

# Roleystone Courier



## The Fire Approaches

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*On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of February, Vic Every celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The event was celebrated with family and friends at a party held by Ken and Carmel Every. Vic and his wife Guen came to Roleystone as newly weds in the early 50's to set up home on a great block they had purchased - they are still in this house today. Vic is pictured with wife Guen and the 'wonder twins' great grand daughters: Sarah and Lisa. Great Innings Vic!*



## DANIELLE IS MARRIED TO PAUL

*On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of February Ross and Connie Anile celebrated the wedding of their daughter Danielle to Paul Lampropoulis. The photo above shows: Danielle and her new husband Paul with 'The Family': grandmother Paola Anile, brother Paul Anile, parents Connie and Ross, the happy couple, sister Stephanie Anile and grandparents Cantena and Vince Giglia. All are well known locals. All the best to the newly married couple. The photo was taken by Lyn Whitfield King.*

## A Grade Wedding

### CONGRATULATIONS EDDIE AND REBECCA

*On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 Roleystone's very own mechanic Eddie Worsnop snuck off to Christchurch, New Zealand and married his childhood sweetheart, Rebecca.*

*Eddie and Rebecca met 30 years ago and spent four years penning love letters by snail mail, seeing each other briefly three or four times a year.*

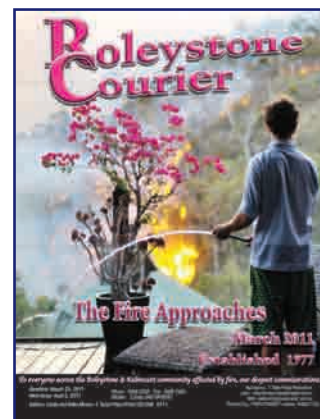
*Life moved on for them both with marriage, children and divorce until the Google search engine ran into overdrive as it paired them up again.*

*A frenzy of modern correspondence followed and not willing to let her slip away again, Eddie proposed, married and whisked her 'across the ditch' to join us in Roleystone.*

*Rebecca can be found at A Grade Mechanical Services reception, meeting customers and helping with administration.*

## March Cover

*As the fire came over the hills towards Roleystone, residents of Contour and Urch Road became vigilant in case their homes were threatened, as had happened to so many families further to the west. Pictured: Contour Road resident Cody Evans (28 years old) is soaking the boards of the decking to deter any sparks. He is watching the fire front while surrounded by the beauty and tranquility of his home. In the face of the force of a firestorm, man's defences are so woefully inadequate.*



## Local Residents Under Threat

*"It's not just an ordinary house - it's their life! Ron designed and built this place,"* said Elisa Pesch, aged 13, who proceeded to carry some of our artworks up my steep drive to safety.

That's the way it was - a bit of last minute panic when I was asked to evacuate - and a bit of *"what shall I take with me?"* - followed by a spout of questionable decisions and regrets about what I didn't take - then all OK in the end - except for an ashen valley, a lingering smell of burnt eucalyptus and a very different outlook from the one I have enjoyed for the past twenty years. A good challenge to reproduce the scene captured in the photo utilising some of the burnt charcoal left in the wake of the blaze.

Already the kangaroos are back, the robins are splashing in the birdbath, the grass trees are sprouting and the kookaburras are laughing.

It is no laughing matter, however, when contemplating the devastation down the valley. I feel very sad for families from Kelmscott and beyond who lost their homes and possessions and especially sorry for one talented student/artist from our group who lost her home and precious artworks.

Nevertheless, by mutual agreement, the art classes resumed by the following weekend and a short time was given for a group hug and stories of evacuations and lucky escapes.

We all live in and enjoy this special hilly terrain and join, I am sure, with many in thanking the tireless firefighters, especially those who, together with the helibombers, saved my home and the art studios without overturning a potplant or artefact on the way!

*Yvonne Geneve  
Studio Genius  
Contour Road  
Roleystone*



*The photo above of the fire approaching Yvonne's house and the one on the front page were taken by local Roleystone photographer Jenae Sorgiovanni. Jenae's photos featured last week on Perth Now. If you want to view her photo work please log onto [www.projectphoto.typepad.com](http://www.projectphoto.typepad.com)*



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Pictured at left: Lucas and Levi during their Buddy time.

### Birds Found After Fires

We found a parrot on 8/2/2011. We are thinking maybe it has come from the fires. Helshe was very thirsty and hot and found in Huntingdale.

It is extremely friendly and will climb onto our shoulders. It does not talk but is quite vocal. It is definitely someone's pet as it sits on our shoulders and climbs on our hand whenever we want it to and hangs out with our dog no worries.

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Erin Gibsone

Found: A Pink and Grey Galah that has been at our home since the day of the bush fires in Roleystone/ Kelmscott.

He is a male, talks and flies and if anyone thinks this may be their bird, they are more than welcome to contact Peter or Bronwyn on 9398 2730.

### QUILTERS COMMUNITY QUILT PROJECT

Roleystone Friendship Quilters held their first 'community' Sewing Day on Thursday 24th February to start making quilts for all the children affected by the recent bushfire.

We are currently contacting primary and secondary schools in the Kelmscott, Armadale and Lesmurdie areas. However we would like the community to contact us if they know of any children affected, who attend schools further afield, so that we can include them too.

If you would like to help with the quilts, donate quilting fabric or batting, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you to the Roleystone Country Club, who have generously given us the use of their premises.

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# The Displaced are Rehoused.



Above: With the fires threatening Good Shepherd Primary School, Lumen Christi College's Principal Geoff Mills, generously offered their gymnasium area so that the students could return to a safe and normal education environment as soon as possible. (Patrick Shepherd, Samuel Bulich and Brendan Joseph are pictured.) Good Shepherd Primary School Principal Gabrielle Doyle was very grateful to her staff as well as the staff and students of Lumen Christi for allowing them to make use of their facilities. This was an outstanding example of the power of community as everyone banded together to help those in need.

At right: The Banford Purchon family, well known across Roleystone, lost their home in the fires. They are very thankful for the help and support they have received. Pictured: Georgia, Rhianon and Rebecca Purchon (and their dog) are settling well into their new rental home in Mount Nasura.



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### POPLAR COTTAGE IS SAVED

Carol & John from Poplar Cottage would like to thank all the wonderful people who made calls and sent emails to ask after our welfare and the fate of the cottage in the wake of the bushfire on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Your kind words, thoughts and gestures of care were greatly appreciated.

With a lot of hard work, forethought and some luck, we were able to save the property and Poplar Cottage remains for the enjoyment of all.

Thanks to all the fire fighters who put their lives on the line, time after time.

Our hearts go out to those who lost their homes or suffered damage to their homes. We hope that they are able to gather strength and comfort from the care of others. In times of strife the strength of our local community always comes to the fore.

*Carol Wolf  
Poplar Cottage*

Last Sunday we became evacuees and I would like it to be known how extremely wonderful and marvellous the volunteers were. They worked all the time with a genuine smile on their faces, made sure that we had exactly what we needed, there was so much food, clothes and toys; it was like being in Wonderland and for a little while and made one forget the terrible things that were happening outside.

I must give you an incident that my husband and I will never ever forget. Two ladies came over to us and started talking and during the conversation asked where we were going to sleep. At that time we did not realise there was another gymnasium there as well and we said we probably would be sleeping on the floor. They said "no way" and they went to their homes nearby and

brought back a camping mattress and a portable bed and if that was not enough, they brought sheets and blankets and also made up the beds and found the room where everyone was to sleep and even put sticky labels on the wall against our beds with our names on so other people would know.

I am now 81 and my husband is 83 and we have never seen such wonderful people and been treated so magnificently as we were in the evacuation centre that night and day. There are not so many thanks that we could say so I am hoping that it could be read in the "Courier" and in some little way, show how much we appreciate all that was done for us in such a harrowing time.

*Joyce and Boris Maric  
Roleystone*

*I would like to thank everyone who helped us out when the bushfires threatened. Strangers rallied around to help and we were able to get all of our valuables out of the house before the fire front approached. To the unknown stranger who helped us and allowed us to store everything in his shed*

*until the threat was over and helped put everything back into the house afterwards - thank you! We have been in our house in Contour Rd for thirty years and we love the serenity and beauty of the hills. With that comes the threat of fire and this time it came very close.*  
*Lee Evans*

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Pipework was then laid in the river bed and the road embankment was constructed. The Canning River is now flowing through the pipes and the roadway is being built above it.

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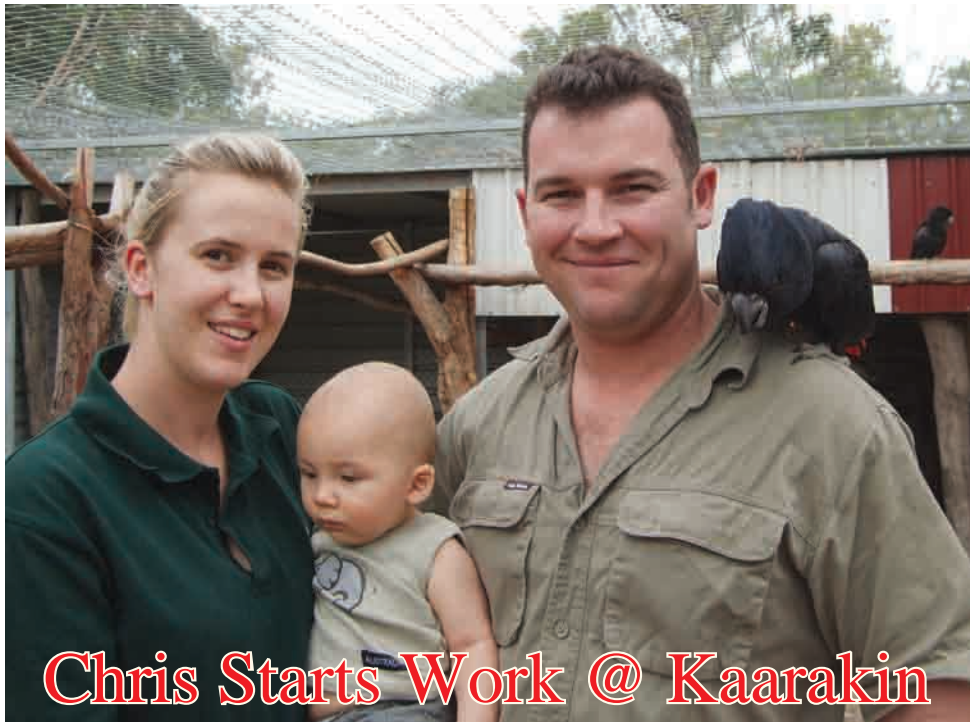
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## Chris Starts Work @ Kaarakin

Welcome to Chris Phillips who has recently been appointed as General Manager of Kaarakin.

Since January 2011 Chris, his wife Carley and their young 7 month old son James, have started their new lives as the residential managers of the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society's headquarters based at the rehabilitation centre (the old Cohunu site, off Mills Road in Martin). The organisation is going from strength to strength and with the appointment of Chris as a fulltime Manager, the group are hoping to achieve their aim to save the Black Cockatoo from extinction. The President of the Black Cockatoo Preservation Society, Glenn Dewhurst is very enthusiastic about Chris coming on board.

'Chris has a passion for wildlife and he will be working around the clock to improve this place. Chris will be running the

*Above: Chris, his wife Carley and baby James already at home with 'the friendlies' - the hand raised Black Cockatoos at Kaarakin.*

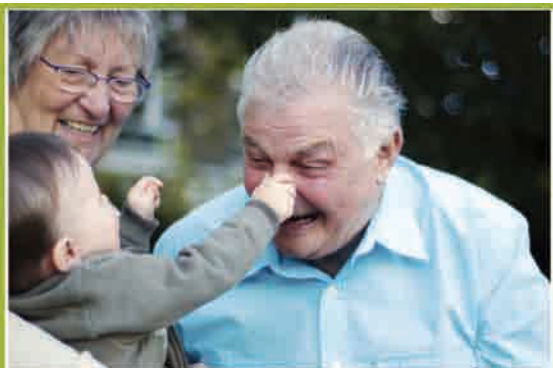
daily operations of the centre, organising volunteers and engaging the community,' Glenn said.

Last year the group released over 500 birds back into the wild. Chris aims to improve on this. His initial focus is to continue to restore the old Cohunu site which was left severely degraded. The group is currently building a 60 metre flight aviary, to help the birds with their rehabilitation prior to release.

Chris has a degree in Conservation and Wildlife Biology and this role is very important to him. He has served with the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society 'saving our whales' and this passion is translated into the need to save our cockatoos.

'The Black Cockatoo is classified under the WA wildlife act as 'rare (likely to become extinct)'. The species is experiencing a population crash, with numbers estimated to be as low as 8% of their original numbers. If we want our children to see these wonderful creatures we have to act now to save them, we must protect their habitats and improve their chances of breeding successfully,' Chris said.

The Black Cockatoo Preservation Society is seeking volunteers to help with the cockatoos. A range of roles are available and not all are strenuous activities. The group would like to invite local school groups and community organisations to visit (and perhaps to volunteer to help!) Please note that prior contact is essential before entry. If you are interested in visiting or being a volunteer please contact Chris on 0411 155560.



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The system involves aquaculture (in their case growing Silver Perch) and hydroponics - cultivating soil less vegetables that are enriched with the wastes produced by the perch! The fish feed the plants; the plants clean the water for the fish - the system copies nature. The plants filter the wastes out and fresh clean water is returned to the perch. Plus the Arnotts get to consume some beautiful vegetables in the process.

They are now just about to sample



some of the larger silver perch - an event that they have been eagerly anticipating.

They have been experimenting for over twelve months and they think they have it right now. The system is in balance. The vegetables are really large, tasty and fresh, plus there is minimal waste as you only pick what you want (eg the outer leaves of the lettuce.) They are currently growing: tomatoes, cucumbers, capsicums, squash, watermelon, zucchinis, lettuce, strawberries and herbs. Their system is under shade cloth (to deter some very hungry kookaburras from feeding on their fish. The whole system is truly organic (Joyce occasionally adds some Seasol to the foliage to ensure trace elements are available.)

The whole thing involves some upfront expense (they estimate the system cost around \$6000) but they consider it to be well worth it. They purchased their system from Backyard Aquaponics in Jandakot (who can be contacted on 9414 93354 or enquiries @backyardaquaponics .com)

'We get to eat food we have grown ourselves so we know how it is grown and that it is very fresh' Joyce said. If you want more information you can contact Mike on 0433 367487.

### A VERY SAD SIGHT: BY PAUL MUTTON

*This "crab" trap was pulled this month from the Canning River by the Thompson Rd Bridge in the Roley Pool Reserve. Inside it was the dead remains of a native Australian Water Rat that had drowned in it a few hours before. Also present were about 20 undersized marron (the intended target) that it had been trying to access.*

These traps are illegal to use in streams and rivers and are death traps to all that enter them. If you come across them remove them straight away, and let the users know of the damage they do. A small scout around the area revealed the mummified remains of a second Water Rat that is likely to have met the same fate.

These animals are quite uncommon and are the top native carnivore in our river. The population must be under pressure from a declining river health and a noticeable decrease in the abundance of food sources (including marron, mussels, gilgies, and shrimp). To find them still living in our area is a rare fortune and a reminder that we still have special environment that needs our support to survive the pressures. You may help supporting the local environment by writing some letters/email to government or by becoming involved in the Roleybushcare group.



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# TONY TAKES OVER AS MANAGER



*Welcome Tony Jacobs – the new Bank Manager of the Roleystone Karragullen Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank. He may be new to the Bendigo Bank but he is not new to the area or to banking.*

Tony lives in Bedfordale and he is already well aware of hills living and the unique lifestyle many hills residents enjoy. He lives with his wife Frances and his son Regan who attends Lumen Christi College in Martin.

## Bendigo Bank

Tony has had over thirty years in the finance industry – with many of these years serving as a bank manager in rural/regional locations and also stints in the metro area. Most recently, Tony has been working in the finance brokering industry. He also understands agriculture, having had many years experience as an agribusiness manager for Elders Bank covering an area within 150km of Perth which included looking after the financial requirements of grain, cattle and sheep farmers, viticulturists and orchardists. Tony brings this immense experience to his new position combined with a passion and enthusiasm for providing old fashioned banking service.

Tony feels he relates well to the style of banking underpinning the operations of the Bendigo Bank. He feels his challenge will be to guide the bank to the next level, increasing profitability and ensuring returns flow through to the community and eventually to shareholders.

‘I’m enthusiastic about getting back to grass roots banking being a hands on Bank Manager. I like to meet people halfway.’ Tony said. ‘I am eager to participate in local events and organisations. My door is open and I am looking forward to meeting the community.’

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If you take cuttings or plant seeds in small pots now, we will feed and water them and generally look after them until required. The Kelmscott Gardening Club got wind of this project and are joining in this too, bringing their plants to the Church for us to nurture. It will be a wonderful blessing for us all to see the burnt out property literally blooming again! Please contact Bobbie or Gerry Chapman on 93975730 to arrange dropping plants off at the Nursery.

*Lesley Borowitzka*

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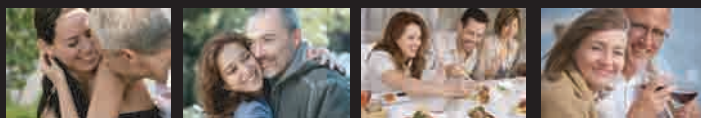
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MARCH 2011

LINDA MOORE

*This month, with the true horror of the bushfires so recently upon us, I thought it appropriate to invite 'an independent expert' to make comment on the bushfire risk we all face.*

*The following is from Rohan Carboon, Bushfire Safety Consulting Pty Ltd. M: 0429 949 262, www.bushfiresafety.net*

## WHY DO SOME HOUSES BURN AND OTHERS DON'T ?

There have been extensive studies into why some houses burn in bushfires and others don't. A number of research organisations including the CSIRO and the Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre have surveyed over 3750 damaged and undamaged homes since a 1944 bushfire.

We know that the major bushfire attack mechanisms

on homes are ember attack, radiant heat and direct flame contact. Wind can also impact on homes by damaging the building envelope allowing embers to enter.

The main factors which affect house survival are:

1 – The weather conditions. Severe weather influences both the magnitude of a bushfire impact, and likewise the vulnerability of a home to ignition. Studies have found that virtually all house losses occur during severe, extreme or catastrophic weather conditions (ie when the Fire Danger Indices are over 50).

2 – Surrounding Bushfire Fuels

This includes all the elements that will burn, their size, structure, moisture content and arrangement both vertically and horizontally in the environment. Houses closer to these fuels experience higher bushfire attack levels. To put this into context, the Australian Standard (AS 3959-2009), Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas) indicates a home on flat land needs to be a minimum of 42 metres from open forest otherwise plain float glass windows can crack and fail. In terms of fuel quantity, if

the amount of available fuel is doubled, the fire will travel at twice the speed, but the fires intensity will be fourfold.

3 - Local topography  
Generally for every increase in slope of 10 degrees, a bushfire will double its forward rate of spread and intensity. This is why houses on slopes are at higher risk from bushfire attack.

4 - House design  
This relates to how complex a home is, how easily embers will be caught in corners, etc. Elevated homes with subfloor spaces, decks and complex roof designs are more vulnerable to ember accumulation attack. Homes with gaps larger than 2mm in the building envelope are vulnerable to ember entry which has been identified as the main cause of most house ignitions.

5 – Building Materials  
Homes with combustible wall cladding, timber decks, timber steps, timber window and door frames and evaporative coolers are all more vulnerable to ignition in bushfires.

6 - Landscape objects  
Objects such as sheds,

wood heaps, garden, door mats and general clutter all catch embers, if they are close to a house can easily ignite first which can then threaten the main house with their own radiant heat, flames and embers.

7 – Human Behaviour  
Brigade and occupant behaviour before, during and after a fire event plays a major role in house survival. Many homes are saved after a fire front has passed. House survival rates can increase 3-5 times then that of undefended homes. Staying to actively defend a property can be a good option for people who have comprehensively prepared homes, have safety zones and contingency plans, are mentally and physically prepared and have all the necessary equipment. It does of course carry the increased risk of injury and death. Late evacuation also carries significant risks to people when fleeing a bushfire.

The challenge is to determining if the standard of your home is appropriate to the level of risk it is exposed too? Many homes in WA have not been constructed to even minimal bushfire standards.

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Vale

**Luigi (Loui) Ghilarducci**  
(24/3/1924 – 20/2/2011)

In the last week in February, Loui Ghilarducci died after a long illness. He died 2 days short of his 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to wife Roma and just before his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Loui arrived in Australia as a six year old, accompanying his family immigrating from Italy. The Ghilarduccis were one of the first Italian families to arrive in Karragullen and like many after them, they took up orcharding.

Loui was one of the foremost orchardists in the district and leaves a large family and a wonderful legacy.

The eulogy for Loui will be printed in the April edition of the Courier.

## RESPONSES TO

### DISAPPOINTMENT OVER SCHOOLING DECISIONS

I refer to the two letters on page 13 of the February issue of the Roleystone Courier entitled 'Disappointment Over School Decisions' and 'Do Consequences Follow Poor Behaviour'. After reading the letters I'm not sure who to be most annoyed with, the people who wrote them or you for feeling the need to publish them.

In my opinion both letters stink of sour grapes and the authors are taking their frustration out on the local school and an innocent child.

One has to assume that the authors of the letters have perfect children but the reality is that children do the wrong thing from time to time. Does that mean that they should be condemned for life for what they have done while going through the difficult teenage years? Or given the chance to learn from their mistakes and move on.

Thankfully all students at our local High School are given the opportunity of getting back their good standing once it is lost and this process takes longer than one day which is incorrectly stated in one of the letters.

The worthy winner of the 2010 Belle of the Ball award has gone through a rough time in her life recently but has come through it all to be a fine young lady and a well respected community member.

I would just like to ask the authors of the letters what they were doing when the recent fires were putting homes and lives under threat in Roleystone and Kelmscott? Our 'Belle of the Ball' swapped her ball gown for a fire suit and attended the Roleystone Fire Station day and night to help out where-ever she could.

**Jason Newland**  
Roleystone

*The decision about whether or not to publish the letter 'Disappointment over Schooling Decisions' was considered. It was felt that the letter was questioning the school's decision, which was the author's right to do. Any distress caused to any individual is regretted. Ed.*

### FIRE PREPAREDNESS

*I despair sometimes at the lack of fire preparation on some Roleystone properties.*

I drive along Brookton Highway and along Urch Rd for instance. There are some people who have gone to a lot of effort to reduce fuel load on their properties, they have put in firebreaks, they have slashed grass, they have no trees near their homes, they have areas around the home for fire trucks, and so on. Fabulous. This is how it needs to be. Then there are others who have done nothing. Who do not have fire breaks. Who have homes surrounded by scrub, trees, and the like. Who have knee high dead weeds (dead watsonia on Brookton Highway for instance is dreadful) and grass at the front of their properties on the road verge. This increases the risk not

I am writing in support of the Roleystone District High School choice for Belle of the Ball. The Belle of the Ball is a very special part of a child's schooling and it is something that all girls look forward to winning at the end of the year. Now to make it fair this is not chosen based on the entire year's academic or attitude performance, it is based on just that night's performance. I feel that 'The Belle' was more than worthy of this award. She looked absolutely amazing, and those that know her would understand that it was way out of her usual comfort zone, which is why it was allocated to her rather than others.

She did not go in there competing for belle, she merely wanted to dress up and show others a side of her they had never seen before. I am close with her and she is a girl that has had her fair share of problems with school rules but she did receive her good standing back prior to the ball. This means she had every right to be a part of the function.

I think the message the school has sent is the opposite to "students are getting away with not complying with the discipline system", but showing them that we value them for all aspects of whom they are and the kind of person they are, rather than what grades they get in school and whether they have an immaculate record.

This will help young adults strive for things like the belle of the ball, whether they are great at school or not. Congratulations 'Belle', we are so proud of you. You deserve it.

**Charneah Salmon**  
Roleystone

just for them but the whole community. How can we get the City of Armadale to ensure compliance that all firebreaks are in? How can we get the City of Armadale to slash road verges BEFORE the firebreak deadline? However, everyone needs to take responsibility.

How can we get everyone to look after themselves, look after the community and help our wonderful, wonderful volunteer fire brigade in the process?

Let's sort this out now and not leave it until too late. Let's get together as a community and help ourselves now. How can we do this?

Kind wishes and thanks for all your work.

**Rachel Green.**  
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Recently Roleystone lost Hawkston Road resident Trevor Best, who succumbed to rectal cancer on the 9<sup>th</sup> February after four years fighting this insidious disease. Trevor just managed to live long enough to celebrate 50 years of marriage to his wife Pat, who had been his companion and full time carer over his illness. With the help of Silver Chain and Armadale Home Help, Trevor was able to stay in the home he loved until his death. Pat would like to sincerely thank the people from these organisations who helped her over this period.

Trevor was born in 1933 and as an outstanding student he won a scholarship to Perth Modern School followed by a University Scholarship to study Engineering at UWA. After graduation he went to Melbourne where he met his future wife Pat. Together they travelled the world through Trevor's work for Caterpillar tractors and their four sons (James, Stuart, Peter and David) were born in varied locations across the globe. In 1988 they returned to WA and purchased 10 acres in Roleystone. For Trevor this was an era of passionate construction and horticulture while he constructed his dream home and then set about rebuilding the soil and planting trees. He was a very keen organic grower. Pat would like to say thank you to everyone who sent messages of condolence. Their good wishes have been very gratefully received. The family would now like to have a Celebration of Trevor's Life. So they will be having a 'Tuck In' on the 12<sup>th</sup> March starting at 3pm. Neighbours, friends and family are very welcome to join them to celebrate a life well lived.



## Ed Baker Joins the RFMC

*The Roleystone Family Medical Centre has welcomed two Physiotherapists to the practice: Ed Butcher and Rahima Richardson. This month we feature Ed Butcher. Ed is a family man; he is married with three daughters. He has practiced in the area for over 13 years and is very enthusiastic about working in Roleystone. Many of his current clients are from this location and he wants to invite them and new clients to make a booking to see him here or they can continue to see him in Kelmscott if they prefer.*

Currently he will be available at the Roleystone practice twice a week on Mondays and Fridays from 12 – 4 pm. Ultimately, the aim is to have access to a full time physiotherapist in Roleystone.

Ed wanted to assure future and current clients that his practice is medically based and he uses comprehensive evidence for determining his treatments and techniques. Ed has a special interest in the areas of: neck and back pain, tendons, sports injuries and headaches/migraines. So why go to a physiotherapist? 'Physios have an exceptional training in anatomy and a real understanding of the orthopaedic side of medicine. We work in tandem with the General Practitioner so we can develop a holistic understanding of the health of the patient.' Ed said.

'However you do not have to be referred by a GP – anyone can make an appointment. Most funds have some form of cover so if you have a problem – try a physiotherapist. Just ring the Roleystone Family Medical Centre for an appointment on 93977122. And, in the words of local newsagent John Thorpe, 'you don't need to go down the hill.'

*At right: Ed Butcher 'ready to treat you' in his rooms at the Roleystone Family Medical Centre.*



# Invitation: To Fellow Ex-RKCC Cricketers!

On behalf of Graham Fuller (President) and the committee, we would like to invite you and your family to Cross Park on Sunday 6, March 2011, to catch up with a few old faces over a beer and a feed. Feel free to spread the word to anyone you think might be interested in heading up to the club.

## OLD BUFFERS CRICKET MATCH PLAYING FOR THE 'RAY POUND MEMORIAL SHIELD'

Details will follow but basically the match will kick off at 1:00pm with a crop of current players (Young Guns) to pit their skill against ex-players (Old Buffers) enjoying a 'very friendly' game of cricket. We would like a big turnout for the 'social side of things' and there is no pressure to don the whites. If you intend rolling the arm over or having a hit, please nominate yourself to me by Wednesday March 2 so that I can make up the teams.

For more information and to help with catering numbers please get back me on 0439 986 862 / [graham.pound@pgs.com](mailto:graham.pound@pgs.com) or Darren Wilkinson on 0408 911 835. Graham Pound / Darren Wilkinson,

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*Agostino, Anile, Anisson, Bamford, Barker, Bettenay, Bickley, Brierty, Briggs, Brown, Byrne, Chapman, Cook, Coppin, Darbyshire, Delsimone, Dudley, Every, Fancote, Gill, Goad, Green, Hambleton, Hancock, Hammond, Hay, Hewett, Hill, Hitch, Jackson, Jago, Jones, Kell, Knuckey, Laque, Leggett, Littlely, Mathews, McGrail, McKay, McPartland, Minson, Mitchell, Mobilia, Moreno, Pettigrew, Poultney, Pound, Price, Rinaldi, Rowe, Ryan, Savage, Scriven, Smit, Smith, Spilsbury, Taylor, Thompson, Wilkinson, Williams and Woodley etc*

**Graham Pound**



## CURBSIDE ARTISTS GET CREATIVE AGAIN

*Once again our rubbish artists have been creating art from other's unwanted items. The domestic scene had the kids watching television while mum did the vacuuming, even the vacuum had eyes. Great to see some levity coming into a mundane function.*



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## Warm Fuzzy Feeling: by Caroline Wielinga

I spent Christmas camping down on the Blackwood River at Sue's Bridge. This is a lovely spot among the peppermint trees, with many good swimming spots.

Unfortunately amongst our activities, my better half discovered a strange flower he brought to my attention. Unfortunately because it was a big patch of thorny purple thistles as high as my head and as wide as a house (or two).

A normal person would have just thought 'that was a shame' and walked away and looked at other prettier sights. But I have to confess I have a weeding problem.

It is totally irrational of course, after all, if the weed can grow somewhere, who am I to stop it? But I couldn't let it go. A weed like that is declared for a reason, it would quickly march all through the forest and up and down the River to boot. It might form some shelter for fauna but it would choke out existing flora. It had to go, and so armed with a trusty camping steak knife off I went to battle, with a purple flower on the banks of the Blackwood at Christmas time.

I am surprised that no one asked me what I was doing - bottom up frantically

ripping up the vegetation along the River while canoeists passed me by. I could have been harvesting a crop, but no one seemed to care. At any rate I did my best pulling and deheading thistle flowers into boxes. We used to bring empty beer bottles home from our camping trips, now it was left over 'playdo', nappies and thistle heads, how times do indeed change.

I couldn't get the whole patch - try that I did - certainly not with just a steak knife. So I resolved to come back next year, before they get so big that their thistle needles were several inches long, and to write to DEC. That is obviously my other weak point, writing to unsuspecting authorities telling them how I think they should do their job.

To my surprise however, I just received a letter back from the DEC Blackwood Division. My pitiful letter appears not to have fallen on deaf ears, they say they can address the weed patch next season! I am very pleased they still have the time and resources to protect these beautiful conservation reserves. Next year I may complain about the power-boats that were doing circle work on the River....

## Fiona's Lucky Escape Inspires Her to Help Others

*Counsellor Fiona Nottle and her husband Lester have an idyllic home in Kelmscott Hills. They went through the full trauma of the fires as Fiona was part of those who had to fight the fires and save her home.*

Her stressful and frightening experience gives her a personal insight into the feelings a victim of the fire's destruction may have. Fiona used her skills to keep focused and re-gain her own self composure and find regain her peace of mind.

For those who were directly affected and lost homes, Fiona is offering one full hour session, at no expense. Fiona's practice is open to everyone. Give her a call and experience inner peace of mind.

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Mia Rae Caccetta was born at 1:51 pm on the 01/01/2011 weighing 1.1pounds (480grams) and arriving 15 weeks premature.

My wife Lynda was not feeling well on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December so I took her to Armadale Hospital Emergency as a precaution. Upon admission she was diagnosed with preeclampsia and rushed to the labour and birthing ward of Armadale. It was there we were informed of the situation and told that the baby would need to come out within the next 2 days as the placenta had become toxic to Lynda.

Lynda was rushed by ambulance to King Edward Memorial Hospital and was under 24 hour monitoring to see if the condition worsened. At lunch time on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January we were told that the baby would need to be delivered by emergency caesarean and within the hour Lynda and I were in the operating theatre and baby Mia was born.

The main concern for Mia was for her lungs as being born this early they are not yet ready to breathe on their own. Lynda was given steroids to help develop Mia's lungs and they had the desired effect meaning Mia only needed basic ventilation in the nursery.

Mia is now 7 weeks old and still in King Edward and will be there until approximately her due date which is the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. She is doing really well and now weighs a whopping 2.5pounds (1115grams). Mum Lynda has fully recovered and spends most of her time by Mia's incubator cot. I would like to pass on a big thank you to all the staff at King Edward who have done a wonderful job with both Mia and Lynda. Plus our thanks to all the people in Roleystone and surrounds for sending their well wishes and thoughts.

*Joshua Caccetta*

*Pictured above: Mia at birth. Below: Lynda, Josh and Mia - well on the way to achieving her 'expected birthday' in April. Well done!*



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"And who's this?" I asked, pointing to a short fat figure near the manger.

"That's Round John Virgin" he replied.

Robert is now a missionary in Mexico City, with his wife and twin sons.....which is why his mother and I find ourselves there every 3 or so years.

Mexico City has a population greater than the entire population of Australia in an area measuring about 40 kms by 40 kms. This is much smaller than the area of greater Perth. It is a vibrant, noisy, colourful, exotic and exciting city with a plethora of historical buildings and Aztec ruins to visit, from the Pyramids of the Sun and moon - Teotihuacan - to the magnificent castle of Chapultepec. Robert, Shelley and our grandchildren - twin boys - live near the UNAM, the largest university in the Americas, if not the world, with an enrolment of over 350 000 and up to

50 000 of these students walk past the house every day,

My son and daughter in law cater to the passing students in Christian Outreach through a cafe they have set up in front of their home. They provide low cost coffee and food to students who have quite likely spent a couple of hours travelling to get to the University. Their street is a hive of activity; although only about 150 metres long, during the semester each house turns into a restaurant,



Pictured above: Bobbie Chapman with Shelley and the twins at the Pyramid of the Sun.

bar, pizza place or internet cafe. Traders set up colourful stalls on the road, selling jewellery, clothes and hot chips. The excitement, laughter, energetic high jinks common to young adults all over the world is a constant background from about 6.00 am to almost midnight. A constant fiesta.

Nearby is the beautiful plaza of Coyoacan with art galleries, museums restaurants and the picturesque hustle and bustle of the artisans' market - a treasure trove of local handicrafts that are authentically Mexican.

Of course it is not all "beer and skittles." There is a darker side to the city and the presence of armed police and news reports of drug cartels etc are constant, with many murders mainly in cities closer to the USA border. Crime and poverty are evident (the traffic is another story!) Although I have been heard to say that our trips are just very expensive babysitting, we really do enjoy ourselves in this exciting environment.

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Jill didn't get the top award, but was commended with a certificate for her voluntary work running the bootscooting classes at the Roleystone hall for fifteen years as well as supporting the sport of bootscooting in Perth. The bootscooting classes kept the family centre 'in the black' for many years.

Well Done Jill.  
*Shelley Spicer*

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'I have always loved vintage and antique items, and when Carol & Dawn the previous owners offered this magnificent opportunity to me, I saw it as a wonderful new experience and the opportunity to allow others to enjoy these beautiful items.'

'I love the purchasing side of the business. Sourcing preloved items is very enjoyable for me and seeing the pleasure when

acquiring these items for my clients is a real joy. I don't want to change the shop. It is beautiful as it is, however I'm always on the look out to add items as they become available.'

Kerry will be offering an Opening Special for the month of March. For every purchase over \$30 in value the customer will receive a 10% discount on your next purchase. So past and future clients should drop by the shop soon to 'say hello' to Kerry and browse in this wondrous place. You can find the shop at Unit 1, 2 Soldiers Road. It is open from Wednesdays to Sundays.



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TRAVELSCENE

After the fires, Roleystone students attending Kelmscott SHS were prevented from attending Kelmscott for a few days because of the burnt bridge and the lack of Transperth bus service.

So a bus service was organised to collect Roleystone students and return them back home after school.

This service was appreciated by both parents and students.

Kelmscott also organised a sausage sizzle and free dress days as fundraisers for the students who lost everything in the fire. Some details on the Kelmscott SHS bushfire fundraising: Free dress day: \$2298 Sausage sizzle: \$1335 Coke sales: \$1039 Pie sales: \$720 (est). Altogether this is about \$5400 in total. A wonderful effort from all concerned. In addition, Wooldridges paid for all students textbooks; KSHS paid all school fees, provided uniforms and canteen vouchers.

*Grant Armstrong*

**Bus Picks Up Roley Kids**



*I would like to express my thanks to Grant Armstrong and the team at Kelmscott Senior High School for their prompt and considerate response to the bushfire emergency. With the Buckingham Bridge destroyed, the regular school bus service was initially unable to get through to the Roleystone area, affecting about 30 Roleystone-based KSHS students. Mr Armstrong, GATE Coordinator and Roleystone resident, promptly coordinated the use of the Kelmscott SHS Farm bus to pick up and drop off affected students until the normal bus service could be resumed. There was no charge for this service, which was provided as part of Kelmscott Senior High School's contribution to the bushfire emergency. Whilst the interim bus was fortunately needed only for a short period, it was greatly appreciated by the busy and worried parents (if not the students!). The school has also conducted fundraising activities including a sausage sizzle and Free Dress Day in support of the bushfire appeals. The school's response to this local emergency is yet another aspect of the outpouring of community spirit following the bushfires and reminds us why, more than ever, we are fortunate to live here.*

*Karen Fouweather*

*This bus service was organised by two Kelmscott teachers Grant Armstrong and Norm Hammond. Well done to you both.*

**FLYING LESSONS**

In this week's Comment News there is an entry form to win \$3,000 worth of flying lessons and there is a local family who could really do with them.

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## Roleystone Karragullen Mystery History Tour



The tour took them to places including Thomas Buckingham's cottage, the 100 year old congregational church and the Roleystone Theatre.

The aim of the Roleystone, Karragullen Mystery History tour was to give local educators an overview of the rich history of our area, to enable them to get their students more involved in local history and events. Guided by local Linda Moore (whose ancestors came to Canning Mills in the early 1890's) the tour was a great success.

Thanks to the bus driver who had to negotiate some very hair raising turns and to all of the attendees who listened so attentively.

### Local History Journey

On the first day back at school January 31st 2011, forty staff from the two Roleystone Schools gathered to take a bus ride around the area on the Roleystone Karragullen Mystery History Tour. Staff were posed the following questions.

- There have been four schools in Roleystone starting in 1906. Do you know where they were/are?
- Did you know when and why Donald Bradman came to Roleystone?
- What was the function of the old chimney on Peet road?
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Most of the channel between Contour Road and the Cockram's old house on Turner Road is now highly visible because of the fire, including the three inverted syphons (42" steel pipes) that run through the valleys on the northern side of Brookton Highway. The photograph of the Contour Road trail was taken from a high vantage point in the reserve west of Urch road, not far from one of the syphons, with a lens set at 150mm, last Thursday (17 February). The fire started within a couple of hundred metres south of the track.'

The photograph of the tree was taken on Tuesday evening (15 February), above the channel between Canning Mills Road and Turner Road, with a wide lens set at 24mm. Most of the area around it was previously grasses and very low shrubs, and has burnt down completely to powdery ash over the rocks and dirt.

The photos on this page were taken by Warwick Hemy from Pickering Brook.



A Photo Journey  
over the Fires.....



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## Roleystone Primary School News



*Welcome to the first R.P.S. report in this, our final year as a separate school in this lovely setting.*

We have had some very special characters ( I was going to say visitors, but I suspect they are co-habitants) on school grounds these last couple of days – a family of Tawny Frogmouths, consisting of parents and two young. Since we are studying birds in Room 13, it has been a very timely appearance. It is also quite unusual to see these birds during the day.

As we head into the new school year, there is an air of excitement, and perhaps some are feeling a trifle daunted, at the prospect of running the usual classroom programmes, as well as helping out with ‘THE MOVE’.

Part of our first Pupil Free day was devoted to small committees being formed to deal with different aspects of the move. Discussion around the tables was animated and earnest, as staff recorded their thoughts and ideas and tried to foresee problems which may arise. The scope of issues needing to be dealt with is enormous and these initial discussions have highlighted the importance of excellent communication between all parties.

Our staff profile has been enhanced this year with the appointment of Mr Bruce Fraser. Bruce is well – known around Roleystone through his involvement in his sons’ sporting activities. His experience and his **gender** are welcome. With Bruce in Room 15, female teachers are outnumbered on the verandah! Shirley Lewis in

Room 17 and me in Room 13 are being referred to as ‘the bookends’. Take note – as we may hold things together we can just as easily slip out of line when too much pressure is applied!

Some of the classes have started their ‘Buddy Relationship’ for 2011. Room 17 (Year 4/5) and Room 5 (Year 1) will be getting together once a week to participate in activities that involve the different age groups, with the older students helping out and leading the way with the younger ones. Maybe there will be times when the younger students are in charge! We have some very confident youngsters at this school.

**To celebrate Roleystone Primary School I will be setting space aside each month, to record some personal memories and snippets from people associated with the school in the past.**

I asked **Maryke Newell (nee Tenhave)** about her memories of the last time the school moved sites, back in 1956. Maryke came to Roleystone from Holland with her family in 1952. At one time, her family actually lived in the schoolmaster’s house adjacent to the school, on the site opposite Roleystone Theatre (formerly Roleystone Hall). Maryke’s father was building their own home in Tyers Road, meaning that once they moved in, they had to walk all the way to and from the old school site. Maryke was part of the first group of children to attend the new school. When I asked what her parents thought of the move, she said she really didn’t know. (I suggested that that may have been

*Buddy students below: Georgia and Melanie ‘Buddy-up’ to read. Bottom: Jayden and Dekoda sharing construction equipment.*



because parents didn’t discuss controversial issues in front of their children back then. Maryke agreed, but said that as migrant children they were privy to much more adult information than Australian kids because they had to interpret for their parents!) However, Maryke remembers being very excited about moving into the brand new buildings (including the toilet block that still stands).

There were three classrooms instead of two, so they had much more room; and they would have a new teacher. It also meant a much shorter walk through the bush every morning and afternoon. One thing that Maryke remembered was being able to pop down to Roley Pool when she lived on Brookton Highway. Not quite such an easy thing, from Tyers Road!

**Thank you, Maryke.**  
**Pat Watson**

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C grade have been in dreadful form and have lost the last two games since their demolition of the top side to now sit 6 points below the 4th place target. With one game to go they will be hoping that they can improve to gain a much deserved finals berth.

D grade also have it all to do as recent losses have meant that they now sit some 8 points behind in 5th. Two games remain in D-grade and they will be hoping the likes of Darren Wilkinson, Chris Dudley and Captain Lars Olesen will be firing on all cylinders.

With the top grade almost wrapped up, the only deciding match is to decide 4th place. With Morley some 27 points ahead in 1st, it is likely that our beloved B-grade side will finish a respectable 2nd place.

There is a tight tussle going on in E-grade however where the last two games will decide who finishes top. E-whites are just 1 point behind Middle Swan in the fight for the top however E-greens will be hoping to grab a victory from at least one of the

last two games to secure a finals spot.

The lazy Registrar however has not updated the 'sticks' but as assurance to Patrick 'Death' Fisher, he remains comfortably on top of the run scoring charts with 670 runs at 44.67. John 'Lego' Lewis has returned to amazing form and his 5-for in the previous match means he returns to the top of the bowling charts with 34 wickets for the season.

To finish up, we remind all readers that our Presentation Night at Araluen Country Club falls on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and that tickets are available from the club and captains. We also have the inaugural RKCC Beach Party and Old Buffers Match occurring on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of March respectively.

All are of course welcome!

## JUNIORS

### "U14's WIN IN THRILLER"

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Our U14's cricket team beat arch rivals Lesmurdie in the final game of the season. Set 150 runs to win our team got the points in a thrilling finish to the season. Our bowlers restricted Lesmurdie in taking the last 8 wickets for just 50 runs with the "ever reliable" Billy Bowe and spinners Jarrod Johnson and Braden Thompson leading the way for the team.

Our run chase started badly however a record breaking partnership of 72 between first year player Eric Mitchell and the "big hitting" Cameron Spreight got the team within 28 runs with 2 wickets left.

Jack Newman steered the team to victory with Tim Joseph, Travis Neilings and the versatile James Myall-Brown playing their part.

Congratulations to the team on a great result for the 2011 season.

Also, 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 our two younger teams. Soon our kids will be flying in all directions and creating their own 'classic catches'! Well done!

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Faye's great morning tea (including homemade scones and jam) the day was very enjoyable. There are a lot of susceptible balga's along the track so Tim, Rod and Peter returned the following day to spray an area about 200m long and 20m wide. Thanks to everyone who came along on the day including first timers Phil and daughter Adelane.

**TIM LARDNER**

Tim has been a core part of Roleybushcare for six years and has been our secretary for the last three. Tim (pictured) puts in a lot of extra time for the group including running the field day when Ian is not there and is often one of the last to leave the field days, staying back to put gear away. He does this while also working full time and raising a young family. Thanks for your efforts Tim.

**NEXT FIELD DAYS**

Dieback Treatment – Peet Road Reserve Sunday March 20th starting at 0900 until noon. The meeting place is a laneway off Peet Road (opposite Hall Road). 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 or ring Ian on 0427 800 732. We'd love to see you there.

**MIDGEGOROO NATIONAL PARK**

Sunday 23rd January saw us back at Araluen Estate revisiting Midgemooroo National Park. In what was a very successful day, 11 community members gave up their time to help treat another section of bush within the park on the edge of Forrest Edge Retreat. The weather was again mild and together with

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distinct personalities! These joeys are currently in home care as they require frequent monitoring and around the clock feeding.

We were kept busy as many stopped to chat with us and find out about the work we do at the shelter; wildlife in general; and our joeys' stories in particular. Our "babies" handled the attention well until distracted by their bottles at 6pm. Violet is our little attention-seeker and was happy to kiss anyone who came within licking distance!

By 7pm it was time to head home – even the most gregarious of joeys is not a fan of fireworks. Donations are accepted via our website [www.darlingrangewildlife.com.au](http://www.darlingrangewildlife.com.au), and at our fundraisers held at various venues throughout the year. For more information, please contact us via our website or on 0400 802 409.

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## Organic Growers How to Prepare Your Home and Property for Bushfires

The March meeting of Roleystone Organic Growers will be about how to prepare your home and property in case there is a bushfire. We should prepare our homes to survive a bushfire even if we intend to leave. A well prepared and constructed house is more likely to survive a bushfire than an unprepared one.

Chris Cairns from the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade will be explaining to us the types of things that we can do to prepare our homes and properties. She will be discussing heights of vegetation to have near your home, clearing rubbish and flammable items, minimising ember damage, appropriate clothing to wear during a fire, and preventative measures such as wire flyscreens and covering evaporative coolers.

Chris has a wealth of knowledge and experience.



*Pictured: Chris Cairns discussing fire prevention with her daughter Melanie Cairns-Hoare and granddaughter Stella.*

She has been in the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade as a fire-fighter for 16 years, Bushfire Ready educator, part of the emergency response groups and has been involved with Juvenile and Family Fire Awareness Program (JAFFA).

The meeting is on Wednesday March 9th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3, members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.

Lisa Porter

## GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

After the devastating fire, there is so much to say and so little. My heart goes out to every one of you! I think the only thing that has come out of this is a re-evaluation that what matters in the world, is not things but people and animals. Thank you all for being the caring community you are.

An old saying I recall was that I used to worry that I had no shoes, until I saw a man with no feet. I despair when I think of water shortages and burnt plants. Remember that the root system is under the ground and will probably come back, so too will the bulbs. The epicormic buds on our native plants will be back soon and many of the trees that currently look dead will survive. A friend of mine was burnt out and about four years later some of the camellias regenerated. Try not to cut back plants until we get cool weather again. Let the damaged parts protect the roots and lower vegetation.

My garden is looking terrible at the moment with no water for the last month. Still most of the camellias in any area of shade are still protected and shiny green. Some that I planted this past year are definitely not going to come back, and it is now time to rethink the survivor plants that can exist without summer watering. Some of the pelargoniums are looking quite beautiful and the roses have been very good.

The Jacaranda trees, looking beautiful in their own right, are providing good shade to other plants. Cistus and day lillies continue under all weather extremes. I find more and more I am enjoying my irises and day lillies, daffodils and other bulbs. They are fantastic for areas you do not want to water.

Following the fires, this is a good time to issue timely warnings about native plants too close to the house particularly the plants with oil in their leaves. This includes all of the Myrtaceae family which includes gum trees. Lucerne trees have the virtue of not being readily flammable as do the grey leafed wormwoods and the stately deciduous trees. Some of the succulent plants are very attractive and are great survivors.

Have you noticed the amount of blossoms on the Marri trees? I do hope that that means we are in for a wet winter. There is only so much water available and if we do not get rain and we continue using what water that is available, I despair for generations to come.

Continue relaxing and in the cooler moments, try to get mulch back onto the ground otherwise when the winter rains come the topsoil will all be washed away.

*Good Gardening. Jean*

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locations. It was the most amazing learning experience and I couldn't have found a better place to open to the wonders of yoga.

*This is a photo of my teachers Sunny Richards-Glasser (on the right) from Santosha and Peter Clifford from Anahata Yoga.*

I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to learn from them. They were so full of knowledge and wisdom and I feel I will continue to learn for the rest of my life due to the passion they have inspired in me.

Yoga is a wonderful way of life that I am keen to share with other yogi's and yogini's.

I am currently teaching Beginners Yoga at Karragullen Hall at the end of Old Station Road at 7pm-8.30pm on Thursdays. My phone number is 9496 0528 and I hope to see you there!

**Bronwyn Grieves.**

**Hi my name is Bronwyn Grieves.**

My husband Andrew and I moved to Roleystone from Bickley 10 years ago to pursue our dream of growing hydroponic capsicum and raising our three children on a rural property.

We fell in love with the Roleystone Community and I became a Roleystone Scout Leader and was heavily involved with the Roleystone Scout Group for 5 years. I have been practicing yoga for over 8 years but had to put further studies on hold as we raised our three children. As my children grew older (I have two in school and one working) I stopped being a scout leader and started to follow my long held passion for yoga.

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*On the 13th of March there is a Free Concert at the Roleystone Primary School oval as part of the City of Armadale's Free Concert in the Park Series.*

The P&C will be running food stalls. We have a wide range of music this year. Top local Roleystone Music Club bands: "The Ferrymen", "K5" and "The Hawkstone Band" will be playing.

**The Ferrymen** are a celtic band with Flute, Penny Whistle, Uilleann Pipes, Bodhrans, Banjo, Mandoline and Acoustic Guitar. [www.theferrymen.com.au](http://www.theferrymen.com.au)

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So on Sunday 13 March, the Roleystone Musicians Club will have a range of local groups performing, at the Roleystone Primary School Oval, from 5pm - 7pm.

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Chris Horgan

*Pictured above right: Tim and Gary from K5. At right the boys from Hawkstone.*



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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 WA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Member for East Metropolitan Region, Hon Alyssa Hayden MLC has welcomed the opening of nominations for the 2011 Western Australian Citizen of the Year Awards. These annual State Awards have been underway since 1972 and recognise the commitment, contributions and achievements of quite remarkable people and dedicated service organisations in our community. There are twelve categories to the Citizen of the Year Awards:

- Arts, Culture & Entertainment;
- Community Service;
- Industry & Commerce;
- Professions;
- Sport;
- Youth;
- Youth Arts;
- Governor's Award for Regional Development;
- Indigenous Leadership Award;
- Children and Young People lifetime Achievement Award;
- Sir Ronald Wilson Leadership Award; and
- Gold Swan Award for an outstanding service organisation.

"It is now time to think about that special person in your community who could be recognised through a nomination for these Awards. They could be a colleague who has achieved a great deal in their life, a dedicated volunteer assisting the local community or an individual who is a mentor or living role model," said Alyssa Hayden. "I strongly encourage people to nominate a worthy individual or service organisation to be recognised in the 2011 Western Australian Citizen of the Year Awards." "Nominating such a person would be a fitting tribute to those within our community who strengthen the civic, cultural and commercial fabric of this State."

Nominations close on Friday 25th March 2011. Nominations can be accessed online at [www.celebratewa.com.au](http://www.celebratewa.com.au), telephone 9481-8066, fax: 9481-8077 or email to [wacitizenoftheyearawards@celebratewa.com.au](mailto:wacitizenoftheyearawards@celebratewa.com.au).

# BOWLING ALONG *With Keith Rinaldi*

Having been runner-up in the Club Champion Singles, Pairs and Triples this season, it was fitting that George Martin skippered his team to victory in the Fours. His team of Malcolm Clements, Cyril Hansen and Mel Stokes won a close fought encounter over Brian Betts, Wen Sawada, Alan Mazzucchelli and Ernie Dean in what proved to be the deciding game of the round-robin event.

The ROLEYSTONE-KARRAGULLEN BENDIGO BANK Community Bowls was a great success with the team simply named "Us" running out overall winners, just ahead of "Posties" and "Odd Ones". It was great to see our sponsors entering two teams and enjoying the fun on the greens. Weekly winners were "Hot Shots", "Deuces", "Osborne Fleet" and "Us".

Of course, for those who took part in the event and would like to play some more lawn bowls 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.

Another community event takes place on Sunday 13th March with our annual Memorial Day which is held in recognition of those members of our club who have passed away. For information and to register for the day see the bowls noticeboard at the Roleystone Country Club or contact our club captains Dave Locke 9397 6805 or Shirley Thomas 9390 5839.

*Below: Winners of the Club Champion Fours were Mel Stokes, Cyril Hansen, Malcolm Clements and George Martin.*



*Below: Don & Peena Payne, Mike Carthew & Ron Campbell were overall winners in the Community Bowls.*



*At left: Staff and Board Members of the Bendigo Bank were well represented in the Community Bowls.*

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We had our 'busy bee' clean up day on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of February and special thanks to all those who donated their time. The



photo represents the toys kept in the shed that weren't being borrowed at the time. We also have cupboards inside full of wonderful toys and games. Come up and have a look! We are open Tuesdays 1.45pm – 2.30pm and Saturday's 9.30am 10.30am during the school term. Alternatively email us at [roleystonetoyslibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetoyslibrary@yahoo.com.au) or phone 9496 1115.

*Linda Schaudin.*

## ARALUEN NOTES Liz Dunn

### BOTANIC BLUES

A smaller than usual crowd really enjoyed a great night of music at Araluen's Botanic Blues on Saturday 19 February. The show got off to a great start with Jonesy's Cow lead by Alan Colman.

Well-known local identity Kim Bettenay and his band soon had the crowd on their feet and dancing. Then came Eugene "Hideaway" Bridges and for those who were not on their feet they soon were - he was amazing and really engaged the crowd. Darren Jack had a hard act to follow and he did it in great style.

Thank you to our major sponsor Goad Transport, who have been associated with the "Blues in the Night" for a number of years and we greatly appreciate their support.

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all offering a chilli alternative.

For the garden lovers there will be an extensive range of chilli, herb and vegetable plants to purchase, plus the opportunity to get expert advice. For the discerning shopper, a tempting selection of unusual and different craft and merchandise will be available, many with a chilli theme.

Cooking with chillies is a very important part of the festival and this year we are introducing 'Masters of Menu'. Chefs from some of the city's leading restaurants will demonstrate why they love cooking. Four cooking stations will be set up on the central stage with seating for 400 people so the audience can feel part of this exciting event. The launch of the 'Master of Menu' cookbook will also take place at the festival with all proceeds from the sale of this book going to Cystic Fibrosis.

Well known Chef Russell Blailie will be cooking off against the ABC radio team of Russell Woolf, Kelli Brett and Gillian O'Shaughnessy on the Sunday afternoon. I am sure there could be a little bit of sabotage happening on stage.

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).







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It would be terrific to have as many members as possible participate in the Club Championships to make it a really successful event.

COMING EVENTS

**DOUBLES EVENT EVENING**  
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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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FIRIES SAY THANK YOU TO THE ROLEYSTONE COMMUNITY

The Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade together with fire fighters from metropolitan and regional brigades who attended the recent devastating fires in Roleystone and Kelmscott would like to express their sincere appreciation to the residents of our community.

Those of you who donated goods and offered assistance we thank you. Most of you refused to leave your names, but you know who you are. The list includes the following:

- The talented bakers in our community for their donations of cakes, muffins etc;
- Local orchardists for their donations of fruit;
- Volunteers from the Family Centre who worked alongside the Salvo's in keeping the exhausted fire fighters fed and watered.
- Our wonderful residents who showed their appreciation by donating beverages for the fire fighters.
- Residents who offered all kinds of help from making tea to tree lopping and bulldozing rubble.

- Ross & Joe – Roleystone IGA;
- Sandy & Brian – Roleystone Family Meats who donated to the Salvos
- Julie – The Roasted Bean for supplying the Management Team with her great coffee.

We also appreciated the patience shown by those of you who phoned or called into the station enquiring after the safety and welfare of family members caught up in the evacuation especially as we were unable to provide up to date information. Our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

Chris Gairns  
Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade.



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Eugene Hideaway Bridges playing at the Araluen Botanic Blues in February. The photo was taken by local photographer Warwick Hemy of Pickering Brook.



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## Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup

*Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup has a brand new committee for 2011.*

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One of our first tasks as the new committee was to begin organising the annual Family Fun Day for playgroup members. Last year was a huge success and we are hoping this year will be too. To allow more time for fundraising and planning, we have scheduled the event for

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November - so mark it on your calendar now! There will be lots of fun for parents and kids including baby animals, painting, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, donuts, coffee and other entertainment.

Did you know that Gumnut playgroup hires out its outdoor equipment for members hiring out the family centre for functions? Consider this for your next party. We have lots of great trikes, ride-ons and cozy coupes to make your party a success. Contact Peta on 0405 021 593 for more details.

Our thoughts go out to those who lost property or animals in the recent bushfires. Thanks to the Roleystone Fire Brigade and all the volunteers for their outstanding efforts in minimising damage and preventing loss of life.



## RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

The Sellenger Centre at Edith Cowan University is currently conducting research in partnership with Centrecare to assess your community well-being as part of the One Life WA Suicide Prevention Strategy (2009-2013). We would like to hear from members of your community about their perceptions of individual and social well-being. If you are interested in this research, you will be asked to take part in a short survey and a face-to-face interview. Your participation will be private and confidential and will take about 1 hour.

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*Congratulations go out to Zyg Woltersdorf, elected as President of the Roleystone Theatre for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row!*

*Zyg is pictured with an award from the City of Aramadale received in 2010.*

*The Theatre held their variety concert to raise money for the bushfire victims over the last weekend of February.*

*Long term member of the company Vicki Trewick lost her home in the fires. Our thoughts go to Vicki and all who suffered tragedy in the fires.*





# Welcome Amity

Syl & Keith Cooper would like to announce the arrival of a special Christmas gift, a Granddaughter Amity Skye born on 23 December. A second Daughter for Kate (Cooper) & Mal Lovett and a sister for Summer Grace.

Congratulations Syl and Family!

Syl Cooper  
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## Wild Gossip



I have to say a big THANK YOU twice! My first THANK YOU is to the lovely people who contacted me during the recent fires to offer help relocating the wildlife I have in care, aviary space, cages, carriers and even accommodation if we needed it – fortunately we did not have to leave, but the offers were really kind & appreciated.

My second THANK YOU is to the lovely people who contacted me after the fires to offer help for any injured wildlife – very few victims were admitted, but all offers were deeply appreciated. Hopefully the lack of admissions means that most of our beautiful wildlife got away in time, though the ferocity of the fire suggests otherwise. There will be a lot of displaced wildlife, with shelter, food and water hard to find. We can help our wildlife by providing water in shallow dishes on and above the ground, deploying bird feeders around our property, placing possum boxes &

platforms in our trees and hollow logs or pipes on the ground. We can also plant native trees, shrubs & plants on our property and create safe areas that are pet free. Our wildlife is really precious and we all need to make an effort to protect it for future generations to enjoy.

On the brighter side:

A few mornings ago there was a tremendous squawking and screeching noise in my garden that alarmed me enough that I dashed outside to see what on earth it was. I found a proud pair of Red Tail Cockatoos showing off their two babies! The noise continued at the front so I went to investigate to find another, equally proud, pair of Red Tail Cockatoos showing off their two babies. I guess my garden was chosen to host the best baby competition!

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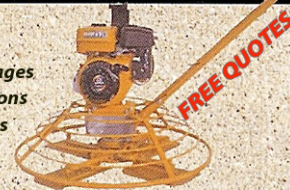
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## Assisting Pets Preventing Heartworm Dr Judith Congrene 0433 2137 28

In last month's Courier, my article was about understanding heartworm. Here are the methods for preventing heartworm infection in dogs and cats. The heartworm is a seriously dangerous worm affecting the flow of blood, which may cause damage to the heart and lungs. It is therefore a dangerous illness which is occurring internally often without the owner's knowledge, because there aren't any obvious external signs or changes. Cats can often die suddenly without much prior warning, even if there is only one heartworm present. Thus prevention rather than treatment is important. Different forms of prevention are available and have the flexibility to suit most dogs.

The necessary preventions are available in one formula. The annual injection for dogs is based on weight – very convenient to do at the same time as the annual health check and vaccinations. The other forms of prevention are able to be given by the owner in daily or monthly tablets or chewable doses, or as spot on treatments, for dogs and cats.

Other than the vaccination injection for dogs only, there are a variety of treatments which can be combined with flea control, intestinal worming, mange and ear mites. These multi purpose forms can be quite cost effective especially compared to using several individual products to control fleas, intestinal worms and mites.

## My German Experience by Sam Cogle

During the summer holidays I was lucky enough to travel, with another KSHS student Kia O'Neill, to Germany on a ten week scholarship sponsored by SAGSE.

In Germany I saw things and experienced things that I never would have thought possible.

While living in Konstanz (Constance in English) one of the closest German cities to the Swiss border the access to Switzerland was so convenient, living approximately 50 metres from the border I enjoyed many a day trip with my family into beautiful Switzerland. Visiting small towns and also going up into the forest close to the Alps for a little bit of bobsledding and, of course, some skiing. The stay in Konstanz was incredibly enjoyable.

The family that I stayed with in Germany, Family Schropp, were extremely welcoming, they made me a part of the family from day one and made it so easy to settle in and start enjoying myself. My host brother Maximilian was like a brother to me, letting me join in with his sporting activities and introducing me to schoolmates and the city of Konstanz.

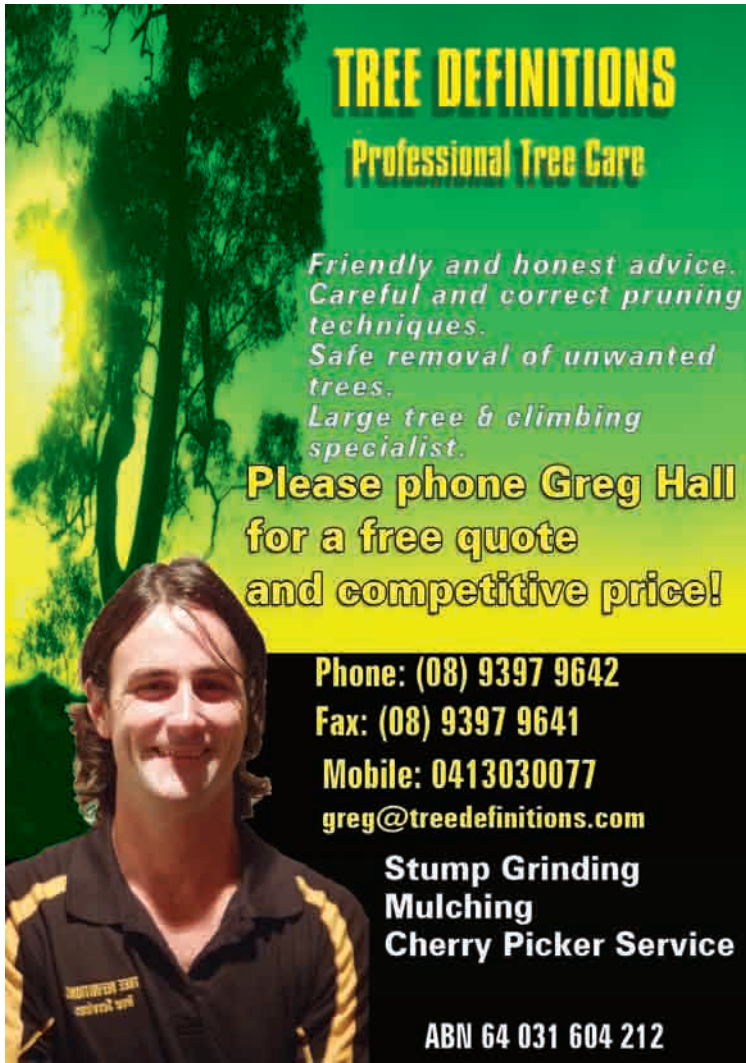
The school I found very different to school in Australia. Early start

and early finish, hot lunch and cold dinner. I found the experience different but highly enjoyable. Throughout my time I tried to remain open minded, and undertook a German style of life for ten weeks. While there I visited many cities and many places, my favourite would have been either Salzburg or Munich, both cities I found interesting and very beautiful, with lots to see and do.

Free travel was a great time, to go around with a lovely group of people, discovering all the beauty that a country like Germany has to offer as well as learning about the history behind the country, both the good and bad. Touring the cities and learning and discovering new things and new places was an indescribable experience.

To have been given an opportunity like that makes me feel very privileged. Other than seeing Germany and feeling, and 'living German' I also learnt a great deal.

I believe that my German has improved in leaps and bounds, especially conversation wise. My ability to speak the language and more to understand the language improved a great deal while I was there, just from being immersed in the German language.



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## Thank You

A big THANK YOU to the firefighters and essential services for their work during the recent bushfires. I cannot imagine how stressful the work is, so I hope there is time to rest. And also a big thank you to those helping in the recovery process, not as dramatic perhaps, but definitely as crucial.

The State Government has announced there will be an investigation and report into building and development relating to residences and bushfires. This is important to learn from disasters and plan for their future prevention where possible.

Building standards are directed by the recently reviewed Australian Standard AS3959 ('Construction of Buildings in Bush Fire Prone Areas', 2009) and development planning is guided by the older Western Australian Planning Commission Policy 3.7 'Fire Planning' (2001) prepared in conjunction with FESA and containing the objectives of 'Planning for Bushfire Protection' (2001, FESA). Currently residents should familiarise themselves with the Fire and Emergency Services Authority website ([www.fesa.wa.gov.au](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au)) which has invaluable up to date information. The "Prepare, Act, Survive" manual and "The Homeowner's Bush Fire Survival Manual" ([www.fesa.wa.gov.au/internet/default.aspx?MenuID=370&ContentID=562](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au/internet/default.aspx?MenuID=370&ContentID=562)) are both essential reading. Residents affected by the fires should check the City of Armadale website: [www.armadale.wa.gov.au/Home/Bushfire\\_Support](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/Home/Bushfire_Support)

Also, since the fires, there are road detours in place and drivers should be extra careful as some people will be unfamiliar with the routes.

Caroline Wielinga

## Seniors Update

Friday the 25 February 2011 was the closing date for interested parties in the development of the Roleystone Primary School site for 'independent living for seniors' to put forward expressions of interest. This has been organised by Landcorp that has the responsibility to identify future use of this school site.

We know of at least four parties that have expressed interest, which is a very positive step forward in our aim to have this site used for our senior community members housing in the future. The community committee set up to work through all the steps for a good outcome has requested the Minister for Lands to allow a delegation from our committee to assist with the discussions on all the expressions of interest received. We pointed out to the Minister that our local knowledge in all aspects of this would add real value in assisting with their final choice. At this stage we have not received a response.

I wish to acknowledge Kelvin Oliver, a local resident and Town Planner, who has been of great assistance in ensuring many businesses/organizations were aware of the great opportunity to develop this site.

I will continue to keep you informed. If all goes to plan it could still be a few years before any building commences as the processes involved to get there, take time.

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This will be held on Sunday 6th March, 2011 in Bedfordale. There will be two sites and we encourage all residents to try and make an effort to help with this clean up of road side and parkland rubbish in our beautiful suburb.

Site 1. Churchman Brook Estate Community Hall on Waterwheel Road North Bedfordale at 8.30a.m. until 11.30a.m. To get involved call Jacqui on 94983332.

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Road Bedfordale starting at 7.30a.m. until 11a.m. To get involved call Graham on 0409 117 875.

We advise that you wear boots, gloves and hats and use plenty of sun cream. Bags for the rubbish will be provided and if they become too heavy, please let your site organiser know, and a pick up with a trailer can be organized. It is essential that you register at the site, before commencing to collect rubbish.

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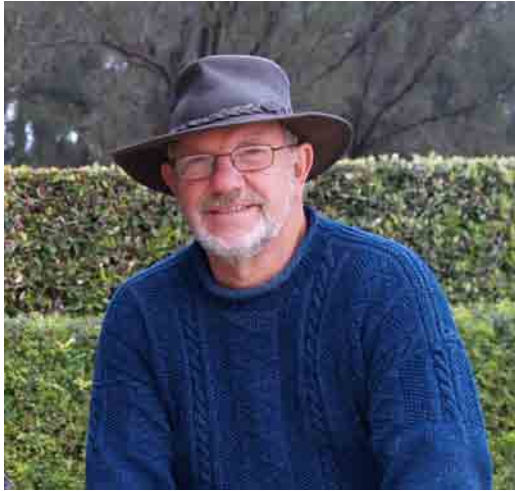
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### Dear Friends

Just occasionally as a management consultant, you get the cream of jobs. I did. Just once. Ice cream. I had a month working on stock management at Peters' Ice Cream factory. Being surrounded by my favourite confection was quite an entertaining as well as appetising experience in spite of wrestling with optimum batch quantities of choc chips.

One of the highlights was seeing icy poles produced amazingly quickly on a huge carousel chilled in liquid nitrogen – that's very cold! And the process had some interesting moments. The carousel had nests in lines radiating from its hub and it clicked round from job to job. Firstly a little fruit juice mix was introduced. It was frozen when it reached the second stop where sticks were automatically flicked into each nest and held in place. The next job saw the rest of the juice injected. The whole lot was frozen solid by the fourth stop where a jet of steam was played on the outside of the nest to release each icy pole. All the icy poles in each line were lifted out together by their sticks and dropped into the output chute. From there they went for packing. Wonderful. When all went well. But it was vulnerable to jams in the stick dispenser and if no sticks hit the nests, the icy poles would be stuck there and go round a second time. The juice dispensers would then shoot the stuff all over the carousel and the whole lot would freeze up, taking ages to clean.

So when something went wrong, a sensor triggers a siren and a bright red flashing light. Anybody nearby would dash to the

machine, grab some sticks and load them by hand into the circulating nests, hoping they would freeze in and be picked out before the output chute. Loud shouting and arm waving appeared to be mandatory - all hugely entertaining to an observer.

In stark contrast, something going wrong in real life is never amusing or entertaining although sometimes accompanied by flashing lights and sirens. My wife discovering a lump where there shouldn't be one tipped us both down a spiral into deep waters for most of the 48 hours it took to find out it was benign. But it was a time when we really evaluated what was important to us and we actually surfaced before the prognosis was finalised. Again, when they lost everything in the recent bushfire, our friends were able to say, "It's only stuff that's gone – we still have each other and our memories...and our faith."

Black Sunday, as it is being labelled, is a wake up call for us all. Obviously we should wake up and evaluate what we can do to minimise the impact of such an event. But we should also wake up and evaluate what is really important to us. How much of our identity and the meaning we make of life is tied up in "stuff"? At the start of this millennium, the Sydney Harbour Bridge displayed in huge letters "ETERNITY". Our physical life, three score years and ten (or a bit more if you are fortunate enough to live in Australia – oh, as long as you are not indigenous) is a blip in the context of eternity. So what's more important – that which will pass away or that which lasts forever? Your call...

*Yours in Christ*  
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March is Rotary Bowelscan month. You can purchase a Rotary Bowelscan kit for just \$8 from Roleystone Community Chemist during March and send it back by mid-April to be tested. Rotary Bowelscan spokesman Jeff Cairns says the program has run successfully for four years. "Catch cancer before it catches you."

Last year, 12,079 people were tested. Over the past four years, Rotary Bowelscan kits have detected almost 200 positive results, diagnosing 12 cases of bowel cancer and more than 40 cases of pre-cancerous polyps. The kits have also detected other conditions affecting the bowel and allowed early medical treatment.

Mr Cairns says people need to get into a routine of checking yearly for bowel cancer, just as they do for other conditions like prostate or breast cancer.

For further information, contact:

**Jeff Cairns**  
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## QUITTING & REMAINING A NON-SMOKER

For all readers who now smoke and for all who have tried to give up many times before, it is never too late, so set a date and **QUIT NOW**.

It is estimated that 19% of Australians smoke and that smoking contributes to 12% of all deaths in Australia.

On average 7 minutes of life are lost every time you smoke a cigarette. So depending on how young you started and how many cigarettes you have smoked, your life may be shortened by 7-13 years.

When you smoke 4000+ chemicals are inhaled into the mouth, throat and lungs, including arsenic, DDT, ammonia, Butane Carbon Monoxide and Cadmium. Forty three of these poisons are known to cause cancer.

Nicotine is one of the most addictive substances known to man. It constricts blood vessels, reducing blood to lower limbs, makes our blood clot more and promotes cancer growth.

The most common causes of death as a result of smoking are: heart attack, stroke, and cancer of the (lungs, throat, bladder, pancreas and breast) as well as lung conditions such as chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

*THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF QUITTING ARE FELT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND ARE OUTLINED IN THE TABLE PRINTED BELOW: FROM McEWEN ET AL 2006.*

It takes a lot of will power to quit. You need to think of yourself as a non smoker from the moment you quit. Many

fear the withdrawal symptoms from nicotine including: irritability, excitability, anxiety, headaches, dizziness, nausea and stomach upsets, lack of concentration, loss of sleep and of course cravings for cigarettes. Yet many give up without the aid of medication or nicotine replacement therapy.

Here are some pointers to remaining a non-smoker:

- Initially avoid social situations involving alcohol and smoking friends.
- Reduce stress. Learn problem solving skills and relaxation methods.
- Avoid boredom. Start a new hobby or exercise.

#### WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS.

It is important to remember the 4 D's:

- **Delay**-Hold off opening the cigarette pack after a few minutes, the craving weakens.
- **Deep breath** (three times).
- **Drink water**.
- **Do something else**.

Alter habits and routines which would encourage you to smoke.

Weight gain. Combat with a healthy diet, plenty of water and regular exercise.

If you are still struggling, and it does not matter how many you try to quit ask for help. Your local pharmacist can advise on the best ways to quit or contact the following websites:

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Logos: BOWELSCAN, Western Australia, marketforce, Video Media

Time since quitting	Beneficial Health changes
24 hours	Lungs start to clear out mucous and other smoking debris
48 hours	Carbon Monoxide is eliminated from the body The senses of taste and smell are improved
72 hours	Breathing becomes easier Bronchial tubes start to relax Energy levels increase
2-12 weeks	Circulation improves
3-9 months	Lung function increased by up to 10% Respiratory problems improve e.g. Bronchitis
1 year	Risk of heart attack reduces by half that of a continuing smoker
10 years	Risk of lung cancer decreases by half that of a continuing smoker
15 years	Risk of heart attack becomes similar to that of someone who has never smoked
Quitting before or during pregnancy	Birth weight of newborn increases Risk of miscarriage, preterm delivery and sudden infant death syndrome decreases



## FEBRUARY WEATHER STATISTICS

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

**February Rainfall** FEBRUARY 2011: 2 MM ON 2 DAYS  
FEBRUARY LONG TERM AVERAGE: 14.0 MM ON 3 WET DAYS  
Total Jan 1 to February 28 2011 30.4 on 9 days  
Average to 1st Jan to 28 February 33.1 on 6 days

### Average Min Max Temperatures February 2011

Lowest Min 13.1 (10th) - Last year's was 8.3!  
Highest Min 22.1 (20th)  
Lowest Max 27.1 (4th)  
Highest Max 40.8 (25th)

*Temperatures show a very hot month (I think most of us already know that) and in fact the hottest since David started making recordings.*



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### Roley Courier Roley Tigers AFL Footy Tipping 2011

A reminder that the Best Footy, yes the AFL action, gets underway on March 24. Anyone interested in footy tipping is welcome to join. For information to join the Roleystone Courier Footy Tipping Comp this year please see February's edition, page 40. If you cannot access a copy then please contact: Mike Moore 0429 688645 or [mikemoo@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mikemoo@bigpond.net.au), Brian McCormack 0417 173035, Emma Nightingale 0410 920381 or Sean Kenworthy 0407 768020, for details. Each punter's \$50 will need to be deposited into the Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Bank (BSB: 633000 ACCT: 136318615) by the end of March. We are hoping for 100 tippers this season with a 1st prize of \$1500. Good luck for the season.  
Mike Moore

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## Notice to Customers of Inner Calm Yoga

As you may be aware the studio on Mt St where the 'Inner Calm Yoga to Roleystone' classes were held has been damaged in the bush fires. Classes are starting in several locations Including the Roleystone Hall on Wygonda Rd, Sat 19th March 9am. This is a fundraiser 2hr 'special' class open to students of all abilities, where all donations and proceeds will go to the purchase of new props and products. No bookings necessary. Just turn up and bring your mat!  
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## Astronomical Highlights March

*This year's already held more than enough unpleasant surprises in terms of extreme weather events. In this neck of the woods, I worry most about hot days with strong winds and the attendant fire risk.*

Being no sort of meteorologist, I won't attempt to predict the weather for the month of March but I draw some solace from the approach of the equinox on the 21st. The shortening of the days to about 12 hours by the end of the month should begin to bring some relief from the summer heat.

Imagine being at the equator where the day length is about 12 hours all year round.

Latitude is the key: the further you are from the equator, the greater the seasonal difference in day length. Also, the twilights are shorter along the equator. For instance, you've probably heard people say that in a Bali evening the Sun goes down and it's just suddenly dark.

The year-round differences in twilight times for, say, Bali and Perth are actually only a few minutes. Much further from the equator the differences are significant. Like in Tierra del Fuego?

The Moon begins this month in waning crescent phase, the morning crescent. New moon i.e. no moon, is on the 5th: the start of a new lunar cycle. The waxing (evening) crescent

moon comes well into view on the 8th when it's setting around 8pm. Teachers, your evening moon obs should go from the 8th until full moon on the 20th. Last quarter's on the 26th and the next new moon's April 4th. Saturn's the planet of choice this month. Unlike Jupiter or Venus, it doesn't attract your attention by being very bright. If you see it in a telescope, though, you'll know why it's so favoured.

Your first view of the ring system is startling. Saturn rises in the east around 8:45pm at the beginning of the month, then steadily earlier. By mid-month it's rising around the end of evening twilight. By month's end it's easily visible low in the east as darkness falls. At daybreak it's over in the WNW. Venus continues to dominate the morning sky, looking like a cosmic beacon in the eastern sky at dawn. Its rising time is about 3am in early March, 3:20am mid-month, and 3:50 late in the month. It'll still be the "morning star" until July.

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

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