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*Roleystone Welcomes
New Mums
& Their New Babes*

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Smailes/Kain Union

The family property of Phillip and Dianne Smailes was the perfect setting for the marriage of their eldest daughter Ebony, to Aaron, son of Mike and Sue Kain, on May 1st.

Aaron, a long time member of the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade, arrived at the ceremony with his five groomsmen, all from Roleystone, in an old Bedford Fire Truck driven by the station's captain Noel Plowman. The groomsmen included: Steven Jefferies, Stephen Molson, Scott Baker, Matt Rubery and Shane Plowman. The five bridesmaids included three from Roleystone: Lee Penny, Holly Smailes and Carly Penny. The bridesmaids all arrived in the back of the old farm ute, driven capably by Matt Smailes. Ebony and Phillip arrived in a magnificent horse and carriage.

The ceremony was held under a beautiful canopy of trees with Ebony and Aaron's dog Zach dressed in a bow tie, also a part of the bridal party. The reception was held on the dressage arena in an elegant marquee decorated with flowers and chandeliers.

Ebony and Aaron have known each other since their primary school days at Karragullen Primary. They honeymooned at Cable Beach in Broome.



LAUREN TAMBLYN MARRIES

Lauren and Mark Driffell-Tamblyn were married on 8th May 2010. The ceremony was held at Araluen Botanical Park with the reception held at Roley's On The Ridge.

Lauren grew up in Roleystone and attended both Roleystone Schools and later finishing at St Brigids, Lesmurdie. She was active in most things "Roleystone" especially the Gymnastic Club. She also represented WA in Melbourne for Trampolining. She is now living in Newman in the Pilbara with her husband Mark.

Trish Tamblyn - proud mum!

Autumn has been a boom month for births in Roleystone! Our June Cover celebrates the many new mothers across our town.

All of the babies pictured are less than three months old. They are visiting the Infant Health Nurse at our wonderful Roleystone Family Centre. Back l- r: Jasmine Bryson and daughter Elenor, Liz Hill and son Zane, Marie Flanagan with daughter Jacqueline, Michelle Atkinson and son Alex Elliott. Front row: Samantha Combs and son Damian and Claire Sharples with son Tyler.

JUNE COVER



What is in a Name?

Here is your chance to have your say in the naming of the amalgamated Roleystone School.

While schooling has a long and proud history in our area, the school formed after the amalgamation of Roleystone Primary School and Roleystone District High School will, in many aspects, be a new school. A community meeting held on Tuesday 25th May resolved to put forward five alternative names to the local community to be voted on. This name should reflect our locality, respecting what has come before but also demonstrate a new era of education.

The choices are:

- Roleystone School,
- Roleystone District College,
- Roleystone College,
- Roleystone Community College
- Roleystone Community School.

The top three choices will be submitted to the Education Department and the community's wishes will assist the Minister in formulating her decision.

Anyone who lives or works in the district is eligible to vote. Voting will occur in the week starting the 28th June. Interested persons will be able to lodge their vote either at the front office of either school, at the shopping centre (details to follow) or at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. School aged children will have their opinions canvassed in class. All residents are invited to have their say.



Mother's Day Stall

Well it was that time of the year again, the stall for Mother's Day at the Roleystone Primary and High Schools. Well-seasoned shoppers fronted right up with definite gifts for Mum in mind whereas some of the new kids needed a little more encouragement to 'hand over their cash'. As usual, there were gifts of all shapes and sizes, special pressies for Mum ranging in price from one to eight dollars. There is always much hilarity (and some of that was from the kids) and the noise level at times rivaled that of seagulls on a packet of hot chips! For those of you who are not familiar with the stalls at the schools, they are run three times a year, Mother's Day, Father's Day (God forbid we leave Dad out) and the 'mega stall of stalls' - Christmas. There is a group of dedicated, industrious, coffee swilling, morning tea scoffing Mums behind the scenes who buy or create; beg or finagle gifts to present for the kids to peruse, purvey and purchase.

Claire Bishop and the wonderful Craft Crew.



GIG Guide June

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The Black Cockatoo Rescue Centre went into rescue/recovery mode. A range of calls came in from people who had either dead or injured Carnaby Cockatoos at their homes; these are an endangered species. Not wanting to place our volunteers at risk during the storm, we explained to callers how they could help these birds until we could arrive in the morning.

Next morning my wife Andrea, our 22 month (Tari) and 3 year old (Codi) and I rescued 17 cockatoos travelling over 400kms to do so. Meanwhile other volunteers at Kaarakin were preparing our aviaries for the injured cockatoos.

Over the coming days the Perth Zoo received 32 endangered Carnaby's black cockatoos from DEC and our volunteers. Most exhibited fractures as well as soft tissue and skeletal injuries. A number of the Carnaby's had to be euthanized because of their horrific injuries and some died on the way to the Zoo. I must take my hat off to the staff at the Perth Zoo. They swung into action to deal with the onslaught of injured wildlife: it was like watching a scene from M.A.S.H!

One family in Canningvale found four in their back yard and picked them up and put them in their shed. When they opened the shed door the next morning, four flew away. One more seriously injured bird is still at the Perth Zoo.

After assessment and treatment, thirteen of the less serious cases were transferred to our centre at the Black Cockatoo Recovery Centre, here in the hills.

During the rehabilitation of these cockatoos over the next two weeks we had to collect approximately 3/4 of a tonne of native food for them every second day. This massive task took many hours. The birds had to be monitored to make sure they could fly and were not losing too much weight. When the Cockatoos came into the centre you could see the black and blue bruising and you could tell when they flew they were in a lot of pain.

Rick Dawson from DEC said: 'Most of these birds weren't too bad, they had superficial wounds and in fact when we actually released them at the rehab centre they couldn't fly too well because they'd actually been pummelled by hail stones. So they didn't want to fly, they were really sore, like they'd been playing rugby.'

On the 7th April, 14 days later and after 96 hours of critical care from volunteers, thirteen endangered Carnaby's black cockatoos were released back into the wild at Kings Park. Prior to this they were tagged and micro chipped which will help with research into the species.

Carnaby's are endemic to South-West Australia and it is estimated that only 20,000 currently exist with the population spread over only one-third



of the range that existed 50 years ago.

In total and as a result of this storm

- 68 birds in total were dealt with
- 14 cockatoos were released
- 4 are still recovering from injuries
- 50 died as a result of their injuries.

Our totals for March:

- 111 birds in total were dealt with by our centre
- 34 Black Cockatoos were released or are undergoing further treatment
- 73 died of their injuries or illness including starvation

THESE BIRDS CANNOT SUSTAIN THESE KINDS OF LOSSES.

The cost to our organisation was just over \$2000. We do not get funding from the government for this. The Black Cockatoo rescue centre needs your help, especially at the moment. With the ever-increasing load of injured cockatoos and the yearly program of giving medications, we are in desperate need of money for medicines and fuel to conduct rescues. This has become critical in what we are doing. Please if you cannot become involved with the Black Cockatoo rescue program perhaps consider making a donation to make sure these cockatoos receive the expert care they deserve.

Be proud of what's happening here in your hills with the Rescue Centre. We are the envy of other states that do not have this facility or the expertise. We are the first.

You can donate by emailing Glenn on dewy3@bigpond.com or visit our website www.blackcockatoo-recovery.com

Glenn Dewhurst

You can support our efforts by visiting us at Kaarakin on Friday 11th June 2010. Organized tours will at 10am 11am and 2pm. There is no admission fee or fee charged for the tours. However we do ask that a donation be made if it is within your means. It will be gratefully received.

Enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch and maybe foster a kangaroo for a one-off donation of \$20.

The event is part of a D.E.C. initiative and Heart Foundation Park Walks.

To register your attendance for the park walk, please call 1300 362 787 or register online at www.heartfoundation.org.au/walking

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JOHN WILSON (VOLUNTEER)



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May 2010

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The Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup's annual Family Fun Day was held on the 1st May 2010 at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre and much fun was had by all!

We like to include local businesses and organisations in our activities, so we had several stalls inside on the day. Other local businesses were represented in our fabulous array of raffle prizes, which were donated by: Roleystone Hardware, Pure Indulgence, Roleystone Body & Skin Care, Roleystone Newsagent, Rosharne's Giftware, Earthbound Organics, Jaimie at Hairrods, Roleystone Recreation Centre and Network Video.

We raised over \$600 in raffle tickets, which just about paid for the Café Express van run by the wonderful Lisa. They gave out free coffee! The free food was flowing with apples and pears donated by Raeburn Orchards making fresh squeezed juice.

The sausage sizzle was made possible with sausages from Roleystone Family Meats, buns and onions donated by Roleystone Supa IGA, and ice from Karragullen Cellarbrations. And who could forget the fabulous job done by the ladies in the kitchen making doughnuts - you couldn't eat one... because you would want to eat 10!!

A thousand thank yous and more for all the wonderful support we received so that we can put this event on - the only one of its kind for the very youngest members of our community.

The day is run by playgroup mums and dads, so a big thank you to all of our volunteers for their time and efforts.

The biggest cheer is for Ali and Lorraine, our event organisers - who did an incredible job. Plus they looked so fabulous in their "medieval fairy" outfits!

P.S. Volunteers are required to organise next year's event - anyone?

Emily Alford
President

A WARNING

Recently a resident had several outdoor pots, plants and light furniture stolen from their verandah. (Raeburn Road area). There may be a repeat attempt on someone else.

Also a correspondent who lives off Brookton Highway recently reported that they had lost a concrete Merlin (a garden ornament) and two concrete turtles. If anyone has any information about these items they are welcome to contact the Roleystone Courier.



Above: Paris Graham, Ashlee Ganske and Brigitte Hoareau



Above: Natarsha Coghlan, Julie Stack Horgan with baby Matthew



Above: Major organisers, fairies Lorraine Hine and Alison Roads



Above: Bananas the Clown, Below: Baylin Beech, Pam, Xavier and Aurora Gray practice their Yoga moves.



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The incident experienced by Ms Green has been investigated thoroughly by the RAC and while it highlighted some internal issues in the allocation of our Patrols, we are confident that we have taken steps to ensure this does not happen again.

We have been in contact with Ms Green to explain fully the circumstances surrounding the incident and to apologise for the inconvenience it caused her. We would also like to thank Ms Green for bringing this incident to our attention.

The RAC takes pride in servicing its members all around Western Australia and we always strive to meet the high expectations of our members through all our services we offer especially roadside assistance.

Jamin Hirte
 RAC Executive General Manager,
 Motoring

THANK YOU GRAPE GALLERY OWNERS AND STAFF

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the management and wait staff at the Grape Gallery Restaurant. On Saturday night the 22nd of May I invited my parents out to dinner; as it had been some time since we had been out together and this restaurant was under new management boasting a new chef, and offering a 10% discount as advertised in the Courier.

We were very impressed. The menu catered for all tastes, including our young family, the food was artistically presented and very pleasing to the palette. The desserts were delicious and the service was prompt and efficient.

Later that evening whilst relaxing at home I realised I had misplaced a considerable sum. Money I know I had on me when I left for the restaurant a few hours earlier. We searched the home and car but had no luck. We retraced my movements and I searched every pocket of clothing, while going mildly insane. The only conclusion was that it was lost whilst in the restaurant

CLEAN UP DOG EXCREMENT

I would like to ask dog owners to be more responsible. I run round the Oval at Cross Park and am disgusted at the amount of dog excrement there. It's not nice for anyone but I especially feel for the day care kids that come running over the oval on their way to and from school with not a care in the world, and of course, not forgetting the kids that play sport on that oval.

Jennie

ESCAPEE DOGS DO THE DAMAGE

I am a regular dog walker up at Cross Park. We go every morning, as do about 12 others and have done so for over 12 months. I personally have never seen any dog, accompanied by an owner, where the owner does not pick up after the dog.

However, there are 2 or 3 regular escapees who frequent the park. I believe that these are the dogs that are doing the damage. Unfortunately their antisocial actions are giving the 'regular dog walkers' a bad name. Also the poor guys who train on the oval have to contend with their actions. Ed.

or just outside, where it could only have fallen out of my hip pocket. I had resigned myself to the fact that I was never going to see it again and the evening had been a very expensive night out. I mean would anyone in this day and age voluntarily return cold, hard cash if they found it lying on the floor in a busy restaurant?

The following day I was elated to receive a phone call from the Grape Gallery to say that the waiter who had been attending to us during the evening had found some cash under our table, while tidying up after we left. Every cent was returned.

We were initially very impressed with the ambience, menu and service. However the integrity, honesty and professionalism of the staff are beyond reproach. They have restored my faith in human nature. I can not say THANK YOU enough. I urge all readers to embrace and support this family run business. They are good people and should be a successful part of the Roleystone community.

Michael Cirillo



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Nick's Leeuwin Adventure



Roleystone FESA cadet Nick Zavatteri has just returned from a 7-day trip on the Leeuwin 11 where he sailed from Fremantle to Bunker Bay. This wonderful experience was shared with 35 other FESA cadets from across Western Australia.

Nick found everyone on board great fun and the food fabulous. Nick did find that sleeping was a bit tricky with

a small cramped bunk in a room that he shared with 6 others! The cadets were lead through a series of team building activities and even had one shore day when they arrived in Bunker Bay.

The highlight of the trip was definitely climbing the main mast (something that many of the group refused to do). Nick found this to be an amazing experience. He was also pretty proud that he was able to climb the rigging in a 5-meter swell to change the sails. Plus this farm lad who finds driving 'pretty easy' found that steering the boat was a bit tricky!

Nick would like to thank The Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade for nominating him and FESA for sponsoring the trip.

International Nurses Day



On the 12th May we celebrated International Nurses Day. We all appreciate the dedication, devotion and expertise of nurses and recognise their importance to our society. Our local area has numerous nurses. *Pictured are three from Roleystone who all work at Armadale Kelmscott Memorial Hospital: Peta Carrigan, Deb Scoble and Jean Brockway.*

International Nurses Day is placed here as this was the birthday of Florence Nightingale, renowned as the founder of the modern career of nursing.

There were people providing care for the old and infirm prior to Florence's time but she introduced the idea of monitoring and giving treatment to a patient. She also significantly improved the status and perception of the profession.

So thank you to all Nurses (and Health Professionals). Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Photo: Jess Willett

WORLD BELLY DANCE DAY

World Belly Dance day, May 8th, saw a large group of belly dancers attempting to enter into the record books. They were aiming to beat the record for: 'the largest number of people belly dancing simultaneously' as entered in The Guinness Book of Records. *Local belly dancer Sharon Baylee (pictured at left) was a very keen participant.*

The scenic venue of Pioneer Park in Gosnells on a beautiful autumn day, saw a range of people rhythmically gyrating. Unfortunately they did not quite attract enough people along to break the record but all who did participate had great fun.

Any ladies wanting to join the local belly dancers are very welcome. It is a great way to exercise and make new friends. Please phone Petra on 0434874066 or Belyssa on 0417182096.

Sharon Baylee



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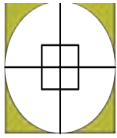


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A newly released website gives local Karragullen residents (and others) the opportunity to search for themselves and their relatives, as schoolchildren.

Karragullen Primary School ran proudly for nearly ninety years before being closed in December 1999 with the last 29 students transferring to the two Roleystone schools and to Pickering Brook PS. This ended a proud history of schooling in Karragullen, with the first school opening in 1913 (although an earlier school at Canning Sawmills ran from 1891). The history of the Karragullen School (and in fact a lot of other very topical local information) can be viewed at <http://pickeringbrookheritagegroup.com/school.html#article7>

The Pickering Brook Heritage group (comprising 10 enthusiastic volunteers) have compiled this fabulous website, rich with stories, facts and photos of the area. In the 'schools section' many locals have already looked themselves up and viewed older relatives when they were school aged. Even for readers who were not from this area, viewing the old photos with names from the past reveals the families many of our landmarks are named after.

The first Karragullen Primary School was set up in 1913 at Illawarra orchard with teacher Ms Maggie Ferguson and had 12 children attending. Mr Thomas Price (Manager of Illawarra and grandfather of the current owner Tom Price) deliberately advertised and employed a family at Illawarra Orchard that had a large family of children to help boost the numbers for the school. This allowed for the employment of Doris Bettenay as a monitor, the first local to be employed.

In 1919 when development went more towards the southeast, the Karragullen School moved to the 'Rock Inne' site. In 1956, the Canning Mills School closed and the Karragullen Primary School moved into the townsite itself



Above: Tania and her dad Eric Ghillarducci are pictured in the playground at the 'new Karragullen school'. Memories are preserved at this website.

in 1967. The school stayed at this site until it closed in 1999. In 1978, the Roleystone Courier headlined:

NO O'MEAGHERS IN SCHOOL

For the first time in 55 years there are no O'Meagher children in the Karragullen School this year.

There has been an unbroken line of O'Meaghers since 1923 when Jack O'Meagher was enrolled. His generation ended with Malcolm who was joined by the first of the next generation. This was Janice Scari. Although she doesn't bear the O'Meagher surname, she was John senior's granddaughter and was raised by her grand parents. Some of the O'Meagher wives had seven children and at one stage in the tiny school there were six of the clan. Jack O'Meagher's 1931 report card is displayed on the website. (Jack's children are John, Tim and Stephanie).

Another family with strong links to the school are the Ghillarducci's of Karragullen. Tania was in year 2 when the school finally closed and she recalls how devastated she was 'It was a really good school, small but really caring. I really didn't want to move to Roleystone' she recalls.

Tania's dad Eric Ghillarducci went to the Karragullen School at the Rock Inne site and recalled that he only really liked sports. (He also remembered some great pranks like burning plasticine in the fireplace). All 5 of Tania's brothers and sisters went to the school and her grandmother Millie Travacich went to the Pickering Brook School in the 1930's.

All this and more feature on this fantastic website. Congratulations to all concerned. This website provides so many memories and keeps the record of the proud history of schooling in Karragullen. The developers of the website would like to encourage anyone with more information (especially names) and photos or articles that make the website more complete to please make contact flortona@iinet.net.au or ring 9382 2022.

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giving them the free space to slow down and gain the clarity required for peace and fulfilment. The teachings of yoga cultivate confidence and self-discipline, helping children to be more aware of their thoughts and feelings.

My passion has always been children's development and I believe in learning through the environment. Yoga for me, is a journey of union, connection and awareness of ourselves in relation to the world around us. By looking inwards and understanding themselves, our children can find the confidence and contentment to push back from their television induced play and re-discover their imagination and natural creativity. Yoga is our natural state of being. My name is Pam Hoggarth-Gray. I have been a qualified childcare giver and primary school teacher's aid for over 10 years. I'm also the mother of two amazing children aged 4 and 6. During this time I've discovered many benefits in the practice of yoga for my own personal development. As a newly qualified Children's Yoga Teacher and in conjunction with Inner Calm Studios, I'm delighted to bring our new practice, Rainbow Yogis for Children, to Roleystone.

Children's Yoga classes will begin the week of July 19 and run in conjunction with the school terms. 4-5yrs or 6-8yrs. You can book on: 0421 255 074 or yogatoroleystone@gmail.com

Pam Hoggarth-Gray



Infant Massage

Paula McLoughlin has again been running sessions on infant massage at the Roleystone Family Centre over term 2. These sessions are run for both mothers and babies and the mothers certainly look like they enjoy the experience. From the happy gurgles across the room I think the babies do too!

The course involves teaching mothers how to improve their child's sleep by soothing their nervous system. The massage experience also relieves colic and tummy discomfort and helps strengthen the new baby's respiratory muscular and immune systems. *Pictured above: new mum Liliana Scarivelli of Karragullen and baby son Carlos with Paula McLoughlin giving instruction.*

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EDITORIAL



I met a young woman (twenty-something) who has recently returned to Roleystone after being born and raised here. She was bemoaning how boring it is and how it was so far from 'any action'.

Sadly, except for her family interactions she had virtually no contact with her community. She even travelled to Northbridge for her exercise class! Through the conversation it appeared that she was lonely - for real, (human, face to face type) companionship. Her social networking was excellent: she tweets, she goes on facebook and she was certainly not friendless. However that type of social interaction just doesn't stack up when you want real friends around. This conversation got me thinking about the importance of the old fashioned type of social interaction: parties, BBQs, sporting clubs, dances, socials, youth groups..... Where people used to get together to meet with people and enjoy a common interest and perhaps even achieve something.

Now I am not twenty-something but I am certainly never lonely and I never have to stop and worry about being bored!

My life is 'chockers'. Still I do not have many friends on face book (and apologies to those I do have, I never get around to responding to you!) and I don't tweet! Plus if I need a friend for a cup of tea and I chat, I know I can always find one. This is one of the major reasons I live in this community. It is friendly, welcoming and there is so much to do.

But my young friend may conclude that 'this is because I am old'.

Roleystone is a wonderful community but is it a community for all demographics? The Roleystone Courier is a great measure of what is happening across town. And there is a lot.

Young families, seniors and those with religious affiliations are very well catered for. There are many opportunities to join organisations that serve our community like The Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade, The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre and the Darling Range Wildlife Centre. Those with interests such as: music, art, sports, theatre, the environment, gardening.... there seems to be interest

groups for just about everything. So how can someone feel alienated or bored, if they live here?

For young people between high school age and prior to forming a family, the perennial urge seems to be about fleeing the community that nurtured them.

I clearly remember when I was this age, I couldn't get away 'from the farm' quickly enough! So perhaps this is an age group that a community will always find catering for locally, is just too difficult.

Still I can't stop feeling that there is something more insidious here; today's twenty-somethings just do not seem to have the resourcefulness of previous generations. Perhaps the answer lies in the shift toward electronic contact that has happened. Has this made the art of initial, face to face contact, just that bit harder than it used to be? Will they be able to make a successful transition towards 'local community life' that is at the heart of towns like ours?

I do not have the answers but this is a demographic which seems to be less catered for than others.

Perhaps some of our community groups could look towards making themselves more youth friendly? I welcome your comment.

Plus I have got to race, so much to do and so little time.

My thanks to all of the wonderful contributors, the challenge is getting your contributions in. Your efforts mean that this publication gets better all the time! *I wish you all happy reading.*

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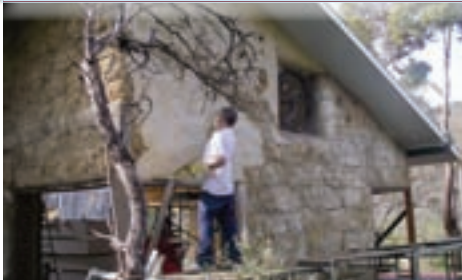
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Building Sensitively in Roleystone An Owner-Builder Story - Part 2

Continuing the story of Paul and Dimity Mutton's amazing house construction



Pictured top: Paul renders the outside wall.

Middle: The last pole is fitted into the construction.

Bottom: Dimity leads the bricks cleaning team-at 8 months pregnant.

In November 2007 we started construction of our house with the digging and construction of the footings. We used strip footings rather than a slab which minimize earthworks, damage to the site, and the costs were a small fraction of the cost of putting in a slab. I had the help of a bricklayer/stonemason friend (Paul) to assist in the laying out and placing of the reinforcing, and many friends helped on the day of the concrete pour. Paul also stayed around to help make a thick stone wall made from stone on the block that forms the lower half of the front wall of the house.

On one part of the site, where the ground dropped away, there was enough room to put in a semi-underground study under a bedroom. This required very little extra earthworks and as expected we hit solid granite which now forms an interesting floor of this room. Another feature exposed in the floor of my study is the original Canning Dam pipeline which passed across our block and under our house.

My brother-in-law Nick, who is a very handy guy, was the main person that helped me throughout the construction process, but from time-to-time friends (sold by Dimity's spectacular lunches) helped when extra assistance was required. One of these times was the raising of the poles that supported the ridge beam of the house. I found a source of lots of old power poles and at \$50 for a 10m+ jarrah pole it was such a bargain that I decided to use them for the ridge beam as well (thanks Gerald for your encouragement!). Three poles at \$50 each were much cheaper and ended up having a lot more character than the \$2500 LVL beam that I had originally planned.

I used recycled materials and native wood wherever I could. I had many large (up to 5m long x 1m wide) slabs of Jarrah that I had milled from salvaged logs a few years before and used these for all the natural edged window sills (>0.5m wide) and sunk a whole one in for the entrance floor. Inspired from an old wall in Krakow, in the centre of the house I used recycled red bricks mixed with old limestone blocks to make a large double brick & stone wall and bookshelf. My wife Dimity led the brick cleaning team which was pretty good going considering she was 8 months pregnant at the time.

During the raising of the strawbale walls our architect held a couple of workshops on strawbale construction and lime rendering. In the end however pretty much the entire lime rendering was done by a plaster (Mitch) and his team who had made his own strawbale house in Churchmans Brook.

One of the good things about straw bale is its flexibility and once the bales are stacked you can cut out alcoves (with a whippersnapper/chainsaw) and I used some old circular wheels and a large chaff cutter wheel for some windows. *Next month: Finishing off & moving in.*

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AIRCRAFT NOISE OVER ROLEY

As a result of the West Australian Route Review Project (WARRP), three new flight paths are now directly over Roleystone – two for large commercial jets and one for turbo prop aircraft. There is also another one 5 km to the north.

The result of these changes has meant dramatically increased noise over our suburb. The arriving jets fly directly overhead at lower altitudes than should reasonably be expected in a Hills suburb 30km from the airport.

The Councils of Bayswater, Belmont, South Perth, Canning, Gosnells, Kalamunda and Mundaring have all been involved in the WARRP since 2006 when the first consultations and discussions began. The City of Armadale however was never invited to be involved.

A recent Senate Committee Hearing into Aircraft noise was held in Peth on April 28, and as a result of that Hearing, the City of Armadale has now been invited to be on the Committee.

According to Air Services Australia, there were no complaints about the new routes, therefore they assumed acceptance of them. It was a bit hard to complain when neither you nor your Council knew what was happening.

Many Roleystone residents forwarded complaints to Mr Don Randall and also registered complaints via the Fair Skies Website and subsequently made submissions to the Senate Committee Hearing.

Air Services Australia log every complaint and only take action based upon the number of complaints received, I would urge concerned residents to register a complaint via the Air Services Australia Webtrak site: <http://www331.webtrak-lochard.com/webtrak/per3>

each time that they are affected by excessive aircraft noise. Also keep your local Councillor and MPs informed. (WebTrak is a Community Web replay which shows all flights). The arriving jets pass over with a frequency of less than three minutes apart at peak times when they are landing in the S to N direction on the main runway. This situation will worsen with the planned increases in air traffic over Perth. Flights are also allowed to arrive in the early hours of the morning and there will be no curfew in Perth as there is in Sydney and Adelaide.

It should be noted that a very slight shift in the flight paths to the East would take the jets over uninhabited areas and avoid Roleystone altogether. Your complaint may help achieve this.

We are privileged to live in one of the most beautiful places on Earth. Don't let the bureaucrats and general apathy rob us of this wonderful life style. If we want to preserve it, we're going to have to fight for it.

Anyone interested in reading the transcripts of the Senate Committee Hearing can do so at: http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rat_ctte/aircraft_noise/hearings/index.htm

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THINK OUTSIDE THE SQUARE

The current discussion on improving the health system in Australia really only looks at throwing more money into an inherently flawed industry. Isn't it time to think outside the square?

I think that it is reprehensible that Australia allows third world nations to train doctors and nurses and then entices them to leave their homeland. Why are we not investing more money and effort to train our own people? With this in mind - why not outsource our medical needs?

People who want elective surgery could be sent to India - reputed to specialise in joint replacement - or Thailand - cosmetic surgery and breast augmentation - or China - not just for natural medications or acupuncture.

The benefits would flow to the host country and would cost Australia far less than the present set up.

Can you imagine a business class flight to Bangalore, having your knee replaced and recuperating in a 3 star hotel? All this paid for by Medicare and at a much-reduced cost to the Australian health system. This would be of considerable benefit because, as we all know, labour is cheaper, the people are more compassionate and the medicines cost less.

Instead of plundering doctors from India, Australia could help a developing nation by building hospitals, funding them - and providing patients.

Of course, outsourcing could also be a solution to our underachieving politicians (you know, the one's to whom we pay peanuts). I am sure that we could get a better class of politician from Singapore (just ask the majority who keep asking for Singaporean style laws).

Ponder the possibilities!

Gerry Chapman

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If you are using directory assistance to find a number and are contemplating using the advertised Sensis directory service number, 1234, there is a cheaper alternative!

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Heather Glavocich

The End for Roley Rustlers



Roleystone Rustlers bootscooting has ended after 15 years of 'dancing the night away' on Monday nights

The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre started the bootscooting class in early 1995 hoping to offer a program that would get people involved, help to make new friends and keep fit. Our classes started with the voluntary help of John Horgan and several dedicated people

who offered to help out as assistant teachers. We saw many people come and go over the years, so much so that we started a Friday morning class with a crèche.

In 1997 Jill Grimbeek came along to Monday night classes to see what this new craze was and before she knew it, she was addicted. She joined the Friday morning class as well and eventually took over the teaching on Fridays. After 3 years of service, John decided to call it a day and move on to other interests. Jill took over the Monday night classes and with the decline in numbers for the Friday morning, that class was dropped. Jill has been our dedicated teacher ever since, putting in many hours of preparation and teaching. All done as a volunteer! She has organised socials and always made the classes fun and interesting, doing her best to keep everyone happy.

Jill has always been dedicated to helping the Family Centre and has gone to great lengths to organise socials each year, which has been our major fundraiser for the Centre for all these years. There are also many other people who have helped along the way. All the members of Roleystone Rustlers have been a really good at getting involved and helping out with socials. Many thanks to those who have helped out over the years, especially: Shelley Spicer, Dale Diss, Val Olsen, Mary Squillace and Joe Fardella.

Jill has decided to 'hang up her hat' and take a long deserved rest from the teaching, but will continue to do bootscooting with other clubs such as Urban Cowboys at their various venues.

The Roleystone Rustlers held their 15th Birthday Social and Farewell on Saturday 15th May celebrating 15 years of bootscooting in Roleystone. The social was very well attended with over 130 people dancing the night away.

The Management committee and staff of the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre are very grateful to Jill and would like to thank her for her dedication and involvement over the years. *Sue Spry. (See also photo of volunteers p26).*

WEIGHT LOSS HERE IN ROLEYSTONE

Roleystone Weight Watchers, a branch of the Weight Watchers' Federation of WA (Inc.) celebrated at the Elizabethan Village recently. The reason for this celebration was the wonderful weight loss achieved by one of their members: Melissa Rickman.

Melissa has lost a total of 15.2 kilograms in just less than 8 months. This is an outstanding effort and has placed Melissa at the top of her group and she is now entered into the statewide competition run annually by the Federation. Roleystone Weight Watchers gave Melissa a trophy, a certificate and gift for her efforts. She is a wonderful example of how to maintain a healthy lifestyle with the right approach to weight loss through exercise and a sensible eating plan.



New members are encouraged to come and join us and avoid that wintertime weight gain. Members meet every Monday evening at 7.00pm at the Uniting Church Hall, on the corner of Croyden Road and Brookton Highway. There are no gimmicks and no expensive fees. Just a small supportive group committed to losing those excess kilos.

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Melissa Rickman pictured Dining at the Elizabethan Village.

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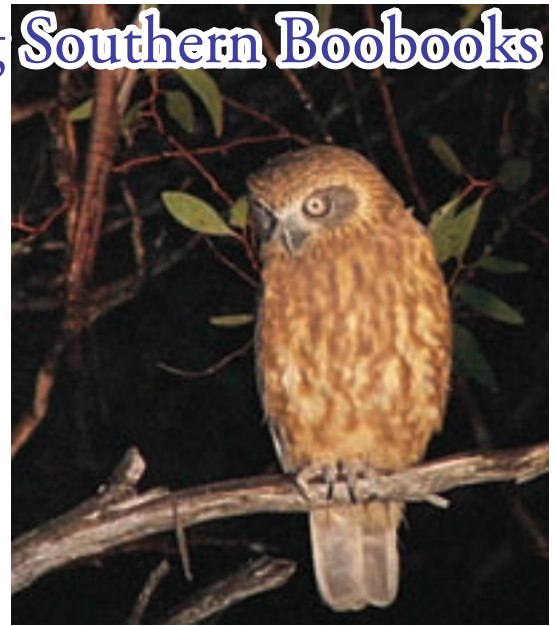
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On hearing the unmistakable and comforting calls of two boobook owls, I called my wife Marie and Jan, her friend from England. We listened enraptured.

'Maybe they are back living on our block?' suggested Marie.

'I doubt it. We have no old trees with hollows big enough. They are probably nesting further down the valley where there are a few older trees. But, it is a great sign that our Jarrah forest ecosystem here in Roleystone is operating'.

We explained to Jan: 'You know the Land for Wildlife sign at the top of the drive nailed to the tree? It was boobooks that stimulated us to apply for Land for Wildlife status for our block. After inspection, on the 5th July 1997, we became full members of the scheme. Our sign number is 36.'

On the 8th January 1997, whilst sitting on our deck admiring the sun sliding down a gold and pink sky into the Indian Ocean south of Garden Island, we once more heard the unfamiliar chirruping of crickets. We had heard the chirruping the evening before but could not pinpoint the sound.

This time I was determined to find the cause of the sound. The trill chirruping was coming from a large marri tree up near the beginning of our driveway.

'This sound is too loud and penetrating for crickets.'

Then I saw perched on a spout high in the tree two small owl faces looking down at me. On a branch above them were two mature owls. They were surely the parents of these fledglings? They looked very boobookish to me.

The babies flew off to the marri tree next to the house. As they flew the chirruping followed them and so did their parents, and so did I. The babies/teenagers were learning to fly. They flew in a circle over the house three or four times chirruping as they went. Each landing back in the marri was less ungainly than the last. They were obviously finding their landing legs. Both were definitely chirruping like crickets, calling to each other and their parents.

I rushed indoors to search through my bird book. I wanted to check whether these really were boobook owls. The drawings indicated they were. There was no mention of chirruping.

I phoned my friend Tony Start who lives in Roleystone (he was Senior Research Officer at CALM). He would know about this chirruping bird. He did not! He doubted it was being made by boobooks.

'OK. Come for 'sundowners' tomorrow evening. Hopefully they will do for you what they did for me.'

Tony arrived with his wife and his 10 by

40 Zeiss binoculars. We had just started to get our 'laughing gear around the amber fluid' when the chirruping started.

'There they are Tony, look, in the marri tree'.

He trained his binoculars on them. Then they did what I wanted them to do. They took off and flew in an arc in front of us, then swerved overhead to fly over the roof. They were chirruping, and the sound was most definitely coming from them. Tony shook his head in amazement. 'They were definitely southern boobooks' he said, and they were definitely chirruping like crickets. I have never experienced this before.'

The owls flew over again just to prove it was they making the noise. I was elated.

'I will do some research and report back.' called out Tony as he and his wife left.

The chirruping and the flights continued for a few more evenings after that. I also heard the parents making their boobook calls.

Just over a month later Tony did report back. His research did not show of any recordings of chirruping from boobook owlets in the south west but there were records of fledged young chirruping in Victoria.

'Your name will go in the record books as the discoverer of this previously undocumented phenomenon' explained Tony.

Not too long after Tony delivered to me 'Western Australian Bird Notes', A Quarterly Newsletter of Birds Australia, W.A. (Royal Australasian Ornithologist Union). No 81 March 1997. Inside was a short description of the January chirruping episode. It was written by Mr A. N. Start, and next to his name ... my name!

Not long after I came across the Land for Wildlife Scheme.

I had to join to protect my boobooks. And my western greys, and my bandicoots, and my possums, and my bobtails, and western bearded dragons. Sorry...ours!

Fettes Falconer

Simons Drive, Roleystone

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TO OUR COUNCILLORS

After letters, emails and conversations to past and present councillors and to the City of Armadale, all without reply I might add, I was very surprised to see a pavement being laid on Peet Rd (between Tyers & Hall Rds).

A road with plenty of walkers and one of the busiest and fastest junctions in Roleystone, Peet and Raeburn roads, seems to be an accident obviously waiting to happen. It would appear though that the junction might be too dangerous to lay a pavement so it seems to have stopped at Tyers Road - that is the only excuse that I can think of!

We have asked for a pavement since our two girls went to the primary school twenty-seven years ago. It was dangerous then and now, with the increased amount of traffic and speed, it is even more so.

The small section of Jarrah road from Raeburn to Tyers is desperately in need of a walkway. We take three children each day to school down it and speeding cars narrowly miss us regularly. Some of the drivers are mums in a hurry taking their offspring to the same school.

PLEASE what do we have to do to get some answers and just how much longer do we have to wait?

John Smith

Roley Scouts Go Billy Carting - by Georgia

On the 16th of May, scouts from Roleystone plus three leaders went to a Soapbox Derby attended by lots of other troops of the River Ranges District.

Soapboxes are a type of billy-cart that doesn't have an engine but just rolls down a hill.

The first race of the day wasn't really a race at all; it was a test drive for the scouts who hadn't had a go in a soapbox before. Roleystone didn't have a soapbox at all so we had to borrow another troop's one.

When I had my first go I came fourth.

Then another scout from Roleystone Troop went and she came first.

We went on and in the races at least every Roleystoner came first once.

Then came the leader's races.

One of our leaders called Pixie (my Dad) went in the first leaders race. When he was going down on a steep corner (the last corner) he crashed through the curb and went flying through the air.

Luckily there were plenty of trees to stop him. He ended up taking the bark off the tree.

Our second Roleystone leader Navman came first in his race by miles.



The soapbox he borrowed didn't look too good afterwards tho'. In the overall score Roleystone came 3rd out of four troops.

I had heaps of fun and I'm sure everyone else did too!

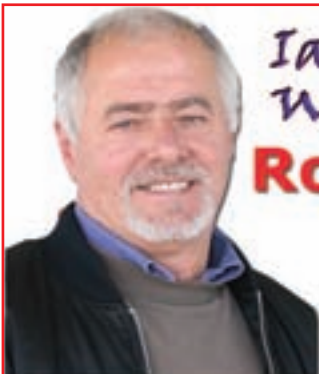
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These pictures show very life like injuries but do not be dismayed: this is all part of the special make up effects the RDHS students displayed while filming during their Film and Television camp held in May at New Norcia.

Deputy Principal Andrew Pheasant commended the students for their performance, their achievement and their behaviour. He wanted to make particular mention of the great improvement in acting talent that has occurred in 2010. Andrew is also very pleased about the partnership being forged between Murdoch University and RDHS with two uni students attending the New Norcia camp to assist the school students. We look forward to their final films. *Top: James Walker, middle: Paris Graham, below right, Rhiannon Bamford Purchon. Below: Corey Damen works on the plot!*



German Students Live it Up!

On Thursday 22 April 2010, the Year Eight German students at Roleystone District High School attended the opening session of the Audi Festival of German Films, held at Cinema Paradiso in Northbridge. The students explored their cultural understandings by viewing a German film, whilst utilising and extending their German listening and comprehension skills. The film "Vorstadt Krokodile" = "The Crocodiles" was highly engaging for the students, as the plot was based upon a group of German students of a similar age, who formed a club and set about solving a local crime spree. There were many

humorous points throughout the film, where the students chuckled along at the German jokes. Upon return to school, the students completed activities based upon the film, including producing story-board outlines of the plot and character profiles (in German naturally!). Led by their German teacher Elizabeth Singe, and fellow staff member Helen Gray, the students were wonderful ambassadors for the school and truly made the most of the opportunity presented to them. Gut gemacht 8. Klasse! *The picture below shows (left to right): Daniel East, Mason Griffiths, Tessa Clapton, Lauren Dwyer and Corey Damen displaying their class work.*





ROLEYSTONE SUPA IGA MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

This year's Mother's Day raffle saw 1st Prize, a Delonghi Nespresso Coffee Maker, go to Barbara Stidwell. *(We caught up with Barbara, pictured at left, at work).* She is overjoyed with her win. The 2nd Prize, Wine and a Chocolate Gift Box was awarded to Karen Cole. The 3rd Prize, a slow cooker recipe book, was won by Dale Hansen. No doubt this will come in very handy on these cold winter nights.
Connie Anile.

Cherry Works for a Cause



In May we celebrated volunteers and this month we feature one of the location's busiest volunteers. Cherry Leonard is the President of the Cat Sterilisation Society and is also a selector for the Australian Open Gardens Scheme.

Cherry and her husband Alan purchased their block of land in Roleystone in December 1972 and proceeded to build with the view that 'Roleystone would be a quiet little backwater for our retirement'. Twenty years of

travelling into the city for work in the finance industry meant that Cherry could finally semi-retire into the horticultural field.

In retirement Cherry founded The Cat Sterilisation Society, which takes up to 30 voluntary hours per week. Although she believes passionately in the necessity to limit 'the proliferation of unwanted kittens' this role is quite difficult and receives little in the way of thanks. She would welcome help and is very appreciative of any donations that assist her in this task. Cherry comments: 'I dream of another volunteer phoning and offering to help with the Cat Sterilisation Society computer work.'

Plus she accepted the voluntary position of selector for the Australian Open Garden Scheme, which is also a very time consuming responsibility. Her role as a garden spotter for Open Gardens does bring her great pleasure. However she wishes that more people would approach her to showcase their gardens.

I suspect Cherry is very busy but wouldn't have it any other way!

Graeme Hart will be Seventy in June!

Graeme and Pat Hart moved to Armadale 35 years ago and 25 years ago they moved to their current Roleystone property looking down onto their beloved Canning River.

In many ways Graeme belies his age as he enthusiastically works his rural property at every opportunity. He also still works two days a week, helps run Armadale Lions Bingo every Thursday night and assists with the Kelmscott Show. All this energy - it must be all that rejuvenating hill's air.

The family is planning a celebration on the long weekend to celebrate Graeme's wonderful life and his many achievements. Graeme is the partner of City of Armadale Jarrah ward Councillor Pat Hart and has also served this role with great aplomb over many years.

Happy Birthday Graeme.



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Seen Around the Traps



At left: Seen enjoying the hospitality at Hog's Breath and earning funds for the Tigers: Ashley Dowell and Marie Harvey, Brian McCormack and Maxine Fairs and Wayne and Judy Green.

ONE YEAR ON.....



MAURA'S BACK.....

Last May, many across our town were devastated by the news that Maura Bond had suffered a large brain aneurysm. Her steady improvement from a coma to graduated movement, to her present state of independence has been wonderful to watch. Her family has been amazing (Pete cannot believe how much hard work looking after the family and the house can be!) but full marks goes to Maura herself

for her steely resolve. Here exceptional recovery is no accident.

Now Maura is fighting fit and was pictured recently with the IGA Deli Girls at their monthly coffee morning at Mia Flora. *Tania, Rita, Sue and Maura are pictured before their second serve of cappuccino and scrumptious cake!*

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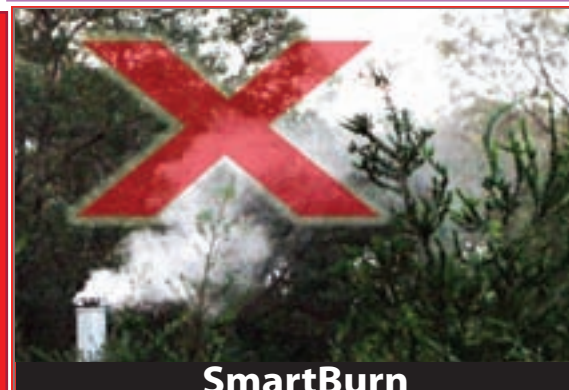
A delightfully unexpected gift was delivered to the sisters Ita Goldberg and Rivka Cohen, from the artist Alyssa Arnold at the opening of her exhibition 'Art is joy' at Genesis Vegetarian Restaurant on Croyden Road.

Alyssa had secretly completed a portrait of Rivka. The sisters are so supportive of artists, donating their restaurant as a place for displaying their artworks and encouraging creativity at every opportunity. This wonderful picture captures the essence of Rivka, the cook, a fitting gift from a thankful young artist to these benevolent ladies.

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Scarecrow Competition Winners

Winner of the 'Best Scarecrow competition' at the Bickley Carmel Harvest Festival held on the 1st and 2nd of May was a Scarecrow with a very Roleystone connection. Siblings Kendall Moor and Simone Cornelius Moor and Kendall's wife Deb Barnett, along with their children were involved in building the very realistic looking scarecrow.

Kendall and Simone grew up and went to school in Roleystone. They built it at Kendall and Deb's home in Carmel - which is just down the road from Myattsfield winery where it was proudly displayed over the Harvest Festival. The trousers on the scarecrow are a pair of Kendall's work trousers (he is an arborist), the poncho belongs to Simone's husband and the rest of it they just put together!

The winners are pictured at right with their triumph: Riley Moor (aged 6 months), Deb Barnett (holding Riley), Kendall Moor in the background, Simone Cornelius-Moor and Aislinn Cornelius (aged 3yrs).
Geoff Moor (Proud Grandad)



Harvest Festival

On the first weekend in May, the Bickley Carmel Valley celebrated the autumn harvest and over 20 locations opened their doors to the general public. Myattsfield Vineyard and Winery held

a Winemakers Degustation luncheon hosted by Rachel and Josh Davenport. It was amazing!

A wide variety of locals took the opportunity to drop in to experience the vineyard, view the arts and crafts and sample some of the fabulous wines on offer.

Pictured: Shannon & Michael Beech, Paul & Nicole Smith and Roslyn & John Abbott sipping the superb wines in the late afternoon on a beautiful blue sky day at this scenic and spectacular location.



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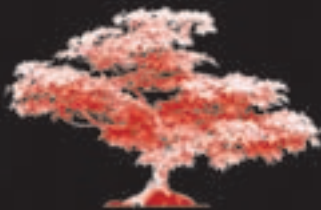
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Mother's Day at the Country Club

The Mother's Day luncheon at the Roleystone Country Club was a sell out affair! A large number of locals treated 'their Mums' to a very special lunch. Over 140 lunches were served and the many mothers were overjoyed with their gifts of flowers. Above: the three generations of the Martin family with Ruth centre stage! Above right: the Kemps, who celebrated in style.

FUN RUN CAPERS

The Fun Run is coming up at the Roleystone Primary School and young hopefuls are racing all over town collecting sponsors. Two of the keenest are year five students: Mitchell Castledine and Jesse Mason pictured at right.



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Paverpol

'Paverpol' was one of the many courses that ran at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre over the last term. A group of enthusiastic friends got down and dirty and very creative to create some wonderful outdoor statues under the guidance of Gail. *Pictured: the group reflect on their activity: Back l - r Linda, Judy and Sue. Front Claire and Diane.*



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RBC Vollies Lunch

Above: Ken Parkin, who was born and has spent nearly all of his life in Roleystone and is the eldest son of the early Pioneering Parkin family, has recently moved to Parry House in Lesmurdie. Prior to his departure he was able to join the Roleybushcare crew for lunch. Ken was recognised for his many years of service, including holding the role of secretary of the organisation for many years. Thanks and best wishes Ken. Diane Horgan.

Top right: Jude Fuller celebrated her 50th birthday at a family celebration on May 1st. The party was for 'Oldies Only' and they partied like they were in their twenties, with dancing and cavorting long after midnight. Jude has been in Roleystone since 1985 moving to the area when she was convinced to follow Graham to the location where he grew up. Not for long tho! Happy Birthday Jude.



The Roleybushcare held a 'Vollies lunch' on May 16th. Pictured lapping up the hospitality, above left: Amelia and Charlie Mutton on the play equipment. Left middle: Janice and Terry Moore with Maddie Colquhoun. Left: David and Yvonne Ward with Bobbi.



RNFC Bridges the Generation Gap

Above Right: The RNFC held their 'Bridging the Generation Gap Sausage Sizzle' in May. Pictured: President Jean dancing with the clown!

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Art is joy

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A cold, frosty night on the Friday 14th May didn't deter a range of art lovers, friends and family who attended the opening of Art is joy, the new exhibition of artworks by artist Alyssa Arnold at Genesis in the Hills, Vegetarian Restaurant. The paintings in oils, acrylics and pastel on paper showed Alyssa's love of strong, vibrant colours and interesting subject matter.

Alyssa was overjoyed at this, her first exhibition and declared that this was the first time she had thought of herself as a true artist. Pictured above left: Alyssa's son, Fletcher Arnold and niece Emma Wilson (of Roleystone) show off a painting featuring the pair playing on the beach at Rockingham.

The Thompson's of Roleystone became Australian citizens at a private ceremony (just them and the Mayor) held in May. Mark, Kath, Mia (7) and Harry (5) arrived in Australia on Easter Sunday 2007.

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Second term began with our annual ANZAC ceremony on Friday of the first week.

The prefects had their jobs to do, the Year 5 choirs had been practising for most of term one and students from each year level had been chosen to read some of their writing on the theme of 'Friendship in War'. Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Girls' Brigade members also spruced up in their uniforms to take part in the ceremony.

Girls from the choir (Nikita Davis, Erin Hight, Danielle Nuttall and Courtney Allender) who took soloist roles did a beautiful job as did the rest of the children when the whole choir sang.

Di Owens (one of our parents) came to create some beautiful wreathes, which were laid with the appropriate blend of respect and remembrance for all soldiers who have lost their lives in war. Thank you to Di, and also to Floraco in Leederville who donated the flowers.

The Year 5 Prefect group attended the Leadership Centre to hear some inspiring words from people who have 'made it in their field'.

David Wirrpanda, former West Coast Eagle, said that he struggled at school and was continually overlooked for selection in elite football teams

in his younger days. His message was 'follow your dreams' and 'don't give up'.

He also told the children that even though he was not good at his schoolwork he made sure he associated with the kids who were and so benefited from 'the glow' around them. Mary Harvey (Deputy Principal) went along too and she was impressed with the message from Michelle Cowan who is the first female assistant football coach at Falcons (West Perth) Football Club. Her words of wisdom related to 'making it' in a male dominated environment. When some of the prefects read out their reports about the day, at the following assembly, it was clear that they gained valuable insights at the forum.

The Mothers' Day stall run by the craft group was fantastic again this year. There was a huge range of gifts for children to purchase at bargain prices. This annual event has become a mainstay of the R.P.S. calendar and why wouldn't it, with the excellent standard of items on sale? Children have the experience of being able to shop in a safe, 'understanding' environment, while raising money for the school.

Our Open Night was very well attended by parents, friends and relations again this year. The appetising smell of onions on the barbecue welcomed early visitors as the P&C volunteers cooked up a sausage sizzle storm. The following morning, classes were able to tour the rest of the school to catch up on what is going on in the other rooms. There is certainly some spectacular work on display.

In the past couple of weeks classes have been involved in Aboriginal studies, learning about traditional cultures and also how cultures change over time. To support and highlight this important topic the school invited two representatives of the Indigenous community to come and share their knowledge with the children.

Josie Boyle, an Indigenous storyteller, shared cautionary tales that she had been told as a child in the desert around Kalgoorlie. She also performed songs in her Wonghi language. It was a bit like the Spicks and Specks game 'Look What they've Done to my Song Ma' for the children, trying to recognise the song when the tune is being sung to different words!

Josie was very entertaining and the children listened intently to her presentation. Derek Nannup was also very popular. He played the didgeridoo as well as teaching the children some dances. They loved being given the opportunity to get up and perform. Some of the boys were also given a chance to have a go at blowing the 'didge', and the outcomes were varied indeed.

Once again, a busy month and I tell you only a fraction of the whole story.

Pat Watson

Pictured below: Tia Melrose Hortin with Josie Boyle, below left: choosing gifts at the Mother's Day stall left: Kayn Millersmith trying to play a didgeridoo!



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Roleystone MUSICIANS CLUB

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Some very young new additions, by the names of Liam, Zac and William, rocked our socks off with some old Chuck Berry style rock and roll. Unusual to see such youngsters singing, swinging and I may add styling some very Elvis type stage moves, to such old classics.

Our regulars were at their most vocal Chris & Dave, father and son team can certainly give Pink Floyd a run for their money and the acoustic guitars changed the mood with some sixties guitar solos.

We welcome new members. The club meets monthly and if you can play an instrument or sing, come along and put your name on the run sheet and have a go. Our next meeting is Friday 18th June 2010.

See you there. Carol.

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Caroline Wielinga.

GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

The rains have been wonderful. The grass is so easy to weed and the weather is so nice to be out in. I wander half way down my yard and already I can hear the creek roaring.

I remembered last year I had seen a magnificent white double flowering ornamental peach at Mia Flora Karragullen, so between showers, I raced out to see if it was still there. Luckily it was and there was a red one too, so they are both now planted in my garden.

While at Mia Flora, I purchased an *Evolvulus pilosus*, an ideal cover for when the daffodils are dying back, plus a beautiful emerald lustre *Viburnum*; a lush full-bodied bush, ideal for hedging. While I was patiently waiting for John, I noticed some *Giant Allium* and some that have star-like flowers. I knew I had room for them. I'm not sure if they are the same as Russian garlic. I have wanted these bulbs for years but the nurseries always said 'not for Western Australia'. Oh, I also got a packet of *Fritillarias*, which I have admired in England, Victoria and Tasmania, so this will be a trial.

When John got back, he casually mentioned his *Rhododendron* stock had just come in and they were in his van. Much poorer of pocket but richer in the things that count, I came home and began digging roses out and planting them in 'full sun' positions. Then I sorted out all the spots for my new acquisitions.

At the last camellia society meeting Harry Mazza showed us a range of horticultural tricks for the positioning and treatment of camellias, hanging-baskets, espaliers and trellising, hedges, standardising and plaiting two different varieties together. It was a reminder of a lot of things I had seen in Japan. This and bonsai, if you have time and lack space are all great ways to enjoy your garden and keep the plants to manageable sizes. A hedge can be low enough to define an area or even large enough to screen off unpleasant views.

There are so many wonderful plants of all kinds available nowadays no one needs to have a boring unfulfilling garden. Gogi Berry and Blueberry should be easy to grow in our heavy soil, remembering Blueberries are of the *rhododendron* or *Ericacea* family and will perform in the same conditions and with the same treatment. Blue fruits are excellent in assisting to prevent Macular degeneration.

If you want very good autumn red foliage in your garden, plant: Plums, Chinese Tallow Trees, Liquid Amber, some Maples, Persimmon and the climbing Virginia Creeper. All will add character to your garden.

Well time to while away a bit of time outside. Enjoy. P.S don't forget to water plants under the eaves.

Good gardening. Jean.

Seadragonz wins Again



Seadragonz Swim School in Forrestdale continues to win awards in 2010.

They received the award for Best Swim School Marketing at the Swim Australia Awards held on the Gold Coast in early May. This award was presented for best overall marketing of a swim school in Australia. Owners

Bill and Lari McDonald marketed Seadragonz in 2009, by intentionally being a part of our local community and participating in many community events including the Roleystone Community Fairs for 2009 and 2010 and recently the Roleystone Gum Nut Fun Day. The award was presented by swimming legend Tracey Wickam and upcoming swimming superstar Emily Seebom.

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Even in a body that does not get a lot of exercise, tension can build up in the muscles, leading to headaches, back pain etc. So how do we combat these potential side effects of keeping ourselves fit? One of the best ways to keep your muscles relaxed and functioning well, is through massage.

Tension headaches can be relieved by the use of pressure points on the body and by releasing knots and tight muscles through the upper back, shoulders and neck. It's much better to attack the cause of headaches rather than popping a pain killer, which does not address the cause of the pain.

It does not take a great deal of skill to place your hands on somebody, find tight muscles and gently provide some basic relief, so anybody can help a friend, loved one or even themselves through massage.

Having said that, however, there is a whole art form and highly skilled profession based around wellness through massage. A well-trained masseur can work magic when you feel like your whole body is knotted into a ball.

Many cases of back pain, neck and shoulder pain, headaches and stiff joints can be relieved through proper massage therapy. More information on some basic self massage techniques and contact details for some good local massage therapists are available at www.strikezonefitness.com.au

Anthony Phoenix



Bowling Along

On Sunday the ninth we had our Bowl's Soup Day with visitors from Gosnells, Mills Park, Armadale and Thornlie. In fact there was such a good turnout we had to have both greens open.

The weather was 'just right' with some very good bowling and a friendly atmosphere and lots of laughs. The ladies made many different types of soup for our lunches, all very tasty, thankyou ladies. It is one of our fund raising events which we run to help to pay for the greens. *See above: the Clements enjoy their Soup.* Please remember that if anyone wants to play or have a go at bowling, just turn up (weather permitting that is) on Wednesday or Saturday at 12.30 pm with flat soled shoes. Bowls and tuition can be supplied.

We are trying to arrange scroungers on Sundays at 10.00 am followed by roast lunch at the club. The meals are excellent value. Hope to see you on the green.

John & Norma Smith

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and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe. The story concerns Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl who takes speech lessons from professor Henry Higgins, a phoneticist, so that she can pass as a lady. The musical's 1956 Broadway production was a smash hit, setting what was then the record for the longest run of any major musical theatre production in history.

This amazing show also features well known musical numbers like: "Why Can't the English", "Wouldn't it Be Lovely", "With a Little Bit of Luck", "The Rain in Spain", "On the Street Where You Live" and many more. Director John Ramsell has assembled a talented cast for this, 'not to be missed' show.

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FORGING FILM PARTNERSHIPS



Pictured at left: Peter Thatcher, Fraser Williams, Jake Fowler and Andrew Pheasant receive a sponsorship cheque at the 'Forming Film Partnership' Breakfast.

Last Wednesday morning (26 May) I was fortunate to attend a 'Forming Film Partnerships' Breakfast attended by local business and community leaders.

The event, sponsored by Roleystone Real Estate, was an opportunity for those in attendance to hear Associate Professor Dr Martin Mhando's (Murdoch University) vision for the 2010 Armadale International Film Festival (AIFF) in his role as Director. Attendees were provided a valuable insight into the strong partnership that has been established between AIFF and our own Digital Film and Television Specialist Program.

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Wild Gossip

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Last month I wrote about problems with unwanted roof space visitors, giving tips on identification, avoidance and offered possible solutions. Ironically over the last month we have had big issues with roof space visitors.

Our first visitor was a beautiful male possum, who obviously managed to sneak in whilst my husband was replacing gutters – these little devils will take any opportunity of finding a warm place for winter!! Obviously when the gutter replacement was completed we had concerns that the possum might be trapped in the roof space so caught and relocated him to a possum box in the garden.

A few nights later we heard roof noises and he was back! We were a bit baffled as to how he had got back into the roof space and spent several days trying to find his entry/exit. Eventually we noticed a small hole in the eaves cover where a pipe had been removed during the gutter replacement. When our possum left that evening my husband quickly blocked up the hole.

The following night we had roof noises again. After checking and rechecking we could find no possible entry/exits places for a possum. We then observed that the noise was occurring for most of the night instead of the usual dawn and dusk possum movements and concluded that our visitor was probably not a possum.

We deployed a live catcher in the roof space and after a few nights of false alarms when it closed empty, we finally caught our roof-invading rat.

Whilst we seem to have won this battle we do know that our roof is not rat proof as they can squeeze through the corrugations in the tin but hopefully it is now possum proof. Please contact me for help for or advice about all injured or orphaned wildlife.

Assisting Pets Affected by Mange

A reasonably prevalent skin problem, which affects dogs, is the condition called Demodicosis, commonly known as mange.

The condition is a skin inflammation problem caused by mites, which are normally present in the skin of most dogs. The mites live in the hair follicles and generally don't attract any attention unless the number of mites becomes out of balance for the host dog to manage. This imbalance is often seen in young dogs in which case it is known as Juvenile Demodicosis, or in other cases, disturbances of the immune system may allow the population of mites to dramatically increase.

For young dogs the condition often resolves with out treatment as the immune system matures. Unfortunately it may also persist and become more generalised having severe effects on the dog even as it becomes an adult.

A diagnosis of demodicosis can be made by the veterinarian based on the physical examination and the medical history. In some cases a skin scraping may be done by the vet to see if there are mites present in the sample which is studied under a microscope.

The treatment of demodicosis can be very frustrating and the long term results will depend on whether there is an underlying medical condition and what can be done to resolve or reduce that. On the other more satisfying end of the scale, many cases will respond effectively to treatment and the problem is resolved, much to everyone's relief.

Mange can be part of an array of skin problems often seen on the one patient. Care of these patients at home for skin conditions is readily available and I am happy to offer a home visit to discuss the animal's individual problems.

Please call Dr Judith Congrene on 0433 213 728.

JOANIE LININGTON

Art Exhibition.

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My journey began about fourteen years ago, after admiring a charcoal drawing that my daughter Eugene had just completed.

I told her that I wished I could draw with charcoal like that. She then reminded me of how we used to draw together when she was a child and said that she would teach me a few techniques to help me on my way.

So what did I receive for my next birthday? – charcoal, charcoal eraser, pastels and lots of paper! It was then that my obsession began and it hasn't stopped. I am deeply grateful for my family, who have whole heartedly encouraged me with their love, support and enthusiasm.

At first I would lock myself in my room and I wouldn't let anyone see what I was doing because I felt embarrassed: I was afraid people would laugh at my drawings but in fact, my husband once said: 'are you sure there isn't someone standing behind you looking over your shoulder showing you what to do?'

He couldn't believe that I had created the drawings myself. He had never seen me draw before.

When I begin to draw time takes on a different dimension, I become lost in a different world; Drawing for me means so much: I become excited and inspired by the whole creative process...for me it is quite magical!!



Roleystone Toy Library: Join Up Soon

With winter approaching and the kids not getting outdoors as much as they, or their carers would like, it is a great time to come see our wonderful resources at the Toy Library.

Duplo is a big hit at my house. The kids play with it for hours and it saves us a lot of money, then just take it back when they have had enough and try something else. That is the beauty of Toy Library. Just for something different I thought I would add a 'nonsense poem'.

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CIARA'S GIFT

Ciara Glennon's death in 1997 shocked me. The circumstances of her death and that of two other young women have been linked to the unsolved Claremont serial killings.

Many wondered how a mother would face the aftermath of such a horrific event. Ciara's mother Una Glennon described her feeling at that time as one of: "...shock and disbelief ...accompanied by a physical pain", and goes on to reveal how she felt that she couldn't live any more.

Thirteen years later, Una has written a book called Ciara's Gift about her search for meaning after this massive loss. She describes the book as: "...the book that I would like to have been able to read at the time".

The book focuses on Una's journey from suffering and pain to peace and then hope. "No willpower can force grief away. Nothing cures it and all attempts to bypass it only postpone healing".

Between 1997 and 2010, aspects of Una's life (and that of her husband Dennis) have been challenged. These challenges include one to her Christian beliefs (which are

re-affirmed), how different people deal with grief and, how she reacted to people whom she didn't know that were offering their support.

Often when seeing someone - whether a friend or an acquaintance - who has lost someone close to them, we may become awkward trying to find something to say that sounds "right" or meaningful. Sometimes we may avoid meeting them at all. It was interesting to learn from Una that even a silent presence or just a hug can provide a positive energy and convey a sense of caring.

Una is a living example of the power of feeling one's own pain as a passage through suffering. The book has many quotations from a variety of sources like Soren Kierkegaard's "Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards."

Privilege hardly does justice to my experience of being present when Una Glennon gave her address at the launch of this beautifully crafted book. I am in awe of this lady's sensitivity, honesty, literary skill and grace.

Please contact my office for information on this or any other State-related issue.



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COMMON FUNGAL INFECTIONS

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Those more at risk of developing oral thrush include: new born infants, those with dentures, asthmatics using inhaled preventer medication (inhaled steroids), those on antibiotics and immunosuppressed individuals.

Oral thrush presents as a sore mouth with white patches on the tongue and inside of the cheeks. Removal of the white plaque reveals a raw reddened surface which may bleed. It is best treated with Nilstat Oral drops or Daktafen oral Gel.

TINEA AND RINGWORM: These two common fungal infections caused by skin fungi are widespread throughout our community. The can be caught from animals, soil or other people.

Tinea infections can occur anywhere on the body but are commonly found in warm moist areas such as between the toes, groin area or under the breasts.

Tinea presents as an inflamed moist, intensely itchy area of skin but may also present as a moist white macerated area between toes. When these infections occur in nails they become thickened

and discolored and when it occurs in the scalp, patchy hair loss can occur.

Ringworm presents as a circular inflamed lesion on the skin surface. The ring is often raised with tiny nodules on it whilst the inside is often scaly.

Treatment for simple tinea and ringworm includes the use of antifungal creams lotions or powders use as Clotrimazole, Miconazole or Econazole. All must be applied twice daily and should be used for up to 7 days after symptoms have gone to ensure the spores are killed and re-infection does not occur. Newer once daily antifungals are also available Bifonazole and Lamisil being two examples. Nail and scalp infections are often better treated with oral anti-fungal agents such as Lamisil, Griseofulvin or Ketoconazole tablets. It is best to see a doctor with such infections.

PITYRIASIS VERSICOLOR: also known as tinea versicolor tends to occur over the trunk, neck and shoulders appearing as pale irregular patches on tanned or dark complexioned people or as darker patches on those fair skinned.

Treatment is best achieved by rubbing in Selsun shampoo (2% selenium sulphide) to affected areas for a month or using Peveryl (econazole) shampoo three days a month over a 4 month period. These infections tend to be persistent so long term treatment is often required.

If in doubt what type of fungal infection just ask your friendly pharmacist.

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Current store holders in the Co-op building Kerry, Steve and Carol are pictured above.

The lead article in a recently unearthed Roleystone Courier published in October 1981 started:

The old Roleystone Co-op Store on the corner of Soldiers Road and Brookton Highway is once again being used in a cooperative venture by three completely different businesses which are all managing to exist happily together under one roof.

Denny Wauchope, the electronics specialist, Marcello Palacois the picture framer and John Mulgrave the leather worker, have quite a workshop between them and the old store is a hive of activity with the three men working at their trades. (Thanks to Rhonda Meadows for saving this copy of the Courier).

Nearly thirty years later the 'old store' is now the home of two new businesses, both in keeping with the valued history of this old building. Steves Unique Eco Handmade Art and Handicrafts has loads of lovely items including made to order Wrought Iron work. Next door, Cottage Antiques and Collectibles, is a store packed with old world charm and 'must have' pieces.

The old Co-op has had a varied history. It was first constructed in 1945-1946 to provide much-needed stores for the people of Roleystone. It was owned cooperatively by local residents and run by a Co-op board. The first chairman was Richard Knuckey and serving on the original board was: Arthur Bettenay, Arthur Beales and Mr Gilmour.

The Co-op was constructed using largely volunteer labour, utilising war surplus materials at the conclusion of World War 2. The first Manager was Mr Alf Fuller

who had previously leased the Snook's Post Office store (now Hairrods, the Deli and The Grape Gallery Restaurant) and later Frank Happ took his place.

For many years, the residents of Roleystone and Karragullen did a large proportion of their shopping at the Co-op. One of the drivers for the Co-op was Phillip Bettenay (now an octogenarian) and he remembers: 'We used to drive around and take the orders from the locals on Mondays and Tuesdays. Thursday I delivered to Roleystone and Friday I took the orders out to families in Karragullen, Illawarra and Canning Mills.'

'People could order anything from groceries, to hardware to agricultural supplies. I was under-age so I had to be granted a special license to drive the Co-op truck (but only in daylight hours). Our first vehicle was an ex army buggy and later we purchased an Austin truck.'

Competition from the newly emerging supermarkets in Armadale, Kelmscott and Gosnells in the 1960s, meant that the Co-op store was forced to close.

The building was renovated and reopened in the late 1960's and used as an art gallery by a group of local artists: The 'Group of Six' which included: Donna Read, George Voudouris, Audrey Davies, Peter Verstegen, Scamp Willcox and Eileen Keyes to showcase their various talents.


When this venture ceased, the shop premises were used by a range of other businesses including: antiques, clothing retailers and a Real Estate Agency and most recently Roleystone Settlements. The current structure, a one-story corrugated iron building, still remains fairly true to the original construction.



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The owner and chief Chef Gary Smith spearheads this trend. Gary started at The Manse as an apprentice chef. Eighteen years ago he purchased the restaurant along with his parents Wendy and Dave and they are all still there, providing great food at great prices. This family focus is obvious to patrons from the minute they enter the award-winning restaurant.

Clare Nebe, first worked at the Manse as a chef. As she now has two small children, she has switched to helping Gary with the office and restaurant organisation. 'I love being able to keep working and Gary is so accommodating. I will keep working here as long as I can.' Clare said.

Both Todd Martin Restaurant Supervisor and Chef Josh Peace have been at the Restaurant for over 2 years. Todd always welcomes patrons with service, a smile and ensures their experience is satisfying. Josh works in the kitchen to make certain that high quality meals are produced.

And Gary believes in passing on expertise through training. Brandon Clarke is a second year apprentice providing a bright, young and enthusiastic presence.

The long-term staff also includes Ben Boekholt who has been at the Manse for 10 years. He serves as a waiter in the restaurant and various outside functions.

Customers can be assured that this supportive atmosphere extends to The Manse's clients. They have recently introduced a 'New Menu'.


Clare wants to let everyone know: 'Don't panic, we have retained our famous Dessert Trolley. So you can view all of our homemade desserts at your table and then select your indulgence!'

They are happy to cater for all dietary requirements, gluten free or vegetarian. Plus a real winner is that they do not charge corkage! The Manse welcomes families, providing a children's menu with healthy, tasty options. And parents can relax – it is all homemade, not processed! Plus they provide colouring books and pencils so the parents can enjoy their meal in peace!

On top of all of this The Manse continues to win accolades: a Gold Plate Finalist last year and winner of this prestigious award in 1997. Last year they were also finalists in the Restaurant and Catering Award. So check out their website. www.themanse.theguide.com.au or just give them a call on 9399 6078 and book in soon.



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The team at Maggie Burke Real Estate are overjoyed to welcome Jo Macdonald to join with them. Jo has lived in the Roleystone community for the past five years with her partner Olaf. With a career spanning 20 years working in the legal profession as a Legal Assistant/Law Clerk/Conveyancer working with partners in various high profile Perth law firms, Jo brings knowledge and experience to the Maggie Burke team.

Most recently Jo has worked in an education environment, however the call of the hills was too strong, with her now returning to work in the neighbourhood she has come to know and love.



A GOLD MEDAL FOR MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Rachel Green has just come back from Surfers Paradise with a gold medal around her neck. She laughs, "Anyone who knows me will understand I did not get this for any sports competition, as I am no exercise queen!"

Instead, she was presented it at the awards night of the National Speakers' Association of Australia (NSAA). The award is the highest possible level of accreditation as a professional speaker: the CSP (Certified Speaking Professional.) "I was the only woman in WA to get the award in 2010 and only the second WA woman to ever get it. Mike, my hubby, came with me to the awards night and we were both stoked. It is such an honour." Well done Rachel.

CHOIR TO FAREWELL MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr Colin Day will retire as music director of Carradine Choir following the choir's next concert at Armadale Town Hall on 19th June. Dr Day has been conducting highly rated performances at the town hall and other venues for the past six years. A large audience is expected to attend this farewell concert, 'These Are the Times' and include a selection of the director's favourite pieces.

Choir president Jean Macdonald says: 'Colin's energy, enthusiasm and dedication is reflected in his ability to produce concerts of a consistently high standard over the years.'

The 45 members mixed voice community choir is based in Armadale though its members come from all parts of the south-east corridor. As well as presenting public concerts, the choir performs on a regular basis to residents of local nursing homes. Following a winter break, choir rehearsals will recommence from 5th August, at which time a new conductor will be required. Anyone interested in this position is welcome to obtain further information on 9390 4116.

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1. Building statistics

During March 2010, a total of 268 building licences valued at \$26,842,716 were issued, compared to 180 valued at \$26,646,703 during the previous month. The total from July 2009 to the end of March 2010 was 2057 licences valued at \$268,843,979. 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 25 lots from Lots 341 and 51 Dimetrieff Rd, Bedfordale.

3. Strategic Plan Review

Following a series of Focus Groups, workshops and a public comment period, Council adopted the text of the Strategic Plan 2010-2014.

4. Roleystone Primary School Site

The State Government has written to the City advising that

the Roleystone Primary School site is surplus to requirements, and it is proposed to sell the land via the Property Asset Clearing House.

Council noted the proposed disposal of the in early 2012, and will advise State Land Services that in view of the past use of the site and the identified community needs, disposal in the first instance should be restricted to a purpose relating to aged persons accommodation or care. It will also advise State Land Services that the land is reserved for "Public Purpose (Local)" in the City's TPS No.4 and the land needs to be rezoned before the land is disposed of; and that participation by the City in any planning or facilitation of the reuse of the site would be welcome.

5. Extension of Pathway

Cr Hart tabled a petition signed by 41 residents, the prayer of which reads "We the undersigned would like the City of Armadale to consider extending the pathway that has been constructed to the end of Holden Road/ Chevin Road, up to Rubida Rise, Roleystone." Council received the petition and referred it to the Technical Services Committee.

6. Sport and Recreation Club Development Grant

Council was advised



Cr Pat Hart
9496 1634



Cr Caroline Wielinga
0488 900 307

Compiled by Peter Hopper

that the City has been successful in gaining a \$69,000 Department of Sport and Recreation grant over a three year period towards a Club

Development position. Council noted that the funds will be used to complement Council's allocation for Club Development.

BURNING PERMITS STILL REQUIRED DURING WINTER

Burning permits are issued by the City's Health Services Department during **1 June till 30th September** each year, in an attempt to reduce the amount of backyard burning to improve air quality for residences in the area.

During this period, rural zoned properties are not required to obtain permits. General conditions of burning still apply which includes negating the impact of smoke on other residents. Applicants are required to fill out an application for a burning permit form and submit this to the Health Services Department for assessment. There is no fee charged for this service and assessment will be based on the necessity to burn for an individual property (e.g. if there are other means of disposal and if the site is too difficult to take garden waste to verge for greenwaste collection). If it is considered that the waste can be disposed of by other means, you will not be issued with a burning permit.

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SITUATIONS WHEN YOU CAN NEVER BURN

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Above: Seen at the Theme Night at the Araluen Golf Resort: Josh and Brian, Tracey and Melanie.



Above Jesse Lee at the Gumnut Open Day
 Below: The Two Mikes

CLAN Calls For Volunteers



A group of volunteers from Clan WA in Armadale gathered recently at Mia Flora Nursery and Teahouse in Karragullen to complete some relaxing Tai Chi moves and follow this up with a coffee. Mary Aspinall from the Fu Sheng Yuan Tai Chi Academy was the instructor. **Pictured: Mary Aspinall guides Sue Liddington, Lauren Sowerby and Jan Smith through the graceful move.**

Clan provides family support services and is always keen to attract new volunteers to assist them with this important work. For more information phone Ruth Aspinall at Clan in Armadale on 9498 2829. Training for new volunteers commences July 28th.



Pro Bono: Ruby!

David Bardsley Minister Community Church



Dave was a something of a rogue. He worked with me in my first job, “worked” being a relatively loose term. His love of Manchester’s night clubs resulted in him tussling against sleep during daylight hours and particularly opposite me at our shared desk in the office. I actually remember little else about him other than he was instrumental in my most astonishing car accident. Astonishing because nobody was injured, no vehicle damaged but

several hundred people were stopped dead in their tracks. We had bought an ancient 1936 Austin Seven Ruby which needed lots of TLC. The engine was shot so we couldn’t drive it home. The Ruby’s brakes were also hopeless - a ship’s anchor would have been more useful – but we decided that with some prudently slow driving we could just about tow it. Our Mini couldn’t pull the skin off a rice pudding so Dave volunteered to do the deed in his Humber Hawk, first cousin to a tank. In a moment when my brain took a holiday, I accepted his offer. .

We met at the vendor’s place on a sunny Sunday morning and immediately I knew we were in for trouble. Dave’s Saturday night had started at the “Talk of the North” club and he wasn’t quite sure where it had ended but somehow he had remembered his commitment to us and turned up on auto pilot. He had the stereotypical “morning after” air about him. The hope that he would stay awake, watch the mirror and anticipate braking looked rather forlorn. We set off in convoy down the main Blackpool road along with half the population of Manchester who were off for a day at the seaside. Hilary led in our Mini, Dave followed in the Humber roped to the Ruby with me steering and praying. All went surprisingly well until Dave unexpectedly started to indicate left. Hilary saw his signal and started to pull over. Actually Dave had accidentally flicked the indicator and suddenly realized Hilary was braking. In his panic, he did a copybook emergency stop, completely forgetting my presence behind. Not wishing to wreck our new acquisition on the girder like rear of the Humber, I overtook it – not a wise manoeuvre. Inevitably the rope stopped Ruby abruptly and she spun in her length, ending up facing the wrong way alongside Dave who looked awfully surprised to see me appear at his side window. The towrope had knitted itself into a cat’s cradle, which took ages to untangle. We blocked the highway to sun and sand completely and tempers became somewhat frayed amongst the would be holidaymakers. Order was eventually restored and rather fortunately we eventually got home intact.

The point of all this is that I put my trust in the wrong hands because I was impatient. I opted for an easy but risky short cut. Deep down I knew a trailer was the proper solution and a moment’s reflection would have revealed my folly in accepting Dave’s offer. I don’t think I was much wiser in my spiritual life either. I went in all sorts of directions, driven by my own whims and my own agenda, seeking the easy way out at each turn. In a couple of crises I chose risky short cuts and caused grief for loads of folk. But then a huge transformation took place when I put my trust in God and allowed Jesus Christ to drive the tow car, so to speak. Real wisdom is never far away when you travel this way. I’m still impatient at times but I know I’m in good hands now. Are you?

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During the off-season some cricketers play footy, some rest but some are very keen. Always looking for the cricketer's dream of a Gilly type 100, the C grade boys are representing the RKCC in a winter 20/20 comp run out of Victoria Park this off season and by all accounts are doing us all proud.

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 extra information about the RKCC at www.roleystonekarragullencricketclub.com or on facebook group 'Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club'.

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Astronomical Highlights May

Greg Lowe
Perth Observatory

Right. Other than containing the winter solstice on the 21st and therefore having the longest nights in our year, what does the month of June have to offer?

Well, a very bright planet in the evening skies: Venus. And another bright planet in the morning skies: Jupiter. And a partial eclipse of the Moon on the 26th. I won't even attempt to forecast the June weather – I'm no meteorologist. Now there's an odd word: meteorologist. One who studies meteors? No, not in the modern sense of meteor meaning a piece of burning space debris.

The word meteor comes from the Greek word meteoros, meaning high in the sky. Logia means to study. Back in the 17th century and earlier, Europeans had a funny way of describing atmospheric phenomena. Winds were described as "airy meteors". Rain, snow, hail and dew were called "watery meteors".

"Luminous meteors" were aurorae, rainbows, and various kinds of haloes around the Sun and Moon. Lightning and shooting stars were in the category of "fiery" meteors. Although the word meteor has become much more specialised these days, the old-fashioned term meteorology continues to be used for the study of the

atmospheric factors that determine our weather. But, back to astronomy, literally the naming of the stars

At the beginning of the month the Moon's waning. Last quarter's on the morning of the 5th and new moon's on the 12th. Then it's waxing: first quarter's on the 19th and full moon's on the 26th. Teachers, if you want your kids to do some chilly moon "obs" in the evenings, start on the 13th or 14th and continue until the 26th or 27th.


From a day or two after new moon, until full moon or the day after. At dusk on the 15th, brilliant Venus is just to the right of the Moon. On the 26th at 7:38pm approximately half of the full moon's face will be obscured by the umbral shadow of the Earth.

Venus is outstanding as the brilliant "evening star" dominating the north-western sky at nightfall. You can expect it to keep doing so until mid-October. In the pre-dawn hours, Jupiter is the brightest starlike object – not nearly as bright as Venus, but much brighter than any star you can see.

It's interesting to note how much Venus moves against the background stars: it's in Gemini until the 12th, then in Cancer

until the 29th, then in Leo. Being near to us, its movement is quite apparent. Jupiter's much further, so its movement is slower – it stays in Pisces from early May until mid-October.


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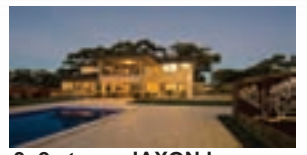
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