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# ROLEYSTONE SENIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

## Fancy Dress Night



Acknowledgement to Jocelyn Jones for the photographs.

### TRINE HANSEN MARRIES AT ROTTO



### JULY COVER

*With our Socceroos just missing out on progressing to the second round in South Africa, it was great to hear that our Australian Masters Football team won the World Cup in Thailand in June. Roleystone's own John Hunter, with fellow teammate Bobby Despotovski, are pictured holding the cup and framed by beautiful Aussie wattle flowers. Well-done John!*

*Full story page 9.*

Trine [Hansen] and Steve Beatty were married on the 8th May. The wedding took place at their most special place, Rottnest, in absolutely perfect weather. Clare Young [Stokes] also from Roleystone was the bridesmaid and Thomas and Ronan Maycock-Hansen were very proud ringbearers. 80 guests enjoyed the holiday atmosphere and beautiful setting at Thompsons Bay. The reception was held at the Rottnest Golf Club. Trine came to live in Roleystone in 1991, and went to Kelmscott Senior High School for year 11 and 12. She is now living in Spearwood with her husband Steve. Ellen & Paul Hansen

*Pictured above the whole crew at Rotto. At left: Trine, Peter, Thomas, Ronan and Clare.*





## Filming The Waiting City

*Local lad Denson Baker is verging on fame and fortune as a Cinematographer! He has had a stellar career in film and has most recently been the Director of Photography for a film 'The Waiting City' to be released in Australian Cinemas on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. (His previous film was the very prestigious award winning film: The Black Balloon).*

Denson grew up in Kelmscott/Roleystone and went to Kelmscott Primary School; a school built by his great-great grandfather Thomas Buckingham Jr. Denson is a sixth generation 'Buckingham'; the original settlers of the area and can trace his ancestry back to the first family to farm in Roleystone!

Denson went to John Wollaston Anglican Community School, then Central Institute of Technology, Northbridge. He fondly remembers his time with the Roleystone theatre; performing in the 1992 junior workshop of 'The Green Wizard'.

Denson then moved to Sydney to study cinematography at the Australian Film, Television & Radio School and following that he was the Director of Photography

on several feature films including 'The Black Balloon'. He has also shot music videos, commercials and documentaries all around the world including: England, the United States, Germany, Italy, South Korea, the Pacific Islands and New Zealand. Most recently he has been in India shooting 'The Waiting City'.

In 2002 Denson won the AFI award for Best Cinematography in a Non Feature for the Perth short film 'Jack'. He now lives in Sydney and has an agent in Los Angeles but he frequently 'comes home' to spend time with his family. Denson's dream is to: 'one day shoot a feature film back in my old hometown.'

'The Waiting City' is about an outwardly happy Australian couple, Ben & Fiona, who journey to Calcutta, India to collect their adopted baby. On arrival they find that the arrangements at the agency have yet to be finalized and they have no option but to wait in this chaotic, foreign place. As the Indian city pulls them in each separate and unexpected directions, the vulnerability of their marriage begins to reveal itself and they are forced to confront their deep secrets. 'The Waiting City' is written and directed by Claire McCarthy and brings together an incredible Australian cast including Radha Mitchell (Finding Neverland, Pitch Black), Joel Edgerton (Animal Kingdom, The Square, Star Wars: Episode II & III) and Isabel Lucas (Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen). You can watch the trailer at [www.thewaitingcity.com.au](http://www.thewaitingcity.com.au) The Waiting City is in cinemas July 15<sup>th</sup> and readers can catch the film at the LUNA cinema Leederville or LUNA on SX in Fremantle.

**We have 2 for 1 passes to 'The Waiting City' for the first 5 people to email the correct answer to the following question to the [roleystonecourier@bigpond.com](mailto:roleystonecourier@bigpond.com)**

**Q: Where was the Roleystone farm of Denson's ancestors Thomas Buckingham Snr and William Buckingham?**



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Local Roleystone caterer, Catherine of Gecko to Go – Mobile Catering Service, has just returned home after completing a dream job. She was contracted to do the catering for the production of Red Dog, an \$8 million family movie being shot in the Pilbara.

'It was hard work but a fantastic experience' Catherine recalls. 'I had to cater three meals a day for between 50 – 80 people. The meals had to be varied and there was a big demand for fresh ingredients and gluten free alternatives. Plus it was real challenge to prepare and serve food with all that red dust. Still it was great and I had some great compliments about the food!' *Pictured above: Catherine with 'The Red Dog Statue' in Dampier.* Catherine and her offsider worked from their mobile catering van with many of the scenes shot in isolated locations outside of Karratha.

Red Dog was a red cloud kelpie that became a legend after roaming thousands of kilometres during the 1970's hitching rides in cars, trucks and on trains and making friends along the way. He was beloved to many people across the North West.

The film is based on the 2002 short novel Red Dog by Louis de Bernieres – best known for his story Captain Corelli's Mandolin – which he wrote after seeing a statue dedicated to the famous dog in Dampier, WA.

## Danni's a Sound Guru

*Danni Close has spent her life in Roleystone: 'I always had the space to delve into my various creative projects as a child, an opportunity I just don't think I would have had growing up in the city.'*

This creativity is being seen as she is currently creating sound effects for 'The effect of gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds' playing at the Phoenix Theatre. And she wants everyone to come along and listen to her creativity with sounds.

Her interest in sound design started at Kalamunda SHS with 'Oh what a Lovely War'; she was assigned the job of sound designer. The production called for extensive sound effects including explosions and gunshots. 'I had a ball creating the soundtrack for it.' After high school, she attended WAAPA to study Sound for Performance.

Danni loves acting and has tried to balance this with 'behind the scenes tech work'. Her local acting roles with the Roleystone Theatre have included: playing the highly strung Nurse in The Spotted Man and the young Betty in The Crucible.

As a sound designer she needs to work closely with the director, to discover what feel or atmosphere they want in different scenes. 'From there, I scurry away to my sound dungeon and either search for, or create the music/sound effects that best captures that feel or atmosphere. I always try to record my own sound effects, as commercial CD's often don't suit the situation.

So what attracted her to Marigolds?

'It was really love at first sight - the first time I saw the name of the play, I just knew it was bound to be awesome! Then after I read the script, I was really attracted to the characters and how the story developed.' 'And for me, this will be the first play I have composed the music for, and that is a scary, yet exciting challenge.'

So Danni wants everyone to go to see local theatre productions: 'We truly have some amazing local talent in this state, and if there was one thing I can recommend to anyone, it's to go see the productions that your local theatre company puts on, because you will be blown away by the professionalism and creativity of it all.' *Well said Danni. Danni is pictured with Jane Sherwood.*



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Ron Ashford passed away suddenly in mid June finally succumbing to the insidious Prostate Cancer that he had fought off for many years. He had become an expert on the disease and was determined to tell his doctors (and everyone else) almost as much about it as they themselves knew.

Ron was farewelled by family and friends at an informal 'celebration of his life' at the Rose Garden at Araluen on the 19th June. A wide diversity of friends who knew Ron from a wide range of areas took the opportunity to drink to his memory toasting him with his 'beloved brown ale'.

Ron was known widely and affectionately as Mr Bear and his wife Jackie as Mrs Bear. During his working life he was a well-respected professional working for Woomera and Carnarvon Tracking station. Later his technological expertise enabled him to work for Computer Age and the Apple Centre in Perth. Following the end of his working life Ron became a passionate and enthusiastic volunteer.

Both Ron and his wife Jackie were involved with Araluen Botanic Park. Ron manned the gate at many Spring Festivals ensuring that disabled people were able to access the park. His love for The Park was reflected in that his final outfit was his Araluen tee shirt (along with his favourite red dressing gown).

Ron loved Roleystone and served as a volunteer with the Roleybushcare group injecting trees for many years. Ron will be greatly missed.



### FAREWELL RON

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Ron Ashford. Ron was one of our valued and dedicated volunteers. For the past fourteen years Ron and his wife Jackie have been responsible for the sausage sizzle at our annual Carol's by Torchlight and Ron prided himself on cooking the perfect sausage. During the Spring Festival Ron

looked after our Special Needs gate and over the many years he did this we came to think of him as more of a staff member than a volunteer. Ron will be sadly missed and his greeting as he came through the door "Goodmoaning" always brought a smile to our faces.

*Liz Dunn on behalf of the Staff and Volunteers at Araluen Botanic Park.*

### We Remember Jeannie Chandler

18/7/1949 - 18/6/2010

*Just before midnight on the 18th June, Jeannie Chandler finally succumbed to the cancer that she had lived with and fought for many years.*

Jeannie will be well remembered around town as 'the lady in the bandana'; she never let ill health get in the way of living or helping others. Just two weeks ago she was at the shops, shaking a tin collecting for the Animal Protection Society.

Jeannie was born in Kenya, Africa on the 18th July 1949. She left as a 13 year old and went with her family to live in Scotland and later they transferred to London. In 1973 Jeannie married Geoff Chandler whom she had met some years before in Singapore. In 1983 they made the decision to immigrate to Australia and once in Perth the major decision for Geoff and Jeannie was 'where are we going to build?'

Luckily for the community of Roleystone they chose to build here and moved into their new home in 1985. For many years Jeannie worked in the Public Service Commission and for the last 11 years of her working life, she was the Customer Service Officer at the Armadale Police Station.

From her arrival in Roleystone Jeannie got involved. She was a staunch supporter of the Animal Protection Society in Southern River. She gave many years of selfless service to the Roleystone Seniors Club, serving for many years as secretary. Plus she was a committed member of St Christopher's Anglican Church and was very active organising fetes and raffles and numerous other church

events. Many across town will miss Jeannie; her will to live and provide support to others was wonderful. Rest in Peace with your God Jeannie.

Geoff would like to thank the people of Roleystone for their care and support for Jeannie. She drew a lot of strength from her friends.

*Below: 'Jeannie with the light brown hair'. Before she needed to wear her bandana.*



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**FOOTPATH QUERY**

In response to the: Letter to our Councillors (in the June edition), I wish to advise that the section of footpath on Jarrah Road between Tyers and Raeburn is on the 2010-11 footpath program. It is

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anticipated that this cycle/footpath will be constructed Nov/Dec 2010.

A phone call to either Councillor Wielinga or me is all that is required when information is required on footpaths. Council has a footpath program that sees all requests assessed to certain criteria and then placed in line with those priorities and constructed according to budget considerations. Both Cr.Wielinga and I are very mindful to assist our community with information and advice in a timely manner when requested.

*Cr.Pat Hart*

**PETITION TO UPGRADE THE SKATE PARK**

*Readers may have seen some of the petition to 'upgrade the skate park' currently circulating around town. The young people of Roleystone have got motivated and are pushing for an upgrade to the skate park and possibly a basketball court as well.*

The Armadale Council has been very active in producing great amenities for youth in the Armadale location but it would be great if similar facilities were available for Roleystone kids. Armadale has both midnight basketball and a wonderfully refurbished skate park but parents in Roleystone do not want their children being this far from home in the evening especially with the issue of the lack of good public transport to our area.

So a group of local kids are doing all of the work to convince people they need amenities in our town (with some parental guidance were appropriate). The main organisers are: Sam Jones, Kiyam Whitelaw, Aaron Newland, Levi Ludlow and Kieran Pollock. They are proceeding with developing a petition and they need as many signatures as possible to enable it to be successful. They are also looking



into possible grants in these areas to provide funding for the changes.

So not only do we need numbers of signatures in the youth area, this needs to be backed by parental and community support. So we ask you to please sign this petition. People power, majority rules. Without the support from the community it will be very difficult to get this off the ground.

So please support this petition in upgrading the skate park.

*Deb Wallis*



**LAST CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY .....**

*This is the last chance to be part of the naming of the amalgamated Roleystone School.*

During the week of Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> July, voting slips are available to parents through the schools.

Voting is also available at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre.

From Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> July, a voting box and slips will be available at Roleystone Family Meats.

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July a voting station will be present at the Roleystone shops all day.

The vote will be to circle ONE of the following 4 options:

- Roleystone Community School
  - Roleystone Community College
  - Roleystone College
  - Roleystone District College
- All residents are invited to have their say.

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## Kim's Back at The Rock



*It is wonderful news that 'Kim Bettenay and Friends' are again playing Sunday sessions throughout July at the Rock Inne Tavern.*

Kim suffered a catastrophic industrial accident in November last year when his middle finger was severed. This would have been bad news for any of us but for the guitar aficionado and his many devoted fans, it was devastating. This was his chord hand and the injury threatened to end his career as a muso. It was hard enough for Kim to perform his other role as an orchardist (picking cherries one handed is not easy!) But the music had

to wait until the hand healed.

So throughout summer, many across town asked Kim at every meeting – 'How is the hand going?' After lots of pain, plastic surgery and skin grafts the new finger was revealed – a bit 'gnarly' and shorter than the others but at least it was a finger!

Kim then embarked on many months of painful practice – teaching his finger what it used to know how to do! This is doubly difficult when the brain knows and the other fingers know and that middle one needs to learn it all over again!

Last month Kim started playing professionally again with a few private gigs and some sessions at the Elizabethan Village Pub. In his own estimation he 'went OK'. So now this is the first real opportunity for locals to re-experience whether he 'still has the magic'. So all throughout July, Kim with a few very talented friends will be bringing their brand of great blues rock music back to the Rock Inne Tavern on Sundays. 'The Friends' will include: Claire Barry, Mathew Blackshaw, Ian Pickersgill and Rick Macmanus (perhaps!). This group have not played together at a public venue since 1982! Kim, Ian and Matt played together as schoolboys starting way back in 1975!

So for old fans, be sure to come and experience the result of lots of pain, determination and hard work; you will not be sorry. And if you haven't experienced Kim's music before, in the words of Molly Meldrum 'Do yourselves a favour.....'

## World Cup Champions

*As World Cup fever hits Australia, Roleystone can celebrate their own World Cup Masters champion. Our very own John Hunter has just returned from Phuket playing in the Football Senior World Cup – and Australia won gold! Striker John played an important part in the team, scoring a goal in the Cup Final.*

Eight national teams competed: Thailand, Iran, England, Armenia, Australia, the USA, New Zealand and Taiwan. Australia played Iran in the final and they won with a score line of 4-1, a great result as the Iranian team had four ex World Cup players playing for them. The rules stipulated that each team's goalkeeper must be at least 38 years of age, with the remaining members divided as follows: three between 38 and 44, four between 45 and 49, and three aged 50-plus.

Professional soccer players from around the world, with ages ranging from 38 to mid 50s, joined in the competition. The football was only part of the role for these soccer mad veterans. More important was the charity work they

achieved, passing on their knowledge and skills to 600 kids from the local schools and orphanages. They also presented to all the kids soccer equipment and strips donated from various soccer teams from Perth.

John is no novice at this game. For many years he played professionally in both Scotland, Australia and Asia. During this time John's wife Pam and children John and Lauren lived in Asia and were very fortunate to experience a variety of countries and cultures.

Still this was a while ago and the 'old body' was certainly showing signs of his activity when he returned limping off the plane – elated but bruised. And the football talent has certainly passed on with young John now playing in the W.A. Premier league for Swan I.C.



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across the district. Few have achieved so much for their adopted community. Farewell Colin.

Here his son Rod remembers:

Dad was born 23 July 1923, the eighth of nine children and grew up in a close-knit family. At the age of 18 Dad joined the army for the war effort. Dad's father died quite unexpectedly and he was discharged from the army to work the family's Roleystone orchard property in Hawkstone Road. Thus began a period of over 65 years in the district.

Dad also continued in the family picture business tradition and began to show pictures at the Roleystone and Pickering Brook Halls in 1948. In 1953 he married Anne Evans from Armadale, and the couple had four children.

In 1956 Colin and Anne built the Roleystone Drive In Theatre. The Drive In was one of the first in Western Australia and was a local icon for many years. The drive-in closed in 1967 when patronage was reduced by television. The equipment was sold and Dad took it to Exmouth where he set it up for the new drive-in there.

Dad purchased his first bulldozer soon after the drive-in closed and he operated as an earth-moving contractor in the district for more than 35 years.

In 1976 his marriage ended and in 1980 a new period began in Dad's life when he met Lyn Place. Lyn had four children of her own and the union extended the family. Dad and Lyn had a very happy life together for 30 years.

Some of my earliest fond memories are of family holidays. There were the trips up north in Dad's Ford utility. Dad made a seat behind the main front seat and we always attracted stares as Mum, Dad, Nan, Granddad and us four kids and the dog all climbed out of the front of the ute.

Dad was a very clever man and always had some invention or gadget in his head he was working on. In the early 1950's he found a picture of a gyrocopter in a magazine. He bent up tubing for the body and planed wood for the rotor. He sat the thing on top of a tank and waited for the easterly wind to blow. It flew, but only for a minute and he lost control and smashed into the ground. This put a halt to his aviation dreams for several years until he took up flying again, first in registered aircraft and then in hang gliders and ultra light aircraft. He and Lyn had many good years following his passion with like-minded friends.

At 75 years old he crashed his beloved Grasshopper ultra light aircraft just off the strip in Hawkstone Road and this effectively clipped his wings and he no longer flew. However, his love of flying never died. He carried a picture of an ultra light helicopter in his wallet for

years. The picture is still in his wallet and went with him on his final journey.

Dad spent most of his life working out doors. He loved his work as an earthmoving contractor. He was very proud when he won a housing industry award for his work, but the true monuments to his skill are the jobs he has done in the district and the respect he has for his work. Dad loved his Caterpillar D3 bulldozer and magic happened when he was working with it.

Dad was ill for much of the last year. He put up a very good fight and he never gave up, but tragically he died on 1 June 2010, just short of his 87th birthday. Some would say that 86 is a pretty good innings, but 12 months ago Dad was fit and active. He was still driving his earthmoving machinery and we all thought he would live to 90 and beyond. But all through his illness Dad never gave up hope of recovery and he never gave up fighting. Only a week or so before his death he was still planning what sort of car he'd buy when he got his license back as he'd not been well enough to sit his renewal test when it was due. And he still planned to bring his bulldozer out to our Beverley farm to do some work for us. Whenever we would ask Dad how he was going he would invariably say, "Oh one foot after the other".

How do we measure the size of the footprints we leave on this earth? Is it how successful we are in business or our career, how many people who have been touched in a positive way by our life, or is it the depth of the love and grief of those that are left behind with only memories to comfort them?

Whatever measure we use, Colin Hatfield has left behind very large footprints.

But the biggest footprints Dad is leaving behind are those which represent his family. Dad's family footprints have created a good path, a happy path, a proud path, a successful path, a path that knows right from wrong, a path with a good work ethic, and a path that picked the good ground but didn't falter when the going got tough.

He was a father to 8 children, Granddad to 18 and a Great Granddad to 2, with another great grandchild on the way but who sadly will never meet his or her Great Granddad. He loved to visit family and he loved their visits. He particularly loved children, as he was so young at heart.

Dad you can rest easy knowing your children and grand children are following the good path you have made and the examples you have set. We all love you and we will all miss you terribly.

Rod Hatfield.



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The HBF fun run was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May and started and finished at the WACCA in the city. This was a distance of 14kms. Competitors had a choice of charities to run for and both Tennille and Sarah raised money for the Cancer Society. They have both caught the bug and are planning a half marathon next!

Well done ladies.

**Nicole Lloyd from The Sound Playground, is starting music sessions for Mums and Babies at the beautiful Kookaburra Creek Yoga Centre in Bedfordale.**

The Sound Playground is a space that Nicole creates for groups of people to come and explore a variety of sound makers to connect with their creativity, playfulness, energy and silence. She also uses classical music, inspirational songs, coloured scarves, singing, crystal

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Nicole enjoys sharing the power of music with others, especially with Mums as she has 3 children of her own including an 8 month old. She says: 'Music is a beautiful way to strengthen the bond between a mother and her baby. It gives a Mum the opportunity to enter their world of sound as well as learning to PLAY again!'

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*Below left: Kira Lloyd starting music lessons early.*



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*How cold it has been! This year has more closely resembled the cold years of my childhood when I often remember waking up to a 'white out' frost.*

The coldest temperature I heard of was in the Araluen Valley on Thursday 24th June, when it went to an 'unofficial' negative 3.5. Still the cold is great for setting the stone fruit and if we now have good follow up winter rains we should all be happy.

Firstly I would like to offer my condolences to the families of: Colin

Hatfield, Ron Ashford and Jeannie Chandler; all three died during the month of June. All of these individuals were involved with and gave back to, their communities and will be greatly missed. All three had also been contributors to the Roleystone Courier and I will miss them personally.

My editorial last month did create discussion and I am happy to present a point of view from Ashleigh Grinich, a 'Roleystonite' in this age group who has lots to say about the subject. She has written her report on the next page.

I also heard from friends, who have recently left the district after spending their lives here, that the lack of options for their young adult children, was the main reason they left. Further correspondence on this subject including what, if anything, we should do about it, is welcome.

My major point of grievance this month concerns 'signs'. I, like most folk who live here, love the vistas of Roleystone: the natural bush, the rural surrounds and the lovely homes and gardens. What I cannot abide are the plethora of ugly signs.

Signs on properties for sale, if it is on the property for sale and not on another, seem reasonable to me. But it should only be one sign per property and it should come down after a reasonable time, once the sale is complete. There is a 'leader sign' for a property for sale off Brookton Highway that is over 2 kilometres from the property itself. To me this is just 'sign pollution'. Owners are welcome to advertise whatever they will, on their own properties, but I prefer not to see signs on public open space and Council land.

I find the signs that spring up on road verges can be distracting to drivers and certainly detract from the beauty of the area. I also understand from talking to the traders at venues 'off Brookton Highway', that sometimes the delay in acquiring effective, Council approved signage, means that a shop owner, must make temporary alternatives.

Sadly for some of them, they have also been repeatedly fined for their signs. However, anything that makes this particularly dangerous stretch of road easier to traverse and less distracting to motorists, is to be welcomed.

But I wonder: 'are they being unfairly targeted'; 'is this level of fining happening over the rest of Roleystone'? 'If so, why are there so many non-approved signs around on other verges'?

While I understand that signage to advertise events is important, I find it distracting and I get quite cross when

the sign is still up long after the event is over. 'Garage Sale' signs on cardboard boxes nailed to lamp-posts, one week later when wet and dog eared, are not attractive. (There are still signs up around town advertising 'signing up for football' with dates in February).

I commend the agencies that provide advertising space to locals eg at the shopping centre and in many publications, websites around town. Surely this is a better place to advertise? It does require organisation (and perhaps some cost) but it does keep our environment less polluted. So what do you think?

Finally I have this gem from the archives, for the readers:

*The West Australian 7 Dec 1909*

*A meeting of the Canning Mills Railway League was held at Rokewood Orchard, the owner Mr Frank Laverack presiding. The Chairman said he hoped the government, who had decided to take over the line from Pickering Brook to Canning Mills would survey a townsite at the terminus, which would prove a great help to business people who wish to start businesses in the district. Mr Tom Price of Illawarra Orchard suggested that the new townsite be called Mooretown in honour of the Premier and that the line would be taken over in time to get the stone fruit to market. The secretary reported that already there were some 20 - 30 persons looking for land in the district, although it was only one week since the Premier announced the intention of the government to take over the line. The settlers of the district had to thank Mr Jacoby not only for the way he battled to get the line but also for the great interest he showed in the fruit industry generally. A vote of thanks to the Chairman bought the meeting to a close.*

NB The township was named Karragullen not Mooretown! I was 'so nearly' famous!

*Provided by Gordon Freeman from the Pickering Brook Heritage Society.*

PS If you have not yet availed yourself of the website Gordon maintains, do so soon. It is a wealth of facinating information. Look it up on <http://pickeringbrookheritagegroup.com> or ring Gordon on 9382 033.

LINDA MOORE

**DREARY OLD ROLEY TOWN!**

*Is Roleystone Boring? In response to the editorial written by Linda last month this is what I have to say:*

My first point of agreement: the younger generation definitely do not have any resourcefulness nor the will to obtain any. When it comes to thinking of something to do it all seems a lot easier to just log onto Facebook or Twitter and talk about our life to a plethora of non-caring internet friends. I must admit I too am guilty of this on occasions, however when it is a day going to waste I never suffer from the inability to think of something to do to fill the time.

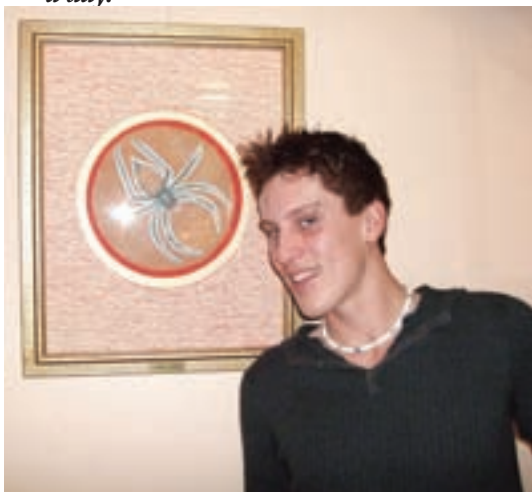
Now I do like the suggestion of making places more youth friendly, and I think this is something that should maybe be looked at everywhere. I do find that sometimes 'the oldies' do look down on the younger ones in a judgmental manner and it is intimidating and a bit of a set back when wanting to approach something new. I guess you could say it is a revolving door, though do we get looked down upon because of our accused anti-social ways, or are we anti social because we are not given the chance. You could argue both ways!

I do believe however that Roleystone does cater for young-ens facility wise, just as much as any other town or suburb, if you are willing to make an effort. Sure, maybe we could do with some upgrades on certain things, but when it comes down to it, Roleystone offers as much as the best of them.

It was finally decided that I definitely do not have 'all the answers' only an opinion. So I decided to ask a couple of friends their thoughts on the topic at hand.

Firstly I spoke with Naomi Hill, 21 long-time Roley Resident. When asked the hard-hitting question she admitted to having 'no problems with Roleystone at all'. Not one complaint about being alienated, nor bored out of her brains. The one suggestion she did

*Pictured below: Guy Thomas pictured at Genesis agrees that Roleystone does not have enough for people of his age: 'I find myself on Chevin Rd driving down the hill many times a day.'*



come up with was: 'perhaps a town pub should be on the list of things to do, somewhere trendy to hang out without travelling into the city'.

Her younger brother Christopher 15 on the other hand suggested: 'a bigger skate park be built to cater for the abundance of children who want to be proactive after schools hours'.

So no Linda, myself and some other Roleystone residents don't think this is an "old" area, gosh I guess you could say it about anywhere. When it comes down to it, it is definitely all about being resourceful. Maybe the suggestions above are some to be brought up at the next council meeting! And in closing perhaps people's attitudes and views need to change!

I think I could write a novel about this subject and maybe I have gone off track way too much. Still I hope everyone is still reading as I say that, personally I cannot see what about Roleystone would make anyone feel alienated and lonely. I have grown to love the place. I love going to the local gym and not have to fight for a walking machine and taking my dog down to the flooded oval for a run after work. But most of all I love being able to roll the few hundred metres down to the shops and run in and grab something in my PJ's. Honestly how could anyone complain about a place like that!

*Ashleigh Grinich*

*Above right: Ashleigh (right) and Naomi Hill can always find something to do in Old Roley Town.*



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Many with an artistic flair have found both enjoyment and friendship at the Art Classes run at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. Under the careful eye of talented artist Wendy Van Der Laan, a range of locals have found that their artistic talents have flourished.

The classes are held on Monday afternoons and two sessions are held on Thursdays (a morning and an afternoon session.) There are positions available and you are encouraged to come along and give it a try in this wonderful supportive environment.

*Pictured above: Angela Saunderson with her art work. At left: Sandy Anderson has been working on her Roleystone landscapes, stylising her images of the bush near the Canning river.*

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**ALANNAH MACTIERNAN WANTS YOUR IDEAS FOR ROLEYSTONE'S FUTURE**

*Alannah MacTiernan wants to hear what Roleystone residents think can be done to build on improvements in the facilities around the Jarrah Road shops and Cross Park. Alannah, who is now Labor's candidate for the Federal seat of Canning wants to build on earlier work.*

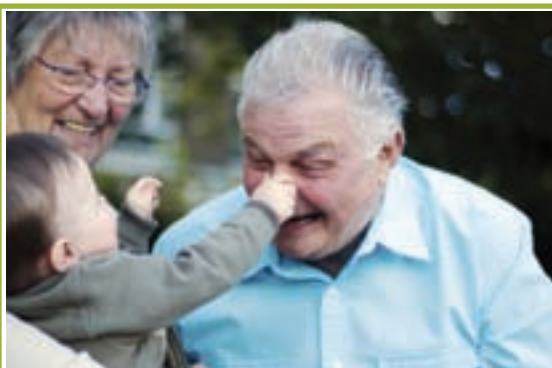
In 2007 when she was the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the state government and the City of Armadale committed over \$1M to revitalising the centre of Roleystone. Improvements which were completed in 2008 included: improved traffic management and additional street parking and lighting on Wygonda and Jarrah Roads; improved connections and footpaths between community facilities, including seating and landscaping; upgrading the Roleystone Community hall; construction of new toilet facilities south of Cross Park; improved sporting and safety lighting in the Cross Park precinct; refurbishment of netball and tennis courts; and upgrades to the existing playground and skate park.

In addition the owners of the Jarrah Road Shopping

Centre invested heavily in improving the amenities for shoppers.

"A great start was made to revitalising the community facilities around the Jarrah Road shops and Cross Park in 2008 but more can be done to enhance the village centre feel. I want to hear how locals think. I can make Roleystone an even better place to live".

Ms MacTiernan represented Roleystone as an upper house member for four years in the early 1990's and has represented the neighbouring electorate of Armadale since 1996. "I have always maintained strong links with Roleystone and am keen to advance Roleystone's interests in the Federal Parliament".



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## FRANK CELEBRATES BEING 80 YEARS YOUNG



*Frank Brockway has just celebrated his 80th birthday. He had a party at home, on the property where he has lived for all of those 80 years.*

Frank was the second child of Arch and Betty Brockway who were already working the orchard and grazing property at Frank's birth. He worked on the property after finishing school. He married Gwen in 1953, had two children and developed a serious illness. He changed jobs because of the illness. He has since worked in fuel delivery and after industrial disputes moved into water delivery. He continues to manage Tanks for Hire with a staff of three. The party was attended by about 60 friends and family many of whom have known Frank from his childhood, through the death of his first wife and remarriage. His new marriage saw him go from 2 kids to 6 kids and he now has many grandchildren and great grandchildren. The youngest great grandchild, Jaxon Brockway, was born on the 10 April this year. Everyone had a great time looking at the photos and remembering the good and sad times.

*Happy Birthday Dad.*

*Robyn Rennie*



*Bryce Archibald and Louise Nicoll welcome their new daughter, a sister for Kiara. Eila-Jo was named in memory of Louise's brother Joseph Nicoll.*

*Eila-Jo was born on Wednesday 16th June at 10:04pm, weighing 3950 or 8 pounds 11.5 oz. Mother and baby are healthy and well. New granddaughter for Jocelyn Jones and Ian Spencer and Kim and Denise Archibald. Bryce and Louise thank everyone for their kind wishes and gifts.*

**Welcome Eila-Jo Archibald**

## Annette features in GET smART Exhibition

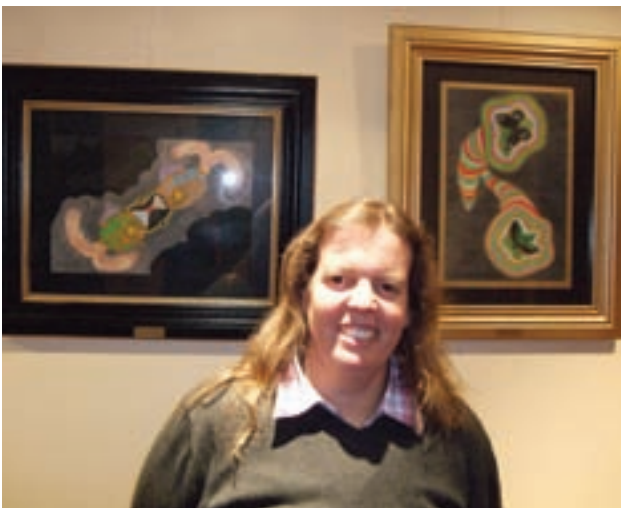
*Local Roleystone artist Annette Nykiel has been invited to participate in the GET smART auction and art exhibition running at the John Curtin Gallery at Curtin University.*

Annette is involved in indigenous art working with the Marlu Kuru Kuru group in Laverton working as Laverton Outback. Laverton Outback was established

to display, promote and sell authentic Aboriginal art on behalf of the people of the Laverton and Western Desert areas. Annette Nykiel is the manager of the gallery.

The GET smART auction and art exhibition features some of Western Australia's premier artists who have a strong association with the John Curtin Gallery. The aim of this event is that art lovers and collectors will have the opportunity to get some art, acquiring quality contemporary art works by established and emerging artists. The auction will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August while the exhibition is able to viewed at present and runs until August 13.

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# Ol'Roley Girls Meet Up



Recently three 'ol Roley Girls' met up at an education conference.

Louise Morrison nee Winstanley, was born and bred in the town and a descendent of the Winstanleys and Fretwells, June Slender who is still a resident of Roleystone and is the daughter of Edna Bettenay, born in Roleystone into a family that arrived in the district in the 1890s' and Antoinette Morris whose mother was a Saffioti one of the first Italian families in the district. Antoinette lived in Roleystone for 26 years and spent many of these teaching in the District (both at RDHS & Kelmscott SHS).

*The girls are pictured above right: l-r Antoinette Morris, June Slender and Louise Morrison.*

**THE HATFIELD FAMILY SAY THANKYOU**  
Colin Hatfield's family would like to pass on their thanks to all who sent messages of sympathy and attended the celebration of Colin's life at Seasons in Kelmscott on June 11th.

The support of family, friends and neighbours over the last few months visiting and chatting with Col of the old times and his life spent in Roleystone. Thanks also to Silver Chain who made it possible to fulfil Col's wish to remain at home.

Lyn, Rod, Vic, Sandy, Mick, Leah, Elona, Phillip, Malcolm and families.

*When I grew weary you were there for me. Wave goodbye to me as I make my turn homeward bound to my final destination.*

## NETWORK VIDEO ANNIVERSARY

*On the 1st of July, Tim Johnston and Tanya La Monte will celebrate one year as owners of the Network Video store in Roleystone.*

Locals have embraced the friendly pair; their cheery demeanour and welcoming chat to everyone who enters the shop, has made getting a video a pleasure.

Plus Tim and Tanya are very happy that they made the move to live and work in Roleystone. The trees, the rural lifestyle and the wonderful sense of community continue to impress them. Tanya is not so keen on the cold tho: 'I don't do cold' she announced.

The couple certainly 'know their stuff'. Before taking over the store Tim commented: 'We are both movie buffs and we love to share our knowledge of films with others. I believe in knowing my product and in being able to give advice on viewing choices to suit different clients. It is all about being passionate.' All their regulars will agree that this comment has been shown to be true.

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN

Madelaine Sallie went to the post box on Friday and discovered that she had a letter from Buckingham Palace! The letter was from one of Queen Elizabeth's Ladies in Waiting and was written to Madelaine in response to a letter she had written to the Queen way back in February. Madelaine joined the Roleystone Girl Guides at the start of this year. 2010 is the Centenary Year for the Girl Guide Movement and guides across the world are celebrating this anniversary. One event that the Roleystone Guide group organised was for Shelia Parker from the Kelmscott Guides to

come to talk to the group about her experiences as a guide, spanning 60 years. The highlight of her talk for Madelaine, was when she showed them a photo of her in her uniform, opening the car door for the young queen Elizabeth II who was visiting Australia in 1952.

When Madelaine came home she was so impressed she wrote to the Queen about this event and how it was the anniversary of the Girl Guide Movement and how she was involved in guiding in Roleystone. So she was overjoyed to receive a letter back from Buckingham Palace. Well done Madelaine for taking the time to write and putting Girl Guides and Roleystone 'on the map'.

*At left: Madelaine is pictured with her friend Amy Myers.*

If you want to be involved in Girl Guides, the local group is currently full but if they could attract more adult volunteers they would be happy to form a new junior group. If you can help please ring Angie on 04391 45151.

**The Roleystone Girl Guides will be holding a kid's disco at the Roleystone Community Centre on Saturday August 14th from 6-8:30pm. All Welcome.**

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Our local Karragullen riders, the Ballantyne boys: Jessie, Kale and Ethan regularly compete against local, interstate and overseas riders within the senior solo ranks. These young men race motorcycles

which are a capacity 500cc and have no brakes. In the junior division, Roleystone locals Doug and Gaynor Scoble, alongside Pickering Brook locals Joey Furfaro and the Ziedas brothers, Jarrad and Kobee race in the juniors (restricted to 125cc).

Solo Speedway racing demands speed, skills and thrills, all within a safe environment. The Club continues to develop one of the most exciting tracks in Australia as well as providing its members with a regular competitive environment. Competitors from around Australia are welcomed, providing the local competitors and spectators with plenty of action.

**Deb Scoble**

*Pictured above with their trophies: Doug, Gaynor, Kobee, Jarrad and Joey.*

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## Walking the Bibbulmen Track for Leprosy

*Mount Nasura resident, Peter Warren says his 22 kilometre walk on the Bibbulmen Track to raise funds for The Leprosy Mission was 'chicken feed' compared to the 1,000kms walked by 74 year old Alan Alexander from Queensland.*

Peter, who is The Leprosy Mission's Western Australian Director joined Alan and two other volunteers on the second last leg of Alan's 46 day journey. Alan, who aims to raise \$100,000.00 for Leprosy Mission projects in Nepal, has had two hip replacements and was nursing a sore knee when Peter caught up with him – and yet the 74 year old set the pace, carrying a 15kg back-pack. Peter & volunteer Heather Newton of Maylands have so far raised \$2,400.00 in sponsorship, which will be used to assist students from leprosy-affected backgrounds at a vocational training centre in India. Anyone wishing to contribute could contact The Leprosy Mission on 9390 6000 or by email to [leprosymissionwa@bigpond.com](mailto:leprosymissionwa@bigpond.com). They could also drop in to the Overseas Aid Shop, 2793 Albany Highway, Kelmescott.

*Peter (Above right) is pictured on 'The Track' with Alan.*



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## ROLEYSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE AWARDS NIGHT

On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> June, the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade members and friends gathered at the Araluen Golf Resort for their annual dinner and presentation evening.

It was a very successful night with awards issued to many of the members for their selfless service.

Major awards were presented to:

Jason Van Uden received the National Medal for 20 years of service. Long-term servant of the club Don Winstanley received a 50 year medal from the City Of Armadale and Jason Van Uden and Bob Littman's service was recognised as they were awarded Life Membership.

Other award winners included: Scott Baker, Brian Williams, Rodney Tuten, Chris Cairns, David Brown, Chris Cairns, Nathan Hall, Glen Bush, Chris McMillan and Noel Plowman.

**Rob Van Uden**

Jason is pictured above receiving his medal from Councillor Pat Hart and Caroline Wielinga. At left: Don Winstanley is pictured awarding Life Membership to Bob Littman.



## Brave Saskia wins award after Dog Attack

The City of Armadale presented a WA Junior Rangers Bravery Award to Saskia Jolly, a 14-year-old girl who was attacked by a dog while visiting her friend's home in Roleystone last December.

Saskia suffered severe facial lacerations from the dog attack that required more than 50 stitches.

WA Rangers Association (WARA) President, Eric Ayers and Armadale CEO, Ray Tame, presented Saskia with a special medallion and framed certificate on Wednesday 23 June. (Saskia, Eric Ayers and the Jolly family are pictured below left.) Mr Tame praised Saskia for her courage during and after the dog attack, which has left her with some scarring that may require further plastic surgery.

"Saskia has shown remarkable spirit and pluck following this traumatic event and she is a deserving recipient of a WA Junior Rangers Bravery Award," Mr Tame said. "Her mum Lizzie reports that Saskia is a great animal lover and even though she is understandably wary of dogs now, she manages to handle her feelings well. We wish Saskia and her family all the best for the future."

The WA Junior Rangers Bravery Awards program is conducted by WARA to assist with the psychological recovery of children who have been attacked by dogs.

Saskia was bitten by one of two dogs owned by her friend's family while she was visiting for a sleepover at the Roleystone house in December 2009.

According to her mother Lizzie Jolly, Saskia was very brave throughout the ordeal.

The dog owner was fined \$1000 in Armadale Magistrates Court in March and City of Armadale Ranger Services declared the dog to be a "dangerous dog" in accordance with the Dog Act 1976.

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## Taking The Beech Family Holidays to New Heights

### Shannon Beech shares her family trip: Backpacking in Nepal.

A question regularly occupying my thoughts, 'Where would we venture on our family holiday this year?' Now a local Yoga teacher and formerly a corporate Travel Agent, being passionate about travel, culture and adventure abroad, I really wanted to continue creating the kind of holiday experiences we enjoyed prior to having children.

Michael and I wanted an extended break from our busy schedule and we wanted our 4 yr old son Baylin to join us. We had 5 weeks to enjoy

abroad and with much research and many choices we booked our backpacking adventure to Nepal. I was able to find more reasonable flight prices on the net than any agent I enquired through. Perth to Singapore with Tiger return and Singapore to Kathmandu with Silk Air; a reliable airline. We broke the trip in Singapore for a few days as back-to-back flights with a 4 yr old was not going to be enjoyable. Flights were approx \$1100 pp inclusive of tax. Singapore accommodation was pre-booked a few days earlier on [www.lastminute.com](http://www.lastminute.com)

We indulged in the ½ price rates and took a 5 star hotel for a bit of luxury as we knew we would not see that in Nepal.

On many occasions we found ourselves being ushered through customs in KTM and offered very special treatment because we had a child. Cheaper accommodation, food discounts, bumped to the front of the line. It was nice to take advantage of that.

We travelled light and easy with one pack (80L) holding all of our clothing and toiletries; it was very full! We also sported a Dueter child's hiking pack purchased on EBay for \$100; very beneficial to get a child off the ground and out of danger.

We didn't pre-book any accommodation or tours in Nepal; there is absolutely no reason too. Best to travel with a Lonely Planet book, which is a thorough and diverse guide to all the 'ins and outs' of everything you need to know including accommodation, rates, tours, travel distances, how to get from A to B, and the best restaurants.

We took accommodation in KTM that was in USD \$20 p/n, we wanted to get an idea of the quality and cleanliness. You are always welcome to see the rooms and barter a price before you commit. KTM for 4 days was enough! It was very hectic, bustling, noisy, dusty and dirty. But it was good for shopping and had amazing foods to sample with many different restaurants.

Chitwan National Park was our next stop. We took a private vehicle and paid for a package at a resort where everything was included. We felt safe with this and we were still getting our bearings on the culture of Nepal. Chitwan was a wonderful and educational experience for all. *Continued on page 26.*





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### THE 'HUGH HEFFNER OF ROLEYSTONE' CELEBRATES BEING NEARLY 50 AT THE GRAPE.

*Nick Proudfoot gathered with a group of great friends to celebrate his birthday on the 19th June at the Grape Gallery Restaurant. They had a very special night. Happy Birthday Nick! Nick is pictured with L-r Adriana Spagnolo, Nick and Bev Proudfoot and Kay McPhail.*

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### Wednesday Nights at the Country Club

Above left: Marcel and Jo enjoy their Chilli Mussels. Above right: Harold, Steve, Anne and Tracy after their sumptuous meal. Locals are invited to give their Country Club a try!



### Pre Primary Assembly

At right: How Cute Are We? Mathew, Grace, Patrick and Callum perform for an adoring crowd (see RPS News.)

### Combatants Limber Up

At left: Isabelle Bizjack and Hannab Maqueen practice some Martial Arts moves.



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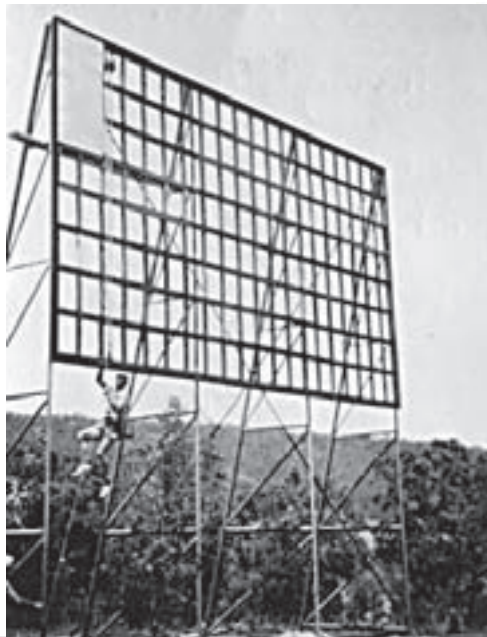
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Left: Leena Gaunt dressed for Junior Dale fest. Above: Hadassa Feeding the Cows At KSHS farm. (See RPS News)

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# Roleystone Primary School News

*It is quite disturbing to report that we have not cancelled a single session of morning fitness, due to wet weather, since the beginning of winter. It is disturbing from the point of view of our water supply, but great from the angles of students' physical fitness and mental preparedness for the day's lessons.*

Below are some comments from students about the morning ritual:

- Bree (Rm 16) It's fun.
- Georgia (Rm 16) It makes your body more strong.
- Spencer (Rm 16) It's fun.
- Eleni (Rm 16) Gets you warm.
- Thomas (Rm 6) It warms my body up.
- Jade (Rm 6) It's fun!
- Cheyanne (Rm 6) It helps me learn.
- Erin (Rm 14) I like it because I like doing sport.
- Lyam (Rm 15) It stops me getting sore during the day.

The Year Threes, (and lucky Twos and Fours in split classes) visited Kelmscott Senior High School Farm to have a closer look at the source of some foods they eat regularly. Both groups were fortunate to have perfect weather for their excursions, and they made the most of the opportunity to be out in the sunshine and fresh air to observe animals in the farm setting.

The milking shed was very impressive and the children responded well to Farmer Norm's instruction to be quiet so as not to scare the cows – otherwise no milk to feed the calves! Holding young chicks and rabbits was very popular with all participants, as was the playground area at morning tea time.

One of our Year Ten student hosts was a former R.P.S. student and quite a few of our children decided that KSHS was the place for them farther on down the track.

Room 15 and Mr Evans ran an informative and entertaining assembly, full of facts about China, Japan, Thailand and Borneo. No doubt Mr Evans gave a huge sigh of relief when it was all over, being his first ever assembly item. The students

did a great job and their costumes looked authentic, in keeping with the theme.

The big event this month was the Fun-Run. The emphasis was on FUN, and although there was not much running in the traditional sense, there was plenty of activity to keep the kids moving to earn their sponsored money.

The event, organised by Phil Springett, was run on a tabloid format with activities ranging from musical bobs to parachute games to tug-o-war. Teachers accompanied their own classes around the course and many commented on what a pleasant time they had. The prefects were also fantastic in helping with putting all the equipment away at the end of the day. Thanks again to our supportive parents, relatives and members of the wider community for your generous sponsorship. The total raised was impressive!

Mrs West sallied forth on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July to the Junior Dale Fest with the Year Three choir (about 75 students), ably supported in the crowd control department, by Mrs Hermanniusson. The choir has been practising since the beginning of the year and this was their first off-site performance; so there was much excitement and anticipation as well as a few butterflies – not just in Mrs West's tummy! Both staff members said the children looked great in their animal costumes.

The Pre-Primary Assembly item on 18th July was a huge success and the children performed very well. (That's if you think Mrs Heavey is not biased in any way. I was absent and I trust her opinion!) They entertained the crowd; firstly by just being there and being cute, and secondly by singing three songs that they have learned during their Aboriginal/Austaliana studies.

*Pat Watson*



*Above: Connor Lochmuller in costume. Below: Having fun in the parachute Left: Alec Thompson in the role.*



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### COMING EVENTS

We are holding a Xmas in July day at the Club on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July. We are having a tennis event commencing at



2pm (\$5.00) and a Xmas in July Dinner (approx. \$15.00) starting about 6pm. Enquiries to Wendy on: 9397 6620 or Virginia on: 9390 7668.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Our Club AGM is on 8<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 2pm.

### SOCIAL TENNIS AT THE CLUB

Wednesday morning social tennis from 10am (Members \$2.50 & Non-members \$5.00) and newcomers would be very welcome. Please note the new start time just for the colder winter months.

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### Taking The Beech Family Holidays to New Heights

*continued....* We paid for a private vehicle package at the resort, where everything was included. We felt safe with this and we were still getting our bearings on the culture of Nepal. Chitwan was a wonderful and educational experience for all. We participated in: bird watching in the jungle, elephant trekking, push bike riding through the fields, dugout boat rides at sunrise through crock infested waters, rhino spotting by elephant back. Our son had his 4th birthday here and I was able to find a bakery that made a sort of chocolate mud cake! It was not the same as our Cadburys!

We took a local tourist bus to the next town Pokhora Lake and this turned out to be a big mistake with a child. What was meant to be 5 hrs turned into 7 and yep they packed more people (plus chickens and pigs) aboard than there were seats.

Arriving in Pokhora was a relief as this was our local stop for the next 3 weeks. This was a beautiful lakeside township where we could get familiar with locals and indulge in some Yoga practice. We resided at Peace Eye Guest house: <http://www.peaceeye.co.uk/about.html>,

small, private, clean, well run . Our family had a fantastic time here. Such accommodating and helpful owners. Baylin would leave the room and venture down to the small and very funky restaurant to order his own porridge and charge it to the room! He loved the chocolate croissants that were made fresh daily. We kept a tally of our expenses daily whilst at Peace Eye, in over 8 days we spent \$85 AUD on our room and breakfast for the 3 of us. Normally our budget was between \$30-\$50 per day and that fed us all well with local transport and some minor activities.





their Community Service Program. The students were divided into four groups and under the supervision of the Araluen staff and teachers, completed four different tasks: planting annuals, a 4k bush walk, removing blackberry and raking and clearing paths. The weather was perfect and the students were fun to work with and all enjoyed the experience.

#### ROSE PRUNING

On Sunday 11 July visitors to Araluen will be treated to Rose Pruning Demonstrations and can also obtain free expert advice on growing, pruning and caring for Roses. Members of the Rose Society of WA will be making their annual pilgrimage to Araluen to conduct their excellent, informal rose pruning demonstrations and will be on hand between the hours of 11am to 3pm to provide friendly helpful advice. If you have been using a chain saw to prune your roses then it is time you sort help from members of the Rose Society.

# ARALUEN NOTES

Liz Dunn



#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who came and helped plant over 50,000 tulips! Your help was invaluable and very much appreciated.

We had over 60 volunteers on one of the days, all 'keen to plant', which almost saw Grant introduce bulb rationing. An early morning tea and loads of Blanche's homemade scones, saw the need for rationing averted.

We welcomed the year ten students from Corpus Christie taking part in

## BUSHWALKING

*Our local adult bushwalking group will meet at 8 am for walks of approximately ten kilometres, on the following Sunday mornings:*

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- Sunday 1st August 'Pickering Waterfall' Pickering Brook.

*If you would like to walk with us please phone 9397 5225 to make enquiries.*

## THYROID AWARENESS AND HEALTH

A presentation at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre on the 7 August from ThyroidWA will give participants valuable insights into thyroid health and will cover all aspects of thyroid disease and available treatments. ThyroidWA is a support group for people with Thyroid conditions.

The thyroid is a gland located in the neck above the collarbone. It controls key functions of the body. Disease of the thyroid gland can affect every organ of the body and harm our health.

One in seven Australians will be diagnosed with some form of thyroid disease and women are five times more likely than men to develop a thyroid condition. Thyroid disease, especially hypothyroidism (under active thyroid) becomes more common with age.

This course will be held on Saturday 7th August from, 12.00 to 2.30 pm at the Roleystone Family Centre with tea & coffee supplied. There will be no cost Please ring 94961115 to enrol.

## New home for old Photocopier

The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre has been given a grant by Lotterywest to upgrade some of our office equipment. This includes a new photocopier/printer. Therefore we are looking for expressions of interest by other not for profit, community organisations who are interested in giving the old photocopier and colour printer a new home. The copier is still working but needs some upgrades. The colour printer needs a new drum in the near future. These items are too good to put on the road verge collection so if your organisation is interested please call the Family Centre office between 9.00 and 3.00 weekdays.

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## GARDENING NOTES

JEAN: 9397 5547

*Half way through another year, the rainfall has been scarce but very welcome when we get it.*

I'm not sure if it was the sparse watering or the extra sun, but my camellias seem to have a lot more flowers than previous years. Some of the blooms are much bigger, real show-bench winners.

One of the problems that I do encounter with the single semi double varieties is the little birds that swing on the edge of the bloom utilising the flowers as a perch while they eat at the pollen. It is more apparent on the lighter coloured ones, thus indicating a need to grow the deeper coloured more sun hardy varieties. I would recommend that you endeavour to buy only plants well potted up to 175mm or 200mm; it is hard to establish the smaller ones before summer.

I notice Irises are now available, either potted up or as rhizomes, in the case of the tall bearded varieties. When grown in full sun, these stunning charmers are a real dry climate type plants, needing very sparse watering. Also there are many new drought tolerant grevilleas, correas and eremophilas. All of these plants are bird attracting.

If you have potted plants that you do not

want, a lot of churches schools and charities have sections where they sell plants. I felt so guilty cutting my rosemary hedge and not potting up some of the cuttings. It was simply a matter of not enough time to do it all. If anyone needs pieces, please feel free to give me a call.

I was given a hoyia the other day. Falsely I believed they are best left to become pot bound to produce flowers, but the people of the hoyia and epiphyte society tell me this is not so. Like any other plants they need maintaining to make sure they get enough nutrients in order to flower.

Helena and Cob Hedley, from Pioneer Gardens Nursery have invited the Camellia Society to put on a camellia display and show on the 7th and 8th August. I hope you will avail yourself of this opportunity. Otherwise try to get to Araluen to see all the wonderful winter flowering plants. We are so very lucky to have a world-class garden on our doorstep.

I hope you have found plenty of good reading matter for these longer evenings, I recommend 'Two Dogs and a Garden' by Dr Derilie Cherry. It is a beautiful book with excellent photography and one you can pick up and put down at will.

Good Gardening Jean 9397 5547

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The milestone further strengthens the importance of the Community Bank® network as an alternative source of funding for local community initiatives.

'Achieving \$40 million in returned profit to the community is a fabulous achievement and just goes to show that this innovative banking model is sustainable,' Mr Jenkins said.

Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Chair, Anne Johnston said she was proud to be part of a banking network that supports local communities.

Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank®



Branch is dedicated to the continued growth of the Roleystone-Karragullen communities," Ms Johnston said.

Amongst the grants supplied by the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Branch funding has gone towards supporting the following community initiatives:

- Roleystone District High School for their Champion Lakes Water Sports and the Film and Television program The Roley Oscars,
- Araluen Botanic Park Carols by Torchlight,
- Roleystone Living Smart - Sustainable Community program,
- Roleystone Little Athletics Association for their Sun Smart Gazebo.

'We hope that this success is an indication of things to come and we will continue to be an important part of the Roleystone-Karragullen community.'

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*Daryl from Peak Garage.*



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# ROLEYBUSHCARE: DIANE HORGAN



## Native PLANT SALE

Our Native Plant Stall at the Roleystone Shops was very successful. (See *Janice serving Jeff at left.*) The community supported us and the bush by spending lots of money. We have a tidy sum put aside for another project. Thanks to all who helped out that morning. Last Field Day, we planted over 750 seedlings in the Hall Road Bushland Reserve with the help of lots of willing volunteers. Ian showed us the areas we had previously planted with local species plants and

we were quite encouraged by their progress. The sections most successful were the ones adjacent to benevolent neighbours who generously watered and weeded their little patch closest to their own block of land.

We would like to welcome a few of our new "volis" Carly, Jeff, Carol, Tom, Jacob, Chris and Anne. Of course, again we were treated to a delicious morning tea supplied by Yvonne. Yummy sausages rolls (using Brian's lovely sausage meat of course).

"Mother Nature" cooperated nicely by pouring down with rain after we had planted. How good is that?

Some sad news. Ron Ashford, who was one of our regular volunteers, passed away recently after a long illness. Throughout his illness, Ron continued to help treat our bushland for dieback. Ron will be missed by us all.

## Field Day

Please join us. Families are welcome. The next scheduled field day is in Eskdale Reserve on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July. We will meet in Eskdale Road at 9:00am and finish at 12:00pm. We will be planting seedlings in the Reserve. Newcomers welcome. Morning tea provided.

Please check the website closer to the day for any changes. For extra information go to [www.roleybushcare.com.au](http://www.roleybushcare.com.au) or see the Roleybushcare notice board at the Roleystone shops.



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## OUR BUSH RESERVES ARE THE JEWELS IN OUR COMMUNITY

*Last Sunday, along with members of the City of Armadale Bushcare and Environment Community Committee and Roleybushcare Group members, I walked through many of the bush reserves we have within Roleystone.*

What valuable natural assets they are for our community and for biodiversity as a whole. Top marks to the Roleybushcare Group members and others in our community who assist them in their ongoing management and maintenance. This commitment is undertaken in partnership with the City of Armadale and the results really are amazing. Those residents who are privileged to back or front onto these reserves, there is an opportunity for you to be custodians to these reserves and

to keep an eye out to ensure there is no rubbish dumping including garden waste, that can often mean exotic plants that continue to grow and impact on the native plants. The Roleybushcare Group have a web site and their contacts are easy to find if you need advice or information involving our natural reserves. The majority of people in Roleystone and Karragullen live here because of all these outstanding natural assets and as a community it is important that we do what we can to ensure they are managed and enhanced for the future. Congratulations to all Roleybushcare members and others in our community for their commitment to what are the jewels of Roleystone.

*Cr Pat Hart*

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# Wild Gossip

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*Having spent the last two months writing about possums as unwanted guests in roofspaces I had hoped to change subject, but a visit from my neighbour with his possum problem was too good not to share.*

My neighbour asked for advice about a possum living in his garage roller door which was obviously experiencing 'a sort of washing machine effect' every time the door was opened or closed. After looking at the situation we concluded that it would be virtually impossible to possum proof the garage and went on to look at the roller door. The door was even less possible to possum proof. We looked at the door mechanism and found few possibilities for the possum to get trapped or become injured. Catching and relocating the possum to a box in the garden seemed futile as we could not secure the garage or door it would just return. Eventually we decided to leave the possum in his home and with my neighbour offering to open and close his garage door slowly. What a great neighbour!!

Obviously there are not always solutions

to wildlife issues but if we can compromise and work together a partial solution can usually be reached.

As a wildlife carer I get all sorts of calls about wildlife issues and problems but really can only deal with problems related to orphaned or injured wildlife and can only offer advice on other issues which may or not be accepted.

Frequent wildlife problems which I have limited abilities to address are:

- An injured duck swimming on a lake: if it's swimming I can't help until it is caught.
- A bird flying inside a shopping centre: only solution is to turn off lights and open a door for it to fly to the light or wait for it to tire enough to catch.
- A bird flying with wire around its leg: little can be done until it is caught.
- An injured kangaroo seen on the move – little can be done until it slows or stops.

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## Joanie Makes a Gift to Her Daughter

*At Joanie Linington's recent exhibition at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant, Joanie recognised her family's influence and support in her developing her craft. Here she is pictured with her daughter, local artist Eugene, with the beautiful picture of a splendid kingfisher Joanie had recently gifted to Eugene.*



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## Roleystone Toy Library: Join the Fun

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All kids are gifted; some just open their packages earlier than others. *Michael Carr*  
The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn. *John Lubbock.*  
*Linda Schaudin.*





## INTIMATE PARTNER ABUSE – OF MEN

Helen Morton MLC

Member for East Metropolitan Region



Historically, government policies have been based on the assumption that the vast majority of perpetrators of domestic violence are male and the vast majority of victims are female.

The policies and services of current governments are still based on this position and whilst there is good evidence for this, research is now being undertaken on the nature and extent of abuse of men.

Domestic violence (also known as Intimate Partner Abuse or IPA), knows no boundaries of gender, geography, socio-economic status, age, ability, sexual preference, culture, race or religion. Nor is IPA just physical – it can be expressed in other ways, such as emotionally or verbally, with similar devastating effect. The research found that there aren't many tailored services available for male victims of IPA. In addition, the work exposed some unique barriers to men seeking services, including shame and fear of not being believed, resulting in underreporting of the extent of this abuse.

Relationships in which partners use violence need to be supported to change, as it is these environments, which are

clearly the most harmful to children.

The study was a partnership between the Family and Domestic Violence Unit and the Men's Advisory Network and was funded by a Lotterywest grant.

**Lifeline** - Provides access to 24-hour telephone counselling on one national number. Call 131 114 for the cost of a local call, or go to their website at [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au). State resources can be found at [www.lifeline.org.au/find\\_help](http://www.lifeline.org.au/find_help)

**Mensline Australia** - Call 1300 789 978 for the cost of a local call, 24/7. Or go to their website at [www.menslineaus.org.au](http://www.menslineaus.org.au). They have put together a good tip sheet for male victims of domestic violence at [menslineaus.org.au/Are-you-experiencing-family-violence.html](http://menslineaus.org.au/Are-you-experiencing-family-violence.html)

**Dads in Distress** - A dedicated support group of men whose immediate concern is to stem the present trend of male suicide due to the trauma of divorce or separation. Call 1300 853 437 for the cost of a local call Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm or go to their website at [www.dadsindistress.asn.au](http://www.dadsindistress.asn.au)

For further information on this or other issues, please contact the office of Hon Helen Morton MLC: 9452 8311 or email [Helen.morton@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:Helen.morton@mp.wa.gov.au)

**KELMSCOTT SHOW** Our annual show will be on October 15th and 16th this year. Once again we are seeking your support with this historic event. Your help, however small, will be much appreciated. Do you, your children, friends, etc. have items to enter or just display? With the cold weather upon us now is the time to finish projects you are working on. Displaying crafts at the show is a way to share ideas and encourage others to try different things --- and it's a good way to be part of our community. Schedule booklets will be available in the coming weeks. For information please phone Lesley on 9390 6968 (a/h).

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In either case, after the meet and greet routine at the front door, the business begins of establishing what is going on with your pet. Even if the animal is well, it is a good time to review its general health, diet, and daily behaviour. If an animal is unwell, you may have a very good idea of what the problem is, especially if the symptoms have been experienced before. Sometimes a health problem begins at certain stages of life as ageing occurs, and

these may be new symptoms not seen by the owner previously.

A very important part of the consultation process is the physical examination of the animal, but this generally comes after my initial observation of the animal from a distance. This happens naturally whilst I am gathering information from the owner – this is where the “taking notice” part comes in. It is really helpful to me if you have some information about your pet's normal behaviour, respiration, appetite, mobility, skin condition so that we can identify what is different and start to determine on the animal's history and its clinical presentation, what action to take in terms of treatment, further investigation, prognosis etc.

By taking notice of your pet each day, you can establish patterns of normal behaviour and more easily notice, when something is different. If you would like me to come and visit your pet at your house, please call Dr Judith Congrene on 0433 2137 28.



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# ROLEYSTONE Theatre

## My Fair Lady

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The Grape Gallery owners, Roni and Paul Tyson are once again offering a great meal with a quality bottle of wine and an assurance to: 'get patrons fed and off to the theatre in time for the show'. With prior bookings and on presentation of their theatre tickets, patrons will be able to

have a fine dining experience and experience a top quality show. Patrons must arrive at the restaurant before 6.30pm. The Grape will also be staying open for coffee and desert or cake after the theatre closes. This offer will only be available over the duration of 'My Fair Lady' July: 23, 24, 28, 30, 31 and August 4, 6 and 7. If you want to take advantage of this please book your special 'My Fair Lady' Theatre Meal by ringing 9496 0088. Theatre tickets can be pre-booked by ringing Gerry Chapman on 9397 5730.

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Unfortunately at times a bird hits a window and injures itself, a kangaroo gets hit and leaves behind a joey or some other Australian wildlife is injured. Many of us want to help but are unsure what we can do!

At the July meeting of the Roleystone Organic Growers, Executive Coordinator Michelle

Hazelwood from the Darling Range Wildlife Shelter [DRWS] will speak to us about what we can do if we do if we are aware that a native animal is injured and the steps we can take to help.

DRWS provides assistance to Australian native wildlife in need, including joeys and juvenile kangaroos with numerous birds, possums, bandicoots and shingleback lizards also being nursed. Their objective is to work towards the release of these animals back into their natural environment. Volunteers work hard establishing

*Above left: Sandy Rutherford and at left: Laura Triner, with bobtails from the Wildlife Centre.*



## Treating Injured Native Animals



and confirming safe and suitable release sites for all our wildlife. Each year we record hundreds of admissions.

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If you would like to know what to do if a native animal is injured or to get involved in this local organization, then come along on July 7th at 7.30pm to the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.

*Lisa Porter*

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## From the Tigers' Den

*with Jamie Bendall*

*The Tiger's clubrooms at Cross Park so far this season have been a hive of activity.*

We have seen the club receive a kitchen renovation thanks to the Rural Building Company, and now the club has received the go ahead for a patio. Cross Park club rooms will not be the same. So far the framework is up and we look set to have the patio up for our Sponsor's Day on the 3rd July 2010.

Thanks must go to all who have helped with this project. Without your help and funding it would not have been possible.

In keeping with the tradition of the Roleystone Senior Football Club to run fancy dress events, this year's fancy dress was held on the 22nd May at the Club rooms. This year it was themed 'Animation' and there were great costumes across the board.

Just to list a few we had: Buzz Light Year, Scooby Doo, Bob the Builder, Sponge Bob Square Pants, Cinderella, The Joker, Popsicle, Bananas in Pyjamas, The Teletubbies, Ski Barbie. Apologies to any that I have missed.

It was a great night and a lot of effort was put in by all across the board.

*Jamie Bendall*

*Photos: Jocelyn Jones.*



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## Gumnut Playgroup

*The Winter Solstice and Term 2 is over - Summer is on its way!! Many of our families will be looking forward to the July holidays and spending time with older siblings home from school.*

Time seems to speed by and before we know it we will be into Term 3. There is a lot going on. We are trialling a mid-year Cadbury's chocolate fundraiser early in the new term to take some of the pressure off having to do a big fundraiser to cover Family Fun Day expenses very

## I KNOW YOU KNOW: MOVIE REVIEW

*It is a time when the father-young son two-hander motion picture story genre has become popular in low to medium budget productions. One popular example at present is 'The Road'.*

Another film seems to have been under marketed and Tim from network Video is somewhat confounded why it had not made mainstream cinema here, for it is assuredly worthy.

If you want to see an absolute gem of best British (well Welsh) social reality drama, with a hint of mystery thrown in, rent 'I Know You Know' at your local video store.

The lead, Robert Carlisle is in absolutely best form; a masterpiece treat performance to watch.

His newcomer child co-star also 'gets it' and turns in a very plausible performance

early in each new year. If you have a workplace which thrives on sweet stuff, please feel free to take a box and help us raise some funds! Thank you to Sacha O'Brien for volunteering to organise this. On Sunday 1 August we have our annual toy stock take and clean.

A yummy morning tea is provided and all volunteers are welcome! It only takes 2-3 hours with many hands helping out, and is quite a social event with lots of chatting going on around the room! Scones, cream and jam anyone?

*Emily Alford.*

for a first timer.

My guess is that this is due to careful direction and the story being autobiographical from the writer/director Justin Kerrigan. He apparently lived the particular blues of the child depicted, son of and co-dependent to, a man and his inextricable passage down the slippery slope of bipolar disorder. As a living witness Kerrigan was well fitted for very effectively sculpting the absolutely finest subtle details in his actors' portrayals.

Carlisle's capital piece is his final scene portrayal of a man almost consumed by his mental disorder, striving to break through into reality to answer truthfully, his son's last question before he is taken away.

This motion picture is very highly recommended. All who made this one can carry their heads high. *Bob Hart*

## HORRIBLE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR JULY SCHOOL BREAK

*The school holidays promise to be truly "horrible" for local children!*

Avoid boredom and visit the City's libraries and History House Museum for some FREE Horrible Holiday Activities inspired by the popular Horrible Histories books by Terry Deary and the Horrible Science books by Nick Arnold.

Begin your Horrible Holidays at Kelmscott Library on Tuesday 6 July, from 10am to 11.30am, with Horrible Face Painting.

Children can come and invent some gruesome public holidays as they decorate an Aztec Scroll Calendar and learn about some of the Aztec Horrible Histories at the Armadale Library on Thursday 8 July from 10.30am to 11.30am.

Visit History House Museum on Wednesday

14 July from 10am to 11.30am to Escape From Fremantle Prison.

Find out about our convict past, look inside a prison cell and plan your escape from Fremantle Prison. Also learn about our most famous escapee... Moondyne Joe! This activity is suitable for 7 to 12-year-olds only.

After this activity explore the museum and see some of the many interesting artefacts.

Complete your Horrible Holiday fun at Seville Grove Library on Thursday 15 July from 2pm to 3pm with Monsters.

Kids can roar, growl and gnash their teeth creating horrible monster heads and hands to take home. The inspiration for this session is the Horrible Science book on body parts.

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### 1. Building statistics

During April 2010, a total of 169 building licences valued at \$21,899,745 were issued, compared to 268 valued at \$26,842,716 during the previous month. The total from July 2009 to the end of April 2010 was 2226 licences valued at \$290,743,724. The total for 2008/2009 was 2243 licences valued at \$286,674,726.

### 2. Volunteer Strategy 2010 – 2013

Council was provided a report proposing a broad based Volunteer Strategy which provides direction for the City's Volunteer Service over the next three years. Council endorsed the City of Armadale Volunteer Strategy 2010 – 2013.

### 3. Armadale Aquatic Centre Redevelopment

Council has been presented with the concept plan for the Armadale Aquatic Centre Redevelopment. The key features of the concept plan are that the existing 50m pool remains an outdoor pool; the existing 6 lane 25m pool is removed and replaced with a new 8 lane 25m pool and beach entry leisure pool, which is under roof; the existing children's pool is removed and replaced with an outdoor 'zero-depth' outdoor adventure area; the existing change rooms, entry, control room, offices and meeting room are replaced; inclusion of an integrated gymnasium. Council endorsed the Armadale Aquatic Centre Conceptual Plan.

### 4. Buckingham Road Rezoning and Structure Plan

Council were advised that the assessment of submissions and objections indicated a



**Cr Pat Hart**  
9496 1634



**Cr Caroline Wielinga**  
0488 900 307

Compiled by Peter Hopper

number of significant issues including that the proposed development would risk adverse consequences for the landscape and risk adverse impacts on the local environment. Council resolved that it did not wish to proceed with Amendment No.22 to TPS No.4, proposing to rezone land in Buckingham Road Kelmescott from Rural Living 2 to Rural Living 1 zone on a number of grounds including (a) The proposal has an unacceptable risk of adverse impact on the "Prime Landscape Quality" Special Control Area identified by TPS No.4; (b) The proposal involves development which would increase site erosion and due to the limited microbial

purification ability to breakdown effluents and absorb the volumes and rates of effluent generated, the unsewered development on the site's Helena Landforms and soils would pose an unacceptable risk of microbial contamination of surface water and adverse impact upon the water quality of the receiving water bodies.

### 5. Design of Medium Density Development

Council was advised their had been expressions of concern regarding the design of some medium density developments. Council proposed to amend Policy PLN 3.1 Residential Density Development and will seek public submissions on the proposed amendment.

## Clinical Psychologist

*Lisa Irving & Colleagues*

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY (22/5/10) CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

St Christopher's recently celebrated an important birthday, the birth of the Christian church at Pentecost. All of the red colours, flames and balloons represent the Holy Spirit flying around our church building!

Girls Brigade had plenty of fun decorating the Church and of course no party is complete without party/lolly bags, which all the children big & small enjoyed.

All are welcome at our many church events: Sunday Service weekly at 9am, Girls Brigade Tuesday 5pm,

Men's Think Tank Thursday evenings are held once a month, contact Bruce on 9397 5153.

If we can help in any way please contact Rev Dr Lesley Borowitzka 9293 8273.

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St. Christopher's is holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday the 27th November at the Roleystone Hall from 10.00a.m. until 5.00p.m. There will be a decorated Christmas tree competition, home made food, entertainment, children's activities, Father Christmas and gifts galore.

Anyone interested in having a stall at this huge event, please phone Chris on 93976403.

### Holiday Club

5th - 9th July

@the church 1 - 4 pm  
\$3/pp/ \$5 per family  
primary age children

crafts, afternoon tea  
message/storytime

With Rob Adams

## JUNE WEATHER STATISTICS

Weather Statistics provided by David Elliott

Your Official Roleystone Weather Site.

### Average Min Max Temperatures

MONTHLY AVERAGE: 18.1  
LOWEST MIN -1.6 (25TH)  
HIGHEST MIN 10.9 (15TH)  
LOWEST MAX 14.8 (25TH)  
HIGHEST MAX 22.8 (13TH)

JUNE AVERAGE: 208 MM ON 17 DAYS

JUNE 2010: 67.6 MM ON 11 DAYS

RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR: 256.4 MM ON 31 DAYS (UNTIL 27 JUNE)

EXPECTED AVERAGE: 444.2 MM ON 47 DAYS BY THE END OF JUNE

AVERAGE RAINFALL: 237.7 MM ON 30 DAYS (1 JAN - 31 MAY)

### June Rainfall

*This June has had colder minima and is far drier than expected.*

Year	mm	rainy days	Year	mm	rainy days
2000	162.4	14	2005	272.2	18
2001	45	13	2006	22.4	3
2002	178.8	19	2007	111.4	11
2003	137.4	17	2008	198.8	16
2004	196.2	19	2009	148.6	15
			2010	67.6	11

*Below: Weatherman David Elliott and wife Jacquie near a nice warm fire on the coldest night of the year so far!*



*Below: Time for inside pursuits. The Scouts go interior rock climbing. Using the climbing wall are Sam (left) and scout leader Joanne Mueli:*



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*Two fantastic Roleystone websites have merged!*

eFlea on Roley has joined up with RoleystoneNET ([www.roleystone.net.au](http://www.roleystone.net.au)) You now only need one RoleystoneNet login to post eFlea classified ads - plus have access to the RoleystoneNet services such as Forums, Business directory and Event calendars.

Elfea is our local classifieds. Anyone with a RoleystoneNet login can buy, sell, give away or ask for an item.

If it is of use - don't throw it out or leave it on the verge to get vandalized and ruined. Efla it!

The beauty of a local classifieds is that it could be someone next door, or just down the road that is advertising. No need to

drive kilometers, no need to waste paper on the local notice board. It's quick and easy and can be done from the comfort of your home at any time. All postings on Efla are free and stay up for 60 days

The Efla concept was the brainchild of Pat and Katy Green. The RoleystoneNet site is a free community service brought to you by BottomupWebs to network our Roleystone (and neighboring districts) online.

These services are totally free and rely on the community to contribute content - so have a go - be a part of it!

Do you have a question or something to discuss with the community? Try the RoleystoneNet forum. Publishing is instant and it's all editable.

## Courier Deadline Dates

	Deadline	Delivery
AUGUST	28 July	7 August
SEPTEMBER	25 August	4 September
OCTOBER	22 September	2 October
NOVEMBER	27 October	6 November
DECEMBER	24 November	4 December
JANUARY		no publication

# Pro Bono: Nanga Revisited !

## David Bardsley Minister Community Church



*“The river winds to the left and then back to the right. The big bridge should be at the narrow bit just past the bends - the railway track went along the other side up to Yarragil.”*

Nothing. There was no sign of the bridge or the railway formation. Brambles had grown all over the place and, off the walk trail, it was hard to find our way through. But Bob wasn't one to give up so easily. He had been born and bred in Nanga and we had been walking around the old mill site for a couple of hours already.

It had taken Bob some time to get his bearings in the area. So little remained of what had been a bustling, thriving wood mill with its railway yard, horse paddocks and workers' houses. The lie of the land and the occasional old pine tree which had been there for donkey's years helped Bob finally get orientated. Then we set off in earnest. Here was the mill site itself, there the butcher's shop. "And this was where my house used to be," he declared with some satisfaction. "It was bigger than most as my grandfather was the manager." Some rusting bits of chimney in the creek and a few metres of abandoned rails were the only evidence of what used to be, other than the railway formations and some unnaturally flat areas - "the mill

site tennis courts, there's others at the school and the town site."

In next to no time at all, everything that men had built in that beautiful part of the forest had gone. The work and money that had been poured into harvesting timber was prodigious. And now...nothing. CALM had come in with dozers and rippers, planted fast growing pines in regimented rows, placed picnic tables, numbered the camp sites and peppered the place with eco friendly loos. Nanga was now a place for recreation and amusement instead of hard yakka, winning wealth supplying sleepers for the South African railways.

Will everything we've created be so systematically obliterated eventually? Were we right to make a fortune out of God's creation? Should we have ripped the heart out of the forest with mile long drag lines to improve living standards in a far off land? I was bothered by the rights and wrongs of what had been done. I still am. How do we steer an ethical course through the minefield of our modern life style? How do we live out our divine responsibility to be good stewards of God's world? The Bible points us in the right direction but specific action is up to us. I'm left grappling with questions it's easier to turn my back on. But isn't that also the joy of being truly human? We aren't machines programmed by some higher being to behave in the way he (or she!) wants. We have been given freedom and intelligence. One big question is how are we going to use these gifts...for good or for evil? To live as God intended or to meet our own selfish desires? We found the track and the remains of the bridge. Bob beamed with fond memories as we stood in the Murray on the huge baulks of timber which had once carried the traffic to and from Yarragil. God also gave us the capacity to enjoy special moments in time too!

*Yours in Christ, David*

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On each camp, kids get creative in our yoga art sessions - these holidays they will make mandalas, suncatchers, meditation cards and more. There are some fun yoga games planned too.

Parents are welcome to join in. Children under 5 may attend as long as they accompanied by a parent.

Kookaburra Creek Yoga Centre offers adult and

# Roleystone Karragullen Junior Cricket Club



## SUMMER CRICKET 2010/11

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Players from past seasons can look forward to receiving an invitation in the post to register for the coming season. For all aspiring new players, registration will be at the Jarrah Road shops in August.

Check out the next edition of the Roleystone Courier for the dates.

Our club's coaches will be available for consultation and to hopefully encourage many new players to join in the fun. We are looking to field teams from U10's to U17's. The IN2cricket program will also be running for all 6 to 9 year olds.

Preliminary enquiries can be directed to:

- Donna Smedley on 0402 221 448,
- Cathy Chmielewski on 9397 5942 or
- Mike Cirillo on 0448 878 257.

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*Cathy Chmielewski.*

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# Astronomical Highlights May

Greg Lowe  
Perth Observatory

*Do you feel that everything's going slowly now, as if the Earth's travelling with the handbrake on?*

I'm kidding. But the first week of July is the time when the Earth's furthest from the Sun, and going at its slowest - a mere 29.3 km per second. Aphelion, when we're all of 152 million km from the nearest star, will be on the 6th, p = away from, and helios = the Sun. Did I say the nearest star? Yes. Even here, now, in the 21st century, there are some people who don't understand that the Sun is a star. It's not even a big star. That's a good thing because big stars burn themselves up at a frantic rate and end their lives in almighty explosions called supernovae. We can do without that. Life's already complicated enough.

The most obviously star like object from our earthbound point of view is Venus. Many people call it the Evening Star. It's not. It's a rocky planet; almost the same size as the Earth, and for some time to come it'll be the nearest planet. This month its distance from us will decrease from 160 million to 130 million km. The

approach will be 41 million km, in late October and early November. Anyway, you can't miss it. Venus dominates the northwestern sky at dusk. Its setting time goes from 8:20pm in early July to 8:45 mid-month and 9pm by the end of the month.

Next in order of brightness is Jupiter, which appears at the eastern horizon around midnight at the start of the month. Then, as the weeks slip by, it rises earlier and earlier: around 11pm mid-month, and 10pm at month's end. At dawn it's high up in the north in early July and works its way westward through coming weeks, to be high in the northwest at dawn by month's end.

The Moon's major phases are: last quarter on the 4th, new moon on the 12th, first quarter on the 18th, and full moon on the 26th. So it's a morning (waning) moon until the 11th, and an evening (waxing) moon from the 13th to the 26th. On the 14th and 15th it'll be within cooe of Venus: a fine sight, with the crescent moon having most of its surface lit only by the faint reflected light of earthshine.

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Further to previous advice, the shop has not yet closed. Frank and Terry Hewitt will still be operating Roleystone Hardware for at least the month of July 2010.

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## City of Armadale Rates to Rise in 2010-11

The City of Armadale anticipates a rates rise of about 6% in 2010-11.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said Council was working hard to find ways to contain the increase, but higher State Government charges for power, water and waste disposal would have a significant effect on the City's budget.

'Like households, Council will be paying much more this year for utilities like power and water,' Cr Reynolds said. 'Street lighting alone will cost us \$1.3 million - \$300,000 more than in 2009-10 and in addition we have the full-year effect of the higher State Government waste levy, which will increase the rubbish charge to approximately \$220 per household, up \$16 from last year. While it is apparent substantial rate increases will occur in all metropolitan councils, we are doing our very best to keep the City of Armadale's rise to an absolute minimum.'

Breakdown of the City of Armadale likely

rates increase:

3.8% Local Government Cost Index forecast for 2010-11;

1% growth – a limited amount to pay for new initiatives and infrastructure renewal, to lift the City's future image and capability;

1.4% (approximately) State Government utility cost increases.

For the average residential property the total rates increase will equate to about \$60 per year or \$1.15 a week.

Added to this figure are the City's separate waste services charge and the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) imposed by the State Government to pay for FESA's operations.

The waste service increase amounts to \$16 and the State Government's 18% increase in the ESL will add approximately \$22 per household. The City's 2010-11 annual budget will be considered by Council at its Monday 9 August meeting.




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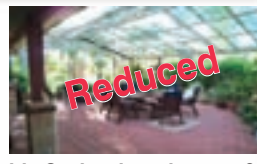
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