

# Roleystone Courier



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Mothers  
Day*

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*Revellers at the RNFC windup are pictured at left.*

*Back row from left: Luke Snadden, Richard Allen, Jesse Roberts, Dean McIntyre, Alex Stockey, Jenna Lippert. Middle row from left: Ashleigh Maag, Michael Anderton, Todd Bendall, Preeti Subhadu, Jayke Della Franca, Becky Rendell. Front row: Jon Stockey and Patrick Fisher*

**ANNE HENRICKSON MARRIES**

*On 20th March 2010 Anne Henrickson, younger daughter of Jean and Ken Henrickson, married Matthew Berry, elder son of Neil and Patricia Berry of Beecroft, Sydney at the Holy Trinity Garrison Anglican Church at the Rocks in Sydney. The reception was at the Australian Museum. Cocktails and canapés were served before the meal in the Skeleton Room at the Museum where huge skeletons of animals like giraffes and elephants were lit from below with pink and yellow lights - giving an excitingly eerie feeling and a wonderful start to a fabulous evening! Anne, her brother Lawrence and sister Claire together with one of the bridesmaids, Sarah Hammond, all attended Roleystone Primary School and Roleystone District High. Anne and Matthew honeymooned on Turtle Island in Fiji where they had a very happy start to married life.*



*Above: Lucy Nass came home from Queensland to help sister Laura celebrate her 21st Birthday.*

**Happy Birthday Laura.**



**Ball Time**



**MAY COVER**

*This month we feature Marjorie Gibbons and her four beautiful daughters: Peta Carrigan, Jo Coultas, Vicki Sallur and Thea Berrie. They represent the embodiment of the love and respect between mothers and their daughters. The Gibbons' offspring have been involved in nearly every aspect of this community.*

Yes it is School Ball season and students from all over town are brushing up ready for their big night. The photo at left shows a group of locals preparing for the Lumen Christi Ball (left to right): Corey Green, Rachel Gear, Camille Ryan and Adam Greenough.



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# 65 Years of Marriage for Jim and Norma

*Norma and Jim Bullen have been married for 65 years. Very few couples reach such a magnificent milestone – it must be the healthy hills air.*

These long-term Roleystone residents are both 89 this year (Jim wants it known that he is not there yet!) and are still living independently. They have lived here, on and off, since the 1960's when they immigrated from England. Between them they have 4 children, 17 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. All four of their children were present at their 'quiet celebration' on the 17<sup>th</sup> April when they went to a buffet lunch at the Esplanade in Fremantle. Eldest son Andrew came over from New Zealand for the occasion.

Both Norma and Jim were born and grew up in England. They met during WW2 when Jim was stationed in Bristol and Norma was a telephonist working in the highly secretive Bristol war office. Norma was responsible for connecting calls and she soon found herself becoming 'quite fond' of one of her callers. She did not allow any of the other girls to handle calls from his particular number. They chatted frequently and became quite friendly and then Jim asked to meet with her.

Jim had to catch the bus to the rendezvous spot and when he alighted Norma complained: 'You are quite late'. Jim's

quick response was: 'it's not me that is late, it is the bus'.

Norma took Jim home to meet with her parents and have a cocoa – they approved of her choice and Jim and Norma 'became a couple'.

Soon after this, Jim was soon sent with his unit to Burma to assist in preventing the southern movement of the Japanese. When Burma was overthrown Jim was not captured and their unit was pushed to the hilly wild jungle area of northern Burma where he spent the next three years. Norma and Jim wrote to each other every day for four years but the correspondence didn't arrive regularly. Norma recalls getting letters in batches of 6 at a time.

After three years Jim was offered his first leave – 28 days back to England. When he arrived in April 1945, Norma had 'the wedding all planned' (being in the middle of the war, most of the finery was borrowed). 'The bridesmaids wore blue', Norma remembers. They married on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1945 on a wet drizzly day. They had a two-week honeymoon and then Jim returned to Burma a married man.

*Here's to many more wedding anniversaries for this delightful couple!*

*Pictured above: Norma and Jim at home last week and below: on their wedding day 28<sup>th</sup> April 1945.*



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## Jade Chamberlain Soon to Appear in a Cinema Near You

In the December 2009 Courier we were happy to report that Jade had recently returned from Sydney after working with the Casting Director of the teen sagas *Twilight* and *New Moon*. Jade had taken part in the Professional Actors Workshop series offered by AIPA (the Australian Institute of Performing Arts).

Now all of the hard work has paid off as she has been invited to be an extra in *Cloudstreet*, a 1950's story, based on the book by Perth author Tim Winton.

This is currently being filmed as a 6-hour mini series and due to be shown on T.V later this year. Jade is very excited as this is her very first paid acting job!

Competition for acting roles in Perth for younger teens is very fierce so Jade's success is great news for the young Roleystone lass. Jade has been very fortunate to have received the opportunity to work with some very experienced cast and crew in *Cloudstreet*.

The old Sunset Hospital in Dalkeith has been painstakingly renovated to resemble an authentic 1950's Perth street. The Lamb and Pickles families share a home at this location in the 1950's and the story is based on the relationships between the families over the years that the family share the home.

As part of accepting the role Jade had to undergo a 1950's blunt bob haircut. She did this without hesitation and stated that: 'I would go bald if that's what I had to do to be in *Cloudstreet*!'.

Jade's character wears a 1950's school uniform and she appears as a schoolgirl playing hopscotch, attending school and doing typical schoolgirl activities.

She has also been involved in 'an accident scene'. Jade's passion is to be an actor and she has learned a lot just by being on set. 'This is all great experience for me. Sometimes we have to do things over and over again. Last week we had to shoot the same scene several times. The Extras Director commented that I looked like I was having a

good time; and I was! I was having heaps of fun. If I could do it all day every day I would.'

'The cast and crew I've worked with have been fantastic and I have learned as much as I can while I was there. I can't wait to see the mini series on T.V.'

Over April Jade has also attended a Master Class workshop covering the auditioning process in Australia and the U.S.

Over January Jade had the opportunity to attend a weeklong workshop with Mattie Shisko an acting coach from Canada (formerly a NIDA graduate from Perth). Jade learned a lot

from this 5 day workshop including monologue, scene study, character development, auditioning processes, voice and movement studies. She received a DVD of her work over the week, which was fantastic to see what work she achieved during the course.

No doubt many Roleystone Courier readers will watch the series just a little more closely to see if they can spot Jade doing her stuff.



### PUBLIC NOTICE :

TUESDAYS WILL BE A 'NO PLAY DAY' AT ARALUEN GOLF RESORT. This decision has been made in order to upgrade the facility. Resort Management believe they need more time for ground staff to work on the course without being concerned with players also on the course. Apologies to anyone inconvenienced by this decision.

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The Maggie Burke Real Estate Team were the corner stone to the successful sale of 25 Simons Drive Roleystone. Properties in Roleystone are not as simple as rows of houses on rectangular lots of the same size.

Whilst this variation gives Roleystone it's outstanding character, the challenge in wanting to sell in Roleystone is to match the one off property with a buyer. Particular in our case which was the sale of a property with unique features backing onto Araluen.

The many variations in the unique Roleystone area gives buyers much to choose from, while sellers, particularly in the case of vacant land, only have two main choices. Firstly who to use in wanting to sell their property & secondly the price.

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# Until The Boys Come Home ANZAC Day Tribute

*Dawn O'Meagher was recently invited to the launch of the book **Until the Boys Return**, the history of the Australian Women's Land Army in WA.*

During World War Two the massive number of able bodied young men marching off to war, left a huge shortfall in farming properties across Western Australia. This gap was partly filled by a large number of young women who volunteered to go 'onto the land' to do what they could until the boys came home. These ladies were known as The Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA).

The history of the land army in WA has now been eloquently told in a booklet launched on April 8<sup>th</sup>. All the living Land Girls were invited and those who were able to make it to the event were treated to a wonderful feast and lauded for their efforts. Dawn was number 61 of the 280 girls in WA and one of the earliest to volunteer. She had many placements, not all happy (one she ran away from!) She fondly remembers her placement at Illawarra Orchard in Karragullen and spent the next 48 years on another Karragullen orchard, so this proved to be very good training for her! Many of the young girls were in their teens and the majority were from the metropolitan area. Few had the rural skills needed for their new occupations. Some told of hard work and some remembered that they were not always treated well but many of the memories were joyous. Most had the attitude: 'As long as I am needed I will carry on.'

Many of the girls who joined the land army met their future husbands while they were in-service. Four Land Army Girls found husbands while serving in Karragullen: Dawn O'Meagher (wife of Bill dec), Ethel Smailes (wife of Ken dec), Daphne Spriggs (whose husband was the late George Spriggs MLA) and Joan Smith (who left the area some years ago). Dawn and Ethel married local lads and became important contributors to the community. In 1995 Dawn moved to Roleystone where she has lived happily for 15 years and Ethel still has strong links to the local area.

Dawn and Ethel both met their husbands while working for the Price family at Illawarra during WW2. Both future spouses were on leave, Bill from the army and Ken from the navy (he was



*Above Top: Dawn O'Meagher with the book tracing the history of the Land Girls. Above: Ethel Smailes as a Land Girl and inset Ethel recently.*

assigned to HMAS Adelaide) when they met and were smitten by the young ladies.

This Anzac Day it is good to recall that it is not just those who go to the front line that make sacrifices during times of war.

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Gary Kemp.

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**"BRACKENRIDGE ON THE NOSE!"**

*would be a more appropriate title, as the building and business of Roley's on the Ridge is, in itself not emitting the sewerage smell.*

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Despite us having our own building's grease trap which is pumped on a regular basis (at thousands of dollars expense to us per year), the sewerage smell is out of our hands as we are merely tenants.

Like Gary, we would love to find a solution to the problem.

*Melanie and Bradley Richards*

**INTO THE WOODS: OUR COMMENDATION ON A GREAT SHOW**

*We certainly did not know what to expect when we went for the first time to the Roleystone Theatre's Production of 'Into the Woods'.*

When we first entered we were taken by the historical authenticity of the wonderful old building and how it had been lovingly restored and maintained. This theatre troupe obviously has a wonderful set of memories. Plus as the play began the introduction was low key and relaxed – the sense of community in this theatre was palpable and very comforting.

And then the play started. I suppose we were expecting something fairly amateurish but wow it didn't take long before we knew this was not going to be the case. We were blown away. The voices were strong, the acting superb and the costumes and sets were really good. No 'forgetting their lines' or 'singing off key' for this lot. Every person carried their role to perfection – congratulations to the actors.

I also hadn't anticipated how funny I

**I DON'T WANT WET FEET!**

*If you have been lucky enough to visit Cross Park Oval in the early morning recently, you may have noticed that the oval resembled a swamp.*

My shoes were totally soaked after only one lap – in fact my ankles got wet.

After a full week of rain the Council still had the sprinklers going for the same amount of time every day. You cannot walk on the grass in the morning without getting your feet soaked (even my dog will not rollover!)

I have no idea how the poor footy boys go playing in the mush. The grass must not know whether it lives in the Sahara or in the Amazon.

Surely there should be a winter watering setting so that, when nature does the watering the Council should stop!!!!!!

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would find it – it was real entertainment. The second act was quite 'dark' but the actors maintained the intensity showing their diversity as entertainers.

Congratulations to the Director, the actors, the musicians and all the associated volunteers - you did a great job. This was our first time at the Roleystone Theatre but it will not be our last!

*Gary and Jan Miller*

PS We tried out the Grape Gallery Restaurant's Theatre package and turned up on the new owner's first night. The food was unbelievably good and great value! Well done to Paul and Roni and their staff who handled the packed restaurant well and we got to the theatre in tons of time for the start of the play.



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## DALE COTTAGES FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY

Over 120 players teed off at Araluen Golf Resort on the 26<sup>th</sup> April for a major fundraiser golf event for the Dale Cottages Care Foundation.

The winners received an engraved perpetual trophy.

Funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for Dale Cottages' nursing home residents. This includes oxygen concentrators, which cost \$4800 each, a

bladder scan machine costing \$17,000 and specialised diversion therapy equipment for residents with dementia.

The Foundation works extremely hard, fundraising to supply extra items, which really benefit the care of residents and the annual gala golf day, is an example of that. Well done to Roleystone locals Roy Hamilton and Matt Norman for their work on the day.

Cheerleading  
Champions



Roleystone resident, Kiri Penter, recently travelled to Hawaii as part of the Australian Team to compete in the Aloha Spirit International Cheerleading Championships, held in Waikiki.

Kiri trained at Roleystone Gymnastics Club for 10 years before moving to Star-Mites Gym Sports in Bayswater to pursue Cheerleading and Acrobatic Gymnastics, in 2009. Kiri and her club organised a number of fundraising events and many Roleystone residents were eager to help by attending and giving what they could.

Not only was Kiri competing in Hawaii, she had also spent countless hours making the music tracks for all 6 of the Star-Mites routines.

After two days of competition, Kiri and her team, the Starz, were placed second in both the International Level 5 Cheer category and the Open Dance category.

Kiri would like to thank everyone that helped her make it to Hawaii, especially Biddulph and Turley Solicitors, whose generous support helped make her trip a reality.

*Left: Seen at 'Into the Woods' on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April were Darren Weaver, Caz and Paul Peacock, Wendy Weaver and Michael Perry (in front).*



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# Roley Students Rewarded

Arnold Gwynne and Coralie Webb have recently been offered Access scholarships to enable them to study degrees in Psychology at Curtin University. The two Roleystone students have been offered two of the six scholarships awarded to students at Curtin this year.

The scholarships cover all fees and charges involved over an 8-year period. Plus they are even eligible for spending money!!!!

Both Arnold and Coralie were students at Kelmscott SHS. Coralie gained automatic entrance to Curtin on her TER score and Arnold entered after nomination from his school.

Once they were enrolled they applied for the Access scholarships and were stunned to find that they were both successful. The application involved them completing a one-page essay on 'why I would love to study psychology'. **Coralie and Arnold are pictured right. Well done Arnold and Coralie!**



## Lauren Joins BioGENEius Challenge

Year 8 student Lauren Dwyer has just been nominated for the sanofi-aventis BioGENEius Challenge of Western Australia. Lauren was nominated by 'science teacher extraordinaire', Ruby Rajor from Roleystone District High School. She was nominated as she has: 'great knowledge and a passion for science.'

To be selected Lauren had to complete a 600-word essay on 'science and why she loves it'. Her application was sent to the ACT and the next thing Lauren knew was that she had been accepted into the program. Students across WA competed for this prestigious competition. And now the real work begins.

Lauren's mentor for the Challenge will be Prof Michael Borowitzka, a Professor of Phycology at Murdoch University (and known to many Roleystone locals as husband of Lesley Borowitzka Reverend of St Christophers Anglican Church in Roleystone and also a doctor!).

Prof Borowitzka conducts research in 'Phycology, commercial applications of algae and renewable biofuels from algae'. Some of the work the professor (and his wife Lesley) conducted underpinned the beta-carotene plant at Port Gregory (the pink lakes on the way to Kalbarri). Lauren will be working with her mentor



one day per week for the next term. At the end of this period Lauren will undergo a rigorous interview process to present her findings and to see whether she will be invited to progress to the next stage.

In 2009 we were able to report that another Roleystone student Oliver Tester successfully competed in this competition and flew to the USA to enter into the world challenge. Best of luck Lauren and hopefully you too will be successful in your endeavours.

*At right: Brandon Weaver tells Radar: 'Did you know that my dad has just set up an Electrical Business in town?'*

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## SO WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE.....?

*The State Government has written to the City of Armadale advising that the Roleystone Primary School site will be: 'surplus to their requirement as at February 2012' and it is proposed to sell the land via the Property Asset Clearing House. The City's comments on the proposal were sought.*

'Council noted the proposed disposal of the Roleystone Primary School site, and advised disposal should be restricted to a purpose relating to aged persons accommodation or care and the City would welcome any involvement associated with the planning or facilitation of the re-use of the site. The City acknowledged the need to take into account the substantial trees on the site plus the oval and the historical significance of the site.'

The full item is available to view on the Council website where you can link to the City Strategy committee agenda for April.'

We still have quite a bit of work to do yet in order to put a case to Council for the formal request for rezoning.

A questionnaire (courtesy of MLA Tony Simpson) will be going out in about 4 weeks to all residents 60 years and over with numerous questions seeking information as to how they see themselves situated for accommodation in their ageing years.

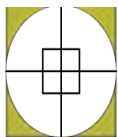
A meeting earlier this month at Dale Cottages with an aged care financial consultant certainly bought home to all of those that attended the huge costs associated with high care for our elderly citizens and the challenges that we are going to face in the near future with an increased aging population.

The more informed we are on the many and varied aspects of aged care and independent living the more confident we are as we work our way through. Prior to any recommendation going to Council, a public meeting will be held.

*Cr. Pat Hart*



*Pictured: Margaret Bettenay (a teacher at RPS in the 1940's and one of the instigators of the establishment of Hillendale in Roleystone) with Brenda Bell who lives opposite the school site and is keen to ensure that it does not 'go to development'. Margaret is 83 and Brenda is 97 in September.*



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# EDITORIAL

MAY 2010

*One of the best parts of being the editor of the Roleystone Courier, is that I get to meet and interview some very special people.*

Jim and Norma Bullen are certainly 'very special' and to share their reminiscences of their wedding 65 years ago was a wonderful experience. To be able to spend 65 years with your chosen partner is an extraordinary achievement.

Jim and Norma married as the second World War was coming to an end in England and in that same year, Vern Bettenay was heading home from New

Britain and Dawn O'Meagher and Ethel Smailes were stationed at Illawarra Orchard as Land Girls.

These long term locals have shared their war time stories as an Anzac tribute in this month's Courier.

May gives us the opportunity to celebrate our volunteers across our community. So many of our organisations only function because of the volunteers, that willingly spend their time and resources, to keep things going.

On page 16 and 17 we feature the wonderful work of the Darling Range Wildlife Shelter, The Overseas Aid Shop, that has over 25 volunteers and Patsy Roche, a person who just keeps on giving. To everyone who gives of their time, our community salutes you.

Our young correspondent Georgia Matthiesen recognizes what her mother does for her in the centre page Mother's Day tribute. Her mum, Karen, does what many mums do across this community; things for their kids!

Mother's Day gives us the opportunity to say thanks to all mums for what they do and who they are. Stories of a few of these mothers are captured this month.

The May Courier also reports some changes and of course a bit of controversy. The sale of the YAL camp (see next page) marks the end of an era. I know many people have stayed there over the years and with the passing of ownership from the Young Australia League, this severs the link with the organisation founded by JJ (Boss) Simons - the instigator of Araluen.

The very quiet approval of the request for the rezoning of Lot 62 Croyden Road by the Minister of Planning, John Day (see the letter from Roleybushcare's Ian Colquhoun below) represents a new stage in this turbulent debate in our area. Whether or not the original proposed development ever goes ahead now, will be interesting.

We have been advised that this is 'unlikely to happen and the developer now has other plans that should be much more palatable to those who so vehemently opposed this over the last 15 years'.

I salute the many people who became involved in this debate, as the time period alone certainly shows the power of public opinion.

Public opinion and community conversations have certainly assisted in the very positive progress regarding the future landuse of the Roleystone Primary School site. I thank the State Government, the City of Armadale especially Councillor Pat Hart, and the many others who have been quietly working on this outcome. Obviously it is not definite yet but the signs are certainly looking very positive for the establishment of aged care in the centre of our community.

I would like to conclude by recognising the passing of Rona Pettigrew who died in April at 90 years of age. This wonderful Scottish lady and her larger than life husband Jock (dec) were significant contributors to our community over the 50's - 70's.

The Pettigrew's 'new house', built in 1960 on 2 acres at the corner of Hall and Jarrah roads shows a very different Roleystone. Their 'eastern view' was of the far hill covered with the Borg's citrus orchard. No hint of the houses that now occupy both sides of the Brookton Valley.

In her daughter's words:

*She fell in love with the bush, the sound of the kookaburras and the kangaroos at her back door, but it was the kindness of the Roleystone people during the difficult first few months when Jock was looking for work, that touched her deeply.*

Thanks again to all, past and present contributors who make this community what it is. A great place to live!

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## Roleybushcare asks for Explanation as 'Lot 62 Croyden Rd' is Passed

**To: The Minister for Planning  
Mr John Day MLC**

I am writing on behalf of the Roleybushcare community group in Roleystone ([www.roleybushcare.com](http://www.roleybushcare.com)).

We are writing to invite you to attend one of our regular Roleybushcare meetings.

We would like to ask you to inform us about the planning process that led to the decision to rezone a large block of land in Roleystone for use as high density "resort" accommodation (Araluen Estate).

Members of Roleybushcare voiced their concerns about the environmental aspects of the development to the then Minister for Planning and the City of Armadale.

We now understand that you, as the new Minister for Planning, have approved the rezoning. We are very confused about the process and the input that we and other residents of Armadale can have in such planning processes.

Roleystone has historically had a strong identity and a community minded population that supports environmental care. For the last 19 years our group has been run by volunteers and relies on local volunteers to care for our area.

This rezoning proposal generated strong opposition and is seen by many as a measure of the community's influence in this area. With the decision to rezone the area we feel as if we are unable to influence these important decisions to our community...and we feel let down by you.

We see this meeting as an opportunity for you to explain how the planning process works, why you approved this rezoning, and how in the future we can influence local planning outcomes.

**Dr Ian Colquhoun  
Chair, Roleybushcare Inc.**

*NB This letter has been abridged Editor.*

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*At left: Heather and Les Baskerville fondly recall their courtship days at Camp Simons.*

Camp Simons has a long and proud history and no doubt many readers will have had the opportunity to stay at the camp. In 1929 J.J. (Boss) Simons established a holiday camp for the Young Australia League (YAL), on 60 hectares (150 acres) in a deep shaded valley at Roleystone. This has evolved into Araluen Botanic Park and the adjoining accommodation area became Camp Simons.

When Araluen Park changed ownership in 1985 the Young Australia League retained Camp Simons and young people have been able to utilise the camp and soak up the experiences of bush living, over many decades.

Local Roleystone resident Heather Baskerville recalls many happy memories of Camp Simons. As a child she came to a YAL camp: 'they were such fun and I learnt to play chopsticks on the piano'.

Later Heather along with 'soon to be husband' Les came to Anglican Youth Camps at Camp Simons and they: 'swam in the weir and walked for miles along the pipeline in the moonlight up towards Canning Dam'.

In the late '70s their son John and his fiancée Kerry held their engagement party at the Camp.

No doubt many readers will recall their own experiences at Camp Simons and trust that any future operators value these memories into the future.

## YAL to close Camp Simons

*The YAL campsite, known as Camp Simons just to the south of Araluen Park, is to be closed from 30th June.*

Camp Simons is sited in a secluded area of bush on the banks of the Canning River off McNess Drive. The area has been used over many years for youth welfare as well as a base for bush walkers, for retreats and for groups with an interest in the environment. While negotiations are still being conducted with government and interested community groups, the nature of the title over the state government-owned land dictates that the site is designated to serve a community purpose.

According to the Vice Chair of the Young Australia League, Araluen Park General Manager Rod Ross, the Young Australia League has chartered a new course for the future in its quest to support relevant services in the development of Australia's youth. 'While the YAL culture was firmly established on the doctrine of Education by Travel and other participatory activities, it is acknowledged that in today's world travel is far more accessible to youth than it once was and there are many other various organizations that are highly skilled in offering a wide range of specialized participatory activities,' says Rod.

'Given these factors the YAL sees its future in a role that supports existing providers rather than being directly involved in service provision,' he adds.

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*Roleystone could have been the next Toodyay. Now the rain has come it can be told.*

Early in November the Araluen Golf Resort undertook a program to reduce the number of trees and shrubs from around the golf course. 30 or 40 of varying sizes were removed from around the fifth green and the sixth tee. They claim it was for drainage purposes.

These trees instead of being mulched were stacked, in most cases behind those fairway trees remaining. Mostly out of sight of the golfers. This combustible material was left for the whole of the summer to dry out causing several residents of the estate to be very concerned for their safety.

We all know about the dreadful fire that raged in this area about five years ago which was started by an arsonist and came very close to homes on the golf course and also those started accidentally by someone using a brush cutter at the Croyden Road end of Heritage Drive.

Last summer (2009) several small fires were caused along the fifth fairway and the eighth fairway by people putting down cigarettes on the very dry grass. Alarm bells were ringing for, if one of these piles of fuel caught light due to a similar reason our homes and lives would be at risk.

I contacted the Armadale Fire Brigade in early November, before the impending fire ban came into effect. They passed me on to the Armadale Rangers' Office.

A Ranger agreed to come out to look, took photographs of some of the piles and went off to speak with the Araluen Golf Resort management. I heard nothing more until I again rang the Ranger's office as the wood was rapidly drying out and I was getting worried. I was told that there was nothing to worry about, that a fire tender could get up the firebreak between the golf course and the forest.

While this was going on the Araluen Progress Association's Chairman was in contact with the Araluen Golf Resort's management and were told that the fuel would be removed by the end of January. Two months have passed since then and the fuel is still there.

I contacted FESA who told me that they had no control over such a situation and that I should talk to Mr Brian Watkins, Armadale's Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. I was also having conversations with Cr Pat Hart.

*At right: an example of the piles of dead flammable material off the fairway.*

It was all documented along with some photographs I have taken, not that any of this would have been of use had there been a bush fire.

Mr Watkins eventually agreed to come out and have a look. He went straight to the Araluen Golf Resort Management with two of his associates who took him to have a look. Where they took him I don't know. He said that it would now be dangerous to move the wood in case of sparks from the machinery. It could have been dampened down or removed by hand.

Still not satisfied I wrote to the CEO of Armadale Council Ray Tame on the 25<sup>th</sup> January and eventually had a reply from him on the 19<sup>th</sup> February reiterating what Brian Watkins had told me. He did tell me that Mr Watkins had told the Araluen Golf Resort that they were to move the fuel when it was environmentally acceptable and that they were not to put bush fire fuel there again. Which seems to suggest that it is dangerous where it is.

If this had been us then we would probably have been issued with clear up notices and maybe even fined. Why has the Araluen Golf Resort got away with this all summer putting us at risk? They surely have a duty of care to the people living in the surrounding area and to golfers who use the course.

The Western Australian government have spent thousands of dollars trying to educate us on how to prevent bush fires, after all prevention is better than cure.

I am telling you all this to let you know what we have been sitting on all summer. Many residents have had sleepless nights over this. There is after all only one way out of this estate. If you feel as strongly as I do about keeping your family and property safe then maybe you ought to let them all know thus hopefully avoiding this ever happening again.

We got lucky this time but next time maybe not. Don't be complacent.

*Name and Address supplied.*

*Responses to the above letter are printed on the next page. No response was received from the City of Armadale.*



## Fire at the Theatre: No Drama



Theatre members preparing for Into the Woods at the Roleystone Theatre were involved in an unforeseen drama last month. One of the fluorescent lights in the auditorium caught fire during a rehearsal. Thankfully this was extinguished and the fire did not spread into the roof area. Hardly any damage was done to the ceiling. The extinguisher left white dust over the members but a disaster was averted!

The photo above captures the moment with the air filled with white powder from the electrical fire extinguisher!! Right to left: Danni Ashton (assistant director), Carolyn Latter (director), Tim How (the Baker), Sam Warne (Little Red Riding Hood) and Daniel Ramsell (assistant stage manager)

Theatre members have since replaced all of the lighting in that area, since all of the fittings were of the same age. The City of Armadale has also been very helpful in supplying an electrician to install new lighting. Thanks to the quick action of the 'cast and crew response team' and to the City of Armadale. **Bree Hartley**

Our Heartfelt thanks to the people that stopped and assisted our granddaughter Courtney at the scene of her car accident on Mills Rd East on Wednesday 21st April 2010 at approximately 9:30am.

We are sorry we have no names but we are sure you will know who you are.  
**Many Thanks, Jo & Gavin Chalmers, Roleystone**

### RESPONSES TO GOLF RESORT FIRE RISK

We (The Araluen Estate Progress Association) acted upon a request from a resident on the estate and provided a response to him.

We took the resident's concerns to the appropriate parties to help resolve the situation. The AEPAA has no powers to enforce any form of action and can only help in facilitating a satisfactory resolution to any dispute within the Estate.

**Phil Aked**

*on behalf of the Araluen Progress Association.*

### RESPONSE FROM THE ARALUEN GOLF RESORT

The clearing of the trees was done just prior to winter by our ground staff, so that we could clear the drainage system installed on top of the hill on holes 6 and 7. These holes had been blocked by tree roots and we have received no runoff water from that area for years. Due to this clearing, we had water running into our dam all summer even during this incredibly hot and dry summer.

The cut down trees were left, in low piles, as recommended and it will be removed shortly as the weather changes.

We have done everything according to requirements and for the safety of all. It is sad that all of our endeavours are not appreciated.

**David Oliphant**

*Director of Marketing & Corporate Golf  
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**We are fully aware of the situation regarding the stacks of tree waste at the Araluen Golf Resort.**

We could not do anything about it over the heat of summer and decided that the transport of heavy machinery and mulchers into the location at that stage of the year would have created an unsatisfactory risk.

Now that good rains have fallen we will be working along with the management of the Araluen Golf Resort to ensure that the dead dried out material is disposed of appropriately.

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for a week until they naturalise.

The Shelter is always keen to encourage new volunteers and if you are interested you can call: 9394 0885. Pictured above: Rachael Kimber, volunteer coordinator with the roos having their first taste of freedom. Below right: Just ready to go.

*Glenda Olesen*

## Caterpillar 2 Ton Bulldozer Stolen

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The Bulldozer has very distinctive markings with the words CATERPILLAR cast into the front of the radiator and the words 2 TON on the side of the radiator. The steering mechanism is very unusual as it is an upright shaft with handles attached.

Please if you saw anything or know the whereabouts of the Bulldozer can you contact: Joe 9397 5195 or the Gosnells Police Station: 9398 0000. A reward is offered for information leading to the recovery of the stolen property.

## More 'Brainy Bees' from Roley

*Once again Science teacher Ruby Rajor of RDHS has encouraged her year 10 students to seek to 'strive for the sky' when it comes to science. A number of hopeful students applied for the WA Brain Bee Challenge. The Australian Brain Bee Challenge had over 10,000 students from every state in Australia and New Zealand's North and South Islands.*

From Roleystone: Krystin Dawson, Emily Tucker and Danyon Burge have now been invited to attend the Individual Challenge session in Queensland. They are now in the running for some wonderful prizes in Round 2. The Individual Challenge winner of the Western Australia State Final will progress to Round 3, The Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee National Final taking place in New Zealand and will receive two airfares and accommodation (for finalist and their guardian) to compete in the National Final.

Plus Roleystone has also been invited to submit a team this year in the team challenge. The team will consist of the above three students and one of: Lisa Salmon, Brooke Gibbons, Tom Baker, Braydn Tilley, Zan Bosman and Steven Guest (who all achieved wonderful results in the first round). Well done to all of these students.



## Volunteers at Overseas Aid Shop

The second week in May is National Volunteers Week. Plus this July sees the second year anniversary of the Leprosy Mission's Overseas Aid Shop in Kelmescott. So that is two reasons to celebrate the 25 wonderful staff that 'man the shop'.

The Director Peter Warren is the only paid employee, the others are all volunteers and this ensures that they can keep prices to a minimum and all profits are directed to their very important overseas work in supporting the victims of Leprosy. The shop always needs more volunteers and they would love people to come down if they feel they have some extra time.



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### PATSY ROCHE

With Volunteers Week in the second week of May, we are featuring Patsy Roche, a 'very special' volunteer.

Patsy and her deceased husband Ted lived in Roleystone for many years but moved when Ted needed increased care. Patsy may live elsewhere but her heart is in Roleystone and she spends a lot of time here.

She is a keen member of St Christopher's Church and can often be seen at Araluen as a volunteer. Reverend Lesely Borowitzka of St Christopher's Anglican Church said of her: 'Patsy's a worthy subject! At St Christopher's she is a Lay Pastoral Minister, holding the Archbishop's licence. Among other

things her ministry includes taking Home Communion services for people unable to come to church.

Patsy also helps out as a 'Meet and Greet' volunteer at the airport. She volunteers at Rottneest as a guide. She also goes up the Lighthouse, all of 300+ steps, FOUR times a day.

As Jeannie Chandler said: 'Our Patsy is a legend and has been a special mentor to me since joining St Christopher's nearly five years ago.' Jeannie recalls that Patsy used to housesit. Once when she was housesitting for the Henrickson's she noticed the water level going down in the pool. She put on her goggles and went for a swim and found the leak. So she got a patch from the hardware and fixed it.' This lady can do anything. Well done Patsy and thank you.

Here Patsy is pictured helping out on the Children's Activity days held at Araluen Park over the school holidays.



Two Roleystone ladies are pictured right: 'doing the Thursday afternoon shift' Robin Gokavi and Maryke Newell.

Walking into the shop, a visitor immediately notices that this is not 'Just an Op Shop'. It has a great range of items for sale: gifts, handicrafts made by people with disabilities and a range of preloved items.

The major aim of the Leprosy Mission is to provide medical support to sufferers of leprosy and to also provide them with strategies to be self-supportive and to restore their dignity.

Leprosy is still a Public Health problem in 55 countries across the world. It is a disease linked to poverty and overcrowding. A common misconception about Leprosy is that it is extremely contagious, however very few people, less than 4 % of the population, are able to contract the disease. The disease is very treatable in the early stages so funding is essential and they would be very appreciative of donations.

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# Roleystone in Autumn

*The beauty of our area constantly assails me after a long hot dry summer. Driving down Brookton Highway, the stunning autumn foliage of the deciduous trees, makes a wonderful statement. The colour of these trees is enhanced by the cooler climate Roleystone experiences and makes us a bit different to other more temperate areas of Perth.*

Many of these trees were planted by private owners and the council verge plantings happened in the era of Cr Deb Hopper. Deb recalls that she had quite a battle to get the trees planted as the policy then, (as it is now) states that only Australian native plants should be planted.

Her 'win' was based on the evidence that deciduous and non-native tree plantings actually give some protection against bushfires.

In the horrific Canberra fires of 2003, the suburbs with heavy plantings of deciduous trees were not as devastated as other areas.

The picnic area at the foot of Cotter Dam sustained some leaf burn at the outer fringes of the planting. The remainder of the trees were unmarked and the internal area of the picnic grounds was unscathed. Deciduous trees do not produce highly inflammable oils and will

slow the advance of a bushfire.

Much as we love our native plants they are adapted to bushfire; many burn readily and some explode. Most of the eucalypts produce volatile gases which encourage the progress of a bushfire. These foreign plantings are not only beautiful they offer some protection too.

I am a great fan of deciduous trees: they give shade in summer, light in winter, they are often water wise, their leaves drop at one time of the year and mulch down fabulously and they are beautiful. Not everything that is foreign has to be bad!

Thanks former Councillor Hopper and the gardeners from the City of Armadale (and to the many private gardeners) for our spectacular autumn display.

*Picture: Deciduous tree, Araluen.*



**GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547**

*Autumn is such a lovely time of the year. The reds, golds and browns of the valley trees are really starting to happen.*

I have many plants with autumn foliage including: wisteria, glory vine and pistachio as well as a persimmon, which came from a Karragullen orchard. What a treat!

We really do not need flowers at this time of the year. My own autumn shades have not happened, but looking down the valley is very pretty.

It is so amazing to discover how much work has built up in the garden during the summer months and when we have fine days it is really wonderful to get out into the garden to get it back in shape. Weeds to weed, plants to cut back, bulbs to plant and thus the cycle of life begin again.

A plant that smells fantastic at present is *Choisya ternata*, Mexican orange blossom. This plant is part of the rutacea family, which includes *Boronia*, citrus, and *eristemon*. This is a great plant for a shrubbery. Another great plant is *Philadelphus coronarius* (mock orange). Both of these plants can be propagated in the summer.

The Japanese windflowers or anemones are blooming nicely now. This plant is a good spreader so put it in a sunny area where it has room to take over. I like the single ones better than doubles, white is pretty common and probably the nicest of all. All are attractive and need no special care.

While in Japan I saw many different cherry trees, mainly white in the wild ones but there are also magnificent pink varieties. Some of the old camellia trees were so large you couldn't link your arms around the tree when you went to hug it. A lot of azaleas were just starting to flower and they were very beautiful and evenly grown clumps. Although we were into spring there was a night of very heavy snow and the areas looked lovely covered in white.

Good gardening *Jean*

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## Vern's War: An ANZAC Day Tribute



*Vern Bettenay was born in Roleystone in 1922 and the only significant time he spent away from 'his valley' was during the Second World War.*

Now in his 88<sup>th</sup> year, he is now the oldest person born in the area still living here (and he is still actively working on his orchard).

Vern reminisces on the era of WW2 in the district:

'There was great support for the war in Australia from the outset and many local lads joined up to go to fight Germany. Many had fathers and uncles who had fought in the Great War and support for England was still very strong. Dad (Arthur Bettenay) and Uncle Wilfred (Wilfred Bettenay) had fought in both Gallipoli and Flanders so they were keen for us all to go.'

'Most of the lads were really keen— it was seen as an exciting adventure! Even those who did not join the forces were involved in the war effort in some way. Around 20 local people saw overseas service by the end of the war.'

'My mate Bill O'Meagher and I were keen to go off to training camp in Bunbury (Nashos) when we turned 18 and half way through the camp the Japanese

entered the war. All of a sudden our 'three month training camp' turned into a permanent stint and I was in the militia in the 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse.'

'The Japanese moved very quickly and although the general view around our area was that they would probably not get here, they needed to

be stopped.'

'The fall of Singapore really shocked everyone as we all thought it was impenetrable.' Vern's own war career changed:

'I was not keen on horses so I transferred to the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion and I was sent to reinforce Darwin. On the way there, Darwin was bombed but I was not too troubled by it all.' He recalls.

'As the Japanese invasion became bogged down in New Guinea they decided Darwin was relatively safe, so we were posted to New Britain to retake the Japanese strong hold on the island of Rabaul.'

'This involved making our way across the island on a jungle track. We were involved in a few bad skirmishes but overall I was always in the lucky troop that avoided the high casualty battles. We came across some atrocities but I was never hurt. Eddie Burley, who worked on Smailes Mill in Karragullen,

was in the same battalion and he was killed. So you could say there was a 50% survival rate of local boys from our battalion!'

'Thank heavens we didn't make it to Rabaul before the end of the war or we would have been annihilated with the mass of infantry housed on the island.'

As hostilities came to an end, Vern who was now a sergeant, was involved in guarding the Japanese prisoners of war captured when Rabaul fell. This mainly consisted of: 'taking them out on work parties. They were pretty docile fellas by then. Probably like us, they just wanted to go home.'

Vern was able to return home on a tanker from Nehru: '20 of us were camped on top of a pile of superphosphate'.

Vern returned from the war and has never left 'willingly' since. (Despite his wife's insistence that he goes travelling occasionally.)

This wonderful gentle man has strong pacifist leanings but he still believed strongly in defending his country. As the number of WW2 veterans dwindles, it is timely to remember them. Thanks to everyone who did their bit, large or small, at home or overseas and in all conflicts, to protect our freedoms and way of life.



ANZAC SERVICE 2010  
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*This was held on Friday 14th April.*

*Pictured above: Selena Grieves (back) and Kiara Davin.*

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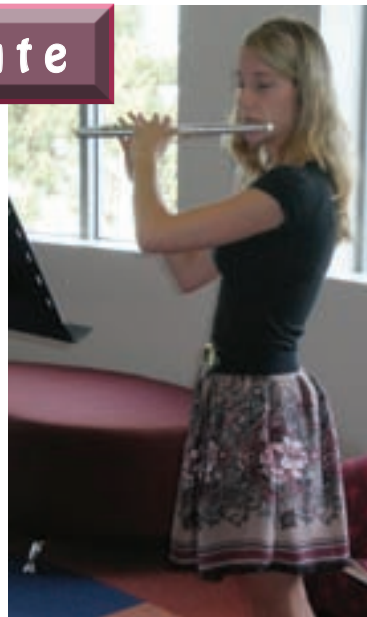
## Jemma's Magic Flute

Local flutist Jemma Armstrong's music career is just getting going. She has been involved in a range of community performances like playing at the Roleystone Theatre and singing with the Classic Sounds choir at Minawarra Park. She is currently playing the flute in the orchestra for the Roleystone Theatre's Production of 'Into the Woods'.

During April she performed at the Armadale Shopping Centre with a guitarist following on from her very successful gig performing solo on flute at the opening of the Armadale Library!

Jemma is 2 years into a music degree through WAAPA (WA Academy of Performing Arts) and loves every minute of it. She made the decision to defer during 2010 to get a bit more performance experience. So along with a range of performing opportunities she has been teaching flute and piano at Classic Sounds. (See Jemma's advert in the services section of the classifieds, if you are seeking music tuition).

Jemma is keen to have as many people as possible come to see her play: 'I hope the community will look out for me and offer support as I begin to make more of an appearance professionally'.



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*Margaret Agar has been making fruit cakes for almost 50 years! She always used to help her mother, Pat Hay, make the Christmas cakes. 'Basically Mum and my Grandmother, Betty Evans, taught me to cook. Later when I attended Armadale Senior High School I learned more in Home Economics.'*

*'Apart from fruitcakes I make sponges, cheesecakes, mud cakes and various other types of cakes. Shortbread is one of my specialties.'*

*'As far as decorating is concerned I have been dabbling in this for about six or seven years. This is my third year in taking formal lessons.'*

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*The Easter Classic 9 Hole Golf Competition was again held on Good Friday at Araluen Golf Resort. This was the 26<sup>th</sup> time the event has been held. The cooler conditions this year were a bit more comfortable than last year's 33 degrees.*

*'The Classic' was started by the Anile family and from the initial game with only six players it has now grown to an event with over 100 players. The Anile family is still closely involved in the competition, both as players, caterers and major organisers.*

*This year's winners (non handicap) were: 'The Mafia All Stars Group' from West Perth. The Handicap winners were 'The Byford Boys' led by our local member of Parliament Tony Simpson.*

*The Narga winners were the 'Roley Tigers' led by Jim Mortimer. They put in a great effort but there is still some room for improvement.*

*The 'no one gives a rats' award was presented by Araluen's David Oliphant to Joe Anile for the 'put of the day'. Luckily this was witnessed by Harry Newell with Joe showing a bit more exuberance than is his want. It was captured on Harry's mobile phone.*

*If you want to be involved in this event next year contact Joe or Ross Anile at Supa IGA in Roleystone.*



# Seen Around the Traps



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BOYS GO ON A GOLFING WEEKEND?  
THE GIRLS GO OUT TO DINNER.

With their spouses away: Sharon Pettersson, Dee Rust, Erica Whittaker and Verina Dell took the opportunity to try out the new menu at the Grape Gallery restaurant. They had a lovely time.



SEEN AT THE ARALUEN GOLF CLUB'S THAI NIGHT  
Birthday boy Dave Marshall (second from left) with his wife Hazel celebrates with friends Hazel and Gary and Wayne and Judy Green.



SEEN AT THE ARALUEN GOLF CLUB'S THAI NIGHT

At left: 'Birthday Girl' Rhonda, with Owen, Coral and Oakley; their 'first time ever at Araluen'.



Above: Local Kim Martin and Tim Howe in their roles in 'Into the Woods' at the Roleystone Theatre.  
At left: Sally Pound at the Annual RKCC windup night. Sally's late husband Ray was one of the first members of the RKCC 60 years ago!



SEEN AT THE SLIDE AT THE ROLEYSTONE FAMILY CENTRE

At left: Catherine Hine and Ella Pallot 'get ready to launch' at the slide at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. P.S. Did you know May 15th is Open Day at RNFC to celebrate Neighbourhood House week? Come Along!

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**Vale: Robina "Rona" Pettigrew  
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**A PIONEER PASSES ON.**  
Rona and John "Jock" Pettigrew arrived in Roleystone in 1952 after immigrating from Glasgow, Scotland. They arrived with their young son David and less than ten pounds in their pockets. They settled into a small two room cottage off Hall Road, with the initial intention of using as a starting point to then look around Perth and buy some land a little closer to the city. Jock and Rona fell in love with Roleystone immediately and decided to buy 2 acres of land on the corner of Hall and Jarrah Road where Jock built the family home. (See photo - 1960).



The Pettigrew family grew with Rhona's birth in 1954 and Janet's in 1963. Rona was involved in the Women's Fellowship at the Congregational Church and in later years volunteered at the Armadale Hospital. Jock was involved in the Roleystone Choral and Dramatic Society, the Roleystone Cricket Club and was an inaugural member of the Roleystone Country Club.



Rona was a wonderful knitter and made some of the best apple pies and sausage rolls in the district. Whilst it took the locals a bit of time to get used to her Scottish accent she made many life long friends, particularly Dot and Jack Parkin and her dear friend Sybil Sheppard. Jock died in 1977 and in the 1980's Rona travelled extensively with other Roleystone ladies around the state and internationally. She left Roleystone in the late 1980's. She lived independently in her own unit until 6 months ago when she moved into Stirling Aged Care, aged 90 years.

Roleystone was always dear to Rona's heart. Having left all her family in Scotland she had to make a new life for herself in a strange land. She fell in love with the bush, the sound of the kookaburras and the kangaroos at her back door, but it was the kindness of the Roleystone people during the difficult first few months when Jock was looking for work that touched her deeply. She and Jock became Australian citizens and loved their lives here, but neither lost their Scottish accent and she remained a proud and independent Scot to the very end. Rona leaves behind six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many happy and loving memories.

*Rhona Eade (daughter)*

**Mother and Daughter Team**

*BONDI BEACH made a stunning backdrop on a beautiful autumn day recently as local mother and daughter duo June and Julia from Roleystone Body & Skin Care, along with Jane (senior therapist) recently attended the National Dermalogica 'Right here/Right now' Conference in Sydney.*

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# Mother's Day Tribute Marj Gibbons

**Marjorie Gibbons and her four beautiful daughters, 12 grandchildren and 1 greatgrand child have become one of iconic families of this area.**

The Gibbons offspring have been involved in nearly every aspect of this community. They have all gone to school here, played sport and been involved in organisations across town.

This family loves Roleystone.

Lance and Marj Gibbons moved to Roleystone in 1971 to be closer to their Holden car yard in Gosnells that Lance had purchased.

The first days of their move were not auspicious. Peta, Jo, Thea and Vicki recall arriving on a very hot summer day leaving their beautiful beach side suburb for the baking heat of Roleystone. (Apparently Thea spent the day lying on the couch and vomiting).

Still this dislike was short-lived and all four girls have 'convinced' their husbands that 'the only place to live and bring up their children is their beloved hills suburb'. Thus the Carrigan, Berrie, Coultas and Sallur families are all 'here to stay'.

They lived temporarily at a few addresses when they arrived but they moved to the family home in Peet Road in 1974 and this is the one they all relate to. Marj's husband Lance died prematurely in September 1994. He was only 66!

Matriarch Marj is still heavily involved both with family and the community. She is still very active in the bowling club and seeks to recruit people to 'come on down to bowls' as soon as she meets them. Marj's role as the glue that binds this family together is obvious.

She has transported grandchildren across town, 'stood in' at sports events and assemblies, looked after sick kids, babysat and just been there while her four career girls built their lives. And now these girls think she has been: 'the best mother in the whole world'.

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*Above: Marj Gibbons encircled by her 12 grandchildren.*

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Rhonda Meadows feels that she is blessed. Her daughter Megan lives three streets away and she gets to see her lovely grandchildren: Paige and Audrey, nearly every day. Paige is all grown up (at three and a half) and Audrey is 7 months old. Rhonda and her husband moved to Roleystone in 1976. Along with husband Ross, Rhonda raised her two children Adam and Megan here and especially while the children were growing up they were heavily involved in the community and sport. Now their time is more devoted to family pursuits. Megan has just started back at work as a Clinical Psychologist for one half day per week and Mum is only too happy to fulfil the babysitting role for Paige and Audrey. 'I retired when I had grandchildren,' Rhonda said. Megan reflects: 'It is wonderful being so close to mum. We are great friends and I feel that I can tell mum anything. We have always been close. I think you only fully respect how much your mother means to you when you have children of your own.'

*Happy Mothers Day to you both.*



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## My Mum



## Kerry Now Has Four Grandies

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My own mother is involved in lots of the things I do. She takes me to my karate lessons and is the volunteer helper at the front desk. She also takes me to my guitar lessons and sometimes stays to watch me. She is a volunteer helper and on the P&C at RPS and RDHS. She also makes really good spaghetti bolognaise.

*By Georgia Matthiesen*

*The picture above left, of Georgia's Mum was taken on Karen Matthieson's fiftieth birthday. Thanks to Sandy Zavatteri.*

*The picture at left shows Kerry Fidock with all of her grandchildren: Cohen Haigh, Kaleb Stenhouse, Kyah & Bella Haigh.*

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All 4 generations of women live in the City of Armadale.

Ella was 3 weeks old when the picture was taken and is now 6.5 months old. Happy Mothers day to you all. This is Kymberley's first Mother's Day and she is hoping for Breaky in Bed from hubby Ben????



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## Mother's Day Tribute

At right: Francine and Steve with their son Jack Mitchell - Franny's first Mothers Day. Below right: 89 year old Norma Bullen had all of her children home to celebrate her 65th wedding anniversary. All grew up in Roleystone. A great Mother's Day gift as Andrew now lives in New Zealand. Pictured from left to right: Steven, Mary, Reg and Andrew with Jim and Norma in front. Left: Craig and Fran Mellors and daughter Mali Francesca.



## Family at Last

My brother Craig and his wife Fran arrived home from Bangkok on Easter Sunday with their new baby daughter Mali Francesca Mellors. It was an emotional homecoming that saw both of their families gather at the airport with joy.

Craig and Fran met at the Roleystone District High School and were very much a part of the community until Craig's job saw them relocate to Mandurah. Their dreams were finally realised when on the 21st of February their beautiful daughter Mali was born.

We would like to thank all our family and friends for all their support and kind wishes and big congratulations to Craig and Fran who are a family at last.

*Justine Wells*



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# Roleystone-Karragullen Cricket Club Report



## D Grade Premiers

The Roleystone-Karragullen Cricket Club celebrated its 60th annual windup and trophy presentation at the Araluen Golf Club on Friday April 9, 2010. It was a huge success with a big turnout of players, life members, sponsors and partners. The C grade boys did it in style turning up with partners in a stretch hummer and dressed to swing.

Apart from the individual grade batting and bowling averages there were 5 centuries, 13 five wicket hauls and 1 ten wickets in a match by youngster Chris Stewart. Luke Darbyshire won the 'IGA' Club Champion trophy, Tim Winter won the 'Mitchell Family' Most Economical Bowler Award, Chris Stewart was awarded the 'Matt Butcher/Glenn Darbyshire' Memorial Trophy for the RKCC under 23 cricketer of the year and Deb Stewart was awarded the 'Jock Pettigrew' Club Person of the year.

The D grade team finished the season strongly triumphing to win the premiership and Chris Dudley topped a great season

with a match winning 70no in a close game. Darlington made 9/164 with Luke Darbyshire being the main destroyer taking 4/40 and Chris closed the game out with seven balls to spare. At the recent Association awards the RKCC took home six individual grade trophies to go with the shield for the D Grade Premiership.

2009/10 President Brad Ryan has taken a job in Karratha and he will greatly miss around the club. He refuses to retire from cricket and vows to be back to add to his 15 years of service one day. We wish Brad, Karen and family all the best.

The AGM was held on Sunday April 11, 2010. Graham Fuller is back at the helm with a committee of usual suspects and several new young faces.

The RKCC is looking for senior players and coaching staff for the coming season and can be contacted on 0400 195 061. You can find some extra information and RKCC contacts on [www.roleystonekarragullenc.com](http://www.roleystonekarragullenc.com) or on facebook group 'Roleystone-Karragullen Cricket Club'.

Graham Pound

Some photos from the Annual Roleystone-Karragullen Cricket Club windup: below Jayke Della Franca and Jenna Lippert.

Below left: Richard Allen and Sam Marshall left: John Stokey and Jesse Roberts.

Photo above left: The victorious D grade Premiers (along with a few mates).



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## RJF: 15's Elect Their Leaders



*Pictured at left: Jarrod Rudkin (Captain) Ryan Hunt and Nick Zavatteri in Vice Captaincy roles.*

*A wonderful parent catered dinner was enjoyed by the RFC 15's new and past team players. All players were introduced and allocated jumpers by coaches Tony Siroen*

and David Groves. New team members were also given sponsored club shirts to wear before and after the games. (Special thanks to Fraser and London Roofing Services). Players also voted by ballot for Jarrod Rudkin (Captain) and Ryan Hunt and Nick Zavatteri in Vice Captaincy roles.

Thanks go to all the organisers of the evening and here's hoping we have a relatively injury free (do pigs fly) and successful season. CMON THE TIGERS.

*Sandy Zavatteri.*

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### Junior Boys Kick Off Season with a Win

*RJFC's new 16/17's Team had a successful first game, with an 85-point win over the Fremantle Hawks.*

Earlier in the week Parents and Players from the team gathered at Springdale Park to launch Season 2010.

The boys were presented with their new jumpers, kindly sponsored by DM Civil, by Ben Spanjers and Steve Hall.

Ross Anile from IGA Roleystone, team shirt sponsor, announced the leadership group.

Jim Mortimer was voted Captain, with Steve Cacceta and Kale Ballantyne Co- Vice Captains.

The boys first home game is on Sunday 9th May against Baldivis, so get up to Springdale Park to cheer on our Mighty Tigers.

*Vicki Sallur*

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# Roleystone Primary School News

Before I say anything about R.P.S. activities during the last two weeks of Term 1, I should apologise to all the music purists who may have read our item in the April edition. I wrote about Room 10's assembly item, 'Where the Wild Things Are'. The song 'Wild Thing' (to which they danced) was a hit for The Troggs, not the Rolling Stones.

On with the news. Room 17 put a great assembly together for us on 26th March, based on Australiana. The students made all the announcements using rhyming slang and typical Aussie expressions. When Mary Harvey, one of our Deputies, was introduced as 'our own Jam Tart', the undercover area erupted with laughter; and the sweetheart in question joined in the fun. The billy lids thought it was great, too.

Huge amounts of energy went into the creation and construction of headwear for

the Easter Hat Parade, and local businesses must have thought that all their Easter's had come at once with the purchase of ribbon, chickens, feathers, flowers etc. etc. to decorate some outstandingly magnificent headgear. This is one event in which large numbers of parents become involved (even if not on the actual day), and it adds to the fun (or trauma) for the students.

Many classes also devoted quite a lot of effort to the finer points of millinery. Prefects were on standby at the Parade to give out Easter eggs for everyone to enjoy.

The Year 5's used the opportunity to raise some money for their camp and put together an enormous basket of chocolate eggs to raffle. Olivia Nicholson and Dylan Saciuk were the winners. Last I heard neither had suffered chocolate poisoning!

On Tuesday 23rd March Blue Faction children were the proud and excited participants in the Faction Reward activity for accruing the highest number of points over the term. Students are able to earn points for their faction by doing good things and by being good citizens in all aspects of school life- not just sport. They got the whole afternoon out of class to join in 'Phys. Ed and Kids'- Mr Phil Pierce's, Earth Games and Tabloids session.

The rest of the school could have joined Green faction, if they weren't already in it, as the envy on their faces was unmistakable.

The other HUGE event in the last week of term was the disco. Students had to earn a stack of Virtues vouchers as high as our Principal, Jan Matthews, to earn the disco as a reward.

It's pretty fortunate (for the students) that Mr Springett (6ft 4in.) wasn't promoted during the term in Mrs Matthews (5ft nothing) place! Wow! What a busy end - of - term. Second term look out.

Pat Watson

*Pictured left top: Bluey alias Jesse Mason at the Aussie Assembly.*

*Middle: Tiana Nelson, Nikita Davis and Elini Arotis with their Easter hats and eggs.*

*Below left: Emma Hirschman, year three, in her pretty hat.*

*Below: Shirley Lewis lines up for her Easter egg.*



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**Tramlines Tennis Club News**



On April 10th, 11th and 17th the Club held its Annual Club Championships.

We were very lucky each weekend having perfect conditions.

We had some of our newer members competing for the first time and we really hope they enjoyed themselves and will join in again next year.

There were some very close matches and one of the most exciting ones was our Ladies Singles Final between sisters Jodie and Lisa Thatcher. The match ended up going into a third set with Lisa winning 8-6 in the final set. This is Lisa's 7th year in a row at winning the title.

*Lisa and Jodie are pictured above right.*

Our Men's Singles Final was between Jim Brayshaw and Brendan Diss with Jim winning 7-6 6-1.

Our Ladies Doubles was a round robin event and Lisa and Jodie Thatcher won with Elaine Schraven and Judy Smith runners up.

Our Men's Doubles was won by Brendan Diss and Mel James with Graham Shearwood and Myles Hay-Hendry runners up.

*Mel and Brendan are pictured right.*

The Mixed Doubles Event was won by Virginia Bird and Martin Shearwood and runners up Judy Smith and Jim Brayshaw. Tracey Backhouse and Ben Jarvinen won the Mixed Doubles Plate Event.

After the Mixed Doubles Events we had a Club BBQ, which was well attended and very enjoyable. Many thanks to Virginia Bird our Club Captain for organizing for Championships and thank you to Graham Shearwood & Brendan Diss for preparing the courts each day.

**SUNDAY SOCIAL TENNIS**

Social Sunday Tennis will be starting from 2.00pm members \$2.50 and non-members \$5.00. Please come along and enjoy some great tennis. Contact Virginia on 9390 7668 for more information.

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*At left: Enjoying the Children's Holiday Activities.*

# ARALUEN NOTES

Liz Dunn



## MOTHER'S DAY – SUNDAY 9 MAY

A visit to Araluen Botanic Park is the perfect treat for your mother on Mother's Day. We have a number of special initiatives on offer to enhance the visit not only for mothers but the whole family.

- Free entry for all Mothers
- Exhibition and sale of works by some of Perth's leading artists
- A special Mother's Day menu at the Chalet Healy Tearooms or simply enjoy a cup of coffee on the balcony overlooking the gardens

Marvel at our many exotic and native trees and shrubs ablaze in stunning autumn colours.

## TULIP PLANTING – 29/30 MAY & 12/13 JUNE

Despite the fact that Araluen won't be holding its annual 'Springtime Festival' we will be planting tulips. Admittedly only half of what we would normally plant and we still need your help to get them in the ground.

Put on your gardening clothes and get acquainted with mother earth and join us in the enjoyable task of planting tulips. You will be rewarded with a delicious morning tea courtesy of Araluen, so bring a friend, bring the family or just come alone, you will be very welcome.

## AUTUMN WALKS

Autumn is a great time to enjoy a walk and we have 2 walks on offer; just ask at the gate for the walk direction information sheet. The Circuit walk takes you exploring some of the less traveled paths and past some of the Parks more interesting features. The History walk is as the name suggests and will give you an insight into the history of the Park. These walks are suitable for the whole family and will take about 20 minutes - half your daily exercise needs.

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## School Holiday Activities

Once again Araluen hosted their ever popular School Holiday activity days on Thursdays the 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of April. The first date was a spectacular warm, sunny day and 174 young people attended. The second Thursday was a cooler autumn day with showers but they still had 104 young people turn up. At a charge of \$3 there is no less expensive entertainment across town!

Children from 3 – 14 were entertained and educated about a range of things happening in the Park. It was amusing to watch the children in their lunch break looking and furtively touching the many chillies that are still growing in pots around the park (were they brave enough!)

All declared that they were very keen to return to the Park for the Tulip Bulb Planting Days scheduled for the end of May and early June. If they come and plant they will be given free entry to see their tulips flowering!

There were lots of fun activities, some fabulous creative moments and even the opportunity to explore the nature trails. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who again gave up their time to coordinate and run these events. See photo above.

## SUNDAY BUSHWALKS

Now that the earth is damp and the bush has revived, walking along bush tracks is a wonderful exercise.

Our local group invites you to come along with us on our next walk. This will be on Sunday, 9th May, at 7 am.

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## From the Tigers' Den

with Emma Nightingale

### **Congratulations to the Roleystone Senior Tigers.**

Our first home games for the season ended with fantastic results. The Reserves had an overwhelming win 186 to Coolbellup's 29 followed by the League team 108 to Coolbellup's 84. The boys were in fine form for our Darbyshire Butcher Memorial Match. A big thank you to Sue Caccetta, Tanya Butcher and all the girls for the wonderful food created in our brand new kitchen. We had many wonderful comments about the new changes to the club, greatly appreciated by committee

members and making all our efforts worth while. The Tiger cubs loved the new play area and there were smiles all round. Clayton Bolger from Murphy's Lore played brilliant and provided entertainment for all to enjoy. We would like to thank people from the community for supporting our club and it was enjoyable to meet many new faces.



*Above: Seen at Hog's Breath in Kelmscott and earning their \$5 donations for the Roleystone Tigers l - r: Damian Starkey, Dylan Weaver, Emma Nightingale, Michael Perry, Madison Hart, Brook Perry, Darren Weaver with Hogster.*



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So why else should readers go down to Hog's Breath? Firstly it is great value and

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Tigers Club Secretary Emma Nightingale and her family started the Tigers Club sponsorship and announced: 'We all had a wonderful time; the meals were fantastic as well as the service.' Hog's Breath Kelmscott Manager Damian Starkey (yes he is from Roleystone too) said: 'We've needed something like this in the area for a long time. Good quality, healthy, family fare that is not too expensive.'

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## Ben Shapes His Own Destiny

*Ben Ritchie of Shapes Health Club has achieved an enormous amount in his 32 years. Firstly he is the owner manager of this highly successful and rapidly expanding health and fitness business in Kelmscott and more recently he has launched Active-ATE.*

How has he done all of this? Having vision and determination and being prepared to work very hard. He also attributes lots of the success of the business to having a great team around him.

Shapes Health Club in Kelmscott was the winner of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority's Business of the Month for March and Ben hosted the after hours meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Members were very impressed 'there is more to Ben's business than meets the eye', according to ARBA Board secretary Henry Zelones.

Ben worked as a chartered accountant for 8 years before purchasing Shapes. He has built the business up to be a leader in the fitness area across the region. (Ben is currently the only person outside of NSW and Queensland to hold a Directorship on the Board of the National Fitness Association, Fitness Australia.)

The Health Club has it all covered, from group fitness classes to personal training. Rapidly expanding membership lists show that customers are more than satisfied with the service they receive. Ben and his team are always trialling new things and they are soon to release Zumba – a very popular new fitness experience with dance moves combined with great music.

Next door to Shapes is the wildly successful children's activity centre, Active-ATE. They have been jam packed all through the school holidays. Seeing is believing – this is a kid's paradise.

Ben is passionate about dealing with the obesity and inactivity epidemic amongst our young people. Active-Ate aims directly at this problem. It is an indoor playground and party centre, serving healthy, nutritious and very tasty food. What a great way to have give your child a party that will not harm them and will reinforce good lifestyle choices in a fun environment!

Well done Ben and staff for the work you are doing in bringing the concept of fitness closer to us all.

*At right: Ben is pictured with Kerrie-Anne Stewart, Sales and Marketing Manager Shapes Health Club who has been instrumental in the branding and marketing of both Shapes and Active-ATE. Below: How will your child like their own party room with real Disney wallpaper?*



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## Armada International Film Festival Banking on its Future



*The inaugural Armada International Film Festival took an important step when it opened an account with the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank.*

The Community Bank is a significant supporter of the festival.

The 2010 festival is scheduled to run from October 29 until October 31 and will have a

youth focus. AIFF Director and Murdoch University academic Dr Martin Mhando believes that the festival will combine high profile premieres with independent youth-targeted screenings. The festival will highlight the impact of festivals, cultural programs and activities that support young people to increase opportunity and combat factors which place youth at risk.

Dr Mhando, an international award winning filmmaker, said that Murdoch University film students are already assisting young filmmakers and will be running special workshops at the annual Roleystone DHS film camp in New Norcia in early May.

AIFF Chairperson Tony Buti was pleased to be part of this exciting initiative. "It will give aspiring film makers the chance to have their short films produced and screened and provide young filmmakers in particular with an opportunity to showcase their media skills," he said.

The festival will be officially launched in May but young filmmakers, schools and other educational institutions are encouraged to start planning their entries now. This year's signature theme is 'Suburbia'.

The festival is actively recruiting members and also looking for business sponsors. If you would like to support the festival or become a financial member of the AIFF please contact Andrew Pheasant. The AIFF website ([www.armadaleiff.com.au](http://www.armadaleiff.com.au)) will be going live shortly or contact

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## Bendigo Helps out at Autumn Festival



*The board of directors of Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank*

*Branch cheerfully rolled up their sleeves, donned their aprons, seized their tongs and set about the task of serving 600 sausages in buns to the hungry patrons of the Roleystone Autumn Fair.*

Roleystone-Karragullen **Community Bank** Branch Chair, Anne Johnston said the board were keen to lend a hand at the community event.

'Our directors were happy to assist organisers at the Roleystone Autumn Fair, which aimed to raise funds to support local schools in the Roleystone area,' Ms Johnston said.

'Both directors and branch staff enjoyed volunteering their time and were pleased to meet local residents and supporters in an informal setting.'

Roleystone-Karragullen **Community Bank** Branch also utilized its new marquee at the event. Ms Johnston said the branch acquired the marquee to support local community groups in their fund raising efforts. The marquee is available to community groups to use free of charge and can be booked at Roleystone-Karragullen **Community Bank** Branch, Shop 8, 21 Jarrah Rd, Roleystone or by phoning the team on (08) 9397 7466.

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Drip irrigation is a method of watering which saves on water use. It is an efficient and effective watering system that simply drips water through emitters either on or below the soil surface and delivers water directly to the roots of your plants, reducing evaporation and wind drift. Other benefits include reduced weed problems because water is targeted to the plants rather than surrounding areas, and reduced fungal diseases like black spot and powdery mildew that can be exacerbated by overhead watering.

Our speaker, Robin Weaver from the Watershed has been working in the Irrigation industry for 23 years and is the former chairman of the Irrigation Association of Western Australia. He has written many of the Waterwise manuals for the Water Corporation, so needless to say he has a lot of knowledge!

Robin will be explaining the benefits of drip irrigation and how to set up and maintain the system in the home garden. He will show and demonstrate all the components needed: valves, filters, pipes, joiners, connectors, backflow prevention devices and more. If you happen to use bore water, he will show you the drip system for you.

So, if you have been thinking of setting up or converting your current reticulation



system to drippers, here is your opportunity to learn more.

The meeting will be on Wed. May 12 @ 7:30pm at the Roleystone Family Centre in Wygonda Rd., Roleystone Cost is \$3. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312. We also have a library and local seed bank of non-hybrid seeds.

*Above: Rob Giglia with some very waterwise irrigation.*

Lisa Porter

## ROLEYBUSHCARE: SUSAN SBRANA



### ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Wandering around Roleystone at this time of year is a joy. Finally the weather has cooled down and the recent rain has caused the ground to turn a hazy green. So naturally my mind turns to planting, mostly vegetables but soon (with more rain) the ground will be ready for new trees and shrubs. On the 12th June Roleybushcare will be holding their annual plant sale. Featured at the sale is tube stock of native flora. Information about each plant will be available to help you make your selection. This is a great opportunity to fill out the garden with plants that won't require summer watering after establishment and will provide habitat for the local wildlife. I

bought six shrubs last year and planted them in my rocky verge (I had to practically chisel holes for them). Five of the six survived the summer with only one bucket of water each in the middle of January. Please support Roleybushcare and come to the plant sale and buy some local natives.

### FIELD DAYS

There is no field day in May. The next scheduled field day is 13th June at Hall Road Bushland Reserve for tree planting. We will meet in Lockyer Drive or Trevor Court at 9:00am. Newcomers welcome. Morning tea provided. Please check the website closer to the day for any changes. For extra information go to [www.roleybushcare.com](http://www.roleybushcare.com) or see the Roleybushcare notice board located in the Roleystone shopping complex.



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# Wild Gossip



**Syl Cooper**  
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0417972930

*The cooler weather is resulting in the annual problem of possums moving into roof spaces and many people are wondering about a solution. The first thing to do is to verify that your roof space guest is a possum and not rats or mice.*

Observing movement patterns and times can help with identification. Usually a possum will wake around dusk, spend some time grooming (so the noise will be in one place), then move to its entry/exit and all will go quiet until around dawn when it will enter, move to its nesting place and groom. Rats or mice tend to run up and down at all times during the night and if young are present they will frequently return to the nest.

Another identification method is to look for scats (droppings) in the roof space – possum scats are about 2cm long and 1cm wide, whilst those of rats or mice are from less than 0.5cm to 1cm long. The smell of rats and mice is very strong and distinctive and they tend to be destructive and chew on things.

If the roof space guest is a possum its entry/exit point will need to be found, all other possible entry/exit places secured and then in the evening (after the possum has left) the remaining entry/exit secured. Waterproof possum boxes placed in trees around the area to provide alternate nesting sites will deter future roof space guests. Trimming or removing overhanging or near-by tree branches might also be useful.

Possums are territorial so trapping and removing them is not an option as it will just leave a nice warm, possum smelling, vacant place for another possum to move into and a relocated possum with virtually no chance of survival.

Please contact me for help for or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.

*Syl Cooper*

*The difference between possums and mice. Very good to know!*

# Assisting Pets - Healthy Nutrition for Dogs & Cats

*A common question asked by clients concerned for their pets well being, is in regard to what is the best way to feed their dog or cat for its everyday optimal nutrition.*

This can be a very complex area of veterinary health, and discussions with your vet about a particular animal's dietary needs is always helpful, rather than a standard recipe that applies to every animal.

For my own animals and increasingly for the patients that I visit at home, I recommend that a natural diet is the preferred feeding option and it need not be expensive or complicated. It seems easier to feed commercial pet food but these tend to be cooked rather than fresh ingredients and the cooking results in a marked loss in the nutrients available to the animal consuming the food.

Raw meaty bones are easily fed to dogs and readily available for the owner to purchase at local supermarkets. Raw chicken necks are the most popular for cats.

Personally I don't have the time for a complicated feeding regime for my dog so I find it very easy to keep her healthy by collecting any by-products of fruit and veges acquired throughout the day, over ripe fruit, cracked eggs, etc to add to her evening meal. Sometimes I add organ meats such as liver, heart and kidney, which provide minerals and other goodies, and the final addition is a powder supplement that adds further nutritional benefits.

For clients with pets suffering from ongoing skin problems, I am happy to discuss additional dietary methods that I have used to reduce the common itchy skin symptoms. If you are interested in a consultation at home, to review your pets nutrition or assist individual itchy pet problems, please ring Dr Judith Congrene on 0433 2137 28 to book an appointment and I would be very happy to arrange a visit.

## THANK YOU

*Dr Judith Congrene would like to sincerely thank Monica Little for her kind words in her letter to the editor in last month's edition: On the Passing of Solo.*

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## Roleystone Toy Library

*Well I survived my first school holidays although my two kids are both asking when they can go back to kindy. I was very impressed with all the free local school holiday activities available in our wonderful little community.*

Thank you to all who helped out and visited us at the fantastic Autumn Festival last month. It was a very busy day and we loved having the parents and kids come and see our display.

Next month is a busy month for toy library as we are meeting to

purchase new toys from our lotteries grant so members have been busy flicking through the MTA catalogue to improve on the already great resources available.

We as always welcome new and existing members and are open at the Roleystone Community Centre on Tuesdays 1:45pm – 2:30pm and Saturdays 9:30am – 10:30am during the school term. Any queries please phone 9496 1115 or email [roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au).

*Linda Schaudlin*



## “DO NOT CALL” RE-REGISTRATION TIME

“Telemarketing” is when calls come out-of-the-blue, offering all sorts of goods and services or asking for donations. Mostly they seem to be selling the services of another telecom company, or insurance or tickets in a competition.

Did you know that you can register your personal telephone number(s), including your mobile phone and your home line, with Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) to “opt out” of receiving these often annoying calls?

The register, which was launched in May 2007, is only valid for three years, after which you have to register again. More than one million numbers were listed initially and there are now more than 4.3 million numbers on the register. If you were one of the early people who registered three years ago, you must re-register or you will start to get these annoying calls again.

The register works by telemarketing businesses comparing their list of telephone numbers against the register at a special website which shows what numbers can and cannot be called.

Under the regulations some calls will still be allowed however. These include calls relating to payment of accounts, customer orders or enquiries, product recalls and appointment arrangements. Other exemptions include charities, religious organisations, educational institutions and government bodies.

If you want to avoid receiving telemarketing calls, you can register in one of two ways: either visit the Government web site [www.donotcall.gov.au](http://www.donotcall.gov.au) or phone 1300 792 958.

Your number is lodged on the register promptly, but it does take time for telemarketing companies to check their lists, so your registration may not have an immediate effect.

Have you noticed that these calls always seem to come at meal times or some other really inconvenient time? I for one will be registering.

Please contact my office for information on this or any other State-related issue. Contact us: 9452 8311 or Helen.morton@mp.wa.gov.au



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**COLD SORES OR SCHOOL SORES**  
 Cold sores and school sores (Impetigo contagiosa) are two relatively common infections, which are often confused because they often occur in the same places. The causes are and the treatments differ.

Cold Sores are caused by the Herpes Simplex Virus (Type 1). They present as small itchy or painful blisters, which generally occur on the lips or at the base of the nostrils. There are generally four stages to a cold sore infection:

- General feeling of malaise, tingling or burning sensation around the nose or on the lips
- Fluid filled painful raised blisters which often run in a line
- Blisters break and weep
- The cold sores dry up forming a scab

The time period from first tingling to healing is 1-2 weeks.

School Sores are a bacterial infection, caused by a “bug” called staphylococcus aureus, found on the surface of our skin. The infections often start as pimples and erupt into blisters which produce honey colored exudates which dry to a brown crusty scab.

School sores often occur in children around the mouth and under the nose but seldom on the lips like cold sores. School sores infections tend to grow in size and can occur on any skin surface (arms and legs etc), which is unusual for cold sores.

Trigger factors: Because the cold sore virus remains dormant in the body after initial infection any fatigue or trauma such as a cold, windburn or sunburn can trigger an outbreak. Certain foods rich in the protein l-arginine can assist the virus to multiply. Any nuts, dairy products and chocolate are common triggers.

School sores may start from insect bites that have been infected as a result of scratching or ‘picking’ at a wound.

Treatment: Since the causes are different so are the treatments. Success in treating cold sores occurs if medicines are used at the first sign of symptoms, (tingling stage) and reapplied frequently. The following treatment options are available:

- Famvir Tablets 500mg
- Antiviral creams: Vectivir or Zovirax
- Virasolve or Betadine.

Lysine tablets 500mg. Lysine helps to prevent viral replication and can be taken at a lowdose to prevent a cold sore.

As School Sores are a bacterial infection it is best to use antibiotics such as Bactronban Ointment or Penicillin. The crusty scabs should be soaked off and Betadine applied to prevent infection spread.

Remaining healthy, eating well and sleeping well maintains a healthy immune system so that these types of infections occur less frequently. The spread of infection can be reduced by not kissing others or touching the sores during active infection times (weeping sores).

So to check on this or other health concerns, just ask your pharmacist.



**ARALUEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION  
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA.**

*As we expected, there weren't many volunteers, one to be exact!!  
No-matter, my brother-in-law, Ernie and his wife Valerie, who are on holiday with us joined in, so in total 11 took part. We collected the equivalent of 20 wheelie bins worth of rubbish, mostly bottles!! Those who didn't turn up missed an excellent morning tea! Phil Aked APA.*



**Bridging The Generation Gap  
CELEBRATING NEIGHBOURHOOD  
HOUSE WEEK**

*The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre, as part of Neighbourhood House Week, will be opening its doors on Saturday May 15th to young and old to encourage social gathering across the ages. For many people who do not have family in the area, this is an opportunity to meet other local grandmas, grandpas, rug-rats and youths. Please come along to socialise, meet new people and have fun. There will be games, mimes and a magic show, as well as coffee/tea and a sausage sizzle. Doors open 10.30am to 2pm, 19 Wygonda Road, next to Cross Park. RSVP for food purposes (9496 1115, 12/5/10).  
Caroline Wielinga.*

**Studio Gen-ius.**  
*Following a successful session in rendering the landscape in watercolours and acrylic, a new term starting in mid-May will concentrate on portraiture using watercolour techniques. Studio Gen-ius is fortunate to have the services for some weeks of attractive model, Marta, after which time lecturers Yvonne and Ron look forward to developing the students' painting techniques during the winter term.*



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- (d) for the purpose of effecting repairs to it, other than the minimum repairs necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved to a place other than a thoroughfare.

'Thoroughfare' as the following meaning given to it by the Act:

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**GNM Therapy Comes to Roleystone**

*Kerry Macdonald is trialling a new business venture in Roleystone: GNM Therapy. Kerry believes that: 'Weight Loss Management, Stress Relief, Anxiety Issues, Insomnia, Phobias, Smoking, Pain Management, Motivation & much more can be achieved through the use of Hypnotherapy.'*

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## Astronomical Highlights May

Greg Lowe  
Perth Observatory

*As we launch into the Merry, Merry month of May, Venus dominates the western evening skies.*

Setting progressively later while the Sun sets progressively earlier, our "sister planet" makes a brilliant sight at dusk. Venus is like the Earth in-as-much as it's a rocky planet, about the same size as our own. As a possible site for a future colony, forget it. The atmosphere's thick carbon dioxide, with clouds of sulphuric acid. There's a runaway greenhouse effect, with a surface temperature around 480 C. As if that's not enough, the crushing Venusian atmosphere exerts approximately the same pressure as you'd find a kilometre deep in Earth's oceans (90 atm).

Mars, the only planet that earthlings are likely to visit within the next generation or so, doesn't look like much from here. It's in the north at dusk and has an orange hue. It's in Cancer now, but moves into Leo mid-month. Watch how it gets steadily nearer to the star Regulus in Leo, in the last week of May (closest approach on June 6).

Saturn's the other evening planet. It's telescopically much more interesting than Mars or Venus, though it still looks

like a little round thing with handles either side. Saturn's in the NE sky at nightfall, in Virgo. It culminates high up in the north around 9:30pm in early May, 8:30pm mid-month, and 7:30pm at month's end. At its highest, you can see it best. The rings will gradually appear more "open" over the coming months. Saturn sets in the west at about 3:20am in early May, 2:20am mid-month, and 1:20am at the end of the month.

Bright Jupiter rises in the east at about 3:20am at the start of the month, 2:30am mid-month, and 1:45am at the end of the month. At dawn it's prominent in the NE sky. Also visible at daybreak in the second half of May is Mercury – look low in the ENE around 6am.

The Moon's phases are last quarter on the 6th, new moon on the 14th, first quarter on the 21st, and full moon on the 28th. Watch for the full moon rising just after sunset on the 28th. Teachers, your evening moon "obs" should go from the 15th or 16th to the 28th or 29th.

More astronomical information can be found in the weekly Night Sky column, now located in the Today section in the West Australian every Friday. To contact Perth Observatory please phone 9293-

## Bowling Along

What a busy month finishing off the club competitions. It's a good job that pennants have concluded too. Margaret Munn is the ladies new Singles Champion. What a fantastic effort she put in too as it was only 6 weeks ago that she received a new plastic knee. She will be representing the club next month in the State game for Champion of Club and we wish her well.



What a fantastic Open Day we had with beautiful weather and plenty of new people trying out bowls for the first time. We hope that some of the newcomers will join the club.

Our AGM was followed by the annual Poms versus Aussies. A fun filled game with The Poms going down and that brings the series to date of four games each.

Our junior bowler, Tom Stewart, reached the play-offs in the Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> division and under State Singles Championship and the quarter finals of the State Juniors Singles Championship.

Also our Club Novice Champion, Brian Betts, played in the State Champion of Club Champion Novice event.

Social bowls will be held Wednesday & Saturday afternoons, weather permitting.  
**John & Norma Smith**

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## Scouts go Rafting

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Unfortunately for us our rafts did not fare well. One fell apart soon after it hit the water and the other was so heavy it was difficult to manoeuvre. The two Patrols decided to combine their efforts, by sitting on the one big raft and dragging the other behind them, sometimes a Scout would jump in the water and push. This showed true signs of teamwork/mateship and general good spirit. So well done to all those who came along.

Coming up in term 2 we are off to Eaton (near Bunbury) for a camp, plus a whole lot of other fun stuff.

If you want to join Scouts phone Joanne Meuli on 94960290. *Pictured above: Lanita, Aimee, Nicky and Mason with their raft.*

## GUMNUT PLAYGROUP FAMILY FUN DAY

*Wow, it is hard to believe that this day has finally arrived! Yes today the 1st May is our annual Family Fun Day for playgroup members and their families. It is a fantastic day of fun and we are looking forward to seeing everyone.*

We have had such wonderful support from our local community and we wish to thank them for this. Without their help this event would not be possible. Gumnut playgroup have received donations from the following organisations: Roleystone Real Estate, Roleystone/Karragullen Bendigo Bank, City of Armadale, Roleystone Family Medical Centre, Roleystone Community Chemist, Roleystone IGA and Roleystone Family Meats.

Last year our raffle was a huge hit and this year you will not be disappointed with fantastic raffle prizes donated to us from: Pure indulgence, Roleystone Hardware, Roleystone Recreation Centre, Hairrods, Earth Bound Organics, Network Video, Roleystone Body and Skin Care, The Roasted Bean Café, Tupperware, Edu Fun, Roleystone Newsagent and lots more.



*Above: RRE will be sponsoring Coco the Clown for the Gumnut Playgroup Fun Day on May 1st.*

We hope the members of playgroup enjoy this day. Thank you for selling your chocolates and helping make the day a success.

*Lorraine Hine & Alison De Munnik*



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**1. Building statistics**  
During February 2010, a total of 180 building licences valued at \$26,646,704 were issued, compared to 153 valued at \$21,332,823 during the previous month. The total from July 2009 to the end of February 2010 was 1789 licences valued at \$242,001,263. 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 22 lots from Lot 102 Waterwheel Rd, Bedforddale.

**3. Reserve 38061, Brookton Hwy**  
Council agreed to dispose of Reserve 38061 by way of Private Treaty and agrees to accept the offer made by adjoining landowners to purchase Reserve

38061 for 25% of the market value, subject to advertising.

**4. Basis of Rates 2010/11**  
Council will request the minister to determine 16 properties to be assessed as Gross Rental Valuation, including five in Bedforddale, three in Karragullen and one in Roleystone. It also requested the minister to determine one property in Roleystone to be assessed on Unimproved Valuation.

**5. Proposed Lease, Roleystone Family Centre**  
Council agreed to enter into a lease with the Department for Communities for the premises at Lot 100 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone for use by the Roleystone Family Centre for ten years following on from the current 21 year lease.

**6. Proposed Council Policy on Naming of Parks, Places and Buildings**

Council adopted draft Council Policy COMD 5 in regard to the Naming of Parks, Places and Buildings, and will advertise the draft policy for a period of 28 days.

**7. Annual Contributions**  
Council refer the



**Cr Pat Hart**  
9496 1634



**Cr Caroline Wielinga**  
0488 900 307

Compiled by Peter Hopper

Annual Contributions, for consideration of inclusion in the 2010/11 draft Budget, subject to a satisfactory written report from each organisation that meets the conditions of Council Policy. The previous contribution of \$500 to Hills Orchard Improvement group has been cut to nil for this year.

**8. Children and Families' Strategy 2010-13**

Council was provided with a report proposing a broad based Children and Families' Strategy which provides direction for the City's approach towards Children and Families over the next three years. Council endorsed the strategy proposed in the report.

**9. Department Sport and Recreation CSRFF Grants**  
Council accepted the grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation for the upgrade of lighting at

Springdale Park, and the grant contribution is listed for inclusion in Council's draft 15 Year Financial Plan for the years 2010/11 - 2012/13.

**10. Armadale Library Sunday Opening**

Council included, for consideration of funding in the 2010/2011 Draft Budget, an amount for the Armadale Library to provide for additional salary and property maintenance costs to enable the Armadale Library to open on Sundays from 12 noon to 4.00 pm.

**11. Settlers Common**  
Council adopted the Armadale Settlers Common (East) Track, Upgrading, Rationalisation and Revegetation Plan with modifications and included it in the City's Strategic Trail Network Plan.

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**Location:** Situated in the Galliers wing of the Armadale/Kelmescott Memorial Hospital

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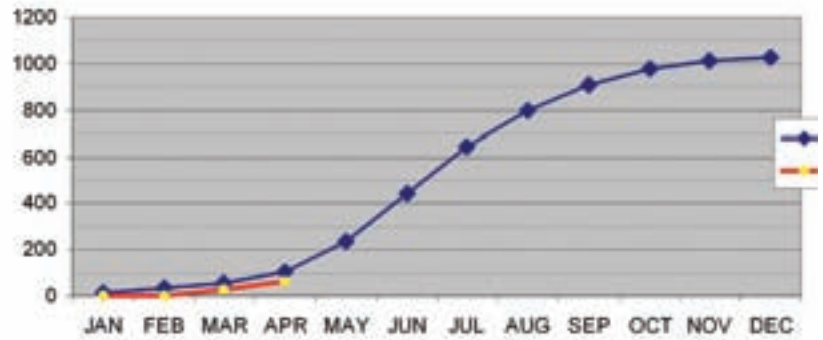
### Average Min Max Temperatures

MONTHLY AVERAGE: 24.5  
LOWEST MIN 5.8 (24TH)  
HIGHEST MIN 24.5 (2ND)  
LOWEST MAX 20 (12TH)  
HIGHEST MAX 30.4 (2ND)

### April Rainfall

APRIL AVERAGE: 49.6 ON 8 DAYS  
APRIL 2010: 31.2 MM ON 2 DAYS  
RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR: 95.6 ON 12 DAYS (UNTIL 26 APRIL)  
AVERAGE RAINFALL: 106.0 ON 18 DAYS (1 JAN - 30 APRIL)

### ROLEYSTONE CUMULATIVE MONTHLY RAINFALL



### WHAT TO EXPECT IN MAY

AVERAGE RAINFALL (MM) 131.7  
AVERAGE MAXIMUM 20.1

NUMBER OF WET DAYS 12  
AVERAGE MINIMUM 10.2

### Check out your Family History

*At right: Birtwistle Volunteers Colleen Fancote, Anne Ellis and Carol Reynolds.*

*Discover your convict ancestors and create a family tree with the City of Armadale's Family History Research Centre now located in the Armadale Central Shopping Centre at The Birtwistle Local Studies Library (BLSL).*



### Seen at the Cricket Windup



# Pro Bono: Aliens!

## David Bardsley Minister Community Church



*Having dual citizenship is a mixed blessing. It can be a distinct advantage in some situations, such as flying through immigration at either end of the journey between Australia and England, and being able to choose which team to support.*

My daughters were heard to shout "Go... whoever's winning" with scant regard for sportsmanship.

On the other hand the definition of "home" becomes something of an issue and some (?) unrefined individuals confuse accent and allegiance resulting in an inaccurate and less than complementary label – Pom! On the whole though we are comfortable with our status – we are "locals" in either nation.

So it came as something of a shock to be labeled as anything other than a desirable resident by "the establishment" when we returned to the UK recently at short notice

for the funeral of my mother-in-law.

Our son Richard had a spare car that we could use whilst there for a couple of weeks. But unlike Australia, the mandatory insurance is not included in the road tax. We needed to make arrangements – a simple matter...or so we thought. Just about every firm rejected our application for one reason or another. But the "killer" blow was when more than one said they do not insure residents of Canada, the USA or Australia. We were classed as aliens in our country of birth!

It made me think of the Biblical call to look after orphans, widows and aliens. This has been built into our culture for many years now and it is one of the fundamental aspects of basic human rights. It hasn't always been so and sometimes we forget the historical context of this commission. Anyway, the condition of such folk isn't so serious today, is it? Our society looks after these folk now, doesn't it? Well sort of...but nothing can change the feeling of being totally adrift in a foreign land that comes with the status of being an alien.

Widows – and widowers too – are also mentally clipped by the loss of their soul mate...ask any number of folk in our community about that. And Hilary and myself are now both orphans, surprised by the harsh impact created by a total absence of either father or mother.

We can extend God's commission into a general principle to take care of everybody who is marginalized by society. The rationale behind the principle is pretty obvious. We are social creatures and, God knows, any community works best if the way we live is grounded on that principle. But let's return to the specified groups of orphans, widows and aliens. Like it or not, we should acknowledge that there are still some very specific considerations applicable to these folk.

In fact today the problem of alien refugees is prominent in public debate. May I encourage all of us in our community to take a lead from God's word in shaping our response. May we always act out of love for the individual – each person is special in God's view. And let's not be unduly influenced by popular, secular mantras - prejudice in any form is, after all, a dreadful and damaging sin.

Yours in Christ,

**Correction last month's photo showed David with Helen Thonell.**

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Araluen Progress Association: Phil	9397 9012
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Badminton: Laurie Blundell	9397 6202
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Cr Pat Hart	9496 1634
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Editor

# Japanese Students come to Roleystone

14 Japanese students ranging in age from 12 to 17 arrived in Perth on Thursday 25 March and spent their first night in a city hotel. Although all the students were from the same geographical area (Hyogo-Wakayama) they were from many different schools and didn't know each other before the trip.

On Friday the group visited Caversham Wildlife Park to have their first experience at observing native Australian animals and also to witness and participate

in various farming activities.

After lunching at MacDonaldis the group arrived at Roleystone District High School in enough time to familiarise themselves with their "new" school and to meet their host families.

It was apparent that the host families had planned a wide variety of weekend outings because in our discussions and diary writing on Monday the students spoke of visits to the beach, Serpentine Dam and Falls, Fremantle, parks, church, concerts, Armadale Reptile Centre, barbeques and dinner parties. Clearly they all had a great time.

Monday 29 March was a working day at the school with intensive English (written and spoken) for much of the day with some interaction with some year 9 and 10 students later in the day.

On Tuesday 30 March the students were able to relax a bit more with a boat trip to see dolphins off Rockingham. The students were fascinated by the antics of the animals and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

On Wednesday we were treated to a visit from Tammy Goad (Armadale Reptile Centre) who displayed the handling of various goannas, skinks and pythons. Although a little apprehensive, most of the students took the opportunity to be pictured holding a reptile. My personal thanks go to Tammy and Debbie Goad for arranging this visit.



On Thursday, their last day at school and with their host families the concentration was on writing thank you cards and letters to host families and in preparation for the Sayonara evening. The students displayed origami, calligraphy, played musical instruments and as a finale combined to sing a national song.

Then it was a sad farewell and a return to the hotel.

In conclusion, I must say that the behaviour and attitude of all these students was first class and they were excellent ambassadors for their country.

I thank the wonderful host families for making the children welcome in their homes and integrating them into their families so readily. Their own experiences and memories of this visit will be fond ones. **John White**  
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## The Roleystone Courier Football Tipping Competition

Hi to all our old faithfuls and welcome to the new crew. We started off well this year with Pete Hopper picking 7 in the first round and having the smallest margin. 22 of our 30 punters scored 6 or 7 from the 8. Young Lachie was up there with the best straight off. Congrats to Bushranger who ripped 8 straight week 2. Round 3 saw Rhino win over J1 by a margin of 4 points. Fionab (who was seen yelling loudly at the Dockers game), Muffler Mike and Kareena White scored well this week also. Round 4 saw Rhino clock his second win - well done young fella. Bushranger, Kathkiara, Premiers 2006 and Lindi Lou also scored 8 - whoppers all round! We had 10 punters score 7 this round - are they all Dockers supporters? In the lead to date: Rhino by 1, J1 second with Bushranger, Kathkiara and The Great Man tied for 3rd posi. All of these five punters are now in the top 5% of state AFL leading tippers - congrats to you all.

*Mike Moore*

### Courier Deadline Dates

Edition	Deadline	Delivered
JUNE	26 May	5 June
JULY	23 June	3 July
AUGUST	28 July	7 August
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		No edition January



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**Naming of Parks, Places and Buildings**

The City has prepared a draft policy to guide the naming of Council facilities such as parks

and buildings. The City's rapidly developing new urban areas will produce in excess of 200 new parks and public buildings (such as sporting clubrooms and community centres) over the next 10-15 years. In addition, for various reasons sometimes a decision is made to re-name an existing facility. Accordingly, it is considered important to have a policy in place to identify the Council's objectives and provide guidance with regard to the naming

of Parks, Places and Buildings.

Comments accepted until 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010. The relevant documents can be viewed via the City's web site at [www.armadale.wa.gov.au/your\\_council/out\\_for\\_comment/](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/your_council/out_for_comment/).

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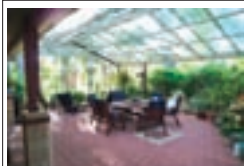


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### MAY

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