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Above: This year the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre celebrates being 21 years old with an Open Day, see page 11.

February Cover: Our Smart Kids

Three young local Roleystone ladies have achieved amazing results in their final year at Kelmscott Senior High School. All three received Certificates of Excellence for their results, as all scored over 18 A's over their last two years of schooling.

Jenny Roman is keen to go to UWA and intends to study a Bachelor of Science. But first she will be taking a gap year, as she intends to work and travel for the next 12 months. Jenny scored an ATAR of 95.8 and earned 20 A's over two years. At the Graduation Awards she won the top English student and the Caltex All Rounder.

Kate Foyster wants to study Vet Science at Murdoch University. This career path is not surprising as Kate topped off her year with an ATAR of 95.5, a Certificate of Excellence (19 A grades) and was also awarded a Certificate of Distinction and a Course Exhibition for Animal Production, English Literature and Biology Systems. Tegan Glavocich also wants to pursue a career in science; she is aiming to enter into a Bachelor of Science at the University of Western Australia. Tegan earned an ATAR score of 94.6 plus a Certificate of Excellence, earning 19 A's over her last

two years of schooling plus she won the KSHS Art award. Tegan is currently planning a gap year in 2010.

The girls got together recently and wanted to make this statement: 'Thanks to all of the teachers at Kelmscott Senior High School. Your dedication and commitment was wonderful and you all went out of your way to help us. Also thanks to our families and to our friends for putting up with us!'



WELCOME TO: VIOLET GRACE BROADBENT MOORE

Born 22/12/2010.
Parents Rebecca and Brett
and big brother Leigh are
very excited.
Grandparents Linda and
Mike Moore are ecstatic.



Vanessa Fraser Royal Perth Hospital Graduate Nurse of the Year

Life experience, passion, love for the job and demonstration of excellent clinical skills and patient care has seen Roleystone's own Vanessa Fraser win the Royal Perth Hospital Graduate Nurse of the Year Award for 2010.

Likened by one of her sons as the 'Rising Star' award for nurses, Vanessa received an unprecedented three formal nominations from superordinates and co-workers for her outstanding debut as a graduate nurse.

The product of mining/farming families of Southern Cross, Vanessa married educator Bruce in 1993 and followed him throughout WA and Indonesia supporting his professional chase, and in the meantime produced two boys. After 15 years of domestic service Bruce, and very close friend Kerryn Dodd suggested that the time was right for Vanessa to spread her wings and realise her true potential. Given her childhood dream of becoming a nurse Vanessa embarked upon the daunting task of firstly getting in to University and then juggling a heavy study load, family and arduous travel to Joondalup 4 days per week for 3 years.

Through her hard work in the initial stages Vanessa earned several scholarships and finally was invited in to the Royal Perth Hospital's Partnership program. This led to Vanessa completing her pracs at Royal Perth and providing her a pathway to employment once she qualified as a Registered Nurse.

During her studies Vanessa took on an additional load so as to qualify as an enrolled nurse and was employed in this role whilst she completed her final year of study. During this time she was also inducted into the International Golden Key Honours Society for her consistently high level of Academic Achievement.

Since graduating at the end of 2009, Vanessa has completed rotations in two specialist wards and has recently commenced her third rotation in the high pressure of ICU.

Vanessa's professional goal is to establish herself in a particular field and become a staff development nurse whereby she can continue face to face nursing whilst working alongside colleagues in a mentoring capacity. And believe it or not, she is investigating the possibility of undertaking her Masters in the very near future.

Vanessa says that 'by me going to university at a mature age I hope to show my boys that anything is possible if you find your passion and work hard towards achieving it, and to other mums out there who lack confidence to try something new I hope to be



an example'. 'I owe a lot to my family and friends who have both supported and inspired me to be able to study full time and realise my dream'.

Vanessa Fraser, Royal Perth Hospital Graduate Nurse of the Year, 2010, congratulations.

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Justin & Rachael share Their Passion for Bikes

Justin Parker achieved great things as a Junior in his chosen sport of Enduro and Motorcross. In 2010 he swapped to competing in the senior events and has continued to achieve great results.

In December 2010 Justin was selected as the only WA rider to go over to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra for Elite under 21 year old motorcyclists.

This was a 10 day camp and Justin had access to some of Australia's best coaches in both motorcross and endurocross.

This year Justin will be aiming to compete on the East coast at some of the major events.

Both Justin and his girlfriend Rachael Wall are passionate about racing Enduro bikes – and they are good at it.

Justin and his partner Nathan Johns won the Western Australia Pony express series in 2010. (They were the youngest pair to ever win this).

Justin raced his first year as a senior expert for Enduro and he came 2nd in the E1 class and 2nd outright for the WA State Championships. He then went on to be named Western Australian Trail & Enduro Junior Champion. Justin won the Light Weight Motor Cycle Club arena cross series and finished 2nd in the motorcross series in his class. Justin has just completed his coaching ticket and will be an accredited level 1 coach this year.

Justin would like to thank Hiway Yamaha in Midland, Nashtec auto electrics and Kenwick Ultra tune, Prestige Car upholstery and Hansen Environmental Services, Grumma Racing.

Justin's girlfriend Rachael Wall and her partner Stephen Percy came 2nd in the mixed pairs for the WA Pony Express series. She followed this up by finishing 3rd for the WA state round Enduro in the open women's class. She was awarded WA Trail and Enduro club encouragement award, and was also named Trail & Enduro female club champion.

Rachael would like to thank Hiway Yamaha and Grumma racing for their support in 2010.

Below: Rachael in action (number 30). Bottom Justin Parker rides along the track.



Scarlet Darlings Go Cruising. See p 36

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Two Michaels Share Top Spot

Michael Swaddle and Michael McPhail are two local lads who have quite a bit in common.

They share the same first name, they have both done exceptionally well in their final year results, they have both just been granted Certificate of Excellence Awards from the Curriculum Council and they are good friends as well.

The two John Wollaston Anglican Community School graduates had great support from their school. They were the only two students left studying Specialist Mathematics – and the School maintained the class for them in their final year.

The two Michaels shared many of the final awards at graduation with Michael McPhail achieving Dux and Michael Swaddle coming in a close second. Together they won the awards for Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Specialist Mathematics and Art. They were also recognised with an award from The Institution



of Engineers Australia for achieving over 75% in Physics, Chemistry and Specialist Mathematics.

Michael McPhail had a final Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 99.0 and is heading towards a degree in Science at the University of Western Australia. Michael Swaddle earned an ATAR score of 97.3 and has been accepted to study a Bachelor of Science and Engineering at UWA.

‘These students worked conscientiously throughout their senior secondary years and thoroughly deserved their fine results,’ John Wollaston Principal Anne Ford said.

Well done to both Michaels.

Jarryd is Engineering Bound

Jarryd Tilbrook of Roleystone is confident that his ATAR score of 95.05 will be more than enough to enable him to enter into an Engineering degree course (specialising in Mechatronics) at Curtin University.

The Lesmurdie Senior High School student received a Certificate of Excellence and this capped off a very successful school year. At the final graduation awards night, Jarryd won the metal work award and was surprised to be selected for the Principals Recommendation Award for Excellence from Curtin and he also has received a scholarship for his chosen course of Engineering valued at \$5000 per year for 4 years.

Jarryd attributes his success to his consistent efforts over the year. ‘I want to say thanks to Mum and Dad for all of their assistance. Plus the school was really supportive – especially Mr Treacy, Mr Brown and Mr Wills for their encouragement, help and teaching methods. My advice to anyone if they want to do well is just to stay focussed and stick to it,’ Jarryd said.

Jarryd is pictured above right.





Jessica is a 99'er

Jessica Smith of Roleystone travelled to Penrhos College each day for her studies and considers this 'time well spent' when she reflects on her great results.

She received an ATAR of 99.65, a Certificate of Excellence (achieving 24 A's out of 24, over her 6 WACE courses) and she was also awarded a Certificate of Distinction in English (that means she was in the top 0.5% of candidates from across the state).

Jess plans to study Economics; her special interest is in Quantitative Economics using mathematical modelling to predict economic shifts. But this will be delayed for one year as Jessica was selected through the Student Exchange Program to study in France. She will be leaving on the 27th of January to live in a rural location in France with a farming family, while immersing herself in the language. Jess studied French to year 12 but she realises that the challenge of living in a location where all communication will be in a foreign language, will be a challenge. Luckily two of her friends are also making the trip but to very different locations in France. We have invited Jessica to send The Roleystone Courier some correspondence recording her experiences while she is there.

When asked about her success Jess believes she took a positive approach to her studies: 'I loved all of my subjects and choose to continue with 6. Plus I worked really hard. My family helped me a lot; they tested me and encouraged me when I was down. Plus the school was very supportive, with willing and helpful teachers.'

Steven Has his Sights Set on a Trade

Steven Caccetta's parents were insistent that he stay and finish year 12.

And he certainly did this with style, earning a Certificate of Excellence – in fact he scored 26A's and 2 B's over his last two years of schooling. Steven attended Mazenod, which he thought was a great school and he found that the teachers were very friendly.

Now that Steven has finished formal schooling he is very keen to go back to manual work and intends to have 2011 as a gap year.

He has been working on the family orchard in Karragullen since he left school and now intends to work with his uncle pouring concrete. Steven tried a few trades while he was at

school and will decide over 2011 whether his future lies in a trade area or perhaps he may even join the police force.

Whatever he decides, the employer can be assured he will certainly be committed.

Steven is pictured at left on the tractor on his family orchard in Karragullen.

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STRATEGY NEEDED

We have been approached by many residents regarding our previous article. ("Local Water Issues" Roleystone Courier December 2010).

Many were unaware of the water shortages some are facing and have expressed their alarm. I have also had offers of help from residents who are not directly affected but have a personal interest. I would like to establish community consultation and develop a strategy to bring our concerns to the relevant authorities.

I do not wish to see the discussions regarding the Neverfail water extraction facility on Irymple Road be a short term topic of interest.

Therefore, I will let you know of further developments as they arise. Please feel free to ring me if you want to discuss or be involved.

Thank you.
Cathy Chmielewski
 9397 5942

RKJCC

A big thank you to Roleystone Supa IGA and their Community Chest program for the kind donation of \$500.00. The funds went towards purchasing two 'Crazy Catchers' for Junior Cricket. Soon our kids will be flying in all directions and creating their own 'classic catches'!

Well done!

CR CAROLINE WIELINGA'S RESPONSE TO THE NOVEMBER EDITORIAL

I write in response to the editorial dated November 2010. I wish to correct the fallacy regarding water limits obtained from the spring at Irymple Road. There is clearly a maximum. In 1992 CoA granted a maximum of 75,000L/week. In 1996 Council requested a hydrogeological report prior to granting any increase and were subsequently appealed against to the Minister for Planning. Hence in 1997 the contract increased to 420,000L/week by the Minister for Planning without a hydrogeological report.

In 2003 CoA approved extraction of 412,000L/week. I have made enquiries about this volume of water and was told by a Water Policy Officer that 21megalitres/year is not a large volume of water relative to the amounts used elsewhere. I have also been told that the study of underground water movements in the hills region is woefully incomplete due to the complexity of the geological features and therefore that a hydrogeological report would be difficult, if not impossible at this stage, to produce.

Hence although this spring contributes to the stream

and the water is being lost, it is impossible to tell what is the extent of the impact on the local underground water supplies. The two main concerns of this extraction are the reduced water yields of downstream/neighbouring orchards and the general loss to the local stream ecology from reduced flows. The current approval to Neverfail does not have a review period, hence I have been advised by the City that the amount drawn from the spring cannot be revised by the City at this stage.

I am of the understanding therefore that, to revise the amount of water drawn from this spring, appeals would have to be made to the State. The grounds for appeal would relate to the apparent harm to the local fruit industry and stream ecosystem.

The difficulty of such an appeal is to prove how much the extraction is affecting local residents and hence the residents have been advised to coordinate and approach the Department of Water for monitoring assistance. With conflict between our food and drink resources, it should be evident that we all need to be more responsible about our water use.

Caroline Wielinga

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LOCAL RESIDENTS CONCERNED WITH THE DROUGHT IN THE UPPER REACHES OF THE CANNING RIVER

The topic of water use and water releases into the Canning River is of considerable interest and no doubt of some concern to local residents in times when water is such a scarce resource.

Recent shortages and increasing costs appear to be refocusing many of us on the need to use water wisely and frugally. As a Roleystone resident for the last sixty years I have had the opportunity to observe water levels in the Canning River and the situation has certainly deteriorated markedly in the last five years.

Since 2008 I have raised my concerns with the Department of Water regarding the very low levels and non-existent flow rates of water in the section of river between the Canning Dam wall and Araluen during the summer months.

This section of the river is an important eco system supporting numerous species of native fish, long necked turtles and crustaceans. Many freshwater fish species which are endemic to the south-west of Western Australia are found in the Canning River system. However studies at Curtin University of fish and fish habitats in the area have shown that fish numbers are low due to a loss of habitat and a loss of linkage between breeding areas due to low flows, preventing fish migrating upstream and reaching important breeding and nursery grounds. Stagnating water caused by a lack of water flow has provided a suitable breeding area of an introduced pest, the Mosquito fish.

In recent summers this stretch of river has been reduced to a few pools, many at very low levels and undoubtedly struggling to maintain their aquatic environment. It seems to be completely overlooked and is seriously under threat.

Damming of the Canning caused dramatic flow reductions that significantly altered downstream aquatic macro invertebrate communities. The lack of water flow has also resulted in a poor flushing effect below the dam wall.

Many river pools which are an important summer refuge and habitat for aquatic and terrestrial flora and fauna have been lost due to modification of the flow regime.

Periodic flooding of the Canning River from the dam is required to recharge shallow groundwater tables that are

important during periods of drought and to discourage and prevent weed growth.

Water is released further down the river at a number of selected points but no water is released into the first four kilometres below the dam.

Furthermore my reading of the "Lower Canning River surface water allocation plan" leads me to believe that this important section of the river will be largely overlooked and that the Department of Water does not have a plan to release water into this part of the river in the foreseeable future.

The focus of my correspondence with them has been that this is unacceptable and that this section should not be sacrificed when water is being released just four kilometres downstream at Araluen.

My contention is that water should be released at the dam and that the whole river should be kept alive and flowing.

In the last two years I have corresponded with the Department of Water and successfully encouraged them to affect a limited release of water from the Dam into this section of the river. In mid February 2010 the Department of water conducted a one- off trial release into the river below the dam but by that time the river had already been reduced to no flow and low pools hence the water released was useful in that it filled the pools and maintained the eco system but it did not create a flow on effect further downstream as much water was absorbed returning the river to an adequate level. For this summer they say that there will not be enough water to do this.

This situation is now becoming critical and because this section of the river is being forsaken in the "Lower Canning River Surface Water Allocation Plan" it is now urgent.

I have conveyed my concerns to our local councillors who are also addressing the situation through their committees and processes.

Hopefully a combined effort will lead to a more consistent and positive outcome for the benefit of the river and all concerned.

Gerry Chapman
Redtail Lane
Roleystone

Editors Note:

The letters on pages 8 and 9 are indicative of the concern local residents are showing regarding our water reserves. Communication has also been received about bores and dams servicing commercial orchards running dry and farmers being forced to source water for commercial operations from alternative sources.

The article on page 13 has been submitted by Araluen Park to explain the source of water flowing through the creek in Araluen and filling the Park weir.

The Department of Water have also been asked for a response and will be providing this for the March Courier.

PLEASE REDUCE YOUR WATER EXTRACTION FROM THE RIVER

Would all Canning River riparian and licensed extractors please adhere to the request from Department of Water to reduce your water extraction? The extreme hot weather is causing an increased evaporation rate and some extractors are using more water. The Department has been able to increase releases but they had advised that this increase cannot be maintained. It is critical that there is sufficient water remaining for the aquatic life remaining in the river, I believe the majority of extractors are doing the right thing but there are obviously a few who could do better.

Cr. Pat Hart

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ROY TAKES OVER THE CHAIR

Recently Araluen estate resident Roy Hamilton was elected as the new chairman of the Roleystone Karragullen Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Roy has been on the management committee of the community bank during 2010 and was invited to step up to become the chairman at the recent AGM. This staged succession has enabled Roy to learn the role from outgoing Chairman Anne Johnston who has held the position since the bank's inception.

'I have had a great teacher' Roy reflected, 'It has been wonderful to learn from Anne and she has been very supportive of me while I have learnt the ropes. It has been very interesting learning curve and there is a lot to the role.'

The Roleystone Karragullen Branch of the Community Bank has now been running for just over three years. The community bank is just moving to the stage where monies can be distributed back within the community. Roy is keen to steer the

bank through this challenging time, aiming to increase profitability while also shoring up processes.

Roy wants to reinforce to locals that: 'Everyone should seriously consider opening an account at their local community Bank branch. The more people who bank with us the more money can be returned directly to improvements in our community.'

Roy emigrated from England in 1998. Following a successful career in the UK as an owner and manager of a food processing business, he elected to end his working career when he arrived in WA. This allowed him to move to into charity work and he has served for many years in Rotary. He has had (and maintains) a strong commitment to Dale Cottages and locals will recognise him for his organisation of the annual The Dale Care Foundation Cup held at Araluen. He is now bringing his energy and dedication for community service to our local area as he begins his term as Chairman of our bank.



The Canning River & Environmental Releases

The Canning Dam was completed in 1940. Around this time, there was considerable concern amongst downstream landowners that the dam would reduce the quantity of water available for their use.

The government of the day gave assurances that the summer flow into the Canning River would be released for the irrigation of existing commercial orchards and other agricultural pursuits. As land use changed and the original lots were subdivided, additional demand was placed on the river system culminating in the Rights in Water & Irrigation Act (1914) in 1942 making non-riparian use subject to licensing.

Water is still released into the Canning River via environmental release points. These are located on Stinton Creek (within Araluen Botanic Park), Hill 60 (at the end of Stocker Rd, under the bridge on Orlando Rd Kelmscott, Manning Ave in Martin and under the Gosnells Rd Bridge on Albany Highway. All of these except the release point in Araluen are chlorinated water.

The release points are turned on in late spring when flows begin to recede and have primarily been used in the past to satisfy the irrigation demand along the river. Each release point is managed separately and turned on by the Water Corporation upon request by the Waters & Rivers Commission. The environmental releases contribute significantly to summer and autumn flows.

Water releases are maintained until autumn rains replenish the flow. They cease during large summer storms events, as experienced in January 2000, or when the closest upstream release point is providing adequate flow.

It should be noted that since the decline in rainfall levels since 1975 and additional demand on dams to supply water to the growing Perth community, the Canning Dam has not overflowed into the Canning River since 1974. There is also a pump back station that pumps water from upstream of the McNess Rd Bridge back into the Canning Dam. The headwaters of the Canning River now originate from small

tributaries, many of which are regulated.

Due to the lack of water this year the environmental release point in Araluen Botanic Park is running at half that of the previous years.

Araluen Botanic Park irrigates solely from our dam on the northeast corner of the Park. This is fed via the springs that occur in the Irymple Rd Orchards that feed down the valleys from the north and north east of Araluen. Generally this is enough water to get through the year but with lower rainfall, water is a scarce resource and as such our horticultural team works very hard to ensure we maximise every drop. Information has come from "Caring For The Canning", Swan River Trust, 2002

**Grant Nixon
Araluen**



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Our RNFC is 21!

Our Family Centre is 21 years old on the 1st of February. And to celebrate the RNFC is having an OPEN Day on the 26th Feb with a sausage sizzle, bouncy castle with water slide, animal farm and loads of fun and excitement for all locals including exhibits by user groups.

The current RNFC was built and opened in 1990. Over the last twenty one years, thousands of locals have attended functions, courses and benefited from the wide variety of services provided by the centre. It was originally built to house the four year old program with Roleystone's Neighbourhood House, running prior to the family centre, providing many of the courses. It has now become the hub of so many activities happening around town.

Sue Spry is the current Manager of the RNFC, and to many, Sue is 'the public face' of the family centre. Sue has held this position for 16 years and prior to her Shelley Spicer and Wendy O'Dhea were joint coordinators. They have seen the centre grow from humble beginnings to the dynamic location it is today.

Sue recently reflected on the many milestones over these years.

'The RNFC was the starting point for many groups that have gone on to bigger and better things. The fledgling Seniors group started with light lunches being offered and now they have moved on to their own centre. The dieback group also started at the centre and they are now the award winning Roleybushcare Group. Even the Roleystone Patchwork Group started from Lyn Place's patchwork courses that ran for many years at the centre.

Some of the groups have been at the centre since its inception. Both the Organic Growers and Alcoholics Anonymous have been in existence at the centre over this time. Lots of others have come and gone. A major success over many years was bootscooting with Jill Grimbeek. This provided significant funds for the centre and finally ended in 2010.' Sue said.

Sue Spry reflected: 'The help and support of people over this time has been immense. So many people need to be acknowledged, with many providing countless hours of support. I would especially like to thank the Roleystone Courier for 21 years of publicity and support over this time.'

So thank you to everyone who has been involved big and small; you have made the centre what it is. Please join us in celebration on February 26th at the centre from 10 - 2 at 19 Wygonda Road, next to the hall.

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Editorial

FEB 2011 LINDA MOORE

Welcome all, to our first edition for 2011. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and topped this off with an enjoyable celebration for Australia Day. The 26th of January has become a really important part of the Australian culture and I for one, have keenly embraced this new tradition. We seem to have moved 'beyond the cringe' to just celebrating everything to do with being Australian. Flag flying seems a mandatory demonstration of this.

I see it as a very inclusive day - and the many community events reinforce this with Skyworks and local Shires doing their bit to provide good wholesome Australian celebrations. Well done to them all for this.

My family all gathers together and we have an Aussie Quiz followed by a quintessential Australian Movie.

This year we went for 'Sunday Too Far Away'. This movie has mateship, reinforces the values of hard work, establishes our link to the land and shows the sacrifices many make to have this life. The complexities of how the Aussie culture developed is facintating and I think sets up a precedent for 'having your say' and 'getting things changed'.

That is why I appreciate the role 'the letters to the editor' have in raising and galvanising public opinion. Often I personally do not agree with the author but I defend their right to have a say (thanks Voltaire). The results are obvious; Roleystone is a community reknown for being aware and vocal (just ask the original developers of Araluen Estate or the restaurant now known as Roleys on the Ridge.) Previous editions are packed with letters discussing these developments. Often things still 'go ahead' but public opinion does modify the final result.

I do like to present both sides to a debate and do attempt to contact both sides to ensure a balanced argument.

So I applaud our latest batch of letters. Some correspondents have broached difficult subjects - where often it is easier to just keep quiet.

I believe that generally keeping things between the two protagonists is best - and results in the best outcomes. But when a community shift is needed, the press can provide a forum for debate.

So please keep your letters coming in. I know the community enjoys reading them. (PS This is

not a licence to submit defamatory or destructive comment!)

While talking about great Aussie traditions, The Roleystone Courier povides an avenue to celebrate our successes. (Tall Poppies in our community are very valued!)

Once again many of our young people across our community have done us proud. To the many students who have done well in the final year exams - well done. This includes mature age achievement and Vanessa Fraser you are a star! Also to our community leaders recognised in the City of Aramadale Premiers Awards, our thanks to you for all that you do.

Now finally on a personal note, my summer was packed. On a low note my father had to have spinal surgery to prevent lower body paralysis - which would have been a tragic outcome for this active man. The operation was a great success and my heartfelt thanks to the neurosurgeon Mr Wong and staff at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital. My dear dad is back where he wants to be - working on his beloved orchard.

And the highlite of my summer was the birth of my granddaughter Violet. She is a delight and my whole life has turned a bit topsy turvey. I suppose the things that happen to those near and dear to you, put the rest of life in total perspective.

And this is another role our community magazine plays: it lets people celebrate big events in their lives. Weddings, Births and Birthdays - they are all special to us. So happy reading.

Linda.

IN RESPONSE TO ADULTS BEHAVING BADLY PAGE13:

It is IGA's position that it is for everybody's benefit that the 10 item lane is open to minimize congestion and increase ease of shopping for customers with just a few items. *Ross Anile*

Progress on Seniors Housing

Our community request for independent seniors housing on the primary school site after it has been vacated, has taken a big step forward. We were advised by the Minister for Lands on 15 January that the Roleystone Primary School site was to be considered for 'Special Use Seniors' Accommodation'. Landcorp, on behalf of the State was to initiate an advertising campaign seeking expressions of interest from prospective purchasers. This occurred soon after when an Elders advert appeared in the West Australian seeking expressions of interest for 'a development opportunity-Lifestyle Village over 55's.' Written submissions were due in by 25 February. Once all the information is received by Landcorp, including prospective purchasers the matter will be taken up with the City of Armadale to discuss options for the future of the school site. It is after these discussions occur that the rezoning we have been working towards will need to be initiated. I will continue to keep you all informed.

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ADULTS BEHAVING BADLY

Today I was unfortunate enough to hear a really acrimonious dispute in the IGA supermarket. What made it worse was that it was between two apparently mature ladies – neither was in the first flush of youth. I knew neither. Lady one was clearly at fault when she joined the express till queue with a basket loaded down with a large number of purchases, obviously exceeding the 10 item limit for that till. As she got to the till, lady two who had only two or three purchases asked lady one if she could count yet. Lady one responded that she wasn't prepared to spend ages queuing in other places behind people with large basketsful of shopping – just like hers in fact. There followed a most aggressive exchange between the two ladies as each became more and more abusive towards each other. The exchanges continued after both had left the till.

A few observations may be helpful. It behoves us all to be considerate to others whilst shopping and following the IGA's reasonable guidelines is the least we can do. Lady one should not have used that till. If she had recognised her selfish act and apologised, all would no doubt have been well. Lady two was out of order in taking the law into her own hands. The guideline is set by the IGA and it is up to them to monitor conduct at the tills, not other customers. IGA can choose to take no action if they wish – it's their shop after all. Lady two escalated the situation significantly by using language designed to belittle and demean lady one. Consequently lady one was most unlikely to graciously accept the criticism and change her behaviour. It was all very unpleasant.

What really disturbs me is that several young people witnessed the altercation. What message are we sending out to them? If as mature adults we cannot behave reasonably, are we entitled to be surprised if the younger generation occasionally engages in unsocial behaviour? Come on ladies, the Roleystone community is better than that!

David Bardsley

DISAPPOINTMENT OVER SCHOOLING DECISIONS

I have been a supporter of the local school/s over many years and have always been strident in my defence of schooling in our area. Sadly however I now find it necessary to express my deep disappointment in the teachers' decisions regarding the year ten ball.

One of the students had a tumultuous year, was stripped of the school captaincy and lost her good standing. One repeatedly stated consequence of having lost your good standing is that you are not permitted to attend the school ball. For reasons known only to the school, this child was permitted to attend and this sent a clear message of weakness to students and parents across the community but I assume that the school made this decision based on compassion for the student.

What I cannot understand however is the reasoning behind the decision that the teachers then made to select this student

as the belle of the ball. I do not have an issue with the young girl in question as she did not ask to receive this award but what an insult to the other girls there who had maintained their good standing throughout the years and I'm sure behaved beautifully on the night.

As parents we try very hard to set rules and boundaries for our children and show them appropriate consequences. I feel that these situations undermine the effort that we put into teaching our children right from wrong and the last place we expect this from is our school. I hope I am not the only parent with concerns regarding behaviour standards at our schools and I don't think it unreasonable to expect better. My children attend the local schools and I hope I can be excused for wanting to remain anonymous.

Name and address withheld.

DO CONSEQUENCES FOLLOW POOR BEHAVIOUR?

Recently the new Principal posed the question to a group of parents, "Why are there so few young leaders in our community?"

It seems to me that the young, talented and capable people in our community are rarely acknowledged or encouraged and are dealt with in the same manner as those who behave poorly.

You receive an honour award because it is your turn. If your good standing is lost, one good day and it is reinstated. If your behaviour is deplorable, if you assault other kids at school, if you are under the influence of drugs during school hours you may still win an end of the year honour.

How is this possible? What are we teaching the young people of Roleystone? The schools seem so bound by political correctness and giving everyone a go, that they have lost sight of upholding the law.

How do we explain to our kids that the bullies, the reprobates and the lawbreakers are never held accountable?

Name and address withheld

Roleystone DHS is aware of the two letters on this page. While they have declined to respond in writing, they invite parents with concerns to make an appointment to see them to discuss the good standing policy and other processes. Obviously for privacy reasons, individual students will not be discussed with anyone other than their parents.

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Au-pair Nadine Loves Roley

Nadine Guth is 23 and has moved to Roleystone to be an au-pair for a Roleystone family. She has lived half of her life in Germany and the other half in Spain. She speaks 4 different languages (German, Spanish, English and French) and has travelled extensively across Europe but this is her first time away from the continent.

Nadine is living with her host family Mick Robinson, Rachel Weldon and their daughter Ruby.

'It has always been my dream to visit Australia,

the country with all the cute animals, the beaches and the surf and the great landscapes. Finally I had the chance, the time and I had saved some money, so I came.' Nadine said

'The life in the bush in Roleystone is really different to life in Munich in Germany. But I love this place...and I love Perth. It's great to live here.' Nadine finished her bachelor degree of Biotechnology in Germany in August 2010. She decided to use the gap in her studies to find work in Australia. She searched for a family through aupairworld.com and after less than four weeks she found her current family.

Nadine reflects: 'It was hard to leave all my family and my friends behind. But I really don't regret coming here. I am going to remember the 7 months I will spend in Australia for my whole lifetime. That's worth it.'

'The combination of working and living with an Australian family gives me the opportunity to have some great new experiences. I have been a babysitter during my whole life but living with a family with a little child is different. But I like it! During my holidays I've got the chance to travel too. It's amazing. I love this country so far!!!' Nadine looks after Ruby, the little 2 and a half year old girl of the family. Her role includes speaking to her in Spanish. So far the child is still answering in English, but Nadine feels that she is very smart and has already started to speak some Spanish words.

'Every new word she says makes me really happy. It's a great opportunity for



Au-pair Nadine is pictured above with Ruby who is starting to speak Spanish.

the child to learn two languages from childhood.' Nadine said.

Nadine reflects on her experiences so far: 'The Australian people are all very friendly, far friendlier than in Spain or Germany. Living here has also improved my knowledge of English and this is excellent.'

'I'm going to be in Roleystone until the end of April. Then I'm going to do some more backpacker travelling.' Well done Nadine for enriching our community with your visit.

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Beware Apple Imports



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Many who live in our region are proud of our orcharding heritage – and much of this has been based on our excellent production of a wide variety of apples. However this could all be at risk following the arrival of the first Chinese apples to enter Australia. They have been labelled as 'Great Wall Apples' with no marker showing their country of origin.

Local IGA co-owner Ross Anile sits on the state and national boards of Metcash. He is keen to let locals know that their policy is to buy and sell local (ie Western Australian) produce wherever possible. That means that Chinese apples will be unlikely to be seen on the shelves at our Local IGA in the near future. Price is not the only determinant in purchasing and Mr Anile (who grew up on an orchard in the local area) is keen to support local growers wherever possible.

'Price is a consideration yet when we purchase any fresh produce, quality taste is of the upmost importance. The hills orchards produce fruit of a world class standard.' Mr Anile said.

Many local farmers feel that they will not be able to compete with the cheap imports. There is already a very slim profit margin in fruit growing and many farmers feel that if this is reduced they may as well tear up their trees. This will be a tragedy for the area.

The local industry is "very worried" about the impact of these imports. Their labour costs are far lower. Industry leaders are also worried about aspects of the production of the apples. China has pests that are unknown or still rare in Western Australia. Also there are different (or no) regulations on the production of the apples in regard to fertilisers and chemicals. Consumers may be unaware of the ethics of the apple's production and they may be inadvertently consuming dangerous chemicals.

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He had no warning symptoms and was only 55 years old. Just before this tragedy he had embarked on a healthy lifestyle change which included a healthy diet, lifestyle and personal training sessions. Unfortunately for all of us, it was too little, too late and so some family members and I have decided to finish what he started. The fundraiser is in two parts with the first part of the challenge being the 4 week health and fitness challenge that started on January 15th.

The second will be a results night where our health results will be revealed and will include lots of entertainment, competitions, raffles and a silent auction. This will be a ticket event and proceeds, minus any costs of the running of the evening, will be donated to the Heart Foundation. The evening will be held on the 19th February 2011 at Chapel Farm Restaurant, Perth WA. Our aim is to encourage more people to take part in a lifestyle change in their own personal lives and prevent cardiovascular disease from affecting other families. We are still seeking donations and sponsorships and in return for business sponsorships we will promote your company on the fundraising evening.

The Heart Foundation has approved this fundraiser (please contact Wendy Matthews on 9388 3343.)

If you have any questions or can help us in any way, please do not hesitate to call me on 0407 995 402 or email clarekenward@hotmail.com or visit our facebook page named Healthy Heartbeats - For the Love of Mick.

Clare Kenward

I am organising a fundraiser event called Healthy Heartbeats in which all proceeds will be donated to the Heart Foundation.

The fundraiser is a tribute to my father Michael Bailey, long term resident of Roleystone, who recently passed away after suffering a massive heart attack.

Tragic Loss - Mike Bailey

Long-time Roleystone resident Mike (Mick) Bailey was taken suddenly in September at just 54 years of age. He leaves his devoted wife Pam, a daughter Clare & 2 grandsons, Ryan & Tyler.

Mike & Pam started their married life 32 years ago in Yorkshire but soon immigrated to Australia in 1982 and to Roleystone in 1990. In 2000 the family built a house in the Araluen Estate, where Pam still lives today. While Mike was fiercely proud of his English heritage, he also embraced the Australian way of life and loved the Roleystone community. He was a Police Officer for 16 years mainly around the Armadale & Gosnells areas. Many locals who were teenagers in the late 90's would know the Bailey family through Clare.

Ask anyone who knew Mike & the first thing they will mention is his sense of humour but there were some things he took seriously. Mike wanted to make sure that he could

keep up with his lively grandsons, so ironically in July 2010 he embarked on a lifestyle change to improve his health. Sadly he was unaware that he already had heart disease & just a few weeks later he suffered a massive heart attack with no warning signs or symptoms. Mike will be sadly missed by anyone whose life he touched.

To raise awareness of the importance of heart health, Mike's daughter Clare, is organising a fundraiser in his memory. The fundraiser is in two parts, starting with a sponsored 4 week healthy lifestyle challenge.

Secondly a ticketed event will be held in the Swan Valley with auctions, raffles, competitions & entertainment. All proceeds will go to the Heart Foundation.

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Australia Day

LOCALS WIN CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

At this year's 2011 Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards a range of local individual and clubs were successful. The awards night was held at the City of Armadale function room on Australia Day 26th January.

The Roleystone Scout group won the group award. This was collected by Roleystone Scout group Leader Joanne Meuli and Venturer leaders Robert and Michelle Stirling. The groups were nominated by the District Commissioner Pat Smith. The nomination included reference to the facts that the Roleystone Scout group was very community minded, that they were involved across the community and that their numbers were continually increasing.

The winner of the Citizen of the Year (25 years and over) was local Bedforddale resident Cam Clay. Cam has been a leader in all aspects of caring for our environment over many years and is currently



the chairperson of AGLG (the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group). Cam and his wife Faye are frequent volunteers and have a long history of involvement in local community groups.

Three other Roleystone personalities had been shortlisted in the group of six nominees for this prestigious award. Joanne Meuli, was nominated for her services to the Roleystone Scout Group. Jill Grimbeek was nominated for her long involvement as the presenter of Bootscooting classes in Roleystone through the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. Plus identity Benjamin Seabrook was nominated for his dedicated service to teaching, with over fifty years in the classroom. *Congratulations to all of the nominees and our community's thanks for your passion and commitment to your various causes.*

Below: Roleystone Scout Leaders collect their award Joanne Meuli, Michelle and Robert Stirling, Neil Munslowe Davies and Drew Meyers.



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Dr Sarah Follows in her Parents Footsteps

On Saturday 8th of January this photo and article appeared in the West Australian. Dr Sarah Newman helped support herself by working on her family's orchard in Karragullen over her school and her university career. Her mother, Dr Fiona Bettenay was born and grew up in this location

HOSPITALS GET A BOOST

With a mum who is the head of radiology at Princess Margaret Hospital and a dad heading up the cardiothoracic surgery unit at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, some would say medicine is in Sarah Newman's genes. But the 25-year-old intern has no qualms about following in her parents' footsteps and could not be happier to be part of the next generation of WA doctors.

"I was very much attracted to a career where you're able to facilitate people accessing better health care and improving their health outcomes," she said. "Being a doctor, you learn a lot about being a good person and I like that every day, regardless of how it went, you've helped someone."

Dr Newman is one of 265 medical graduates set to undergo orientation in Perth's hospitals at the start of their careers.

Health Minister Kim Hames said the record number of graduates, a 30 per cent increase since 2008, would provide a major boost to the State's health system.

"Every new doctor is a valuable asset to WA's health system and it is great to see so many young professionals committed to providing quality health care," he said.

The interns, who start work on Monday, will be based at Sir Charles Gairdner, Royal Perth and Fremantle hospitals, but will undertake rotations at outer metropolitan and country hospitals.

Dr Newman said she was looking forward to helping the diverse range of patients the hospital treats and "learning how to be a doctor in the practical sense". Reprinted courtesy of THE WEST AUSTRALIAN ©



Roleystone Scout Group News

Our Scout group is ready to go for 2011
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I would like to extend a huge thank you to the gentlemen from Synergy for their prompt and efficient service over the few days of extensive and strong easterly winds we endured the first few days in January.

A huge branch snapped and fell across our electrical line connected to our power source, located directly across the road. Tree trunk, branches and live wire sprawled the road. I contacted Synergy at 2:10 am, they arrived at 2:50 am, and the reconnection was completed by 3:30 am. The boys also safely cleared the road and footpath of all branches, ably aided by a very quiet chainsaw and rake. All danger and inconvenience was minimized. Well done again guys and thank you.

Mike Moore

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Claire Bishop.

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THANK YOU MICHELLE



The Board of Directors of Roleystone Community Bank (Bendigo) wish Michelle Brace and her family every success and happiness in her new position with the Bendigo Bank and her move to the South West.

Michelle will be leaving your bank on the 28th January, on a very sure footing, achieved by her hard work and 'Above and Beyond' approach to her position.

Again, thank you Michelle and best wishes to you and your family for your futures.

*Roy Hamilton,
Chairman RKFS.*

Michelle says Goodbye to Roleystone!

We will be sad to leave Roleystone but we have decided to move further south to somewhere in the Ferguson Valley, which is about 25 minutes drive from Bunbury. We have visited the area several times and have finally made the decision to move there on a permanent basis!

We have been in Roleystone for over 12 years and in that time have met some beautiful people and have made lots of friends who we will certainly be keeping in touch with. We will be visiting quite often as our son Damien and his partner Jade will be still living here. Our daughter Ellouise, her partner Luke and their baby will be making the move with us.

My time at the Community Bank has been fantastic, we have managed to grow the business and I am sure the next manager will have different ideas and take the business to another level. The Board of Roleystone-Karragullen Financial Services, particular Anne Johnston, have always been there to support me and the branch. I would personally like to thank them for all the effort they have put into making everyone aware of the local bank and how they can help the community with sponsorships and funding.

In the past 2 years I have met some wonderful customers who are always a pleasure to deal with. I will miss all of you but I am sure the girls will keep me up to date on all of the news. The girls in the branch are a great bunch who are always happy to help the customers and the community.

I have accepted a position with Bendigo Bank which enables me to work from Perth and then from the Bunbury office when we have made the move. You will see us around for some months to come as we will need to sell our house which could be easier said than done in this market!

Once again thank you to all the kind people in Roleystone – our time in Roleystone has been great and we will miss you all.

Michelle Brace

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At the National Gallery

Local artists, Ron Facius and Yvonne Geneve, recently travelled to Canberra to view several exhibitions of particular interests to Western Australians - *Ballets Russes - The Art of Costume* - showing at the National Gallery of Australia and *Yiwarra Kuju - the Canning Stock Route* at the National Museum of Australia. *While they were they were interviewed by the Canberra Times!*

The Ballets Russes - Art of Costume - a small part of which was shown at the Art Gallery of Western Austral approximately 10 years ago - was curated by a West Australian, NGA's Dr. Robert Bell AM, Senior Curator of the Decorative Arts (formerly of the Art Gallery of Western Australia) - and a one-time resident of Roleystone! Described as a creative explosion of 150 costumes, accessories, drawings,



film and photography featuring the work of renowned artists such as Picasso, Matisse and de Chirico, it was a fascinating experience for two devotees of the styles of the early twentieth century *Ron Facius is shown above at the entrance to the Ballet Russes - The Art of Costume - at the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra.*

RDHS Ball Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to those people responsible for the 2010 Year Ten School Ball.

The kids had a wonderful time. While there has been some negative comments arising from aspects of the evening, the young people behaved wonderfully and they all looked beautiful.

Special thanks must go to a range of people; I was ably assisted by Wendy Tucker who did the programs, the decorations for the table and sourced some historical photos of the students. Wendy has done this for all three years when her children have been in their final year. Also Suzie McKenzie and Cossi Gibbons helped out on the night.

I would also like to thank Sandy Zavatteri who provided us with some very classy chair covers. The staff at Araluen Golf Resort couldn't have been more helpful and thanks must be extended to Lee and Craig. The official photographer Mr Ian Craig was really excellent and, as this is his last year, he deserves thanks for his many years of service.

From the school Mrs Chris Walsh was really helpful and provided consistent support.

But most of all I would like to commend the wonderful year ten students who did themselves proud.

Sue Kemp
Sue Kemp was the main organiser of the evening and did a fabulous job - well done Suzie. Ed

Below: Imogen Kemp and partner Kian Whitelaw going off for their Big Night.



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Brett Miles becomes an Australian Citizen

Brett Miles of Roleystone made the decision to become an Australian Citizen at an evening ceremony at the City of Armadale on Australia Day. Brett joined with people from 13 different nationalities to make this commitment to his adopted country.

Brett was born and grew up in Vancouver in Canada. He decided to visit Australia on the advice of a friend and arrived on a working holiday visa in 2003. He really enjoyed the weather and found the people very similar in outlook to Canadians. So after a few visits back home to visit family and friends, Brett made the decision to become an Australian citizen. Brett and his Australian born wife have lived in Roleystone for the last two years. They enjoy the peaceful, quiet country way of life.

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The City's biggest event of fireworks and festivities usually attracts around 40,000 people; however, locals exclaimed that the venue had attracted a bigger crowd than previous years.

"Australians enjoyed a picnic and free entertainment in a beautiful area without having to travel too far and the weather was perfect for the event," Armadale Mayor, Cr Linton Reynolds, said.


The crowd engaged in spectacular red, white and blue costumes, showing off their colourful creativity and care for their country.

Festivities begun from 4pm and included carnival rides, Old McDonalds Animal Farm, Circus Challenge, Active Citizenship Awards, New Citizens Ceremony and live entertainment from local bands.

Usually atop the Armadale Shopping Central Shopping Centre, the fireworks this year were conducted from the City's carpark. The City was extremely impressed by the success and feedback about the new venue.

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GABRIELLA MARIA ALLEN



The Allen family would like to (belatedly) announce the arrival of our very special early Christmas gift, our second child Gabriella Maria Allen, born at Armadale Hospital on 13 October 2010, weighing 3.5 kg (7 lb 12 oz) and measuring 53 cm.

Gabby had some respiratory complications at birth but received prompt and excellent treatment at PMH for her first week. She is a great baby, very healthy and happy, and we are blessed to have her join her big brother Nicholas and complete our family.

We want to thank the staff at Armadale/Galliers Hospital, and Princess Margaret Hospital for their excellent care; and of course, all our relatives and friends for welcoming Gabby so warmly. Lina Uribe Rivero and Mark Allen.

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Roleystone Rarragullen Cricket Club

SENIORS

The 2010/11 season is in to its final few overs with teams looking to firm up their chances of finals cricket. B-grade have had a shaky time of it of late, having only won 2 of their last 6 matches. They will surely be doing everything possible to turn their form around in the coming weeks.

C-grade however have been in fine form, recently beating much fancied Forrestfield and overcoming a resilient Darlington side.

Looking to recoup their performances last season, D-grade are on the mend after a shaky start and with a game in hand they look certain to continue to improve and secure a spot in the final four. The two E-grade sides are also threatening to take two of the four finals berths in their grade with E-Whites leading the table and E-Greens propping up the four.

Pat Fisher has been in his usual scintillating form, averaging



DARREN WILKINSON - EYES ON THE GAME

40.15 with the bat for his 522 runs. John Lewis has returned to form and finds himself back on the top of the bowling charts with 24 wickets for the season. Ryan Maughan continues to be a house behind the stumps with his 19 catches so far.

The New Year brings some exciting times to the club having recently held a successful Curry Night at the club and the ever-exciting Australia Day activities which saw Luke Darbyshire's side win the final in thrilling fashion on the final delivery to win against Pat Fisher's side. Many thanks to all those who attended, organized and helped out at these events.

As always we look forward to the end of season events with the Old Buffers Match occurring on March 6 and our Presentation Evening at Araluen on April 1. All are encouraged to support the local club at these events and it would be great to see some new faces around old Cross Park.

Todd Bendall

JUNIORS Well, 2011 has arrived and after a 6 week break the junior cricket teams are rested and ready to tackle the second half of the season.

The under 12 team has gone from strength to strength, these young men (hardly boys any more) have gelled really well as a team and improve every week. This has resulted in some really exciting cricket with fantastic individual and team efforts that are great to watch and be involved in.

The last match of 2010 was our first 2 day game, played over two mornings. It was a great introduction to the longer form of the game. Although the Roley boys didn't come away with a win, they learnt a lot and will

be ready for the next one, the last game of the season.

Congratulations to the older members of the team who were invited to attend development sessions with the Gosnells District Club. It's been a marvellous opportunity to learn skills and play on a turf pitch. It's a place where the Roleystone boys can show the rest of the District how good they are, and could lead to an invitation to play District cricket.

Watch out for future super stars from Roleystone!

Til the next issue, and before we get distracted by our winter sports, remember to keep your eye on the ball and run the first one hard.

Tim Clarke

Internet Safety Presentation at Roleystone District High School

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

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The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersafety trainer and is free of charge.

The Cybersafety Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on: Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at 6.30pm

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A former Roleystone resident, Donald Dawson, died recently at Kalamunda after a long illness. Donald lived in Urch Road for many years and was a founding member of the Hillandale Homes committee serving as Honorary Treasurer. He will be fondly remembered and his services to our community are gratefully acknowledged.

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Evensong comes and I get a repeat of the avian symphony repeated later in the night. What a treat. I'm not sure every resident hears this same 'wonderful music' but if we are to continue to have it we need to protect our forests.

We need to conserve our forest vegetation or we'll only be able to hear this wonder music on radio shows such as AUSTRALIA ALL OVER. This year the United Nations has declared it to be, the YEAR OF FORESTS. Let's do all that we can to do just that. PS Sunday morning at 8 am you can hear MACCA on ABC 720.

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Local Roleystone Apprentice Chef Daniel Lowe has continued his great success with still more awards and accolades in 2010.

Most recently he won The Hospitality Group Training Chairman's Ambassador Award, presented at a special function at the Perth Concert Hall. Daniel is still working at the Hilton Hotel's Globe Restaurant and continues to promote his trade at every opportunity!

During 2010 he was a guest speaker at several functions including a conference for teachers at Matilda Bay Restaurant, Skills West Expo at the Perth Exhibition Convention Centre and the Training WA Conference at the Burswood Convention Centre. Following his success as a hospitality student in 2009, Daniel was invited to be on the judging panel for the 2010 West Australian School Based Apprentice of the Year Awards 2010, which he gladly accepted and enjoyed.

He participated behind the scenes at the Good Food and Wine Show at the Perth Exhibition Convention Centre and got to meet and work in the same kitchen alongside many celebrity chefs, including Toby Puttock, Masterchef's George and Gary and Manu Feidell from Ready Steady Cook.

He was also part of the team



that prepared and presented a special "Dinner with Matt Moran" at the Hilton's Globe Restaurant, again getting to meet, talk and work alongside Matt and his team.

Hospitality Group Training hold a spectacular black tie event each year called the Youth Skills Showcase in the Hyatt Hotel's Grand Ballroom. A small team of apprentices work together to plan, practice, produce and present a four course meal for approximately 500 guests to suit a theme. Involvement is voluntary and all the planning and organization takes place in the months leading up to the big event. There are several "hit outs" or practise runs where the food is prepared and critiqued by chef's and dignitaries within the industry, then adjustments are made and problems ironed out.

When the big night finally arrived the apprentices ran it all by themselves and they saw all their hard work and effort pay off as the big night went off without a hitch. 2010 was Daniel's second time at the HGT Youth Skills Showcase. The first time he worked as a member of the team and this time he was a Team Leader "Chef De Cuisine Entree' Appetiser." He had an incredible time and learnt so much.

This is Daniel's last year as an apprentice chef. When he qualifies he hopes to take a long holiday and spend some time travelling, experiencing different cultures and foods.

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After a cuppa it was back to it. We treated well over 100 trees and shrubs using more than 1200 injectors and 25 litres of chemical.

LOCAL HEROES

As a volunteer organisation, we are always keen to get more helpers. With many dead and dying trees a visible reminder of the destructiveness of phytophthora, local residents Dave and Lynn Broadbent and neighbours Phil and Nissa Aked (pictured) answered the call for help at the December field day. Not only did they have an enjoyable morning in the bush but Dave, Lynn, Phil and Nissa did their bit to help stop "the biological bulldozer" while getting hands-on experience and were able to borrow the gear afterwards to treat their own blocks. Thanks team, it's always great to get neighbours participating. We'd love to see you at future field days.

NEXT FIELD DAYS

Dieback Treatment – Because Midgegooroo National Park is very degraded in some areas, we will be having field days on Sunday 23rd January and Sunday 20th February. We will meet at 9am at the end of Forest Edge Retreat in Araluen Golf Course Estate with a great morning tea provided. We will finish at noon. All are welcome, no experience is necessary and you can borrow the gear for free to treat your own block afterwards. Check the website or our notice board at the Roleystone Shopping Centre for more details. For a last minute check if it is raining or stormy, look at the website on the day of the field day at 8.15am. We'd love to see you there.

Peter Blaney-Murphy

MIDGEGOOROO NATIONAL PARK

Sunday December 5th saw about 25 dedicated volunteers meet at the end of Forest Edge Retreat in Araluen Golf Course Estate to treat an area of badly degraded vegetation within the Midgegooroo National Park. The weather was mild which made for a pleasant day in the bush but saw the trees reluctant to take up the phosphite chemical. As a result of this we had to leave the injectors in the trees after the end of the day so they could empty out. A big thank you to local residents Justin, Clare and their two industrious kids for collecting the empty syringes afterwards. 10.30 was "drills down" time so we could enjoy a beaut morning tea provided by Faye Clay. Thanks Faye!

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A total of 53 vehicles attended and enjoyed the scenic, if somewhat dusty track out of the estate to the East, then around the estate on Croyden Road and Brookton Highway to re-enter via Wymond Road and Old Albany Lane. Many types of vehicles took part, from large 4 wheel drives to small family saloons. We all escaped!!”

Phil Aked



GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

This weekend, I took time out to visit some of the advertised open gardens.

Firstly we visited one in Kelmscott ‘Elweme’, a large paved garden with many rustic and rusty spots of old farm and harbour artefacts, beautifully maintained and well mulched. I’m not sure on reflection if I saw any of the natural soil.

There were a lot of shady areas from trees which had been planted by previous owners over twenty years prior to the present gardeners occupation and development of this garden.

I had heard of the garden several years ago, when a customer at Pioneer gardens Nursery had described it to me. The Lagerstroemia, “Crepe Myrtle” grown as standards gave a lovely light floral contrast.

Next at Walpole, we ventured to Red Tingle Drive, where two adjoining gardens were open.

The weather was cool and we enjoyed a slight amount of rain, soft enough to cool but not to make us too wet. ‘Hidden Springs’ was a very controlled garden, with netting over the entire orchard area, and absolutely perfect fruit for sale. We had a sausage sizzle snack liberally festooned with onion and sat watching all the birds from a viewing point on the veranda. Blue wrens, red finches, wattlebirds and smaller honey-eaters and one red capped parrot,

Bill had lots of caged feeders so the little birds could get the food but the bigger

birds could not get them.

Also hanging there was a watering point which contained honey. I noticed flowering ginger plants, Metrosiderous trees, lots of roses and the healthiest fuchsia hedge I’ve ever seen and a lush vegetable garden.

Patsy and David’s garden was a ‘plants-person’s’ garden, much more relaxed and rambly, with a lovely selection of various grouped plants. They had three large dams, with marron in one and the other with lots of yabbies. I felt very relaxed and at home wandering in this garden and enjoyed the peaceful ambience of the family oriented garden; a truly lived in family home. With their veggie garden and fruit orchard I think they would have been self-sufficient.

By the time we reached my friend’s beautiful garden in Albany we were able to enjoy the garden near nightfall before the rain set in. They had 32mm over-night. As we drove back to Roleystone we used windscreen wipers all the way to Bannister, then it was dusk and no more rain.

During the drive we stopped at the Red Cross Opportunity shop in Mount Barker and I re-stocked my garden books supply. So I will have plenty of reading to brush up on what needs doing in the garden while it is still too hot to garden, albeit there are areas which definitely need watering.

Enjoy your garden, good gardening.

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Many times when anabolic steroids are purchased from a dealer, they are actually a product intended for use on animals rather than the variety intended for humans. There is no 'safe dose' for anabolic steroid use, but excessive doses heighten the side effects.

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Steroids are a quick and easy way to achieve results and in this day and age, where everybody is looking for the "quick fix", the temptation to take the "easy path" can be all the greater.

Young people are especially susceptible to the pressures of having a "great body" as they are constantly bombarded with plastic images of perfection in youth. So in order to dissuade young people from steroid use/abuse, I thought I would write a little article about the possible side effects.

If you are a parent or partner of someone who may be using, try to educate the user about the side effects. Remember, perceived benefits of steroid use NEVER outweigh the risk to your body and NEVER last after you finish taking them! You'd be better off spending your money on a personal trainer. At least that way, you can get fit, get an education on 'safe' fitness practices AND you get to keep the benefits long after your course of personal training sessions ends!

Everyone uses the internet these days to get information on just about everything. There are websites out there that promote steroid use with a rather one eyed approach. Remember, anyone promoting steroids on the net is usually selling something. Some great info about steroid use can be found at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/drugandalcohol/anabolicsteroids.html>



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THE ROLEYSTONE OPEN

The club held our inaugural: 'Roleystone Open' on Tuesday 25th January. This was a night event, with six teams of four people playing 3 sets of doubles.

We had a lot of interest but due to the fact that we only have six courts with lights, we were restricted to

24 players.

We enjoyed a supper served throughout the evening and our winning team was: Lois Swaddle, Andrew Bruce, Bob Hay and June Copley.

Thanks to everyone who participated and made the evening a great success. We will try and host a similar event in April so remember to put your names down early.

FEES FOR THE 2010/2011 SEASON

All membership fees are now due. Our membership prices are - juniors \$45.00 (under 18), students \$60.00 (full time students with current university/TAFE cards), adults \$75.00, couples \$130.00, families \$180.00. These fees are now overdue. We will be issuing the 2010/2011 season membership cards soon.

SOCIAL TENNIS AT THE CLUB

Mornings
Wednesday morning social tennis from 9.00 am. We normally have a morning



Winners of the inaugural Roleystone Open are pictured above: June Copley, Bob Hay, Andrew Bruce and Lois Swaddle

tea break about 10.30ish. Please come along and enjoy a fun morning of tennis.

Alternatively on Friday mornings the family centre run social tennis which has a crèche provided.

Afternoons

Sunday afternoon social tennis from 2.00pm with newcomers are most welcome. Please come along and enjoy some great tennis. Contact Tracey on 9496 0053 for more information.

Nights

Monday night social tennis from 7pm till 8.30pm.

COACHING

If you are interested in enrolling in coaching for the new term please contact our club coach Cameron Fenner on 9457 9704 or 0439 960 629.

COMING EVENTS

Our Annual Club Championships will be held 19th & 20th and 26th & 27th March (dates to be confirmed).

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BOWLING ALONG

With Keith Rinaldi

At left: Julie Stokes puts down a bowl while husband Mel watches on as the couple take out the mixed pairs championship.

shots in the final. The plate was won by Phil Deas.

One of the rare feats in lawn bowls is for a team to win all eight shots of a single end in the pennant competition. Bowlers who are part of a team that achieves the perfect score are awarded an "eight" badge. Roleystone has had the outstanding distinction of earning "eight" badges, not once but twice during the current ladies' pennant season and we are all very proud of the teams made up of Ita Goldberger, Peg Knuckey, Marg Gibbons and John Smith as well as Norma Smith, Shirley Thomas, Kath Byrne and Melissa Rickman.

The **ROLEYSTONE-KARRAGULLEN BENDIGO BANK Community Bowls** is under way and it's great to see so many local groups enjoying bowls under lights on the greens. Judging by the laughter, barracking and squeals of delight coming from the games it appears that the four-week event is as much about fun as competition.

Of course, for anyone wishing to catch a share of the action and good times there is always Friday Night Social Bowls. You simply need to be at the Roleystone Country Club by 6.30pm to register for the night's entertainment.

In Club Championship news, the Mixed Pairs Champions for 2010/11 are the husband and wife combination of Mel & Julie Stokes, who defeated Brian Betts & Pauline Smith in the final.

Also contested over the summer break was the Men's Singles where Mel Stokes again triumphed in a tight contest with George Martin, with the pair separated by just two

Roleystone MUSICIANS CLUB

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Linda Schaudin.

ARALUEN NOTES

ARALUEN'S BOTANIC BLUES

We are very excited about the line-up we have for the 2011 concert. On stage first will be Jonesy's Cow who are really making a name for themselves on the local scene. They are followed by the very talented Kim Bettenay Band, who are well known in the area. From the home of the blues, we welcome Eugene 'Hideaway' Bridges. Eugene hails from America's deep south and has sung gospel with his brothers at an early age. Blues is his first love and he has toured extensively across Europe, American and Australia. Finally, one of Australia's leading Blues musicians, Darren Jack will take the stage with his band. Darren has played and supported a long line of Australian and International bands.

The line up of talent will provide blues at its best so be prepared for a great night of music.

Cost: \$35 Adults, Children under 16 accompanied by an adult free.

ARALUEN'S FREMANTLE CHILLI FESTIVAL

Sat 19 March 11am – 5pm & Sunday 20 March 10am – 5pm
 Esplanade Fremantle

Since its introduction in the summer of 2003, the then Perth Chilli Festival has firmly established itself as one of Perth's major cultural events. It was with some sadness that the decision to move the event from Araluen Botanic Park had to be made as the festival became a casualty of its own success and its popularity outstripped the capacity of the Araluen venue. The move to the Esplanade in Fremantle saw the festival re-branded under the name Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival. This move has been very exciting, challenging and

Liz Dunn

extremely successful for the festival.

New to the 2011 festival will be:

- 'Masters of Menu' interactive cooking involving a number of Perth and Fremantle's leading chefs
- More roving entertainment to interact with the crowd
- Revised site plan featuring a large central cooking area with seating for 400 people all under shade
- A more inclusive licensed area with live music

Cost of entry remains the same as last year Adults \$15, School aged child \$8 and Family \$40 (2 adults and up to 6 children).

Pictured below: Kim Bettenay will be playing at Araluen's Botanic Blues.



New Ministerial Role

My thoughts are with those residents of Carnarvon, Queensland, Victoria, NSW and Waroona who have been affected by flood and bushfire. It brought home to me the reality of the poem by Dorothea McKeller – "My Country".

Late last year I was appointed as Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to shape the policies which will improve the quality of life of Western Australians who have a mental illness, or who have a disability, or who abuse alcohol or drugs.

In a recent international survey, Australians rated mental health as their third major concern, right behind the economy and climate change!

In launching the Drug Aware Ecstasy Prevention Campaign, I challenge the notion that ecstasy is a safe drug. Go to the Drug Aware website to see what ecstasy does to your brain! This campaign is aimed at 15 to 17 year olds! Whilst overall reported illicit drug use has been declining, the reported use of ecstasy in WA has remained stable at twice the national rate. The amount of alcohol students are drinking has remained stable, although the higher rates of risky drinking

Helen Morton MLC

Member for East Metropolitan Region



among 14 to 17 year old girls are still a concern.

Financial security, well-planned communities and affordable, accessible housing are fundamental to the wellbeing of people with a disability and their families.

Issues related to these portfolios are so widespread in the community that it appears no one is immune from them. Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 9452 8311 if you would like information or assistance in respect of any State issue, or just to make yourself known. Hon Helen Morton MLC Member for the East Metropolitan Region.



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From the Tigers' Den

with Jocelyn Jones



Registration Day for the Roleystone 'Tigers' was held on Sunday 20th January with many players, volunteers and committee attending, however player numbers were disappointing. Players who registered and paid their fees in full will receive a discount.

Roleystone senior football team kicked off pre-season training on Monday 23rd January. Training will continue on

Monday and Wednesday nights at Cross Park starting at 6.30pm.

With the commencement of the season set for 2nd April it is imperative that players make a commitment to participate in pre-season training to develop an appropriate level of fitness and club comradeship.

For further information about training or the Roleystone senior football club please contact President Sean Kenworthy on 0407 768 020.



Roleystone Junior Football

Roleystone Junior Football Club invites all past and new players to register for the 2011 season.

Please come along to the Roleystone Shopping Centre on Saturday

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Seen in the photos above above l-r : Dianne, Maureen & Gil, Jamie Thomas & John Barnes, Ian & Sherrill Wallis, Jo & Rod Padgett, Rod, Jo and Sherrill, John Barnes.

Getting You Fit with Anne Marie Bailey

DO YOU WANT TO GET FIT BUT YOU WANT TO DO IT SAFELY? Anne Marie Bayley is well known to locals as a highly experienced, fitness professional. She has been running her highly successful Zumba classes over the last year in Roleystone and is now branching out to offer locals her services through her new venture You Fit.

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Bandicoots are generally solitary by nature and will defend their home range. Their diet is mainly invertebrates, small vertebrates and some plants though in urban areas their diet can also include fruit, seeds and even pet food. Bandicoots will breed at any time of year when food is abundant. The female will give birth to up to 4 young about 2 weeks after mating. These babies will be carried in a backward facing pouch that sometimes gets so big it trails on the ground.

After weaning, the young Bandicoots will move off and attempt to establish their own home ranges. One of the main threats to Bandicoots is predators such as cats, dogs and foxes, the young being particularly at risk.

Another main threat to Bandicoots is the loss of suitable habitat due to land clearing and competition for space and food with other animals. We can help by making part of our gardens 'Bandicoot friendly' by planting low native shrubs, creating pockets of dense vegetation, offering hollow logs and pipes etc to provide nesting sites and cover. Bandicoots do occasionally dig in garden beds and lawns in search of grubs and beetles,

though really they are just helping to aerate the soil and keep it pest free. Please look after and enjoy these delightful creatures.

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Queen Scarlett Glitter aka Maureen Woltersdorf



Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup Christmas Party



Roleystone Gumnuts Playgroup Monday Morning group had a Christmas Party to celebrate the end of a very successful year. We had waterslides, paddle pools, face painting and a very special visit from Father Christmas giving every child a gift. Nadia Ghilarducci

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Ten years ago it was announced in the 2001 February Courier that two new staff members had arrived at Roleystone District High School.

The school welcomed Virginia O'Keefe and Roger Mills. Virginia had returned after three years at Lesmurdie to teach English. Roger had come back after a stint in the country and was looking forward to teaching his year 7 class. (He was also hoping St Kilda would rise up the ladder and this hope certainly came true!!!)

Roger and Virginia have remained at the school over the decade (with a couple of leave breaks) and have worked tirelessly to improve outcomes for local students.

Both teachers have served the school and our community well and on behalf of the many students they have taught and supported, we thank them.



Scottish Terrier - Geordie

Little black Geordie, with canny bright eyes
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 Out from a thicket of overhung brow -
 What in the world are you thinking of now?

Is there some echo of ancestral lore
 Haunting your mind with the glories of yore?
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Little black Geordie dog,
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Above a photo of Jill, Geordie and Paul Bronson. Geordie died in January. Early morning dog walkers from Cross Park wish Jill and Paul all the best.

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Dear Friends
 When you think about it, eggs are marvellous things. Even if you don't think about it, they're still marvellous. Fed on scraps and scratchings, a hen produces one of these ovaloid (well, egg shaped) things and pops it out of her undercarriage every twenty fours. They taste delicious and do you heaps of good... in moderation! Consumed in excessive numbers they can do you a lot of harm. We know. We've been to Berliste and experienced these things.

It was early in our venture into the villages around Oravita in SW Romania and we were calling on various families (mainly in the village of Berliste), led by the local church minister. Being subsistence farmers, these country folk had next to no money but plenty of food in season. Without a cash income, education for their children was seriously curtailed because they couldn't afford to meet the costs involved with attending high school. We were getting to know the situation first hand so we could channel funds from the UK appropriately and see these bright youngsters achieve their full potential. Needless to say we were welcomed with open arms...and lots of eggs! In their culture, hospitality towards visitors was very important. A meal of some sort was always produced even if we weren't expected. As it was that difficult time before harvest and after most of last year's stored food had gone, their larders were rather bare and there was no time to kill off a chicken for meat. So they fell back on their reserves of evil little black sausages accompanied by eggs which the hens faithfully produced each day. By four o'clock in the afternoon we had met five families, had five "meals" and consumed at least 10 eggs! We were longing (dying?) to say "Thanks, but no thanks." However our guide warned us that turning down their hospitality would be very offensive - they were offering us all they had.

Their insistence on feeding us stems back to the days when food was very scarce and visitors were often genuinely hungry. The culture of hospitality was grounded in making sure people were taken care of even if they were strangers. The obvious need was food but the concern went far beyond mere material provision. Have we lost some of this? In our comfortable, self centred existence, it's all too easy to turn a blind eye to the needs of those around us. It might not be food people require, although some children still arrive at our schools not having had a proper breakfast. More often those who cross our paths have different needs, friendship for a start. When Jesus affirmed the great commandment to love your neighbour as yourself, he was effectively saying reach out the hand of friendship to all who you meet, even if it is costly. Let's do more of that. You never know, we may even see depression disappear from our community.

Yours in Christ

David Bardsley,

Minister, Roleystone Community Church

PS Ten eggs in one day have a rather binding effect, followed 48 hours later by an internal explosion of volcanic proportions. Not nice. The little sausages colour the proceedings too...

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Assisting Pets- Understanding Heartworm Judith Congrene

Many pet owners admit they are confused about when and how to worm their dogs and cats – one of the biggest areas of uncertainty is heartworm prevention – is it necessary?

Many discussions during a home visit include the comment “but we didn’t have to give medication to prevent heartworm before”.

When I first started out in private practice as a new graduate 25 years ago, Heartworm was not prevalent in Perth but was just starting to be talked about as a new risk to dogs. It was well known over East and particularly in the northern parts of Australia. One of the biggest factors for the spread of heartworm across Australia has probably been the increased tendency of people to take their dogs on long caravanning trips around Australia or to travel interstate for work, taking their pets with him to their new home.

Heartworm is a parasitic worm that is spread in its larval form by mosquitoes. When the infected mosquito bites the dog or cat, it injects the larvae into the animal and these develop into young worms that move down the blood vessels to live in the heart, lungs and surrounding blood vessels in dogs and cats, becoming adult worms after about 6 months. These worms can cause severe damage to the heart and lungs of the infected animals, as well as blocking the vital flow of blood.

Many things have changed in the last 25 years and as a result of the greater incidence and risk of heartworm disease in our dogs and cats, I would strongly recommend the pet owner in 2011 ensures their pet is treated to prevent heartworm infection.

I am happy to discuss this matter further, please call Dr Judith Congrene on 0433 2137 28.

JANUARY WEATHER STATISTICS

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

January Rainfall JANUARY 2011: 26.8 MM ON 6 DAYS
JANUARY LONG TERM AVERAGE: 12.0MM ON 3 WET DAYS

Average Min Max Temperatures January 2011

Lowest Min 10.5 (25th)
Highest Min 24.9 (28th)
Lowest Max 22.3 (24th)
Highest Max 42.8 (29th)

So far in January we have had
4 days over 40
7 days over 37.8 (the old 100F)

And you thought it was dry in 2010!

Yearly rainfall total for 2010: 550.0 on 77 wet days

This is the driest year since records began in 1964

Previous driest year was 663.0 in 2006/7 (see link below)

http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/ncc/cdio/weatherData/av?p_nccObsCode=139&p_display_type=dataFile&p_stn_num=009113

Roley Courier Roley Tigers AFL Footy Tipping 2011

Welcome back to a new decade of our great Aussie sport. Round 1 starts on Thursday March 24 between Richmond and Carlton. The Cats and Saints on Friday and then on Saturday, Pies v's Port, Adelaide take on the Hawks and Bris face our Dockers. Sunday sees Essendon taking on The Bullies, Melbourne against Sydney and the Eagles up against North Melbourne. Gold Coast cop a bye straight off.

The Roleystone Courier would like to again invite everyone to join this year's **Community AFL Footy Tipping Competition**. It is very easy, it is lots of fun and it is all done via the internet and emails. Mike Moore 0429688645 or mikemoo@bigpond.net.au, Brian McCormack 0417173035 Emma Nightingale 0410920381 and Sean Kenworthy 0407768020, will be your contacts if required. Anyone interested in footy tipping is welcome to join.

Winners for 2010

Ross Anile took off first place AGAIN also ending up in the top 5% of all tipsters NATIONALLY with 121 points. Second was Harry Newell on 117 followed by Rob Young on 116. Well done.

Costs and Winnings

The fee to join is \$50 per person. All funds will need to be paid by the end of March to the Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Bank (BSB: 633000 ACCT: 136318615). Please reference your payment.

We have 22 weekly prizes, three substantial prizes at the end of the season and a sizable donation will be given to the Roleystone Footy Club.

A trophy is also located at the Footy Club denoting our winners. This is a non-profit competition, the social benefits are great, the networking is also good for the community. If we can interest 100 tippers

we are looking at \$1500 first prize.

The Courier also emails tippers each week and prints results each month.

FOR NEW TIPPERS - Log onto www.footytips.com.au and click on “Join Now” in the centre of the page. Enter your details, not all sections need to be completed but those marked * have to be filled in (watch out for the user name- no spaces are allowed). Receive reminder emails, receive results emails for AFL if you wish. Tick I agree with the terms at the bottom of the page and then join footytips.com.au.

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To reenter the comp at any time after registration just go to the website and login your user name and password.

Enter **courier** into ‘Your Competition’ and then scroll down to Roleystone Courier Community Footy Tipping, on line password is **courier**, view details and then join competition at the bottom of the page.

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Colin Hickinbotham and his wife Shelley are both champions! On Sunday January 23rd they both won the men's and women's singles championships at the Gosnells Bowling Club. This is the first time a husband and wife have won in the same year at the club. Well done.



Melissa Adams (yes the receptionist at Fidock and Co Real Estate) along with her friends Lucinda & Jet Marty have started up a course in Hooping. This is a sport involving Hula Hoops. They are running classes at South Beach in Fremantle (to the left of the cafe.) The courses are on Mondays from 6.30 and Fridays from 6.45 with a minimal cost of \$8 for an hour and a half class. So if readers are interested they should drop in and see Melissa or the trio will be doing a Hooping demonstration and selling hoops at the **ROLEYSTONE COUNTRY MARKETS** on the 6th February.

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Astronomical Highlights Feb

Greg Lowe
Perth Observatory

You can mark the seasons by the appearance or disappearance of certain bright stars or distinctive star groups – it's been done for millennia. Not so with the planets (wanderers). For instance, Jupiter's dominating the western sky at dusk now. Don't expect it to be in the same position at this time next year. For me, it's good to see the Southern Cross back in view now in the early evening. Can you find the Cross (Crux) for yourself? Look SSE around 9pm. It's a pattern of stars that looks like a kite lying on its side. Very high up above Crux and somewhat to the right is the False Cross – it's below and to the left of the bright star Canopus which is due south and really high up. In the neighbourhood of the Cross there are several objects that we like to feature in the evening viewing sessions at the Observatory.

Under the heading of backyard astronomy, we also show some of the main constellations and talk about principles such as the Bayer system for naming stars. In the early 1600s, Johannes Bayer came up with a way of naming stars using the letters of the Greek alphabet. The brightest star gets an alpha, the second brightest a beta, then a gamma, and so on. Looking at the Cross, find Alpha Crucis – it's the star on the right, the one that's at the foot of the Cross when it's standing upright (which it does at about 3am this month). From Alpha

Crucis, going clockwise, the stars in Crux are arranged in order of decreasing brightness: Beta Crucis, Gamma Crucis, Delta Crucis, and the very faint Epsilon Crucis. A-Cross, B-Cross, C-Cross, D-Cross, E-Cross. Easy.

Jupiter's the bright "star" in the west at nightfall. Over the coming fortnight it'll be setting earlier and earlier. By mid-month we'll lose it in the Sun's glare. Then there'll be no visible planet at the start of the night. Saturn's rising in the east around 10:40pm now, and will come up earlier by about 4 minutes with each passing day: around 9:45pm mid-month, and 8:50 by month's end. It'll be the "star" of the show at the Observatory in autumn. Venus continues as the brilliant "morning star", rising in the ESE at about 2:30am now, 2:45 mid-month, and 3am at the end of the month. You can't mistake it: look east at dawn.

Moon phases: new moon on the 3rd, first quarter the 11th, full moon the 18th, last quarter the 25th (a.m.), and new moon again on March 5th. Teachers: evening moon obs should be conducted from the 4th or 5th to the 18th or 19th. From a day or two after new moon until full moon or the day after remember?

(Acknowledgement: this information is from Quasar Publishing's ASTRONOMY 2011 almanac, available from the Observatory for \$25. Phone 9293-8255.)

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\$525,000
5 Mackie Rd
STYLISH TREETOP LIVING

A quality cedar clad 4/2 pole home on a bushy 1624sqm with polished jarrah floor to the open living flowing out onto a generous timber decked patio. Full length picture windows give unrestricted wooded views and the comfortable insulated home has evap a/c, a combustion fire and a split a/c to the lounge.

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\$629,000
3 Sophia Grove
ARALUEN ENCHANTMENT

Quality designer 4/2 brick/tile home on 2203sqm with lofty open plan living & tile floor in a sleepy cul-de-sac. Ducted r/c air cond, insul, huge combustion fire, stylish kitchen, robes, neutral decor & dble gge with workshop. Shady gabled patio, gazebo aviary, quaint garden shed & fruit trees.

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\$399,000
5 Peet Road
POTENTIAL & POSITION

This charming character 4 b/r home features cathedral ceilings with beams, Jarrah floors and timber French doors. With a huge laundry, country kitchen, split a/c throughout and a spacious sunken lounge with gas heater. A bargain on a bushy 1,712 Sqm block.

Andrew Baylee 0417 940 311



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\$485,000
162 Peet Rd
THE QUIET LIFE

With the tranquil sounds of nature, this secluded 3x1 cottage has plenty of character and charm, both inside and out. This private home on 2152 SqM boasts 3 good sized bedrooms with original jarrah floors, high ceilings to the main living with Daikin R/C air con, study, large bathroom, veggie patch and space for 4 cars.

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BIG AND BEAUTIFUL

Presentation Perfect. The most beautiful Pole Home you will see. Massive Kitchen, Views, Views, Views 4 x 2 & Big Entertaining Alfresco Deck. All set in 4,370 SqM Gorgeous Block.

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26 Hall Rd
SUB-DIVIDE & CONQUER

Envision the investment potential with this exemplary 4x2 with a layout unlike anything I have ever seen. Split level design, with 3 beds in the main house & parents retreat attached via gge. 174m long & over 4,700sqm, makes it ideal for a subdivision.

James Baylee 0421 904 469



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\$695,000
556 Brookton Hwy
VALLEY VIEWS

3,138 block featuring 5 bedrooms, 2 lovely bathrooms, 2 excellent size living area plus an alfresco deck. Big open kitchen, proper dining area and study nook. Bonus assets are – Below Ground Pool, Gazebo, undercover parking for 2 cars & workshop space too.

Rob Fidock JP 0417 88 5400



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\$265,000
L602 Slab Gully
VACANT LAND

A newly subdivided 2000sqm block with quite simply the most magnificent Sweeping Valley Views looking towards Araluen in a scenic, hillside end of cul de sac location.

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\$289,500
14 Trevor Crt
SUB-DIVIDE & CONQUER

At the top of a sleepy cul-de-sac with a bush reserve on the western boundary and just a short walk to the shops and schools, this 1730SQM woodland block has a gentle slope and is bedecked by grass trees, eucalypts and wildflowers. A perfect location for your new hills home.

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Karragullen
\$920,000
L40 O'Meagher Rd
RARE OPPORTUNITY GENERAL RURAL

3.92Ha (almost 10 Acres) ORCHARD featuring A large concrete water tank stores water to reticulate the orchard and the property is crudely fenced & has an old fibro garage. This is a rare opportunity

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