January 2010, Scouts from Roleystone, Padbury and Katanning met at the airport and boarded a plane bound for Sydney. We were the Titans troop heading to the 22nd Australian Jamboree – AJ2010.

We arrived at Sydney early on the 2nd very excited but very tired. We piled on to the bus to Cataract Park. We got to Cataract at 8.00am with breakfast all ready for us made by the wonderful crew in Sub Camp One (Andromeda).

After breakfast we had to set up our troop campsite, even though we were really tired. We got on with the task, and then a big storm came through. Lucky for us we were 'prepared' and all our gear stayed dry.

We were in Sydney at AJ2010 and we were excited. The afternoon could be spent relaxing, and getting to know each other.

We watched other Troops coming in from all over Australia. We had neighbours from ACT, Victoria, and South Australia and of course New South Wales.

Activities for us to look forward to were: a city tour of Sydney, Jamberoo, Endurance, Water Activities on Sydney Harbour plus Cirque de Scout, challenge valley, water slides, market day. At nighttime there was concerts including: Bluejuice, Urthboy and Art vs Science plus extreme sports night and Jamboree Idol. There was so much to do. To hear more about AJ2010 watch out for next month's article

Come along to Scouts starting February 8th at the Karragullen Hall at 7.00pm.

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Stretching For Fitness

ANTHONY PHOENIX



Exercise, exercise and more exercise... But what about stretching for fitness?

The time we spend working our bodies and burning through excess calories to get closer to our health and fitness goals can cause our muscles to become tense. While I often write about the importance of exercise, I tend to miss out talking about the importance of **STRETCHING!**

Stretching is just as important to your wellbeing as maintaining an active lifestyle. Stretching properly during and after exercise and as a part of daily life can help prevent injury, aid in the healing process, improve recovery time and can help relax the body.

It is important to spend **JUST** as much time stretching as you do working out!

In my job, I assess people's fitness on a daily basis and very few people have the flexibility that is required to keep their bodies injury resistant and comfortable. Most have tension and prior injuries that may have been avoided if they spent more time stretching!

In many cases where people have lower back pain, they also have a great deal of tension and inflexibility through the glutes (butt), hamstrings (back of the legs), calves,

quadriceps (front of the legs) and hip flexors (front of the pelvis).

An easy way to assess your flexibility is to sit on the floor with your legs out in front of you. Keeping your legs straight, lean forward from the pelvis. Without hunching your back, you should be able to reach your toes comfortably. If you have trouble doing this, then you need to stretch more!

Increasing your flexibility will improve your mobility and your ability to perform energetic tasks, hobbies and exercises.

One of the most common mistakes with stretching is the belief that you should stretch **BEFORE** exercise. Stretching when your body is cold can actually cause injury. You can damage tendons, ligaments and muscles as your body is not prepared when cold.

Stretches are actually more effective once you have warmed up!. Starting your exercise at a low intensity and then stretching once warm, will allow you to achieve a deeper, more beneficial stretch. You should always end any fitness routine with a good stretch of all the muscles you have used in the workout.

I have some great stretches for all the major parts of the body on my website. For more on stretching and some useful stretch video's, go to www.strikezonefitness.com.au for **FREE** fitness advice!

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You will need to be there by 9.00 am and please, wear sturdy shoes, a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses/eye protection and clothing suitable for being in the bushland. We hope to provide gloves, but if you have a sturdy pair, please bring them along. You may also need water.

At the end of the collection, you are invited to stay for a yummy morning tea. Each participant will also be awarded with a Certificate. Children 15yrs and under will need to be under adult supervision.

Please come along, all welcome, but Araluen Golf Resort Estate residents are particularly encouraged to participate in this community event.

Phil Aked
Araluen Estate Progress Association.



FIELD DAY AT MIDGEGOROO

Last year field days were conducted at Midgegoroo National Park near the Araluen Golf Resort Estate. Roleybushcare treats the trees on the edge of the park against the dieback disease. We work with the Department of Land and Conservation in this area. *A scrumptious morning tea was provided as you can see from the smiling volunteers in the photo below.*

If you would like to become a local volunteer and help protect our native bush, please join us on the field days. We will teach you how to use the equipment and then you can borrow it to protect your own property.



FIELD DAYS

The next scheduled field day is 14th February at Sylvania Park Reserve for dieback treatment. We will meet in Chevin Rd at 9:00am. A sign will be there to direct you. Newcomers welcome. Morning tea provided. Please check the website closer to the day for any changes. For extra information go to www.roleybushcare.com or see the Roleybushcare notice board located in the Roleystone shopping complex.

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Owners and riders of off-road vehicles (ORV) such as trail bikes are reminded that in the City of Armadale, ORVs can only be used on private land with the permission of the land owner.

There are no public lands within the City of Armadale where off-road vehicle use is permitted.

Under the Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act 1978, penalties including impounding of the vehicle and a \$1000 fine apply for those caught using ORVs in areas where this activity is not permitted.

The City's Ranger Services staff and police act on reports of illegal ORV use.

Residents have recently complained about trail bike riders in the Darling Range Regional Park allegedly chasing kangaroos. Mayor Linton Reynolds said:



'This is totally unacceptable behaviour. The City works hard with the State Government, volunteers and residents to preserve its precious bushland reserves and the biodiversity that exists in them. It is illegal to use off-road vehicles in any reserve within the City of Armadale.'

'Unauthorised ORV use is associated with antisocial behaviour and criminal damage and can cause damage to flora and fauna, create noise pollution and increase the fire risk.'

'Council is discussing with the State Government additional ORV areas, but there are a number of designated public areas within the Perth metropolitan region where off-road vehicles can be used legally and ORV owners and riders should stick to these areas.'

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Rheumatoid Arthritis Part 2

Another month has flown by and I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year.

To start this year off I am writing about specialized treatments for rheumatoid arthritis a follow-up to the last article. Unlike the treatments discussed last month these medicines attempt to modify the disease progress of rheumatoid arthritis in an attempt to reduce or halt joint damage.

Corticosteroids: Generally Prednisolone or Prednisone tablets are employed although slow release injections (such as Depo-Medrol) can be used into joints. Steroids are powerful anti-inflammatory agents, which also reduce the activity of our immune system so joint swelling and pain are quickly controlled. They should however only be used for short periods due to severe side effects (fluid retention and worsening diabetic control, poor wound healing and Osteoporosis).

DMARDS : (disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs) are many and varied in the modes of action but include: Methotrexate, Plaquenil, Sulphasalazine, Gold, Arava, Cyclosporin, and Azathioprine.

The purpose of such medicines is to suppress our immune system, slow the process of the disease and block some of the destructive actions of the inflammatory chemicals (cytokines) the body produces. Many of these medicines are used to treat other conditions. Because of their effects on the body their use is often limited by the side effects. Generally these medicines are slower in their onset taking from 1-6 months for reduction in joint pain.

Methotrexate: a cytotoxic anti cancer drug interfering with cell reproduction it is used in low doses once weekly in severe rheumatoid arthritis taking 3-6 weeks to work.

Plaquenil: an anti-malarial is a useful alternative to methotrexate. It is however necessary to get regular eye tests as it can cause eye damage.

Arava- is an immunosuppressive medicine reducing the release of the inflammatory cytokines. Arava can however cause liver problems, hair loss, and suppress bone marrow.

Biological DMARDS: These are highly specialized medicines, which block the action of TNF (tissue necrosis factor) which has been found to be one of the main inflammatory chemicals causing the inflammation and joint destruction found with rheumatoid arthritis. One such example is Etanercept (an Enbrel injection), which competitively inhibits the action of TNF on the surface of cells. It needs to be given twice weekly. The great advantage is there are far less side effects and far more people respond well to treatment (up to 70%). Another example is the injection Remacade. It binds to TNF and neutralizes it. Although these medicines are expensive they really improve the quality of life for someone with rheumatoid arthritis.

Wishing you all the best for 2010.



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separate flyer. Please take the time to read this Declaration. I'm sure you will agree with me that it's a fantastic document. My personal experiences have led to my strong belief that patient and carer empowerment is the most effective tool in preventing avoidable harm in health care. My father died as a result of a preventable, hospital-acquired injury and my mother died as a result of a hospital-acquired infection. With approx 500 people a week either killed, or suffering serious harm in the Australian Health system, I hope you will agree with me that we, as patients, family members, carers and health professionals, cannot stay silent any longer. For more information and to register your support for this grass roots action, I urge you to make contact with the Health Consumers' Council on 9221 3422. For information on this or any other State issue: Hon Helen Morton MLC 9452 8311 helen.morton@mp.wa.gov.au

GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

It seems ages since I wrote my last garden notes and yet the time otherwise seems to have flown by. One of the things that has delighted me most is the white waxy flowers of the Stephanotis floribunda. Serene and beautiful with a delightful fragrance it is a delightful creeper, neither being invasive or taking over the garden.

Other Summer specials include the lush cooling qualities of green foliage, interspersed with agapanthus, and the still flowering Jacaranda. I feel that this and the Western Australian Christmas Tree, Nuytsia floribunda, are a real complement to our summer flowers. Another summer plant that is really noticeable as you drive around is the Frangipani, they respond well to neglect!

Our Roleystone garden group is having a break until April, this year to allow for my upcoming trip to Japan in March and to avoid having to work so hard in the summer garden maintaining it for visitors. The Christmas party at Margaret's was really wonderful. We were shown the process of sorting, picking and packing (yes and eating) cherries.

This was one of the most enjoyable outings we have ever had and the variety and quality of the cherries was amazing. To think that these are available in our own area, a fruit that used to be a once a year treat; so affordable, fresh and tasty.

Romneya coulterii, Californian Tree Poppy was thriving in Margaret's garden. Only the week before I had read in Stephen Ryan's DICKSONIA Rare Plants Manual, that this was a: 'temperamental plant which could be lost if transplanted at the wrong time'. It does not seem to be a problem here and the delicate looking white flowers are great when presented in a vase.

I hope you have all kept the garden alive through the hot spell. I often think of my uncle George who often quoted: *'you never miss the water till the well runs dry'*.

Yes we do have to water, but if we can harden off the plants during the year then there expectation of daily watering is lessened and we can conserve water for the planet's sake.

Good Gardening Jean

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Bowling Along

After a short break over the festive season, bowls are back in full swing. Both the Men's and Women's pennant competitions have had matches cancelled due to the extreme heat, which has meant we have missed out on some valuable home ground games.

While our Women's teams are yet to record their first win after the break, the Men have been victorious in both the mid-week and weekend pennant competitions.

With both greens up and running, the Club is in the midst of several championship events. The Women's Championship Pairs was won by Julie Stokes and Margaret Munn (*pictured above left*) who defeated Shirley Thomas and Marcia Kitson in the final.

The plate was won by Peg Knuckey and Jessie Fuller (*Peg is pictured with Gerry Chapman at left*). The Men's Champion Pairs will be decided when newcomer Tony Byrne partners our junior bowler Thomas Stewart against the veteran George Martin and 'Mr Consistency', Wen Sawada in what promises to be a keenly fought contest.

Thanks to the wonderful support of Roleystone Supa IGA, corporate bowls swung into action during January. There is a full complement of teams taking part in the six-week series with several players displaying great animation and enthusiasm during the early rounds.

Winners of the first week of competition were The Executive ahead of All Stars and Darters. We are grateful to the Anile family for their support and to our volunteers for their help in



The Bowling Club thanks Ross above and Joe Anile of Supa IGA Roleystone for their continued support.



running this event, which is once again proving to be very popular on the local sporting/social calendar. While on the theme of social events, every Friday night there is a social bowls competition held at the Country Club. You do not need to be a member to take part and we welcome newcomers to the sport. You can play in flat-soled shoes, thongs, socks or even bare feet and you simply need to be at the club by 6.30pm to register to play.

Keith Rinaldi

Roleystone Karragullen Junior Cricket Club Report



Ins & Outs

Roleystone Karragullen Junior Cricket Club can be proud of its sons and daughters this year as our teams have all performed well. Well done coaches, boys and girls!

Our under 15's have had a good season so far. We've lost a game to Forrestfield; we were chasing 309 and we scored 304. We've also tied a game against Thornlie, with both teams scoring 226 in the same amount of overs. How rare is that!

We have, however, achieved a number of quite convincing victories over former powerhouse clubs such as South Perth, Gosnells and Willetton. We seem to hit our straps in the shorter version of the game (30 overs), winning all games so far.

We have had some outstanding individual efforts with bat and ball, scores such as a 75, a 61 and quite a few 40's, along with a five wicket haul in one match and a couple of '3 for' have seen us with good averages and put us where we are on the ladder now.

The team has a good range of pace, swing and spin and we also have a good batting line up with some boys being very technical and some with just a great eye.

We currently sit 2nd on the ladder, and we believe we can make finals this year if we keep working hard.

Hopefully we can see a maiden ton scored by one of the many talented lads that are the Roleystone /Karragullen under 15's cricket team.

Well done lads. Can I also say a big thankyou to all the scorers and helpers so far this season.

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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club Report

Established in March 1950, our local club celebrates its 60th birthday in 2010. The official celebrations will be combined with the annual 'old buffers day' at Cross Park on Sunday March 7.

All past, present, future associates and any interested community members are invited along for a social game of cricket, or just to watch, have a drink and some food, and generally have a good time celebrating the achievements of this great local club. More details shall follow in the weeks to come.

Meanwhile the season is progressing well, with D grade leading the charge to the finals in the one day competition sitting clearly on top of the ladder. Chris Dudley continues to lead the batting line up with consistent scores week in, week out. Debutant Captain Lars Olesen appears to have found the secret to pulling wins out of the hat, with a very consistent and disciplined bowling attack.

C Grade are clawing their way up the ladder, currently sitting in 3rd place. A club debutant in Patrick Fisher recently made 81 runs in a 1 day game. Jake Della Franka has transferred his E grade form with several solid 50s. A recent cameo highlight was Jesse Robert's 28 runs from 9 balls.

The two E Grade sides are motivated by their private intra club battle and both sit close on the ladder. All goes well for their 3rd and final derby in the next week or so. Vinnie Baeli leads his side's bowling whilst Graham Fuller is going comfortably about his business with the bat. The other E grade is being dominated by bowling performances from wily old veterans in Gavin Hodge (29 wickets) and John 'Ned' Flanders (26 wickets). James Lawrence's inaugural 100 recently inspired his team to a huge score.

A Grade are battling along with individual highlights the order of the day. Wes Allen's meteoric rise from E to A Grade has seen 3 good scores. Captain Peter Maxwell remains resolute with the bat and is approaching 300 runs for the season. Luke Darbyshire has recently sparked up things with some massive power hitting including 5 x 6s in one innings of 62.

As usual the Australia Day 6s competition was more about fun, laughter, food and beverages with a bit of social cricket for entertainment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROLEYSTONE/ KARRAGULLEN CRICKET CLUB

Anytime you feel inclined, drop by the club to watch some action or simply to socialize. It's a great family club and we have attracted many new members, young and older, in 2009/10.

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Gumnut Playgroup Gearing Up for 2010

We would like to welcome our new and old members to playgroup this year. Wishing everyone a happy New Year and hope it was a safe one.

Playgroup starts back on Monday 1st February and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

On Sunday the 31st of January we had our annual cleaning of the toys. The toys that I never knew existed always amaze me! Playgroup runs on the hard work of a small-dedicated committee through the year and we really appreciate everyone who gave their time and effort by attending.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday the 10th of February at 7:30 pm to say farewell to outgoing committee members and

welcome in our new members. Following the AGM will be the first committee meeting to let everyone know what some of our plans are for the up coming year.

We have two new additions to welcome to playgroup this year:

Rebecca McManus gave birth to a little girl called Emmerson Grace on the 20th December weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces & Julie Stack gave birth to a baby boy called Matthew on the 17th of December.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our playgroup please contact Carolyn Bathgate on 94981968.

Lorraine Hine

Roleystone Toy Library

Welcome to 2010 and our wonderful Roleystone Toy Library. Toy Library members have been busy over the summer break installing new shelving in the shed. Special thanks to the City of Armadale for the grant and Taryn and Ian Norman, The Boring Welder, for installing the shelving. We also have a range of new toys due to come in as a result of last year's fundraising.

A reminder to members that memberships

are due for renewal in March and this is a great time for new members to join.

We are open throughout the school terms on Tuesdays 1.45 – 2.30pm and Saturdays 9.30 – 10.30am. We welcome new members and currently have over 30 members which is fantastic. The Toy Library is a great educational and fun resource for kids 0-7 years and with an annual fee of \$45 it is money well spent. It is also a place for parents and carers to meet other people in the community and for me personally, it has a great sense of connectness. We hope to see you there!

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Astronomical Highlights for February

February's a funny old month: you can't help but wonder how the heck there came to be just one such wonky month in the calendar, when all the others get to own 30 or 31 days each.

**Greg Lowe
Perth
Observatory**

Poor old Feb can't ever encompass a complete lunar cycle of 29.53 days, no matter how it tries. Never can it have a 'blue moon' such as January just did and March also will, this year.

The way the moon's phases happen in 2010, February doesn't even have a full moon. The major phases this month are: last quarter on the 7th, new moon on the 14th and first quarter on the 22nd. No moon for Valentine's Day.

Teachers, the period for evening moon observing will be from the 17th to the 28th. Full moon's on the night of Feb 28th - Mar 1st, with 100% phase occurring just 38 minutes after midnight.

Jupiter's long spell of dominance as the brightest evening planet has come to an end. It is now very low in the west in the evening twilight and will pass from view within the first few days of the month. Mars has taken over. It's bright and orange in colour and stands out low in the ENE at dusk early in the month.

As the weeks go by you'll find that Mars is getting steadily higher, if you observe at the same time of night (say 8:30pm). Its nightly motion takes it steadily across the northern sky, culminating well up in the north around 12:15am on Feb. 1st, 11:10pm on the 14th, and 10pm on the 28th. You can interpolate between those dates. In the early morning hours you'll find Mars in the NW sky.

The other planet of note is Saturn which is an evening object now. Admittedly a late evening object to begin with, but rising earlier and earlier as the month wears on. Saturn rises in the east at about 10pm in early February, 9pm mid-month, and 8pm at the end of the month. It culminates i.e. is due north and reaches its highest altitude around 4am on Feb 1st, 3am on the 14th and 2am on the 28th.

When a celestial object is at its highest, you should get the clearest view because you'll be looking through the shortest slice of atmosphere.

Gazing at the same object when it's low in the sky, you'd expect to have a poorer view because you're looking through a longer slice of the atmosphere. Also it's the bottom layer of the atmosphere: the thickest, murkiest and unsteadiest part. *Happy star gazing.*

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I have thoroughly enjoyed providing this service and am very grateful for your

appreciative response as we work together to bring good health, preventative medicine, and a compassionate treatment to a wide range of small animal patients. I am thankful for your wonderful loyalty and support.

I love the work that I do - meeting my clients and their pets at home on a regular basis readily builds new friendships, a continuity of patient care and a special bond that is not possible so easily with a bigger practice. There are certainly limitations to the mobile veterinary service that I offer, but I like the strengths, which are unique and professionally satisfying to me and to my clients.

I have some really great memories of 2009, many involving animals, your pets and mine! So I would like to share with you a photo of my most recent achievement involving my beautiful mare Bella who brought me safely and successfully through my first One Day Event training Day at Wallangarra Pony club. It is true that we are never too old to start new things! It is an extra bonus that this little team effort included a horse that is very special to me - animals have a way of getting under your skin!

Wishing all my clients and readers a great year ahead in 2010. Looking forward to assisting you and your pets at home - if you would like me to visit, just call on 0433 2137 28.

Dr Judith Congrene



Wonderful News, the lost ad in the Courier worked.

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1. Building statistics

During October 2009, a total of 268 building licences valued at \$40,023,369 were issued, and in November 201 licences valued at \$23,061,583, compared to 221 valued at \$25,995,627 during the previous month. The total from July 2009 to the end of November 2009 was 1163 licences valued at \$152,784,902. The total for 2008/2009 was 2243 licences valued at \$286,674,726.

2. Subdivision Applications - Consequential Actions

WA Planning Commission has confirmed Council's recommendation of approval for the creation of 2 lots from Lots 224, 225 and 3042 Knuckey Crt, the creation of 2 lots from Lot 51 Eugene Place and the creation of 2 lots from Lot 52 Eugene Place.

3. Annual General Meeting of Electors 2009

Council received the Minutes of the Annual

General Meeting of Electors held on 3 December 2009.

4. Property Local Law Review

Following advertising of proposed amendments to the City's Property Local Law, Council resolved to make the COA Local Government Property Amendment Local Law, including some changed penalties, references to other legislation, conditions on permits and other sundry changes.

5. Appointment to Committees

Council appointed Cr Wielinga as a member on the Rating Review Working Party for the period ending October 2011.

6. Araluen Golf Resort

Council was advised that the CEO and the Mayor held a meeting with the owner of the Armadale Golf Resort to discuss development intentions, noting that the original chalet development adjacent to the golf course clubhouse is now the applicant's priority.

7. Office of Crime Prevention Grant

Council was advised that a grant application for \$20,000 (exclusive of GST) from the Office of Crime Prevention has been successful for two projects relevant to the City's Community Safety and Crime Prevention



Cr Pat Hart
9496 1634



Cr Caroline Wielinga
0488 900 307

Compiled by Peter Hopper

Plan.

8. Youth Activities Area
Council formally accepted the Lotterywest grant of \$300,000 and OMCFC grant of \$100,000 for the proposed Youth Activities Area in the City Centre, and officers will proceed with detailed design and documentation for this with a view to advertising the tender for construction early in 2010.

9. Youth Plan Review

Council endorsed the City of Armadale Youth Strategy 2010 - 2012 as proposed in the report to Council.

10. Proposed Shed, George Road

Council approved the application for a shed with a reduced setback of 3.5 metres from the primary street boundary at Lot 44 George Road, subject to the conditions.

11. Local Biodiversity Strategy Final Report

Council endorsed the Local Biodiversity Strategy, subject to further edits and modifications to the satisfaction of the Executive Director Development Services.

12. Multi Unit Housing

Code

Council was advised the WAPC and the Department of Planning have prepared a new Multi Unit Housing Code to establish provisions for multiple dwellings.

Council note the release of the *Multi Unit Housing Code Discussion Paper* and *Explanatory Guidelines*, and will make a submission supporting the initiative in principle but highlighting the identified areas requiring modification.

13. Restricted Access Vehicle Routes

MRWA are finalising the latest Class2/3 Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Routes and have requested the City of Armadale review these routes within their boundaries and provide advice.

Council requested MRWA to implement changes, including on Albany Highway, removing the RAV route from Brookton Highway through Kelmscott to Tonkin Highway, and on Brookton Highway, removing the RAV route from Albany Highway to Canning Road.

BUSY YEAR AHEAD - COMMUNITY SUPPORT REQUIRED

With the holiday season out of the way it is time to once again take up formally on those projects we had begun working through last year and I am sure a whole lot more will be identified as we move through the months. Some of these include: Working towards having a feasibility study undertaken to justify the need for the school site to be used for aged housing in the future and then seeking its rezoning; Cross Park issues; social issues and needs; continual communications with Police to support community policing in Roleystone-Karragullen.

All community groups and organisations I know will be busy fund raising and managing their groups with numerous issues raising their heads along the way.

If you are not involved in any way with our community can we encourage you, when you see a request or opportunity, to take up the request and 'join in'. It will open up a whole new world for you and you will meet some great people as well as giving support to our wonderful community,

Cr.Pat Hart and Cr.Caroline Wielinga

Time to Look Back.....

In the first month of the new decade and ten years into the new millennium, it is timely to look back. All of these events have been reported in various editions of the Roleystone Courier.

FIVE YEARS AGO

- In late January/ February devastating bushfires threatened the community of Karragullen. The whole community and especially our emergency service volunteers, rallied together to protect our area. (See photo: Karragullen area.)
- William Buckingham's homestead, lovingly restored by local historians and volunteers over this decade, celebrated its 125th anniversary. (The Buckingham's were the first residents of Roleystone. The Gwynne family of Roleystone are decedents of William Buckingham).

TEN YEARS AGO

- Many in our area were still reeling at the shock announcement to close the Karragullen Primary school at the end of 1999, ending nearly 100 years of education in this township.
- Locals gathered in huge numbers to attend a huge New Year's Eve Community party.
- The town was happy with the announcement that the shopping centre would undergo 'Revitalisation'.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

- The Roleystone Family Centre was opened.
- Nineteen years ago Ian and Mady Colquhoun advertised for 'others with an interest in the environment' to join with other like minded people in the newly created: Roleystone Naturalists Club. Today this is Roleybushcare.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

- The little Roleystone Primary School that had opened in 1905 with 9 pupils was forced to close when the numbers dipped, (it was reopened again a year later).

Looking forward, looking back; the Roleystone Courier is still reporting on items of interest across our community.

TIME IS FLYNG FASTER THAN YOU THINK

I heard a discussion on talk-back radio about how fast time went these days. I pondered about this and then it dawned on me.....

I often wondered why it took so long to reach the age of 18 and then 21 and then 25 but after this, time just raced past.

I have discovered the reason: a diabolic plot has been uncovered.

When I was 25, we went metric and without telling anyone, time was also metricated. There is only 10 months in a year (I don't remember March or October last year)!

I offer further proof: when I was young, people over 60 were incredibly old and wrinkled and yet today, I notice that 60 year olds are quite youthful, energetic and party animals.

Of course, they are really only 51.2 years old - in the old money!

The government has allowed this state of affairs because it suits them to be able to claim that we are all living longer because of their health policies etc but really it is because an age of 80 (our supposed life expectancy) is really only 68.4 - not even the expected 3 score years and ten!

It also allows the government to allow this state of affairs - we are paying 6 lots of tax every 5 years. No wonder the Treasury is overflowing.

They want us to work longer - because they know that at 65 metric years we still have 6.2 years of work left in us.

I want Australians to be aware of this insidious state of affairs.

Gerry Chapman



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It was so lovely over Christmas to have the local birds bringing out their young ones to show them the area and introduce them to us.

We had magpies, honeyeaters, wattle birds, 28's, pink & greys, ravens, kookaburras and red caps visit on Christmas morning. All young birds seem to constantly be calling and begging for food, usually whilst on the ground. If they were my young I think I would be begging them to be quiet and not advertise their presence to predators. The adult birds always seem either oblivious to or very tolerant of the noise. Sadly many of these young birds no longer visit or have been brought to me injured, usually due to cat attack which could have been prevented by the cat bib. Birds seldom survive a cat attack. The hot weather has also taken its toll on our wildlife with lots of heat stress related deaths. We can help by providing water in bird baths and dishes in safe 'off ground' locations and in shallow ground level dishes. The baths and dishes need to be kept clean and regularly filled with fresh water.

My bird baths are in constant use and some sort of roster seems to have been implemented, it seems to start with the smaller birds like silver eyes and honeyeaters and progress though to the larger birds. No fighting seems to take place but the next users come in and wait for their turn.

My off ground water dishes as well as being used by birds are very popular with possums in the evening. My ground level water is very popular with bandicoots (even during the day). Aviary and caged birds also need extra water that is changed frequently and they also sometimes enjoy being sprayed with water.

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This event will be well advertised before Christmas 2010 so please keep a look out for the Church Notice later this year and choose the part you would like to play.

Jeannie Chandler

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Host Families Wanted

Have you ever thought of hosting a student from overseas?

AIU (The Australian Institute for International Understanding) is arranging for another group of Japanese students to visit Roleystone for one week from the 26th March until the 1st of April 2010.

This is a great chance to share our culture and also to find out about some of the Japanese culture. It is an excellent family experience and hopefully it will be as successful as the previous visits.

The students will attend Roleystone District High for lessons and interactions and also visit Roleystone Primary School. All the students mix well together and make some lasting friendships from these experiences. Host families are asked to provide a bed and meals but most importantly, they are asked to accept the student as a member of their family. In return, host families benefit by learning about the Japanese culture and making friends with a young person from another country.

If you think you would like to be a host family for the week please ring: John White on 9496 2476 or 0400 836 031 to discuss the opportunity and to find out more about the students and the program.

Roleystone Gymnasts off to Singapore.

Roleystone Gymnastics has 5 gymnasts attending an International competition in Singapore.

The girls have been training every day over the holidays from 6am. They are:

- Jayde Wind National level 2
- Courtney Lindgren National level 2
- Dana Sander National level 3
- Naomi Leahy National level 4
- Alex Presbury National level 5

The team will be holding a sleepover and a Quiz Nite to help raise funds.

We wish them well.

Peta Costa

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Living in WA is wonderful.

To any rational person, that should be a statement of the blindingly obvious. But it's not all 'unalloyed joy'. With one exception, the thing the State completely lacks is anything which might authentically rejoice in being labelled a mountain. The one glorious exception is Bluff Knoll which has all the essential characteristics of a classic mountain in every respect...except size.

The Stirling Ranges in general are little more than bumps in the grand scheme of things which stick up. It's such a pity because, for those of us who have had the good fortune to have been up close and personal with real mountains, summit encounters are amongst the most vivid and glorious memories in our personal databank. To stand on the top of a rugged crag, maybe a thousand metres or more above the valley below and to see for miles around with the sun glinting off the snow on distant peaks can leave you quite breathless. In fact one is usually breathless anyway because of the effort of getting there in the first place!

The best summit experiences don't come easily. Actually, there are a few mountains around the world with railways or cable cars right to the top and you can sit in comfort as

you are whisked upwards. No matter what means you use to ascend into the high

places, the views are equally magnificent.

But somehow the vistas which open out when you have legged it to the top have a much greater impact. The process of getting there, the path you take, contributes in no small way to the emotions generated as you take in the awesome wonder of the amazing creation around you. At least you can begin to appreciate it once your heart rate has returned to a modest gallop. And the climate plays its part too.

The days of clear skies and balmy breezes to cool your labouring body are few and far between. Mountains by their very nature attract a mixed bag of weather which can change incredibly quickly. The summits which are most readily recalled with a grin are those which we climbed in less than perfect conditions but which rewarded us with maybe only the odd glimpse of a stunning view through the clouds at the top. As you might have gathered by now, I love mountains!

Spiritually, mountains and high places are hugely significant both positively and negatively – the Bible mentions both Holy Mountains and mountain tops with pagan temples, where child sacrifice was common.

In Korea there is a proliferation of Prayer Mountains, beautiful places where thousands



of Christians gather for individual or corporate prayer. More commonly throughout the world, summits are seen as the abode of capricious spirits who need to be appeased at every turn. But for me, all mountains are special places and the journey to the top is an integral part of the experience.

The solitude, the splendour and the separation from ordinary life for a while all help lift me towards a better understanding of myself and often a closer walk with God. Similarly in our walk of faith, summit experiences are magnificent and the path we take is very significant. If we wander off the right track, the summit we reach might not be the one we expect. But follow the path Jesus sets before us and the one thing we can be absolutely sure of is a stunning view at the end.

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Community Bank Helps School After Fire Destroys the Library

The Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank Branch has donated \$1,000 to the Roleystone District High School to replace resources lost in a fire that destroyed their library during the recent school holidays.

Chairperson Anne Johnston said as soon as the board had heard about the fire, they immediately set about organising assistance for the school.

'As a major sponsor for their film and television programme in 2009, we felt it was necessary to help replace lost equipment as soon as possible,' Ms Johnston said.

'Our Community Bank branch is committed to helping out our community during times of need and making sure resources, such as the school library, are maintained for generations to come.'

'While some of the damage caused by the fires will be covered by insurance, funds are still needed to replace books, computers, film and television equipment and other consumables.'

'We have a fantastic community spirit in Roleystone, and I'd like to encourage everyone to help out as much as they can.'

'We realise that equipment wasn't the only loss from the fire, and our sympathy goes out to the students whose productions were destroyed,' she said.

The Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank Branch will continue their current sponsorship arrangements for the film and television programme and the Champion Lakes Water Sports programme in 2010.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful initiative shown by our local Community Bank Branch in seeking to support us in this time of need. We are very appreciative of the Bank's previous and ongoing support of our programs.

I accept this donation with thanks on behalf of the school community.

Peter Thatcher,

Principal, Roleystone District High School.

Bible Study Session

Dr Job Ojo of Roleystone Family Medical Centre is offering a free weekly Bible study session beginning on Tuesday evenings in March. His focus is on the power of the God revealed in the Bible to prevent and heal diseases of all kinds. Enquiries and expressions of interest in participating phone:

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ROLEYSTONE GYMNASTICS CLUB AGM

Friday 26th February
2010 at 6pm

At the Roleystone
Gymnastics Club
Old Station Rd
Karragullen



Public Notice

Due to difficulties to reach the amount necessary to reach endowment fund status with the West Australian Community Foundation, it has been decided to fold the account.

Those who have kindly donated to the account are asked to contact Denise Hardie on 0411 568 789 before COB 26 February 2010 to claim their donation back.

Any unclaimed donations and accrued funds will be donated to the Roleystone Parents and Citizens Association for the rebuilding of the Roleystone District High School library.

Denise Hardie



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CRIME AROUND OUR AREA. A WARNING.

My relatives were at my house on Saturday afternoon/evening. While they were here, their home was broken in to and they were robbed of many items. They were only here for a couple of hours before their son, who went home early, discovered the break in. To gain entry the thieves had lifted the laundry door out of its track. They had locked all doors and windows before leaving and as it is a relatively new house there were locks on the windows. *Name withheld by request.* Recently three local boys were caught breaking into the Roleystone Gymnastics hall. Damage was sustained to the front of the hall plus a fire extinguisher had been let off and cool drinks had been stolen. This is now with the police. Thank you to the people that were passing by at the time for identifying the people involved. *Peta Costa, Roleystone Gymnastics*

JANUARY WEATHER STATISTICS

Weather Statistics provided by David Elliott
Your Official Roleystone Weather Site.

SO YOU THOUGHT ROLEYSTONE HAS BEEN HOT???????

- 36.3° is the highest monthly Jan average recorded since statistics began in 1992.
- The previous highest monthly average was 34.1° in 2009
- There was only one day in January with a max below 30.0° which was 27.4° on the 11th (ouch)!
- There have been 9 days above 37.8° (that is the the old 100F°).
- To top it off there has been 5 days above 40.0°
- On one day in January we recorded 44.1°, this is the highest temperature recoded since stats began in 1992.
- The previous highest was 43.1° in December 1997!



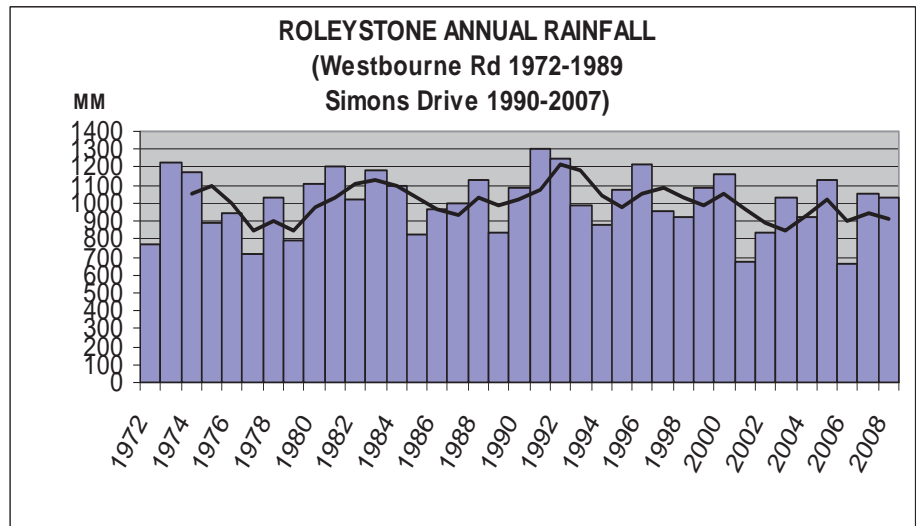
January Rainfall

JANUARY AVERAGE 12.0 ON 3 DAYS
JANUARY 2010 1.4.MM ON 1 DAYS

Average Min Max Temperatures

Monthly average: 36.3
Lowest Min 11.1 (11th)
Highest Min 24.5 (19th)
Lowest Max 27.4 (11th)
Highest Max 44.1 (18th)

Looking back to when it did rain.....



ARALUEN VALENTINES NIGHT CONCERT

From 6.30pm, Sunday 14 February 2010

Clubhouse Balcony Tickets: 3 course dinner and champagne package \$100.00 per person

Entree choices

Apple Wood-Smoked Salmon with Witl Or

Charred Grilled Western Australian Scallops with Caviar, Baby Rocket and Orange Vinaigrette Dressing Or

Tea Smoked Duck with Crispy Coz Lettuce and Blood Orange Dressing Or

Vegetarian: Baby Tomato and Onion Marmalade Tart Tatin with Goats Curd and Avocado Oil

Main Choices

Herb Crusted Lamb Rack, on Honey Caramelized Root Vegetables and Chorizo Mashed Potato Or

Dry Aged Beef Tenderloin with Cafe de Paris Butter, Paris Mash and Minted Fresh Peas in Cabernet Reduction Or

Grilled Salmon served on Asparagus and Sweet Potato Rosti topped with Pea Puree, Mustard Dijon Lemon Dressing Or

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