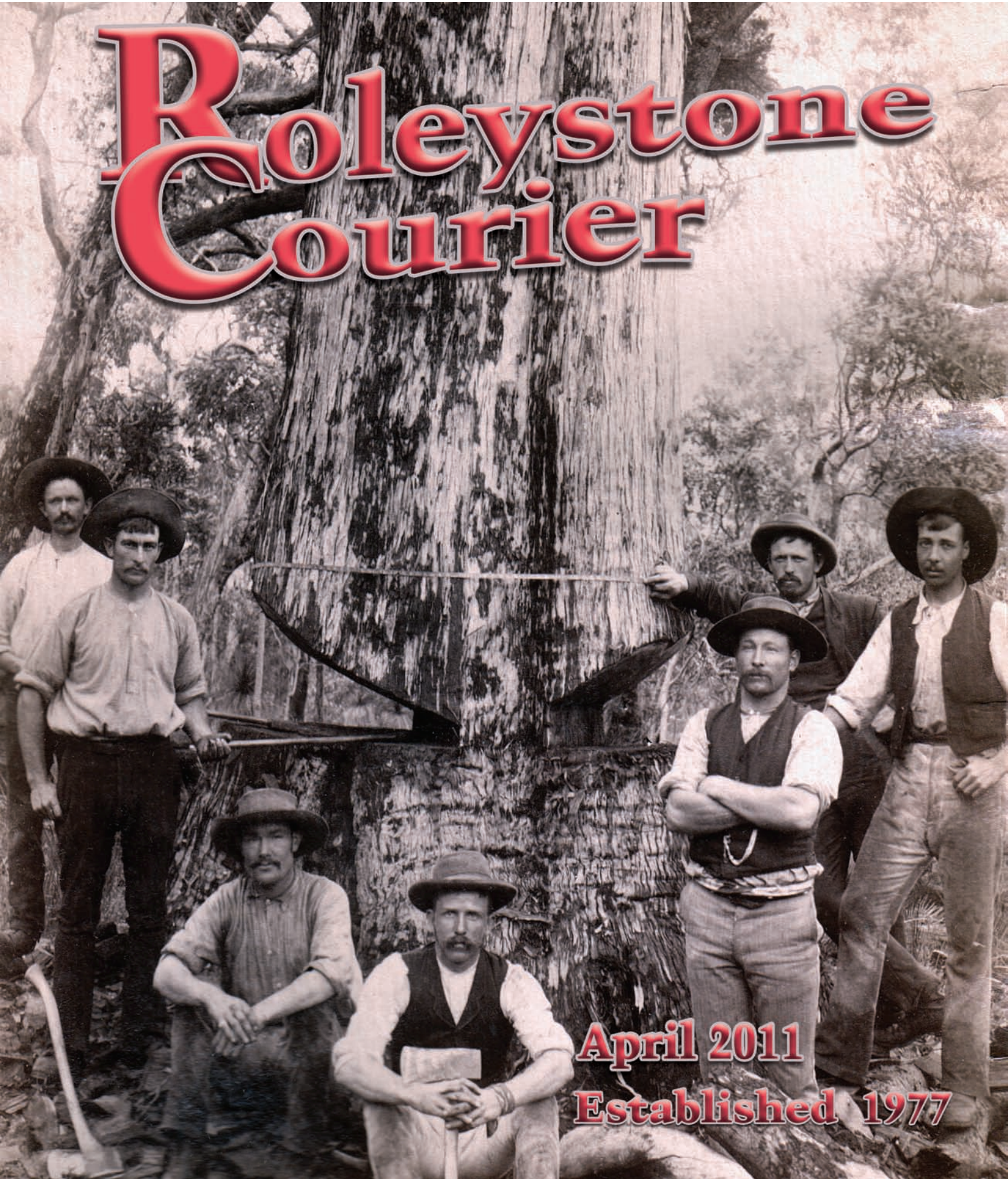


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Chris takes the Baton from Blanche

After 15 and a half years as Coordinator of Hillendale, Blanche Mateljan has resigned.

This event was celebrated at Hillendale homes on St Patricks Day with a Tea Party for the residents of the Village. Blanche wishes to spend more time on other activities and in her beloved garden. Blanche's role will now be taken over by the energetic and enthusiastic Christine Kent.

The coordinator is a very important role. The residents in the independent living units often require a liaison officer, both between them and head office and sometimes between the residents.

Christine has been in Roleystone for 8 and half years. She was the first bride at Hillendale joining new husband David in his home in the hills (he was then caretaker at Hillendale).

'I hand the baton over knowing that it is in very good hands' Blanche said. 'Christine is full of energy and ideas and the residents have all welcomed her with open arms as the new coordinator'. So good luck Christine and sincere thanks for your many hours of selfless service Blanche.



Proud Parents See Katie Wed

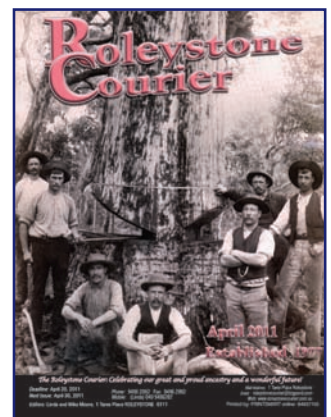
Local residents for 25 years, Tania & Phillip Everett gave their daughter Katie away in marriage to Bradley Phillips of Mt Nasura. They celebrated on the 12th March 2011 at Chapel Farm in the Swan Valley. The photo below shows the family: Tania, Bradley & Katie, Phillip, brother James and his girlfriend Cassandra. Congratulations to the happy couple who have made their home in Clifton Hills. The photo was taken by Aaron O'Connor Photography.



April Cover

The photo on the April cover shows early wood cutters at the fledgling settlement of Canning Mills.

A tattered photograph album was recently discovered with authentic and exceptionally well preserved photographs of the early days of the timber industry at Canning Mills, the erection of the Zig Zag railway and the spur lines across the Perth Hills. These photos are over 120 years old. Full story next page.



RARE PHOTO ALBUM FOUND



In researching the history of Canning Mills and the timber industry in February 2011, Gordon Freegard managed to uncover a 120 year old photo album that contained very rare and exciting photos that had never surfaced before.

This incredible album was in the hands of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Simpson, of Geraldton in Western Australia. Ray's wife, Margaret is a direct descendant of the White family that was involved in White's Mill, the building of the Midland to Chidlow's Railway, the Midland to Walkaway Railway, and the Zig Zag Railway, the building of Canning Mills and the starting of Illawarra Orchard at Karragullen.

Although the album was very old and the pages had become buckled due to possible dampness at some stage, the 33 photos were still in remarkable condition.

The Pickering Brook Heritage Group has had all the photographs professionally scanned and digitally copied so that they are now preserved for future generations to appreciate and enjoy. They have been added to this section of the website for you to view for the first time.

Gordon Freegard
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Above: Ray Simpson and Gordon Freegard from the Pickering Brook Heritage Society with their rare find. Below the album - with only slight water damage after 120 years.



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community.

Stuart will particularly focus on empowering young men through Scripture Union's 'Blokes program' and Joyce will use the CHIC program to mentor and challenge the young women, as well as developing further initiatives to support particularly 'at-risk' students.

The young people in the current groups are 14/15 year olds. They were nominated by the school to participate in these programs which back up some of the other initiatives run at the school including Rock and Water run by Mr Huissman and the Values through Fitness program conducted by Principal Mr Peter Thatcher.

The role for Stuart and Joyce also includes 'hanging out at the local skate park for a weekly BBQ sausages sizzle' (held from 4.30 – 6pm on Thursdays), running a weekly youth group called Roley Youth at Roleystone Community Church (Friday evenings 7- 9) and mentoring individuals where needed. In term three Joyce and Stuart are planning to run a 6 session program targeting parents of children from 8 – 14 on: 'How to Drug Proof Your Child'.

Their endeavours are guided and supervised by Scripture Union, their official employers. SU is an international not-for-profit organization which works with young people and families, bringing a message of hope, meaning and self worth based on Christian values. Stuart and Joyce are contributing members of The Roleystone Community Alive Group which seeks to reduce the incidence of suicide in the local area.

These new roles will allow Stuart and Joyce to devote more time to their passions for positively influencing the young people around them. It also provides the local Christian community with a connection point for reaching local youth with the message of hope through Christ. They are providing a cross denominational approach.

The immediate employment of the two youth workers is an initiative of the Roleystone Community Church through Scripture Union and is endorsed by the Roleystone Community Alive Group. If you want to be involved in this fabulously positive initiative please contact the church info@roleystonemethodistchurch.org. Donations will be very welcome – they are tax deductible if made through Scripture Union, a registered not-for-profit organization in WA.

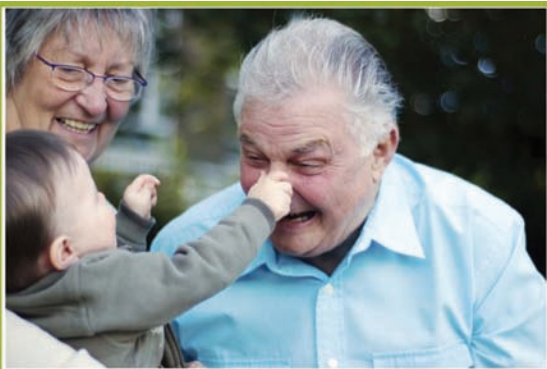
Well done to all concerned for this and thank you to the church community for your generosity and support! Pictured top left: Stuart and Joyce centre with their partners Heather and Mike.

Stuart Hight and Joyce Arnott have recently started in their roles, mentoring students at risk at Roleystone District High School running the Blokes and CHIC programs to enable young people to cope better with 'the speed bumps of life'.

Joyce was voluntarily involved in this role in 2010, however funding from the Church through Scripture Union has enabled these young people to be employed for one and half days per week. They have certainly hit the ground running.

'We saw a need and wanted to get started as soon as possible' said Joyce. 'We want the youth to feel that they are a valued part of the community, that their opinions are valued and that what they do now will affect how things are for them later on.'

Stuart and Joyce are working directly with young people in the Roleystone area both in the school and within the



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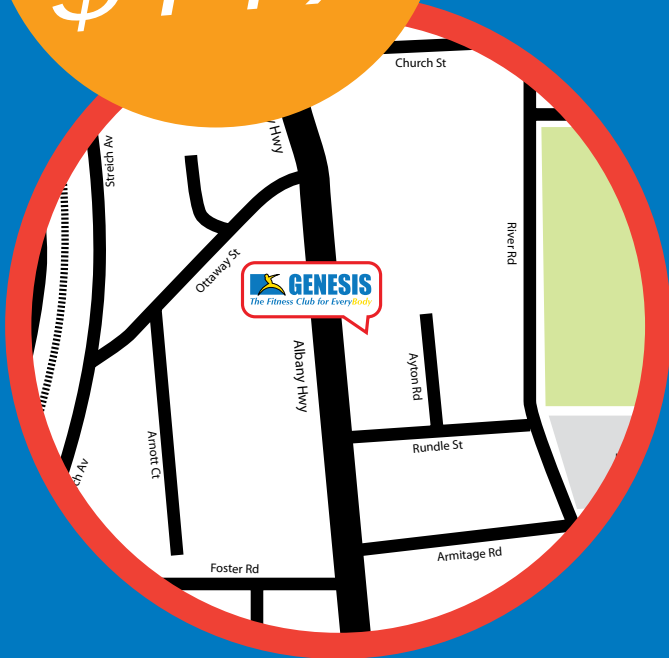
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We are all very excited and would like to invite the local community to join in the fun with FRIENDS IN April! Throughout the month of April whilst we have the changes, we are inviting everyone to come down for a FREE Workout. All you need to do is contact the membership team at the club prior to your visit and they will arrange a pass for you or you can log onto our website www.genesisfitness.com.au

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Pictured above: Ben and Kerrie of Genesis with their new name!

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The 2011 Great Cocky Count is rapidly approaching.

On Behalf of the Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre I would like to ask Roleystone locals to offer their support for this very important project and would ask our friends and volunteers to give Birds Australia a helping hand on Thursday April 7 between 5:30 and 6:30pm.

The Great Cocky Count is essential for estimating the current population of Carnabys White Tail Black Cockatoos. Gathering as much information as possible about this endangered species is critical for the conservation programs so many of us are involved in. There are still many Black Cockatoo roosting sites not covered for the count and I am hoping that this event will



help Birds Australia cover those last sites. If you are interested in helping out please let Dr Xander Kabat know that you are available via the following email: greatcockycount@birdsaustralia.com.au Pictured **Nicole Armstrong with a friendly black cockatoo.** Thanks and I hope you are able to help. I know I'll be out there counting cockies!
Chris Phillips

YOGA BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISER

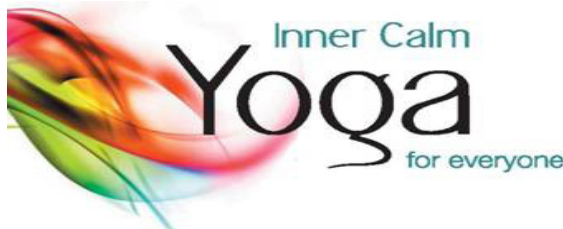
Saturday 19th was an enjoyable morning for many 'Inner Calm Yoga to Roleystone' students.

New and existing students, were led through yogic practices for 2 hours by Linda Hanley and Shannon Beech. This special event was put together to raise money for re-purchasing yoga equipment that was lost in the bushfire. I am excited to share that \$1350 was raised from our Yoga community. What a fabulous contribution. My appreciation goes out to you all, thankyou for your kind donations.

It was a wonderful turn out and we can look forward to enjoying the ongoing use of the new props when they arrive!

Thanks goes to The Yoga Shala and Kookaburra Creek for lending yoga props to use over the morning, also the deeply healing 'White Light Meditation' piece written by Jacqueline of Eden Light Retreat.

Also the support from my very close friends and my husband Michael has been invaluable at this time of upheaval, thankyou. Om Shanti- Connecting peace.
Shannon Beech



PEET/BROOKTON INTERSECTION No SOLUTION

Well now, what a surprise! We all followed the progress of works at the intersection of Brookton Highway and Peet Road as the side of the highway was reshaped, the new slope at the edge had some very impressive rock pitching to improve the aesthetics.

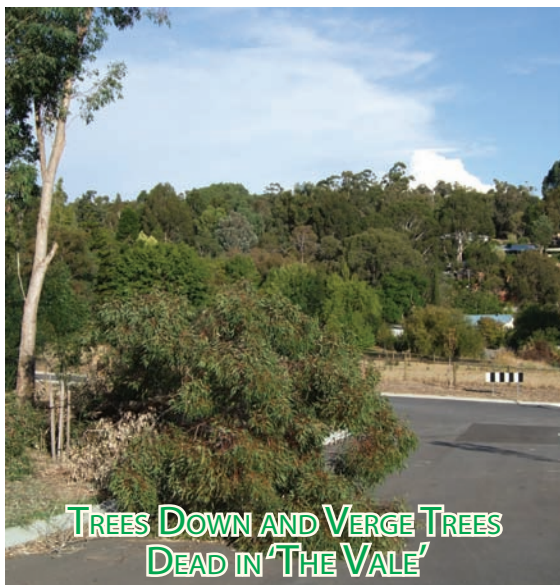
All this, to make way for a slip-lane for vehicles exiting the Highway and improve vision and overall safety, WRONG!!!!

First indication, the relocation of the power pole seemed to be a bit odd! Then road base making strange shapes the result, as eloquently summarised by Muzza on Roleystone.net -:

“ they take months just to move a power pole and make space for what logically would be a turning lane, but no we get a jumble of traffic islands for phantom cyclists and kerbing that creates a hazard rather than resolves one, narrows the uphill lane right on the apex of the bend and forces traffic further towards the centre of the road around a blind bend.”

It would be nice if whoever was behind this baffling re-design could enlighten us as to the rationale behind it.

Terence Dawson
Concerned road user
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ROLEYSTONE'S 'PREMIER ADDRESS' THE VALE

Whose responsibility is it to look after a land development once the land has started to be sold: the developer, the selling agents or the Shire?

I invite local Roleystone residents to take a wander through The Vale.

There have been 3-4 trees down across the road for weeks now & the claret ash street trees have now almost all died from lack of water. The grass in some areas is high and it just looks unkempt.

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In 1927, Loui's Dad Giovanni decided to try and make a better life for his family so he decided to immigrate to Australia. Loui's oldest brother Sebastiano was sent to Australia to meet his Dad and then they sent for the rest of the family in 1930. Loui came to Australia at the

age of 6 with his Mum and other 2 brothers. They lived in a shack on a property in Kelmscott owned by Mr Douglas, They leased some land from him to grow vegetables. Their first attempt was a disaster but they persevered and did so well with cabbages that in 1933 they were able to buy property in Karragullen when the Millar's Timber Sawmill closed. Loui used to have to walk from Canning Mills to Kelmscott to go to school, then he got a horse and he used to ride the horse to school.

In 1950 Roma started working in Loui's family's packing shed, packing fruit. They courted for a couple of years, going to regular dances and married on the 23rd of February 1952. After 2 years of marriage their first child was born, Marlene on the 26th of November 1953 and then their second child Steven on the 31st of July 1957. As a family they attended the Armadale and Roleystone pictures for special outings. Loui worked tirelessly on the family property in Karragullen which is still currently operated by his son Steven and grandchildren Andrew, Christopher and Wayne.

Loui loved to travel going to: South Africa, Singapore, Bali, Cairns, and Brisbane and of course Italy. He would have travelled a lot more but was always hard at work. His last trip was to Italy with Roma, Marlene and granddaughter Belinda, where he visited family and met new friends.

After Loui's last trip to Italy he was put on dialysis at home which he handled well until he had a fall in late 2009, and from then on he was in and out of hospital. He did not like hospital very much and was always nagging to go home. On the Wednesday night before he passed away he was calling for his wife Roma, apparently at around 2.30 am every few seconds they could hear ROMA, ROMA, ROMA. Roma was everything to Loui and what she did over the last 18 months went far beyond what anyone would expect of one person. Her family thinks she is one in a million!

Loui was called to eternal life leaving his wife Roma, 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren to carry on his legacy.

There are a few thankyou's that the family would like to express, to: Loui's Specialist, Robin Kirwin, GP Dr Bredan, The staff and doctors at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital and all the staff at Coolbellup Home dialysis.

Tracie Cassoti

Granddaughter

Pictured at right: Loui Ghilarducci in 1963 at work with bins of Jonathon Apples ready to go to market.





2nd March: Three couples Celebrate Twenty Years of Marriage

On the 2nd March 2011 three Roleystone couples all celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary.

The Brindley's were married in Mt Isa, the Meuli's were married in Wanganui NZ and the Matthiesen's were married in Canberra. They all moved to Roleystone - the Matthiesen's and the Meuli's about 12 years ago and the Brindley's about 5 years ago. Karen and Jo knew each other through their children in the same classes at school and taking them to swimming lessons. Karen, Dirk, Angela and Scott knew each other through Karate. Dirk and Jo are both Scout Leaders with the Roleystone Scout Group where all three couples had children involved. Karen, Jo and Angela have been regular participants of Friday's Circuit Class at the

Roleystone Recreation Centre. So we've all known each other a long time and been good friends, but it wasn't till last year as the 19th anniversary approached that the anniversary popped into conversation. We discovered the connection that we were all married on the same day. Bizarre but true!!! We celebrated together with a Saturday night out at Roleys. Cheers to us all and looking forward to another 20 years.

Jo Meuli.
Pictured above: back row Scott Brindley, Nick Meuli, Dirk Matthiesen. Front Angela Brindley, Jo Meuli and Karen Matthiesen.



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APRIL 2011

LINDA MOORE

As I have grown older I have started to value the history of my local community so much more.

As a young teen I had a 'youthful disdain for history' - especially the history of our local area.

My Mum at the time was busy working with others from Roleystone (including the late, wonderful Ivor T Birtwistle, who I should have listened to far more in my frivolous youth) lobbying to set up History House in Armadale.

This group had to face fierce opposition to have this established. The result is that our area now has a wonderful 'historic precinct' in Minnowarra Park in Armadale, preserving our local history.

Canning Mills however, which is arguably the most important historic site in our local area, falls outside of our shire, which has posed some problems when care and preservation of this location is required.

Thus I found the discovery of the old photo album by Gordon Freegard of the Pickering Brook Heritage Society to be a wonderful treasure (see page 3). (Thanks by the way, to this group for the wonderful work you do in preserving the history of the area.)

I found myself gazing at these wonderful pictures in fascination. My great grand parents had arrived at Canning Mills at about this time and I pondered, could one of the men pictured on the front cover be my Great grandfather as a young man? He was a woodcutter (later the settlement's carpenter) and would have been about the right age. And then I started to marvel - these men had cut this tree with axes. Hard work and so very dangerous.

This photo captures the hard working spirit of folk of this generation.

Ben Sharpe's memories of a later Canning Mills (see page 20) show that hard work and a strong sense of community also defined the generation that came after our earliest pioneers.

These traits were also so apparent in the immigrants that moved into Roleystone and Karragullen during the 1930's - 1950's. The heartfelt eulogy to Loui Ghilarducci delivered by his granddaughter Tracey (see page 10) show this man to be evocative of these wonderful traits. Many of the Italians and Slavs (and a multitude of other nationalities) have really enriched our area and helped us define ourselves.

These people that have come before me and have lived here and loved it here, explain why I now value local history so much more. Their stories are the history of this place and The Roleystone Courier will continue to record them and make sure the memories live on.

I think it is this profound 'sense of relationship' to the folk that have come before me that binds me to this area. Their hard work, their dedication to setting up the community that we are so proud of and their love of the area have made it a great place to live. So whether the story is one month old or one hundred years old, they all have a place. Thanks so much to all contributors for keeping and telling us your stories. Tell it and it becomes 'HISTORY'. Happy Reading!

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Once again sisters Ita Goldberg and Rivka Cohen of Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant have opened their venue to showcase and promote local artists.

Their current exhibition has art from Bedfordale mother Jeannette Dyson and her daughter Sonya Granville. Their works are strong and colourful and use a variety of media to create the dynamic

artworks.

Jeannette was a resident of the Kimberley for a decade, and she painted daily at Red Rock Art Gallery in a cultural exchange studio environment. She shared Kimberley ochre with indigenous artists and many of her paintings are reflective of her northern experience.

She has now returned to the Perth Hills and paints at her home based studio.

Sonya draws inspiration from fleeting images but her major inspiration is 'her mum'.

'My abstract paintings are a record of patterns and colours, moments and moods that have captured my imagination.' Sonya said.

Due to the generosity of the owners of Genesis in the Hills the artists need pay no commission, so the paintings at are being offered at reduced prices. The artists will be offering a percentage of sales to the Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Many Happy Returns Helen

On the 30th March Helen Start celebrated her 90th birthday. This marvellous achievement was celebrated with a quiet get together with family. Helen's 80th birthday was a surprise trip on a helicopter flying over their hills and dales of the local area. This decade was heralded with a far more subdued celebration.

Helen was born into a farming family in Kenya where she grew up, married husband John and raised her children. 29 years ago they joined their children in Western Australia and for most of this time they have called Roleystone their home. Helen and John have been very involved in their local community as keen naturalists, staunch volunteers and have been stalwarts of the Roleystone Anglican Church. They have recently moved into Hillendale village and are really enjoying their new lifestyle.



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A Yellow Ribbon Says Thank you



The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre has been running a campaign to 'Tie a yellow Ribbon around your letter box' to thank a Fireman. With the phenomenal effort of our emergency services so recently apparent to us all, this simple action can result in funds going directly to our local support services. These ribbons are available from the Family Centre for just \$5. The campaign has already raised \$676 and there are still ribbons available so why don't you ask today?

Photo: Bradyn Janssen is keen on having a yellow ribbon – just like the one on the Family Centre Letterbox. And he knows where to get one. Do You?

ACCOLADES FOR THE ROLEYSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD FAMILY CENTRE

The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre, renowned for stepping up and providing a welcoming and supportive community hub in times of disaster and distress, recently stepped up to support those who had suffered in the recent bushfires.

Centre Manager Sue Spry said: 'We were able to provide support comfort and practical assistance to the many people who lost their homes or experienced damage to their property or were evacuated. We responded to up to 200 calls from distressed Roleystone residents.' As well as the immediate practical support offered by the RNFC, they also raised in excess of 600 for the victims of the bushfires by selling yellow ribbons. These are for Roleystone residents to tie to their letterbox or front trees. This is a visible thank you to the emergency services for their wonderful support over the recent emergency. Well done Sue and the many willing volunteers for providing this wonderful service to our community.

As reported in the RNFC's State Newsletter. Well done!

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When Roadside Rubbish Explodes



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Around lunchtime a huge explosion was followed by billowing black smoke and many eyes turned to this in dread. Almost immediately a helicopter and the local Armadale Fire Brigade responded to the danger.

The explosion on Simons Drive was caused by a fridge freezer exploding in the heat. The discarded whitegoods had been paced out for the verge side rubbish collection. Luckily the rubbish was not too close to the surrounding bush and the quick action by the brigade boys, who worked quickly and efficiently, controlled the fire before it erupted. Well done!

BUTCH AND TITAN THE DOG 'WHEN THE BEACH IS JUST TOO FAR AWAY!!!'
GOOD TO SEE THE DAM BEING UTILISED.



Grandchild for Jean and Ken

Ken and Jean Henricksen welcome grandchild number 4! Our fourth grandson, Joshua Rhys Henrickson, was born to proud, first time parents Lawrie and Jo at 11pm on Tuesday 1st March. He weighed 8lbs. Ken and I are thrilled! Well done to Jean and Ken!

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These teddies will be called Peduli Bears, and we are aiming to have 1,000 of these. I can supply a pattern if interested people want to email me on lyniemarie1@bigpond.com

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QUILTER'S PROGRESS

In March the Roleystone Quilters have been busy constructing a range of marvellous quilts for the children who lost their homes and their treasures in the devastating bushfires in February.

Many of the ladies have been very generous and have donated quilts from their cupboards, over and above the piles of fabric and wadding they have given. Our thanks to Jenny and Andrew of Kraft Daze Sewing World for their donations.

We will be holding another two sewing days to complete the quilts. Arrangements will then be made with the schools to



hand the quilts out to the families.

The Roleystone Friendship Quilters need the help of friends, relatives and neighbours of the adults who have been affected by the fire. If you know of anyone, and would be willing to come and select a quilt to give them, please contact either Lyn Place 9397 5207 or Shelagh Fitzpatrick 9397 6892. Thank you.

Lyn Place.

Photo above: Shelagh Fitzpatrick and Trish Ryan on the right with some of the 22 quilts completed.

The Importance of Being Ernest: by Anne Kennedy

Lumen Christi College is putting on 'The Importance of Being Ernest' with local student Christian Blackburn, playing Jack, one of the two males characters caught up in this intriguing story, a mix of fantasy and reality, that become increasingly enmeshed.

This play is an old English comedy written by Oscar Wilde about mistaken identity, love, conflict and the vital importance of 'Being Ernest'. The Year 12 Drama students have been rehearsing since the beginning of the year and this production forms a major part of their course. Rehearsals have been held mornings, lunchtimes and on the weekends. The performance will take place at the Wayne Bull Theatre in the Lumen Christi College Performing Arts Centre, Station Street, Martin (Mills Road West entrance). This is a one night only performance on Monday the 11th of April at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered through the College on 9394 9300. It is being directed by Alicia Gabbedy.

The picture below shows the cast: Front Taylah Jones - LADY BRACKNELL. Left to Right: Caitlin Perez - GWENDOLEN, Christian Blackburn - JACK, Courtney Boelema - DR CHASUBLE, Joshua Eiffler - ALGERNON and Elle Moog - CECILY.



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Brenda Bell, nee Minorgan, was born in Cottesloe on 15 September 1913 as second child and only daughter of Robert and Wilhelmina Minorgan. Brenda had very fond memories of her childhood and of being the only girl among four brothers. When Brenda's father passed away when she was only 13, her mother was left to struggle alone with her five young children. Brenda left school aged 14 to attend business college. She soon entered the work force and much of her income of 17 shillings and 6 pence went toward supporting the family. With the Second World War upon Australia, Brenda joined the Women's Auxiliary Australia Air Force as one of the first women in Perth. Towards the end of the war, Brenda met career air force officer Flight Lieutenant John Bell whom she married in 1951. John and Brenda had many postings and finally settled in Canberra. When John retired in 1970, Brenda felt it was time for them to return to Perth. In 1974 John finally gave in to his wife and moved with her back to WA. They settled in Roleystone at 12 Robin Road. I met John and Brenda when we moved in next door to them in 1997. John had earlier suffered a stroke and was almost confined to a wheelchair. But Brenda was ever so active looking after Saxon, their Clumber Spaniel, maintaining their beautiful garden



and looking after the local birds and her fish. She used to say "One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth". When John passed away in 2001, she was devastated, but would still keep her head up. Her saying was "Never give up and never give in". And whatever trouble life threw at her, this was her motive. Family was everything to her and she was a true Australian, proud of her country, raising the Australian flag every morning and taking it down around four in the afternoon. I learnt from her that "you do not allow the sun to set on your flag". In Brenda I met the most remarkable woman ever. She was an absolute inspiration to me. I admired her immensely and she was the best neighbour anybody can wish for. We all miss her and will do so for a long time to come, but take comfort in knowing that Brenda had a wonderful, fulfilled and long life.
Felicity Rohner

A LITTLE BRENDA TALE

Brenda had been in her beloved garden and had raked together some piles of leaves. She had then proceeded to burn the piles, while she watched keenly to see that the burn off was under control. The burning was occurring at school 'drop off time' and a female driving a large four wheel drive loaded with her children pulled up next to her. The lady proceeded to berate Brenda for her thoughtlessness, didn't she know that burning off was prohibited and that the smoke she was producing was bad for the environment? Brenda, always a feisty lady if provoked, responded that she would stop burning off and damaging the environment when the woman got out of her four wheel drive and walked her children to school.
We will miss her - Ed.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT ARALUEN

Autumn is the very best time in the hills. It's an ideal place to take the children during the school holidays. On Thursday, 24th April, and Wednesday, 4th May, a program of activities for your children will be provided. Between 10 am and 11.30 am there will be three discovery trails to follow. At 12.45 pm there will be craft and clay modelling. Amy Krupa, from SERCUL, will be there with river care activities. There is plenty of lawn space to picnic by the running Stinton Brook. Hat and practical shoes are advisable. Entry cost per child is only \$3. (Children must have an accompanying adult.) For more information please ring 9496 1171.
Lesley Choules.



Just under a week after the Roleystone/Kelmscott bushfires, students at Studio Gen-ius (which was itself partly damaged by the fire) returned to their weekly classes to produce works of art, which tell more than words can, of their shared experience. One student/artist, who lost her home at Kelmscott including her artworks and art equipment, made a special effort to come on the day to receive a generous gift resulting from a group collection to replace her brushes, paints and canvasses. At left: Pastel drawing, "Ashes" by Gail Reid, retells the devastating incident.

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In total 30 sacks of rubbish were collected, considerably less that last year, but far too much when you consider it has only been twelve months since the last event!

Among our willing helpers, we were pleased to have three younger

members of the community, doing their bit to keep Araluen Estate tidy. On completion, we all enjoyed an excellent morning tea provided by the ladies of the AEPA.

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BEN SHARPE REMEMBERS

In mid March, an early pioneer of the district Ben Sharpe died at the age of 94. Ben was born in Pickering Brook in 1916 and spent much of his early life at Canning Mills and later worked on Illawarra Orchard for over 20 years retiring to Safety Bay after his working life was over. He never 'forgot his roots' and returned every year to the Karragullen Expo (including the expo in October 2010). Here are some of his reminiscences of the early days of Canning Mills:

Just prior to my birth Canning Mills was a thriving town. The town had a large timber mill; a station on the railway from Perth to Karragullen, the town had a hospital, Post Office and church school. The town had a number of houses and shacks, a shed with a very large hot house to keep the fire in good nick and a fairly large hotel.

By the time I clearly remember the town, Canning Mills had started to go downhill. The mill was gone and so were most of the mill workers. The buildings were taken over by anyone who wanted to live there.

Sid Smailes owned the best house in the district, part brick with a big cellar. The hospital was taken over by Mr Fred Wyman, he was a wood cutter and his wife ran the post office. The church was used as a school for many years.

I remember the hotel being pulled down. I also remember the hotel workers pushing the empty beer kegs down the hill; they kept going until they hit the station wall. They were then stacked ready for transport down to the brewery.

The railway from Perth kept going for a number of years, running every couple of days. It was our only means of transport. A trip to Perth took three hours; leaving Karragullen at 6am and arriving in Perth at 9 am. Charlie Spriggs was the length runner; it was his job to keep the line clear. Freight haulage was mainly wood and fruit from the Karragullen siding.

The large water tank at Canning Mills serviced the rail engine. There was a horse trough beside the road; householders carted their water by hand from that source. I made hundreds of trips with a yoke over my shoulder with 4 gallon tins carrying enough water for the house. It was a hard job for a little boy.

The church was turned into a school for all grades; it catered for the entire child population and was taught by one lady teacher. Her name was Miss Betharis, a very large woman with a long cane. She tried to teach us all despite the inspector (Mr Hadley) telling her that she should never have been a teacher!

Most of the work was centred on the timber industry. Sid Smailes was a mill owner with his partner George Anderson. Ernie Mason was the timber log hauler; he could drive his horses through the bush without using a set of rings, just calling the horses by name.

There was a tennis court on that property and I played with a friend, Percy Felts quite often. There was a small baby's grave there, I never knew who owned it but I believe it is recorded in the lonely graves in Western Australia.

The natural watercourse that permanently ran through Canning Mills to the Victoria Dam carried quite a flow of water from the swampland further up. My Dad tried to buy a small plot of the swamp but was refused because it was on the water catchment. Soon after the gully was taken up by migrant Italians, since then the stream has completely stopped running. Half way between Canning Mills and Pickering Brook is Mundy Gully. The Gully had a nice swimming hole where we would swim and catch fish. We had to keep a look out for Dick Griffiths of Karragullen as he was the ranger and would bust us.

Mr Griffiths was a very well liked man across the district, a great worker for the town, helped with the P & C and a landowner with an orchard. What happened in his mind the district never knew, but he turned a gun on himself and the whole family. It was a terrible shock for my sister when she went over to deliver the daily milk and found them all in that state.

THANK YOU TO TOM PRICE OF ILLAWARRA ORCHARD FOR PROVIDING THESE MEMORIES OF A TIME LONG PAST. REST IN PEACE BEN.

Pictured at right: Canning Mills Circa 1921 drawn by Ben Sharpe. Ben, above right, is pictured at the Karragullen Expo with Victoria May, Tom Price's granddaughter.



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CHAMPION SWIMMERS

At the recent Dales District Interschool Swimming Carnival, Roleystone was awarded the Handicap shield indicating the school's improving talent. This is the second year in a row the school has been successful at this carnival.

Pictured are the successful 'Champions': Damon Young, Jack Dawson and Georgia McManus all displaying their Champion medallions for their year group and Hannah Moore showing her 'runner up medallion' for her division.



Art For Recovery

The City of Armadale is proposing to host a post-bushfire community art project, 'Art for Recovery'. All community members, particularly those directly affected by the 6 February disaster, are welcome to be involved. The project will acknowledge the trauma experienced by the local community.

Local Kelmscott Hills resident Charlene O'Brien, whose home was destroyed in the fire, will be coordinating the project.

Charlene reflects: 'The miracle is that my studio still stands but it is not fully operational without electricity or water. My neighbour has kindly offered an extension lead and the use of her tap.'

Charlene feels that 'Art for Recovery' could be a way people can express their feelings and acknowledge that

what happened was a significant event in their lives and in the community's history.

'We are looking for Artists interested in creating a community 'relic of resurrection' in the City of Armadale commemorating the homes destroyed in the Kelmscott bush fires.'

'Out of the ashes one finds little treasures that although have taken on a different shape and form still hold the memory of some cherished times. Through these discoveries comes a sense of joy that helps with the healing of losing it all.'

'My recovery is finding objects from the remains of my home that I can use in textile art for my next collection. The alchemy of ash and rust play a major role in natural dyeing, of which I use mainly in my eco fashion label. www.tierraecologia.com

'No fire can destroy the journey of the soul and art can help with the healing.'

The initial meeting for this project has occurred in late March but those who are interested in becoming involved are invited to contact the City's Coordinator of Cultural Development, Peta Turnbull, on 9399 0682.

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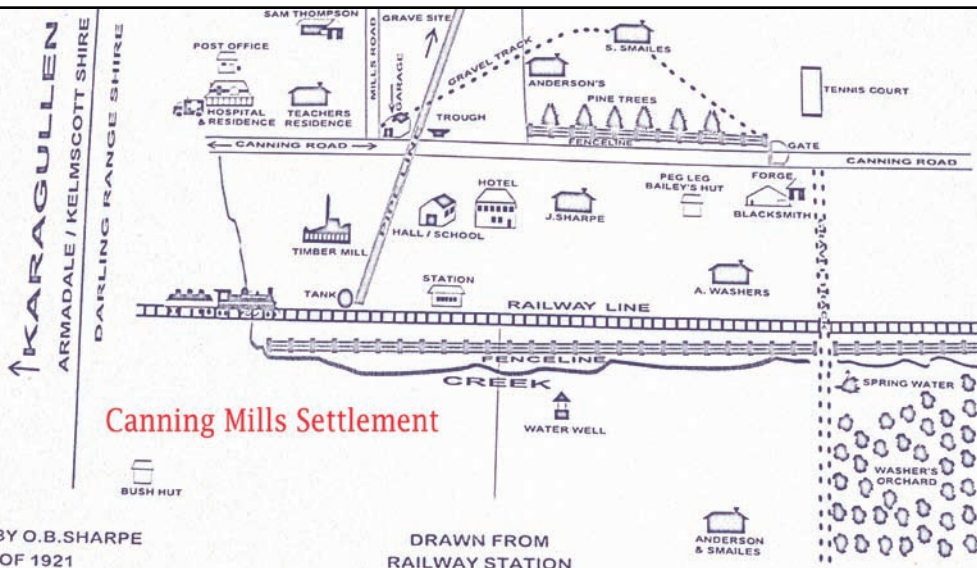
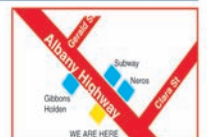
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Concert in The Park

Sunday 13th of March was a balmy autumn evening, perfect for the over 200 locals who gathered at the Roleystone Primary School oval for a free concert. It was a fabulous evening where young families, couples, friendship groups and music aficionados all clustered together to enjoy this great community atmosphere. Once again full marks go out to the Roleystone Musicians Club, with particular thanks to President Chris Horgan and the musicians from: The Ferrymen Celtic Band, Hawkstone and K5 for providing the musical entertainment.

The concert was part of the City of Armadale's 2011 Concerts in the Park series. Thanks to the City of Armadale, the musicians and their support teams and all of the people from the area who came together in such a spirit of conviviality to 'enjoy the moment'. We hope there are many more of these events.



Above: Part of the assembled crowd including: Hawkstone members John Wilson, Mike Bayley, Nick Harvey and Ian Walker (Ferrymen). At right: Graham Shaw, Dave Willis, Jeff Young and Erhard Etzbach. Thanks to Chris Horgan.

Happy 21st RNFC

ROLEYSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD FAMILY CENTRE COMES OF AGE!
On Saturday 26th February RNFC celebrated its 21st Birthday.

The support from the community was tremendous on a blisteringly hot day. Events included a Bouncy Castle with a water slide which the children loved and which some of the adults ventured to use late in the day. There was also a free sausage sizzle, a small animal farm, face painting and free coffee. Centre users mounted displays to demonstrate aspects of the courses they run.

Local artist Jackie Hoeksema painted a beautiful mural for the portico of the Family Centre that was unveiled by Councillor Pat Hart. The mural depicted local flora and fauna in a most attractive design. In her speech at the unveiling of the mural, Councillor Pat Hart referred to the role of the Family Centre in providing initially child care and later adult learning courses as diverse as Pilates, Drawing and Painting, Guitar lessons, Natural Soap Making, Candle Making First Aid Courses, Yoga, Jazz Ballet and many more. The Family Centre plays a strategic role

in welcoming new residents to Roleystone with its 'Welcome Packs'.

Later in the morning Tony Simpson M.L.A. presented the Toy library with a cheque for \$4999 for new toys and assisted Councillor Pat Hart in cutting the 21st Birthday cake.

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Many locals enjoyed St Patricks Day including those at the Elizabethan Pub listening to The Ferrymen. At right Jacob Horgan with his very Irish Hat and above: Veronica and Eleanor, Naomi, Julie Stack-Horgan, Lina, Natarsha and Miles.



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Olil Fundraiser

On February 26, Andrew and Jasmine Hurst of Olil Jewellery Design ran an Evening of Musical Entertainment, Canapés and an Auction' to support those who had suffered with the recent bushfires in our area. The hosts of the evening were very pleased with the evening. 'It was a beautiful night with a great outcome with over \$2000 after costs raised for the victims of the fires,' Jasmine Hurst said.

'There were so many people helping out and everyone was very generous'.

The hosts want to say a huge 'thank you' to all who volunteered and donated their products, services and time.



Above left: Esther, Sarah and Amanda at the Olil Fundraiser. Above: Andrew shows some of his jewellery to Joanne.

The scene was set with wonderful musical entertainment provided by Mel and his band from the Roleystone Musicians Club. This was accompanied by delicious, freshly prepared canapes from the in-house chef Sarah, with champagne donated by BWS. A silent auction of Olil jewellery and art by Carl Haanapel was held and many pieces were bid upon, with all proceeds going to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund for the Perth Hills Fires. It was a lovely night and extra thanks are extended to: Jo Sekeris, Jo Dirt Bobcats, Lorna Flemming and her great waitressing skills, Party in a Box, Jo Stewart, media, Sarah Brickwood, the chef and Roleystone Meats.

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Roleystone Primary School News



our improving results in the last two carnivals. On the day Damon Young, Jack Dawson and Georgia McManus all received Champion medallions for their year group and Hannah Moore was awarded the runner up medallion in her division. Well done to all of these swimmers along with the rest of the team who competed with great team spirit and effort in all races. Also, big thanks to all of our parent helpers and spectators who came down to support the students. It was great to see such a big turn out for this event.
Phil Springett

Before the team left the school I asked students how they rated their chances of success. Damon Young said, 'Nine out of ten, even though I am swimming above my year level.' Harry Conlin chipped in with 'There are only four people in the race, I reckon I'll come second.' I'm not sure about the accuracy of these predictions! A popular incursion at R.P.S. is 'World of Maths'. Again, the students were fully occupied with solving the multitude of mathematical problems provided by Mr Moore. There were some very challenging activities, but everyone that I saw was very happy to work their hardest to sort them out. I'm fairly certain that the children enjoyed marking their answer sheets back in class, and getting lots of them right.

Pat Watson

Pictured below: Ronan and Cindy Wardani, Cindy is from Sumatra.

Bottom: Tia, Brendan, Jayde and Chloe Challenge themselves with the World of Maths.



For first and second terms we are lucky enough to have a 'true blue' Indonesian working with Karen Wishart in L.O.T.E (Languages Other Than English). Tracy Cindy Wardani has come to us from the Bun Gera region of West Sumatra to work as a Language Assistant. Her time is shared between R.P.S., R.D.H.S., and Kalamunda Senior High School. Cindy was working as a private tutor in Indonesia prior to coming to Australia. Cindy does have family in Melbourne where her mother is currently studying. When Cindy returns to Indonesia she wants to complete her Masters Degree in International Relations. Welcome to Roleystone Cindy.

After a successful swimming trials afternoon, a team was selected to compete in the Dales District Interschool Swimming Carnival. For the second year in a row Roleystone were awarded the Handicap shield indicating



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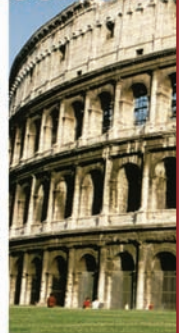
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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

OLD BUFFERS DAY

On Sunday March 6th the RKCC held its Old Buffers Day and what a tremendous success it was!

It was fantastic to see so many Old Buffers and Life Members enjoying themselves.

The young guns batted first and lost early wickets, with veteran Geoff Mitchell doing most of the damage. The youngsters then piled on a few late runs to make a competitive 173. Phil Barker was like a spring chicken behind the stumps and Roger Goad sent down 'some thunderbolts' but overall the general fielding was, well, a bit slow.

The Old Buffers team was led superbly by Mike Knuckey and setup the run chase with Mike Jones and big Dan Hambleton (who pulled a groin taking guard but pushed on to make 35). Once again Geoff Mitchell showed the kids that 'all you need is a bat' (Geoff tends not to need gloves, helmet or box - I'm surprised he wore pads)! The game went down to the last over with the Old Buffers falling short by 4 just runs.

Not surprisingly The Man of the Match award went to the evergreen Geoff Mitchell.

Thanks to all the committee for the organizational support and a special thanks to Brian Weir, our illustrious Patron, who donated the snaggers at lunchtime, the roast beef for afters and a meat hamper won by Bruno Del Simone. Also once again Ross Leipold gave us a keg to enjoy; you can catch him at U Brew-it Canning Vale.

Graham Pound

Top: 'The old and the young' of the RKCC.

Centre left: Maxine Fairs and Jude Fuller. Darren Wilkinson and Graham Pound.

At left: Many years of memories with Billy Mitchell, Vic Every and Jim Hay (three 'Slightly Old' Buffers with some younger 'Old Buffers' behind).



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Tramlines Tennis Club News Wendy Tucker



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Annual Club Championships got underway on the 19th & 20th of March. We held the Ladies and Men's Singles on Saturday 19th. The 2011 Club Ladies Singles Champion is Lois Swaddle with the Runner Up being Tracey Backhouse and the 2011 Men's Singles Champion is Jim Brayshaw with the Runner Up being Graham Shearwood.

On Sunday the 20th March the Ladies Doubles and Men's Doubles Events were held. There were some very well fought matches and the 2011 Ladies Doubles Winners were Virginia Bird and Lois Swaddle and the Runners Up were Taryn Boase and Wendy Tucker and our 2011 Men's Doubles Winners are Bob Hay and Greg Quartermaine with the Runners Up being Andrew Bruce and Myles Hay-Hendry.

Our Mixed Doubles Event will be held on Saturday 26th March followed by a BBQ.

For enquiries please contact Brendan, our Club Captain at roleystonetennisclub@inet.net.au.

Thank you to everyone who has participated so far. We have had some very close matches and we look forward to enjoying some more this Saturday. The complete list of results will be in next month's Courier.

COMING EVENTS

DOUBLES EVENT EVENING - We will try and host a doubles event in April so remember to put your names down early.

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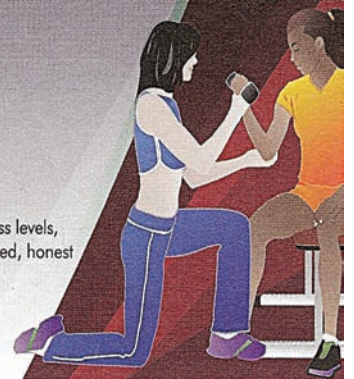
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Lisa Porter

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 113TH KELMSCOTT SHOW

Our 113th Kelmscott Show will be held on October 21st and 22nd.

Since 1987 when our first show was held on the 3rd Feb (yes it was held in February then) there have been many wonderful displays of what the people or our district can do. And it's always been run by volunteers.

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GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

After a visit from Bobby Chapman recently, I got busy re-potting. It's amazing how many plants you can get by dividing up your plants.

Recently I bought a Bromeliad and it had about ten plants in it. This means I now have a lot of robust healthy plantlets.

I also got stuck into my yellow Cliveas, they hadn't been lifted since I planted them six years ago!

I have re-potted them but not yet fertilised them because I do not want them to put down roots yet, it is too dry. I have a lot of nice pelargoniums and cuttings from these little beauties which are generally done in March too.

One thing I now recognise is the value of mondo grass. It is pretty fiddly to trim off roots and to take out all the dead leaves but they do look much better for the effort.

The Roleystone Garden Group is set to swing into action again in April. We will meet at 24 Orana Way, at 10am on Thursday 21st. I hope we will be able to do some division of plants, plus strike some hardy cuttings. If anyone has plants suitable for this project they will be made very welcome.

I have a friend that grew up in Keays Road and she has offered me a number of seedling Stephanotis and a couple of seed pods.

We made the decision to have the summer off from the garden group hoping that the shorter season would encourage more people to come and join 'the fun'.

We normally check out the host's garden, answer any questions, help in any way we can, then join together for a cuppa. There is no cost involved with the group and it's always a happy get together. I don't think there has ever been a meeting at which I haven't learnt something.

It seems really strange to have Easter so late in April this year. Garden Week at Perry Lakes is from the 7-11 April. So if you can get to garden week you can get your plants in over Easter. Remember sweet peas are best planted by April 25th.

Have you taken the opportunity to see all the new Frangipanis at Pioneer Gardens Nursery? There are so many different colours; we are really being spoilt for variety and the perfume is wonderful. Just cover them up if we have frosty weather this winter as they do not like cold. As we were diverted through Buckingham Road, I was stunned by the size and beauty of some large, red bushes in that street. It is amazing how much foliage that is coming back on the trees in the burnt out area. I hope your garden is starting to grow again.

Good Gardening.

Jean



James Joins the Manse as Head Chef

James Western has joined the team at the Manse Restaurant as their new Head Chef. James did much of his training at the Manse completing his apprenticeship with owner Gary Smith before moving on to a range of other restaurants to further hone his skills.

James was most recently at the Red Herring in Fremantle. He has now returned to the Manse and one of his tasks has been to renew the menu. And the result is superb. With the new range of food sensations you can still be guaranteed a great and fulfilling meal.

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BOWLING ALONG *With Keith Rinaldi*

The Roleystone Country Club Bowls Division has reached a critical point in its history with the very real prospect that lawn bowls may no longer be available in our local community.

To put it simply, the club needs more members to survive. Established some thirty five years ago, the Bowls Division has provided strong sporting competition, fun social activity and vibrant entertainment to its members as well as the wider community.

Today, Roleystone boasts two magnificent greens - rated as good enough to host state bowling events - as well as a spectacular outlook. We also have a solid core of members who are welcoming, hard working and always ready to assist new bowlers.

In order to continue beyond the current season the club needs new members. There are many people in our community who have shown an interest in bowls while playing in a host of fun events organised by the bowlers, including corporate and community bowls, soup days, gala days along with a variety of invitational and competitive social bowls opportunities. Now is the time to build upon that interest by coming down to the club on a Friday evening or a Saturday afternoon to join in our open events and find out more about becoming a Bowls



Above: Healthy fun and competition is enjoyed on the bowling green by a broad cross section of people from our community. Why not become a club member?

Division member. You can play barefoot or with flat soled shoes and we will provide the bowls and coaching where needed.

Without a boost in membership the Bowls Division has reached the stage where it will no longer be viable to continue and this wonderful sporting facility will be lost. Once gone, lawn bowls may not be easy to bring back and Roleystone will be the poorer without the social benefit it brings to our community.

Don't wait - act now. We need you!

Contact any of the following members of the Roleystone Country Club Bowls Division:

President: Gerry Chapman - 9397 5730
Secretary: Phil Deas -
9496 1086 or 0419 041 170
Club Captains: Shirley Thomas -
9390 5839 or 0401 081 714
Dave Locke - 9397 6805

You can also contact the Roleystone Country Club directly at 6 Wygonda Road, Roleystone or by phone on 9397 5665.

Below: Winners of the recent Memorial Day show off their trophy. Memorial Day is held each year to remember club members who have passed away. It would be a sad day indeed to see the club itself pass on and events such as this lost to our community.





Araluen Fun Run Golf Day

On Sunday March 13th a Fundraising Golf Event was held at the Araluen Golf Resort – a Fun Run Fundraiser. The major sponsor company was Alinta Gas and co-organiser local Karen McLaren of Alinta is to be commended for her efforts. Nearly \$2000 was raised for the Bushfires and will now be given to the Armadale Lions club for distribution. Seen Above Karen McLaren from Alinta and Jeff Munn from the Armadale Lions.

For The Love Of Mick

Healthy Heartbeats – For the Love of Mick was a fundraising event held throughout January and February 2011.

The fundraiser was held in memory of my Dad, Mick Bailey who was a local Roleystone resident. He died suddenly in September 2010 of undiagnosed heart disease. Just prior to passing away he had embarked on a complete lifestyle change including healthy diet and regular exercise. The fundraiser was set up to finish what Mick had started and create awareness of the importance of healthy eating and exercise. We also set out to raise much needed funds to donate to the Heart Foundation. On the 15th of January myself and a group of Mick's family and friends including Pam Bailey, Mick's wife commenced a four week healthy lifestyle challenge. We asked our friends and family to sponsor us to take part and had our bioages (body age compared to real age) and fitness tests done at the beginning and end of the challenge. The whole group then completed a number of group activities including walking around Lake Monger, bike riding around the Swan River, dance classes, group fitness classes and health information talks. Each team member also completed a personal fitness program and changed their diets. At the end of the four week challenge as a group we lost 27.2 kilos and 64 cm from our waists. Every challenge member also reduced their bioages. To celebrate the completion of the four week challenge we held a fundraising night at Chapel Farm. The evening was a great success. There were 82 guests and the night was packed with live entertainment including local singer Suraya Skehan, a demonstration by The Jungle Body with Tarrin and the highlight of the evening was the burlesque performance which was done by the women of the challenge team and led by Emma Basc from Mad Camel Belly Dance.

We gave away lots of fantastic prizes in our raffle and held an auction which was a great success. Best of all we raised over five and half thousand dollars to be donated to the Heart Foundation.

We are now well on our way to achieving our personal goals and will continue with our new lifestyles. The fundraiser has brought our family closer together and we plan to meet up a couple of times a month to do healthy activities that involve the whole family. It's a new way of life for us all and we love it!

I would like to thank everyone who came along to the evening, took part in the challenge, sponsored, donated or provided their support to make this happen.

The fundraiser was born out of fear of heart disease affecting other families and members of my own family and I am proud to have made other people aware of how they can change their lives and hopefully we have inspired them to take the first step in doing that.

Clare Kenward

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Roleystone Toy Library

Well the cheque is in the bank thanks to the wonderful Lotteries West who kindly donated \$4999 to Toy Library for the purchase of new toys.

Tony Simpson presented the cheque to the Toy Library committee at the Family Centres 21st Birthday party.

Special thanks to the Family Centre for providing us with such a fabulous venue to store and loan our toys from, and for the wonderful birthday celebrations. We are hoping to sell some of our toys to make way for the new at the Roleystone Country Markets on the 3rd of April. Prices will be very reasonable and the toys are very good quality.



Pictured above: Presentation of Toy Library cheque from Lotteries West. Taryn Norman, Natalie Cirillo, Adrienne Byrne with daughter, Neil Hamerton, Peta Flynn, Tony Simpson, Linda Schaudin.

As you can imagine this is a time like no other to join the Toy Library! We are open Tuesdays 1.45 - 2.30pm and Saturday's 9.30 -10.30am during the school term. Alternatively email us at roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au or phone 9496 1115. Linda Schaudin.

ARALUEN NOTES

Liz Dunn



ACTIVITY DAYS

Thursday 28 April & Wednesday 4 May
- 10am to 2pm

The popular school holiday activity days are on again in Autumn.

These are designed to suit children from ages 3 to 14 years (accompanied by an adult) to explore their creativity. The activities are designed to keep them busy for hours. Activities include discovery trails from 10am to 11.30am followed by clay modelling and creative craft activities during the afternoon. The theme will be the 'Wanderer Butterfly'.

Cost: Adults \$4.00 and Children \$3.00

ARALUEN'S FREMANTLE CHILLI FESTIVAL
A great weekend of 'everything Chilli' saw a huge crowd flock to the Esplanade Reserve in Fremantle over the weekend of 19 & 20 March.

The move to Fremantle has been exciting and very challenging but it has enabled the festival to grow so that it is now recognised as a major event on the Western Australian calendar.

More than 70 stalls showed off their spicy wares, with everything from mild to extremely hot chilli products.

An array of beverages to suit all tastes were on offer from: chilli beers, wines, spirits, frappes and even a chilli coffee.

The garden lovers were not forgotten with a extensive range of chilli and herb plants on sale with the opportunity to receive expert advice on growing them.

One of the highlights of this year's chilli festival was the 'master of menu' cooking demonstrations. Here WA's leading chefs took to the stage to display their skills and techniques to an eager crowd.

The ABC presenters, represented by South West breakfast presenter 720 ABC presenters were up against each other in a 'celebrity chef chilli cook-off'.

The challenge was simple: cook the best 'Angel Hair Pasta tossed with Blue Manna Crab, chilli, tomato, basil and extra virgin olive oil'.

Well known WA chef Russell Blaikie allowed his recipe to be massacred by the presenters as they attempted to create his stringy feast. The competition was fierce and Gillian emerged the winner as her dish best represented Russell Blaikie's.

Next year will be the chilli festival's 10th anniversary and we will have lots of reasons to celebrate.



CHANGES TO THE TREATMENT OF ANAPHYLAXIS IN SCHOOLS

From 1 March 2011, teachers and child care staff will be able to treat a child who experiences an anaphylactic reaction while under their care, without the necessity to obtain prior consent from a child's parent or guardian.

If you have, or know someone with an allergy, you will no doubt be aware of the serious consequences of anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe reaction to an allergen, such as peanuts or bee stings. The reaction can be serious and in some cases, life threatening, if not treated quickly.

A child may experience an anaphylactic reaction for the first time in a school or child care setting. In these circumstances, it is unlikely that the child's parents would have provided prior consent for the school to administer treatment. As such, this new legislation implements important changes to ensure a child experiencing an anaphylactic reaction at school receives timely and appropriate treatment, even where consent to this treatment has not been provided.

In order to provide certainty to teachers and child care staff, the *Health, Safety and Civil Liability (Children in Schools and Child Care Services) Act 2011* makes an amendment to the *Civil Liability Act 2002*. Accordingly, a teacher or staff member is afforded protection from civil liability when they administer medication to a child experiencing an anaphylactic reaction. This protection is provided on the basis that the child care staff or teacher has acted in good faith and not recklessly. The implementation of this legislation has been accompanied by training in the use of adrenaline auto-injectors and the distribution of resource kits to schools and childcare centres, to ensure that staff are informed on this issue.

At any time in Western Australian schools, we have 20 children who are allergic or likely to be allergic in some way to peanuts. As such, the Act should help put the minds of parents at ease, knowing that schools now have the ability to treat their children in the event of a potentially fatal anaphylactic reaction.

EMBRACE LIFE FUNDRAISER

Carolyn Roach from Carolyn's Cards is a very determined and compassionate lady. She decided to offer her Embrace Life cards (Carolyn's Cards) for a donation of \$5 or more to go towards the victims of the Bushfires.

The cards were placed at: Myriad Gifts in Kelmscott, Shapes Health Club in Kelmscott, The Roleystone Newsagency, Roleys on The Ridge and The Roasted Bean Coffee Shop. In only one month, already \$1700 has been raised. This shows the wonderful generosity of spirit shown by local people. The cards contain very life affirming messages and truly encourage us to embrace life. The cards are still available at Roleys, The Roasted Bean and at the Roleystone Newsagency and interested people are invited to make a donation, and get an Embrace Life card as a bonus.

AT LEFT: LOCALS ENJOYING THE HOSPITALITY OF THE CHILLI CHICKEN.

A group of intrepid locals who went to the Chilli Festival are pictured (with a chicken): Tessa Bettenay, Bianca Maine, Lily Dewse and Anita Sorgioviani.

'There were so many people and everyone was trying to outdo everyone for the hottest taste sensations!' said Tessa. 'The food was great and the chilli wine was absolutely lovely.' Hot stuff girls!



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Mens Shed Meeting

As a result of the community bank sponsored Roleystone Karragullen Community Forum, a number of projects were proposed. One of these was to set up a 'Men's Shed.'

To enable this to begin, a meeting will now be held on 20th April at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. Fremantle Men's Shed founder and coordinators (Bill Johnstone and Alan Gowland) will be speaking about the opportunities and possibilities for our community involved in having a Men's Shed in Roleystone.

Bill and Alan will give a talk and show a DVD presentation on the Fremantle Men's Shed and its inception and provide

advice on how to get going. The Fremantle Men's shed is at the forefront in providing a wide range of community social programs for men of all ages. Women also use and run programs in the Fremantle Men's shed.

So we need to decide if this initiative is important for our community and if so determine the 'how, where, when and why' aspects of setting up such a project. If this interests you or your organisation please come along and be part of the meeting. Remember: Roleystone – It's what we make it.

Members of the community are encouraged to attend on the 20th April with a start time of 7pm. Please contact Chris Johnston on 0427 462 921 for details for any extra information.

Chris Johnston



Wild Gossip

Syl Cooper
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I have worked with Wildlife for over 20 years and still I am amazed by their incredible intelligence and survival skills – the following story is an example.

Some 2 weeks after the dreadful Kelmscott fires I admitted an adult, female possum found on the fringe of the fire area. She was obviously very dehydrated and starving, though no other injuries were apparent other than she was covered in faeces (poo) and smelled awful. I assumed that she had lost her home and was having difficulty finding food and water in the burnt out area. Wildlife is very easily stressed and dies very quickly, so I progressed with great care. First was rehydration & electrolytes, then after improvement was observed, the gradual introduction of food – first offered as very small amounts of baby food at frequent intervals. Improvement continued and occasional bits of soft fruit were offered and accepted. At this point I decided that the possum's condition had stabilised enough for a further examination. No injury was found, so I gradually started to remove the smelly faeces by gently sponging with warm water, obviously keeping my sessions to a few minutes at a time to avoid stress. All went well until I came to feet & hands when I discovered serious yet recovering burns! I sought immediate advice and was instructed on the correct burn treatment. The following day her hands and feet were again covered in faeces – advice suggested that I leave it be and do daily observations on her health and condition. She has improved on a daily basis and is becoming more mobile so I am hopeful that she will soon be able to go on a sheltered release. Maybe, with no chemist or help available, her only option of covering her burns with faeces was the reason she survived! Two weeks after the fire before coming into care and then in care she 'decided o continue her own treatment'? I don't know the answers, nobody does, and so we just go with the flow, keep an open mind and let our wonderful Wildlife teach us something every day. Please contact me for help for or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.



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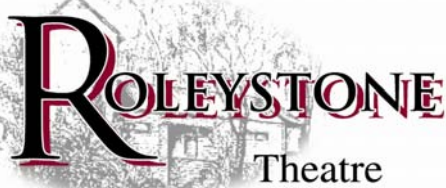
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ROLEYSTONE THEATRE BUSHFIRE BENEFIT CONCERT



On the 25th and 26th February the members of the Roleystone Theatre decided that we could help by conducting a Bushfire Benefit Concert to raise funds for those affected. This was particularly aimed at assisting long term Theatre member Vicki Trewick who had lost her home and her possessions in the Kelmscott Hills fires.

There are a range of people to thank for organising this event. George Harrison came up with the idea for the concert. He contacted many theatre members who he thought could help. Well they came out of the woodwork didn't they? The concert was a great success and raised nearly \$10 000 which will be split between affected members and the Bendigo Bank Bushfire Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who performed and to the many audience members who came along and donated so generously.

Pictured at left:

From the top: Michael MacCuish – his first time appearance at the theatre, Kim Martin, Patricia Bonna, Paul Peacock and Isobel Wiltshire in rags dress.

ROLEYSTONE THEATRE REPORT

The Theatre is in full rehearsal mode for our upcoming production of David Williamson's play, INFLUENCE.

We understand it will be a WA premiere and is to be directed by Roleystone local Kim Martin.

Kim Martin is a very talented director who has once again brought together a very strong cast for an entertaining and thought-provoking piece of theatre. The play, INFLUENCE, broke all box office records for the Sydney Opera House Drama Theatre when first produced in 2005. The title comes from the 'influence' wielded by radio shock jocks such as Alan Jones and John Laws.

The story is as follows: Ziggi Blasko knows how to turn fear into hate. A talkback radio host with "commonsense" answers, he likes to push buttons.

His diatribes against all things like political correctness, feminism, multiculturalism, immigration and bleeding hearts flood the airwaves and the scary part is that people listen. At home however, his influence isn't so great - his new wife Carmela is too narcissistic to listen much, his daughter Vivienne (by his first marriage) is a manic depressive, his Croation father Marko has a secret that could destroy Ziggi's career, plus his sister Connie is a psychologist with opinions and solutions a world away from Ziggi's.

When the new Turkish housekeeper, Zehra (with a moral core diametrically opposed to Ziggi), enters the fray the simplistic contradictions of Ziggi's world views look set to implode in this satire from Australia's most popular playwright.

Production dates are May 20, 21, 25, 27 and 28. All shows at 8pm. Please book by calling 9397 5730, emailing tickets@roleystonetheatre.com.au or very shortly you will be able to book online through our website www.roleystonetheatre.com.au

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*Bree Hartley
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Can We Keep the Roley PS Oval?

After the primary school moves to Raeburn road, the general plan is to sell the Jarrab/Robin Road site to a developer for a retirement village - which is a fabulous idea. But currently there is no protection in place to retain the old Primary School oval (the "Robin Rd Oval"). It is highly likely that the developer will use the oval site for new buildings (according to Councillor Pat).

The Robin Rd Oval is quite special and different to our other large sporting ovals. It's more of a community meeting place than a sporting oval. Due to its small size, it is ideal for our small community events like concerts and the markets. The sporting ovals are too large for small events, killing the atmosphere. It's also very handy for kids to play on when there is a sporting match on at Cross Park.

The Robin Rd Oval is like our own Somerville Auditorium - but with our natural trees that we grew up playing in. It's very unique to the foothills. It was also the site where our community rallied to save Araluen Botanic Park in 1988.

Councillor Pat Hart mentioned that the Armadale City Council will have difficulty justifying the expense of keeping it unless there is a large community response.

The land hasn't been rezoned yet - so it's not too late to act. The Minister for Lands has received 4 expressions of interest from developers. Now is the time to approach State Government and Local council to save the oval.

Can the State subdivide the oval from the rest of the site and maintain it?

Will the City of Armadale maintain it?

Will the City of Armadale stipulate that the Oval become public Open Space as a special condition of the rezoning?

Will anyone champion the cause and rally to save the Robin Rd Oval?

Chris Horgan

NB this is one of many communications occurring on RoleyNet, your on-line forum garnering public opinion and giving residents their chance to chat and comment on things that they feel passionate about. So why don't you check out RoleyNet soon.



Locals seen at recent events at the Roleystone PS Oval. Above: The P&C Sausage sizzle Melanie Kennelly, Amy Boughton, Ken Walker, Ava Middleton, Nicole O'Neil and Tracy Cogle. Below: The Community Church Band and Friends at the Haiti fund-raiser held in March 2010.



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The signs may be confiscated or you may be asked to remove them. There are also fines that maybe levied. I have drawn this to the communities' attention as I am aware that there are a number of local residents who recently have had to become more aware of these local laws.

These local laws on signage can be found on the Council web site or you can ring Council on 9399 0111 for further information. Signage on Brookton Highway comes under the jurisdiction of the Main Roads who also have a signage policy that is also enforced by compliance officers.

Cr Pat Hart

KARATE DO 'ROLEYSTONE DOJO'

I recently had the pleasure of attending a special tournament held by Karate-Do 'Roleystone Dojo' to raise funds for a family who have lost their home in the recent fires.

I was very impressed with the respect and individual discipline that is involved with this martial art.

The ages of participants range from 4 years to adults. There was a really nice friendly atmosphere with much positive support given by spectators and the very obvious support and mentoring for participants. From my perspective it is a very friendly positive physical activity that is of benefit to all involved. If you are new to the area or looking for an activity for your children and perhaps yourself either as a participant or supporter I recommend that you consider this organisation. They operate out of the Roleystone Hall and can be contacted on 9397 5688.

CITY OF ARMADALE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

City of Armadale Libraries and Museum are gearing up for some exciting holiday events this autumn.

Visit the Kelmescott Library between 11 and 21 April for some pre holiday fun with an amazing living display, which allows you to get in touch with the natural world as you

monitor the progress of chicks, from egg to scratching, feeding, drinking and growing feathers. Ucanhatchus: Baby Chickens will be available for viewing daily during the libraries normal opening hours.

Come along and create Communicare Critters at the Armadale library on Thursday 28 April from 1.00-2.30pm. Make pet rocks and other critter animals from gumnuts, egg cartons and salt ceramics. Armadale Library: 9399 0125.

The Seville Grove Library will be having an Animal Picnic with Barn Babes on Friday 29 April from 10.30-11.30am. There will be a range of animal such as lambs, goats, chickens,

ducks and rabbits. Seville Grove Library: 9399 0800. Sand Wizard will be at the Kelmescott Library on Monday 2 May from 2.00 - 3.30pm. This is a creative hands on activity suitable for boys and girls, where you can decorate your own Sand Wizard Animal Design, with a rainbow of colours.

Visit the 'Tea for Two - a Story of Afternoon Tea' exhibition at History House Museum, and be inspired to design and decorate your own tea cup. The Paint a Tea Cup workshop will be held on Wednesday 4 May from 10 - 11:30 am. All materials are supplied, but the firing of the tea cup is to be done in your oven at home. This session is suitable for 8-12 year olds only. History House Museum: 9399 0419.

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Easter Services

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Palm Sunday, 17 April: please join us at Borello Park at 9.00am, for a joyful outdoor service and procession!
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Pro Bono: Giving & Receiving

David Bardsley Minister Community Church

Birthday presents for a 90 odd year old lady are a bit of a mine field. A nightdress appeared to be the answer one year.

We were careful to find one which looked cheerful and suitable without any hearts or lovey dovey slogans all over it. "I only have eyes for you" etc is hardly appropriate for a widow of several years.

We gave it to her on the big day. She unwrapped it immediately and her face fell. "I've got loads of nighties" she said, "and I don't really want another." To our astonishment, she handed the gift back! Some mothers are consistently impossible to please.

Giving and receiving are two actions which distinguish us as human beings. For sure there are some exceptions but the animal world is largely dominated by taking and keeping. We are different. One of the spin offs of the recent series of natural disasters has been the vast sums of money which have changed hands as people have given - and given generously - to help those in need.

Just one of our experiences bears witness to many accounts of sacrificial giving. A chap from a church in Corrigin, went busking at a Country Music Festival and raised over \$1000. He enjoyed it so much that last week he did it again at the Wagin Woolorama and raised almost another thousand. A young man who lost his guitar and amplifier in the bushfire here was the grateful beneficiary as they were replaced. Both the giver and the receiver in this case were delighted. Maybe we should have got Grannie a guitar and a couple of Hendrix albums instead.

At a recent local meeting, one lady expressed the possibility that all these disasters are ushering in a new age with a new way of thinking, loosening our hold on material possessions, particularly our cash. I refrained from making a smart

theological comment but I think she was pretty close to the mark. Throughout history God has always used traumatic events, natural or man made, to point to a different way of thinking - *His* way of thinking. Giving and receiving are essential attributes of God. He gives undeserved blessings and he graciously receives our worship. Ultimately God gave his Son so that we could receive the benefit of being with God forever. All of us carry around a vestige of the image of God in the way that we are made and that includes the giving / receiving attributes.

In many ways the harder part of the process, particularly for proud, independent people, is gracious receiving. Mum never got a handle on that - ever. If you have been one who has always been able to give or help others, when the muck hits the fan for you, it is really hard to be on the other end of the process. And yet if you fail to receive graciously from a giver, you are robbing the giver of his or her blessing. Time and again, Jesus speaks of the blessing a generous giver receives. We have shown we are a community which can give generously. May we also be distinguished as a community which receives graciously.

*Yours in Christ
David.*

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GENEROUS RESPONSE FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Reverend Lesley of St Christophers put out a request for help for families affected by the terrible fires, and the response was overwhelming and heartwarming. Anglican parishes from Esperance to Wongan Hills and all around the Perth metropolitan area emailed and phoned with offers including over \$5000 in cash, as well as goods and accommodation. Jane Hawkins and helpers were flooded with offers and we've been able to pass on these blessings to families in Roleystone/Kelmscott.

This message was inadvertently omitted from the Last Roleystone Courier and Rev Lesely Borowitzka's name incorrectly attached to a separate article. Please accept my apologies for any confusion.

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March Rainfall

MARCH 2011: 2.6 MM ON 1 DAYS

MARCH LONG TERM AVERAGE: 23.3 MM ON 4 WET DAYS

Total Jan 1 to March 25 2011 33 on 10 days

Average to 1st Jan to 31 March 56.4 on 10 days

Average Min Max Temperatures

Temperatures show another very hot month the hottest since David started making recordings.

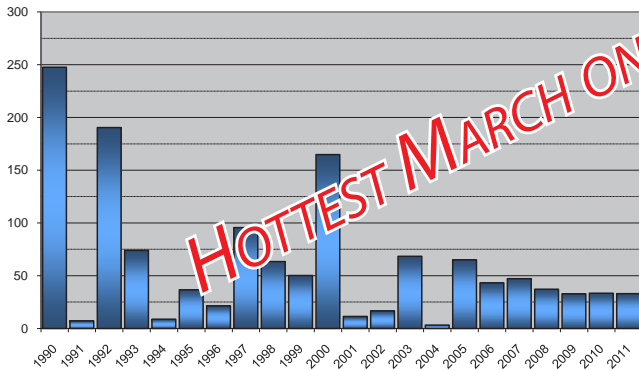
Lowest Min 11.9 (20th)

Highest Min 17.5 (17th)

Lowest Max 27.2 (12th)

Highest Max 35.8 (4th)

Three Monthly Rainfall



HOTTEST MARCH ON RECORD

Astronomical Highlights April

First, to revisit last month's "super moon" story in which the media took such delight. It was fiddle-faddle – did you notice?

The changing distance between Earth and the Moon doesn't have nearly as much effect upon the Moon's apparent size as was suggested in the pumped-up media reports. The major factor is the "Moon Illusion", the optical illusion that makes the Moon look really big when it's low down near the horizon. The same optical illusion also makes the familiar constellations look bigger when they're low down – e.g. the Cross, the Scorpion, and Orion.

Speaking of the Moon, the full moon on April 18th is the one that determines Easter for us this year. Easter Monday and Anzac Day will coincide. That's nearly as late as Easter can get. The dates of Easter Sunday range from March 23rd to April 25th. Easter Sunday is the Sunday following the full moon that comes after the autumn equinox. This variation of more than a month reveals one of the problems of using a lunar calendar to govern ceremonies and events. If you check the dates of the full moons, you find that they gradually slip backwards through the civil calendar because the lunar cycle is only 29.53 days while most months have 30 or 31 days. I'm in favour of having Easter on an agreed date, e.g. the second weekend in April.

Saturn is the only visible evening planet this month. In early April the ringed planet is to be found low in the east at nightfall. It looks like a fairly bright, yellowish star.

Midnight finds it high overhead as you face north, and by daybreak it's low in the western sky. In mid-month Saturn's higher in the eastern sky at dusk and comes to its highest just before midnight. At month's end it's well up in the ENE as daylight fades, and culminates around 10:30pm. Opposition is on the 4th. That's when the planet's on the opposite side of Earth from the Sun, at its nearest, and up all night.

Venus continues its run as the brilliant "morning star" that dominates the eastern sky at daybreak. It rises around 4am in early April, then progressively later: around 4:30 mid-month and 5am at the end of the month. From the last days of April to mid-May, all you early risers, shift workers and insomniacs will be treated to a sequence of planetary perambulations as Mercury and then Jupiter and Mars come into the picture from beneath Venus and appear to move slowly to a rendezvous.

The major phases of the Moon are new moon on the 3rd, first quarter on the 11th, full moon on the 18th, and last quarter on the 25th. On the 18th the Moon will be rising just on sunset, and will look pretty big; it's the optical illusion that does it, not the proximity.

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The Gold Roley was awarded to Sherrill Wallis (pictured right) for her work as Secretary for many years and also her many years as social coordinator. Roley Awards were also awarded to: Rod Padgett, Zyg Woltersdorf, Peter Carr and Penny Ramsell. The Life Members' achievement award nominees were "INTO THE WOODS" - TIM HOW, "MY FAIR LADY" - KIMBERLEY HARRIS, "ONE WEEKEND IN DALLAS" - PAUL TREASURE AND "NINE" - PAUL SPENCER. The overall winner was PAUL TREASURE.

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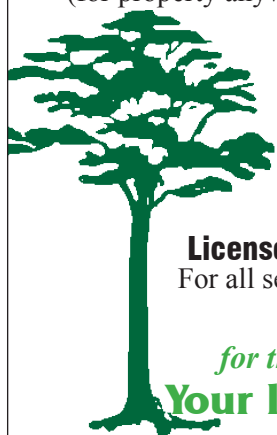
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A special thanks to Ioanna from "Youwanna Cupcake" for making 150 delicious cupcakes which were a massive hit with the kids. Following the positive response from the local community, Fidock & Co will be holding another sausage sizzle on April 9th with all proceeds going to the Roleystone Fire Brigade; we hope to see you there.

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