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## Fireman Nathan takes Kyra as his Bride

*Nathan Hall (former resident of Roleystone) married his Canadian sweetheart Kyra Stewart at Minniwarra Chapel Armadale on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011. A reception was later held at the Mandurah Offshore fishing club. Nathan is a member of the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade and former ranger for the Shire of Armadale and now resides in Denmark where he holds the position of Community Emergency Officer. A delayed honeymoon will be a holiday in Canada next year. Photo's were taken by atwellphotography and our thanks to them.*

## Kamma Weds Ilos



Joan and Gerald (Gerry) Chapman of Roleystone proudly celebrated the marriage of their eldest daughter Kamma Jae to Ilos Eix. The celebrations began with a pre wedding party and 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Kamma's father on the preceding weekend with family and friends from Switzerland, Germany and interstate enjoying a fun occasion before the wedding. Kamma and Ilos chose an early morning beach setting for their wedding ceremony with an intimate gathering of family and friends for a champagne brunch to follow.

The day concluded with a formal dinner for the bridal party. Kamma attended Roleystone and Karragullen primary school and St Brigids College before completing a Bachelor of Science (Chiropractory) and Masters of Health Science (Herbal medicine.) She is a registered naturopath and working in a multi disciplinary practice in City Beach. Ilos is an electrical engineer currently working in Perth and overseas.

They plan to honeymoon in the Greek islands and Europe. We wish them a beautiful life together.

*Joan and Gerry Chapman*

*This month we celebrate the awarding of Life Memberships to club stalwarts by the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club. The recipients were Peg Knuckey and Sally Pound (pictured with past Patron Tom Price) and current player and 25 year veteran Gavin Hodge.*

*Peg and Sally, wives to original founding members of the RKCC, Ken Knuckey and Ray Pound (both deceased) spent a lot of time in and around the cricket club from the early 1950's with their young families working tirelessly supporting their husbands, then following their sons for many years and even grandsons to the cricket.*

*Thank You Gavin, Peg and Sally for your tremendous input into making the RKCC what it is today.*  
*Graham Fuller, RKCC President.*



## Soulmates Chris & Jane Unite!

Luke McIntyre married his soulmate Jane Burton on 5<sup>th</sup> February at Fremantle on Memorial Hill. It was a fabulous day and we wish them happiness and love.

*Clare McIntyre*

*Above from l - r: Shaun Burton, Dean McIntyre, Paul Schultz, Charles Farmer, Luke McIntyre, Jane McIntyre, Carly Burton, Belinda Birch, Jill McIntyre & Jamie Burton.*

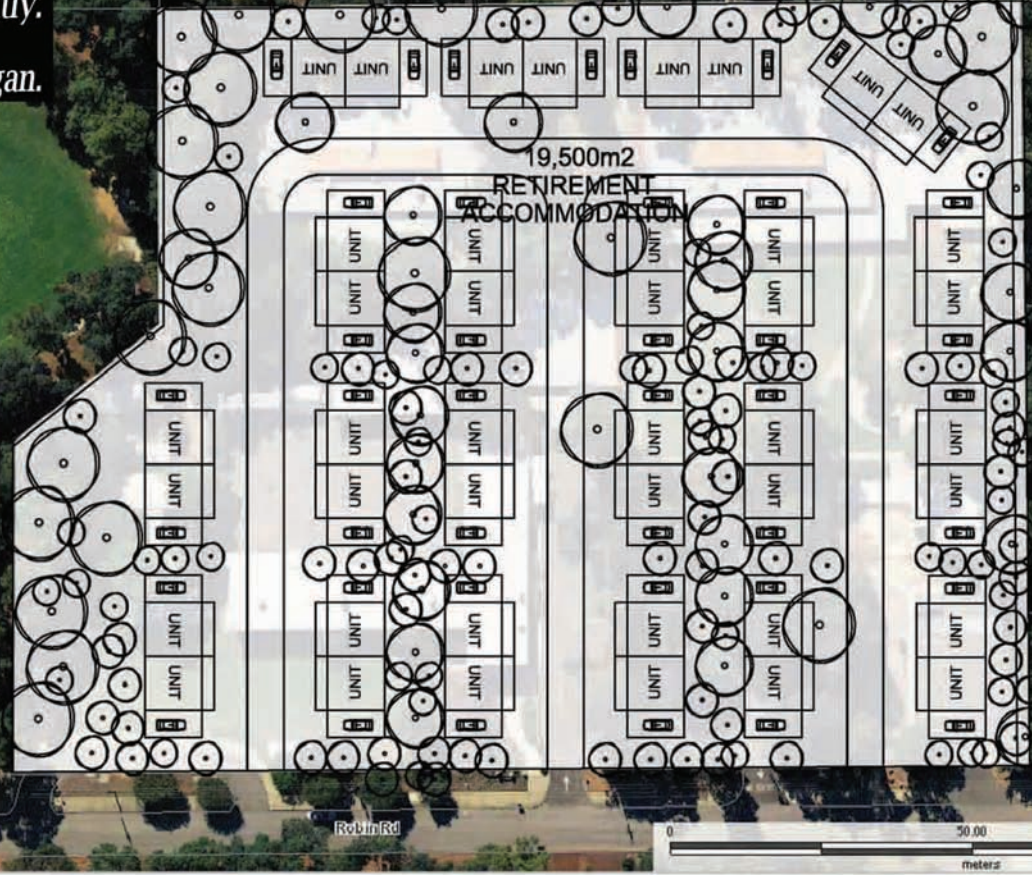
## May Cover





One proposal for the unit layout for Seniors Accommodation on the old Roleystone Primary School Site, with the oval and the bushland corridor kept as they are currently. See more discussion pages 4 & 13. Thanks for the visualisation to Chris Horgan.

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### We can have both!

Good news this month. We have quite a few key people last month interested in retaining the oval, and we have determined that it could be viable to have both the oval retained and retirement accommodation on the site. Local Councillor, Caroline Wielinga, supports saving the oval and surrounding bushland and attended the last Retirement Living Project Committee meeting chaired by Cr Pat Hart, to present a proposal that combined the retention of the oval with seniors accommodation units and to learn if this was a viable option. We have also learnt that during the Retirement Living Project public meeting (30th October) people had requested for the oval be retained. This was also requested in writing to our councillors a month following the meeting. I had a couple of meetings with Kelvin Oliver (former Gosnells Town Planner and a member on the Committee) who has brought me up to speed with the planning procedures. Kelvin has also been toying with various concept plans including Oval and Retirement Accommodation proposals. If the Retirement Accommodation used a septic system such as a BioMAX, at least 40 units could be built while still retaining the Oval and surrounding bushland. As advised at the public meeting by Dale Cottages, 25 to 32 units would make the site viable. The BioMAX system will actually produce water, which has been earmarked for the cross park oval. Expressions of interest have been received from potential developers.

It is understood that several of these submissions requested to develop part of the site, leaving the oval intact. This supports the viability of the combined Oval and Retirement Accommodation proposal. So it does appear possible - but we need your input to ensure it happens.

Unfortunately we have been described as a "small group of proponents" - so please

contact our MP, Tony Simpson, to let him know that you wish to keep our small community oval (phone: 9525 4822 email: [darlingrange@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:darlingrange@mp.wa.gov.au))



So how do we save the Robin Road Oval? Two ways - either we make sure that a special condition is included in the rezoning documents to protect the Oval. Better still, we should ask our member of parliament (Tony) for this portion of the land to be gifted to the City of Armadale. In the following months we will need to determine the cost of maintaining the Robin Road Oval for the Council's deliberation. Local business sponsorship of the Oval may be required. Please contact Chris if you are interested in this concept (0439901932). I've been advised that the State may not wish to proceed with rezoning if the community is divided. Worst case, this could mean that the site becomes open for general sale and we could all lose out. Discussion is good at this stage, but ultimately we need to all come together to support a single resolution. This is where we are at the moment: The State Government is now compiling a set of rezoning documents to rezone the site for "special use Seniors Accommodation". These will be presented to Council and the Council will publish them for public comment (from 1 to 3 months).

During the public comment period, we as residents have the opportunity to write submissions to Council regarding retaining the oval. Hopefully a public meeting will also be held during this period. Council will then make a recommendation to the WAPC, and the WAPC will finalise the documents taking all submissions into consideration.

*Chris Horgan.*

## MIA'S DUE TO COME HOME FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Mia has been in King Edward since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and has now passed her due date of the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and is 16 weeks old. She is substantially larger than her 480g birth weight and now weighs in at 2.742kgs (6 pounds). Mia now feeds unaided and her hearing and sight tests have come back clear, so the only issue for her now is her lungs and being able to breathe on her own.

Mia requires a small amount of oxygen and that is the only tube remaining and the only thing keeping her in the hospital. I would again like to thank the local community for their support and the staff at King Edward Hospital. *Joshua & Lynda Caccetta.*







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*Thanks Maggie.*

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# Here for **U**

This is Tony Jacobs, Branch Manager of the Roleystone-Karragullen **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. He's also a husband, father and grandfather.

Tony has always been involved in the local soccer community, and is a keen follower of his teenage son's chosen sport of tennis. Tony is also very keen to get in there and help out other local groups.

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# Community Forum

## Roleystone Men's Community Shed

A mini Community Forum held to discuss the setting up a Men's Shed in Roleystone was attended by 20 people at the Neighbourhood Family Centre on the 20<sup>th</sup> April.

The group enjoyed an informative and engaging presentation and discussion with Bill Johnstone and Alan Gowland from the active and successful Fremantle Men's Community Shed.

Bill and Alan outlined the activities available to its 180 members and some of the outcomes from those activities. These included an extensive range of community programs and interactions. The Men's Community Shed provided not only for men but also for women and the youth of the Fremantle area.

Activities and programs ranged from: woodworking, including making wooden toys, building a small yacht, assisting the high school manufacture and construct large plant propagation shade house, jewellery making (youth), community projects, social wellbeing programs through to training for computer skills and even ukulele lessons – and much more. The Fremantle Men's Community Shed website, <http://www.fremanshed.org/>, also shows what they are about.

Eight enthusiastic attendees will now research the viability and work towards starting up the Roleystone Men's Community Shed. They will be working towards establishing community needs and objectives for our Men's Shed, potential sites and funding and funding sources to help us get going.

Should you wish to be involved, to register for membership, of the Roleystone Men's Community Shed or to get more information contact Chris Johnston on 0427462921 or [accesschris@iinet.net.au](mailto:accesschris@iinet.net.au)

*Chris Johnston*

## Kaarakin Sundowner

*On a balmy Friday night in early April the management crew put on a wonderful Kaarakin Sundowner, welcoming family and friends.*

The group were able to mingle with other volunteers and staff, indulge in drinks and a scrumptious BBQ and listen to a guest speaker: all while viewing the spectacular night lights of Perth at the Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre.

The speaker on the evening was Kevin McGinty from The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. Kevin had just returned from a successful campaign in Antarctica in Sea Shepherd's fast pursuit vessel the "Gojira!" Kevin entertained the audience with stories as a crew member on one of the most extreme boats in the world in one of the most inhospitable places in the world taking on the Japanese Whalers in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary. Very impressive!

*Above top: Chris Phillips, Kevin McGinty and Glenn Dewhurst.*

*Above: Terry Dawson, John Garrett, Carley and James Phillips and Derrick Lovell. Front: Janet Garrett, Janice Dawson, Cathie Dewhurst and Pam Key.*



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*With the 70 year anniversary of the Battle of Tobruk just passed, it is timely to reflect on the experiences of our own Bill Mitchell who experienced war service at this site and in other theatres of war during the Second World War.*

Bill Mitchell served with the 2/43 Infantry Battalion over the war's duration. He was a miner from Boulder and he decided to enlist after the fall of France, being called up in December 1940.

After six months of training on Vickers Machine Guns his infantry battalion was sent as reinforcements to Palestine, sailing on the Queen Mary in July 1941. They were sent into Tobruk, following the horrific Salient attack. (Australian losses in this skirmish had been considerable. The 2/24th Battalion alone had lost nearly half its strength killed, wounded or taken prisoner).

The trip across to Tobruk from Alexandria had been really tough with most on board suffering severe seasickness. The boat brought fresh troops but also brought 'fresh meat' which was very well received. This was the last fresh meat Bill was to have over the time he was there!

The destroyer was only given twenty minutes to unload troops and cargo before it had to sail back to Alexandria and Bill recalls that the pace was frenetic!

The harbour was under attack from enemy bombing; the night sky lit up with searchlights and criss-crossed by 'ack ack' guns. The new chums were given a fireworks display to remember.



*Pictured above: Bill Mitchell at home. Bill is now a very active 94 year old.*

The battalion spent the next two months in the area, completing three patrols a week as either a 'recce' or as a fighting patrols. They left the trenches after sundown and didn't return until next sundown. If they encountered any problems they were forced to spend the next 24 hours out in the field before they could return.

In late October 1941 Bill was moved from Tobruk to Palestine and in January he moved again to Syria. By June the boys were well and truly ready for some leave and they were given the great news that they were bound for home and a well deserved rest. They were all packed onto the train and they set off. But they soon found out that they were headed in the wrong direction!

(Their destination was supposed to be a secret but most of the men and the Arabs they passed seemed to have guessed long before they arrived). Leave had been cancelled and they had been re-routed and were the first Australians to engage the Germans at El Alamein.

Bill's task included the manning of a listening post 2000 yards ahead of the front lines. With a

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Grant acted in a contractor capacity prior to 1996, which resulted from him being an early volunteer.

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### Bill Mitchell's story cont.

grandstand view of the attack (an English War ship off the coast was shelling the town) and in amongst all of the lights, bombs and noise he was called to 'come back to the front line'. In the ensuing melee Bill was wounded with a bullet in the elbow and a gaping wound in the back caused by shrapnel.

For the next eight months Bill was sent to a number of hospitals: Alexandria, Gaza Ridge and finally back home where he was in and out of Hollywood Hospital.

In May 1943 Bill rejoined his unit who were headed for New Guinea and the Song River. Bill's Christmas present that year was a case of dengue fever which forced him back to Queensland to recover. He had to walk down the mountain to the medical post with a temperature of 104 degrees and following treatment he had to walk back up the mountain to recover his pack.

But the War was still not over for Bill. His next posting

*Pictured below: Rebecca and Jaimee laying a wreath at the Roleystone Primary School Anzac Service.*



was to Borneo. He arrived just in time for the assault on Labraun (an island off the coast of Borneo).

The war finished and Bill spent the following months collecting Japanese soldiers in open backed trucks and repatriating them to Japan. He hitched a ride on a Catalina and flew back to Perth about six months after the Japanese surrender.

After his discharge on 23rd January 1946 Bill found work with a family on an orchard in Carmel. (As Bill had contracted malaria he was not able to go back to the mines). He heard (from Ted Garland who owned the block next door) that a block was for sale in Roleystone and purchased their orchard (now the site of the Vale, Holden road).

Bill met and married Wanda a former army lass, in 1948 and raised their six children on the orchard until 1981 when Bill retired to his home in Heather Road.

As the number of World War two veterans diminishes, Bill is still going strong as a 94 year old - they made them tough in those days.

*Based on an article that first appeared in The Roleystone Courier in September 1995.*

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## LIZ DUNN VISITS JORDAN AND SYRIA

*My traveling friend Nick and I flew out on Monday 28 March to spend 3 weeks travelling through Jordan and Syria and what an amazing journey it was.*

We spent the first 3 days in Amman, staying with Sam, who I met while he was at Curtin Uni completing his PhD.

It was great to have Sam show us a part of Jordan we would not have got to experience if we had been on our own. We spent a day wandering around the ancient Roman City of Jerash with an imposing collection of archways, theatres, temples and cobbled streets.

A swim in the Dead Sea was a must and being very rocky it was hard to find an easy place to get in, so we decided to bluff our way into one of the Resorts as they have pools, bars, yellow sand beaches and ramps into the water. A very inventive story saw us get valet parking and access to the beach.

We also visited the site where Jesus was reported to have been baptised, visited some incredibly old churches and stood on the edge of the Jordan River looking across to Israel.

Petra was definitely the highlight and we spent 3 days there, as it is such an amazing place. To see and really experience what this ancient place is all about you need to climb the thousands of steps and walk the many tracks.

To walk the 1200m As-Siq the main entrance to Petra through deep and narrow gorges to emerge face to face with Al-Khazneh (The Treasury) was incredible. Petra's second most famed attraction is Ad-Deir (Monastery) is a climb of 800 steps cut into the rock and worth every step.

The Palace and Corinthian Tombs are carved into the face of Jabal al-Khubtha



*Above the Ad-Deir the Monastery at Petra. This amazing location is totally carved from the hills and is an amazing sight.*

the 700 odd steps to the top of this mountain gives you an amazing view over Petra. Petra is over 2200 years old and was gradually abandoned after the 14th century and was completely lost to the West until a Swiss traveller named Johann Burckhardt rediscovered it in 1812.

After spending a day in the desert at Wadi Rum it was back to Amman and the long bus trip to Aleppo in Syria. I really liked the Arabs in the long white robes and I thought of bringing one home but settled for drinking tea with them in a Bedouin tent in the desert.

Syria would have to be one of the most hospitable countries I have visited despite all the trouble reported in the media. We travelled extensively through the country and never saw or experienced any trouble, although the unrest seems to have escalated since we left. Obviously my peace-keeping mission was not very successful!

One of the many highlights for me would have to be the Dead Cities dating back to the 6th century and there are reckoned to be some 600 sites. It remains a mystery why these towns were abandoned centuries ago.

There are so many wonderful historic sites throughout Syria like, Krak Des Chevaliers, and one of the best preserved Roman theatres found anywhere is in the historic town of Bosra and of course Palmyra dating back thousands of years.

We stayed in the old city of Damascus and absolutely loved wandering around the souq (markets) and all the narrow alleyways finding interesting restaurants and courtyards. Even walking back to the hotel at midnight through the narrow alley-ways I never felt concerned or unsafe.

*By Liz Dunn*






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## Norma's 90!

*Norma Bullen has reached the grand old age of 90! She recently celebrated and in the words of her daughter Mary 'She looked gorgeous at her birthday party.' Many Happy Returns Norma.*

## Rahima Joins RFMC

*Local Roleystone resident Rahima Richardson has recently joined the team at Roleystone Family Medical Centre. Rahima is a Physiotherapist offering a complimentary blend of conventional and body/mind therapies. The Roleystone Family Medical Centre now has a wide range of medical and health staff working in the centre of Roleystone. Do visit them soon.*

## Letter to the Editor

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I was surprised to see this extend to the top of the hill, as I always thought the last 400 metres was relatively safe to pass – however I am sure the people that made this decision weighed this up carefully.

My issue is that this route is travelled by many vehicles, and many of these find that the passage up the hill is very slow. How many times have we all been stuck behind a truck crawling up the hill? My request is that these vehicles pull off into the parking bays and let people pass in safety. Otherwise the slow procession will continue until the cars get to Chevin Road and the mayhem of passing will make this already dangerous stretch of road, even more worrying. With a little bit more consideration we will all get home safely and in a reasonable time.

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# Editorial

MAY 2011 LINDA MOORE

*The publication of Chris Horgan's piece in the April edition entitled 'Can We Keep the Oval', certainly struck a chord with many across the community.*

There were a variety of responses and much debate and I for one believe that we will end up with a great outcome.

Perhaps as Chris Horgan says 'we can have both!' The oval is certainly lovely and the strip of bushland is a delight. I do not have the same affinity with the buildings - although I did my 7 years of Primary schooling there. Katie Ross feels differently and proposes an alternative vision (see next page).

We all must appreciate the huge amount of leg work that has gone into the proposal to establish Seniors Independent Accommodation on this site. Councillor Pat Hart and her committee have worked tirelessly for over two years to achieve this and in Pat's words 'many of these Seniors sometimes find it hard to have their voices heard'.

I am a supporter of the concept of Seniors Accommodation, although my preferred option was for a high care facility. My wish is that the elderly do not have to leave this community in their last few years. (I understand this is an emotional response and

not based on economic considerations!) Mollie Connole's personal message printed in the May Courier, shows how devastating it was for her to leave Roleystone - when she was too frail to cope.

Still if the reality is that we cannot have high care/hospice accommodation, than Independent Seniors Accommodation is needed (and with an aging population, will be more needed in the future.)

But I am also fully supportive of everyone's right to have a say and written submissions when the rezoning process comes up will be very interesting.

One comment I saw, in the flurry of email comments, did take me back though, when a correspondent questioned whether the 'Senior demographic contributed to the community significantly'.

I do feel the need to defend the needs of this valuable section of our community. I was born here and that is the demographic that did everything for the community when I was growing up. They built Roleystone and Karragullen!

I can understand that people in a community tend to see the same age demographic where-ever they go. Young families tend to join junior sport and school activities and

seniors are not so represented in these areas. So does this mean that they feel they do not contribute?

With my editor hat on, I see the huge contribution of the over 55's in nearly every other organisation across the district. I think if we ran a census there would be a vastly disproportionate representation of over 55's as volunteers and contributors across most clubs and organisations across the area.

And when seniors are too old and frail to contribute, does this mean we cease to care for them? I think we would all agree that this is when strong communities support the most.

I lived for some years in mining towns - and one aspect of these towns is that they lack the Seniors demographic. In my opinion this made such towns incomplete. What do you think?

So April was an interesting month. At least we finally had some rain - and hopefully it was in time, as so many of our trees in the bush have died. May we have loads more rain in May! Happy reading to you all.

Linda

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## THE ROLEYSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

As you are aware, at the end of this year the Roleystone Primary School will be amalgamated with the Roleystone District High School and all students from Kindergarten to Year 10 will attend school at the newly named Roleystone Community College at the Raeburn Road site. The Roleystone Primary School site has been slated to be used for a privately developed over 55's lifestyle village (low and high care not being financially feasible) and a rezoning process is currently underway to that end.

After recent discussions with Councillor Caroline Wielinga, it is my understanding that in February of this year Landcorp sought Expressions of Interest from prospective purchasers and that in this process the whole of the site was considered for development. However, in an article in last month's *Roleystone Courier*, the subject of saving the Roleystone Primary School oval as a community asset and public open space was raised. In response to this article, I sent an email to my Roleystone network of friends proposing, I must admit, a very utopian notion of preserving the whole primary school site for the benefit of the community. This email was in turn forwarded on to many more residents in Roleystone and the idea garnered a lot of support from several different quarters.

Following on from this show of support, and in order to raise greater awareness within the community, an article was printed in a recent edition of the *Comment News*. In this article I suggested that perhaps a compromise could be reached whereby the proposed lifestyle village could exist in harmony with some of the current primary school infrastructure being preserved for use by the community.

Indeed, this suggestion was not a new one. In an article published in the *Roleystone Courier* in September 2009, former Councillor Laurie Scidone wrote: "It is essential that the woodlands area on the western boundary is preserved along with a school building, signifying that a school once stood there.... By transferring delivery of public education in Roleystone to the Raeburn site from 2012, the community has given up an asset in the centre of town. This needs to be recognised by government and in some small way a benefit should be returned to the community." This sentiment was also echoed by Tony Simpson MLA in a recent media statement. Mr Simpson stated: "I do agree there is a shortage of community halls in Roleystone and would suggest that maybe the original school building and its adjacent car park could be retained for use by community groups as a part of the compromise with any successful purchasers... I have always supported the retention of part of the oval for public open space however this would need to be agreed

to by the City of Armadale as once again they would be responsible for it".

The original Roleystone Primary School building and the school oval on Robin Road have always signified a sense of place, belonging and community in the very heart of Roleystone. Thousands of students have passed through the school in the nearly 60 years since the Primary School has been located on Robin Road, and who could forget the school fairs, sports carnivals and Carols by Candlelight (when you were allowed to hold a candle!) held on the oval.

The school has been listed on the Heritage Council database since 2001 and a nomination is currently being drafted to ascend the original school building and oval to be protected under the State Register of Heritage Places.

As residents of Roleystone, it is not too late for us to speak up and support Mr Simpson's suggestion that the original school building and part of the oval be retained for use by the community. In recent years we have seen an increase in the number of Roleystone residents with new housing developments filling up quickly, but we have not seen a corresponding increase in community facilities for our growing community.

A group of residents who support this vision met recently to discuss how to further the call for retention of community facilities at the Primary School site. It has been suggested that a public survey be run to find out what the community as a whole would like, but any other suggestions of the way forward would be most gratefully accepted. A further meeting will be held in May and details of the date and time for this meeting will be posted on RoleystoneNET and on the display board at the local shopping centre.

Please show your support for retaining some of the important community facilities located on the primary school site, in harmony with a lifestyle village, by attending the upcoming meeting or contacting your local MLA, Tony Simpson, and local City of Armadale councillors.

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*On the 8th April Steven Rainoldi died. He was only 53 years old! He was a devoted family man, great friend to many and committed to orcharding both at his own place and as a career.*

*Steve left his wife Sally and his children: Michael Rainoldi, Tracey Rainoldi, Kayla Rainoldi and Rebecca and Andrew Whittington. Steve was extraordinarily proud of his grandchildren Stevie-lee; (Michael's daughter with partner Rebecca) and Mia (Rebecca's daughter).*

*Steve was raised in Roleystone, and many of his friends from his school days stayed as his friends for life. He was inseparable from his orchard. Steven Rainoldi was the face behind Roleystone Orchard – always quick with a smile and he always had time for a chat. His reputation as an engineering wizkid will live on and, as he was generous with his time, many locals benefitted from this skill.*

*Steve served for 28 years in the Hills Orchard Improvement Group, with stints as vice president. Many will remember him manning the gate at the annual Karragullen Expo – always with a welcoming smile. He was very passionate about the fruit industry and keen to share his knowledge on the industry with the many customers that came into the store. A larger than life individual who died far too young. He will be terribly missed. Linda Moore.*

**TO THE RAINOLDI FAMILY**

*Reminding you what an exceptional bloke Steven was may not help your feeling of loss, but I believe we have lost a central pillar of our community.*

Like his mother, Steven always made you feel welcome when you visited, and would care enough to drop in after a hard day's work to catch up - usually with kids or a dog in tow. He didn't just talk shop - he was interested in how our kids were doing, and could wax philosophical at times. He believed kids need a sound set of values to thrive. I admired his strong work ethic, his high work standards, his engineering skills, and his pleasure at sharing his knowledge. While he taught me much (for example, arc welding), he was humble and left you feeling respected and encouraged. To watch him work was an inspiration.

He always had time to help a friend. Once when I dropped in he was trying to grade fruit while a shed full of boys with off-road bikes were getting the benefit of his mechanical knowledge - and his tools. He made our gate sign after I admired his; he repaired my chipper, and was there if I needed advice. I always learnt something valuable and felt the better for having spent time with Steve. When our place was on fire a few years back, Steve was here within



minutes, with our other orchard neighbours, and he saved our house from burning. My favourite story about Steve's "engine-uity" occurred when he was about twenty. I used my new power ladder to help the Rainoldis get their Yates picked (big trees, small apples), and when we had finished he said "Could you leave your power ladder here for a while?" About six weeks later he called me to come and collect it. Imagine my amazement to see a gleaming copy of my power ladder, painted Ford blue, standing in his shed beside mine!

Of course, his creation had a longer beam for extra reach, a diesel engine, a three-speed gearbox and a single, light-touch control joystick - all for less than my demo model cost. He built two more after that. The six months experience in an engineering works after he left school was a great investment! I never tire of singing Steve's praises and I am only one of many with stories of gratitude to tell. The longer you knew him, the more you respected and loved him.

**Cliff Brockway**  
*P.S. Whatever you say, I never saw him running late!*



# A Man for All Seasons



*Steven Rainoldi's involvement with the Hills Orchard Improvement Group spanned 28 years. He was Vice President for over 10 years.*

The Karragullen Expo was a large part of his life and he was a main player in the construction of the Lance Morgan Pavilion.

Steve became the anchor man and work horse for the Expo, and had only missed one Field Day in the entire history of the event. He could always be relied on for any forklift work and preparation of the oval.

He also bestowed on himself to be the Guardian of the night, staying behind until 2am to keep an eye on all the younger people. Steve was inducted as a Life Member in 2008.

Committee meetings were Steve's domain. His enthusiasm and ideas, sometimes over the top, will be sadly missed. Steve put his heart and soul into the group and his

input made it possible for Hills Orchard Improvement Group to be successful. His commitment to schools Crunch n Sip programme by donating fruit, mainly from his own orchard, is an inspiration to fellow growers to follow his lead. Steve had time for everyone and was a great listener.

We need to take a leaf from Steven's book. Just as he was courageous and positive during his battle with cancer, so we too need to be positive now at the time of his passing and reflect on everything good he brought into our lives.

People have commented on Steve's friendly nature, his involvement in the community, his enthusiasm for life and his incredible talent of telling stories and making people laugh. If we can take from these examples we can all become better people. This is the legacy Steve left behind.

Steve, you may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. may you rest in peace.

**Bruno Del Simone, President**

*Hills Orchard Improvement Group*

## FROM HIS DAUGHTER

The one thing I will treasure forever are our photo shoots in the orchard. We spent hours in the orchard and I got Dad to pose on the picking machine pruning and he even put water in the spray unit and drove the tractor up and down the peach tree rows. He was very patient, trying to get the photo I wanted, he had a great creative input too. I entered two photos of Dad in the Royal Show last year and they scored well. Dad was so proud.

We will all miss him so much.

**Tracey Rainoldi**

## Remember Me

Remember me when you see my children and grand children's faces.

Remember me when a 28 parrot flies over head.

Remember me when it's the changing of the seasons; first rain, spring blossoms, summer peaches and when Autumn leaves fall.

Remember me when you hear a V8 engine revving; Ford of course.

Remember me when you look up at a full moon and clear Starry Sky.

Remember me when you see black tyre marks on the road.

Hear my laugh when you laugh.

See my smile on your loved ones faces.

Remember me in your own memories.

I lived in Paradise, my slice of heaven.

I was a lucky man and not afraid to pass.

I have passed on but I still live.

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Steve



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## Join The Roleystone Social Club

The idea to form a social club in Roleystone came from Belle Bizjak a local resident of Roleystone for 6 years. She wanted to create a club for other locals who were looking to mix with other families in and around the Roleystone area. We recently had our first get together at the Roleystone Country Club and got to meet some great new friends. Ideas for the club include: organising family picnics, BBQs, meetings at the Country Club, wining and dining, attending concerts in the park as a group and other activities that members might like to suggest. Already some great friendships have formed! The

group has already met locally for lunch with their young children, had an evening BBQ hosted at a member's home and held some impromptu 'get togethers' for a glass of wine or two!

Our most recent official function was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Roleystone Country Club, where we all joined for drinks and a meal.

Anyone interested in becoming part of the club can contact Belle on 0408228804 or email [viss8@westnet.com.au](mailto:viss8@westnet.com.au) or Suzanne at [soozy@iinet.net.au](mailto:soozy@iinet.net.au) You can even find us on Facebook by searching for 'Roleystone Social Club'. *Suzzie McKenzie.*

## Vale Tom Meadows - 10/03/2011

*On the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 97 year old Roleystone resident Tom Meadows passed away. Here his good friend Frank Brockway, reflects on his memories of Tom over the time he knew him from 1974 to his passing in 2011:*

We first met Tom when we enjoyed a farm holiday on Tom's, Damboring farm in 1939. This experience was a contrast to the orchard life that we had grown up with. In 1974 when it was time to retire from farm life, Tom his wife Kathleen and the Meadows family liked the idea of going to an area with lots of trees. They started looking in Roleystone and settled on Evan Gwynne's 6 acre property which was part of the original Buckingham land allocation (part of this can still be seen from Chevin road as MeadowVale).

Not long after he moved to Roleystone I was pleasantly surprised to meet Tom down the shop. He had brought a lot of his farm things with him including his workshop welder etc and we needed two cattle grids which Tom agreed to build, with his usual professional style. After this we needed a fuel depot, & then a gantry; Tom obliged and built these for us too. Tom also helped develop our water truck's self loading systems, in fact Tom was wonderful & helped us out in many ways over the next 15 years.

Tom enjoyed a challenge, he made things out of what other people would call 'scrap'. We had a problem of weight, we wanted to decant 44 gallon drums into 4 gallon containers & get the weight correct so Tom made us some balance scales. We put a tin with correct weight on one side & filled the empty tin until it balanced. He rebuilt one of his farm tractors for his son, but couldn't get the parts so he made them himself. He was very handy.

Tom was the most intelligent man I have known. He had only been able to go to school for three years when he had to leave & work on the farm. He studied through correspondence & always got good marks. His knowledge never ceased to amaze me. I asked about the number of basic minerals and he replied that there are 92 and named 27 of them before he ran out of memory.

At seventy five his arthritis forced him to retire from manual work. So he bought a computer and proceeded to write a book. He found that the computer couldn't print the pictures he wanted so Tom had to change computers & get one that would. When he finished his first book he tried to get somebody to print it but no publisher could be found, so he bound it himself, all 52 copies of it. I am privileged to have one of those copies about life in Western Australia from the early 1900's. Life today seems so easy by comparison. Tom went on to write two more books & do lots more with

his photography.

Unfortunately his wife Kathleen died on May 6, 2000 & his daughter Rosemary looked after him until he died in March. He would write to the papers or anybody else if he felt strongly enough about the subject.

He recently wrote to the Armadale Hospital to say that, although people complain about our hospitals, in his experience they were without fault. Tom has made a great contribution to the world in his 97 years & will be sadly missed by his family & friends.

*Frank Brockway*





# RIDGEHILL RISERS



*Photo: right hand side from front: Gill, Bernadette, Jean, Linda, Tim & Gosia. Across the bottom: Rob (seated) & Shane. Left hand side starting at the top: Teresa, John, Graham, Richard & Cyril.*

**Our neighbourhood social group (known as the Ridgehill Risers Social Group) recently came up for lunch at the Araluen Nursery & Teagardens on the 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

It was such a lovely setting in their new gazebo. The food was excellent as was the service that Rosie & her staff provided. We had the best afternoon at this wonderful local Tearooms & we all voted it a 'Must do it again'.

We are a group of 16 neighbours who enjoy many social events throughout the year. Our lunch was also to farewell two of our members, Teresa & John, who head back to the U.K for 6 months.

We will welcome them back in November with a dinner at the Grape Gallery.

This originally started as a "MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR" when we moved here 5 years ago. We don't always go out; we have had Casserole Nights, a Happy Hour before going to the Roleystone Theatre, New Years Eve & an Australia Day Breakfast.

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## RIP Mollie Connole

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Where we lived there was no scheme water, no electricity, and no septic systems and like most kids I had a long walk to school. But for all of this I don't remember being unhappy and people were always there to help each other and the old Roleystone Hall was the home for fun and entertainment.

I travelled quite a bit and I had some wonderful times and happy memories. However the best part was coming home.

I married in 1976 (a late starter) and served my sentence in NSW and after Bern retired we returned home in early 1979. Bern and I did some great trips whilst there and I managed to come home and see family which was great for me.

In closing I would like to say a big thank you to St Christopher's Church family, the Wattle Bees for teaching me quilting, The Roleystone Seniors Club, the Roleystone Supermarket - thanks to Joe and Ross and to all the staff, The Community Chemist and all the other shops, the Village People and the Ladies Bowls where I spent many happy times. But most of all to my wonderful family and dear friends for the love, help and comfort extended to me during my life, especially my stay in care. My love and blessings to you all.

**Through the eyes of friends**

**We learn to see ourselves**

**Through the love of our friends we learn to love ourselves**

**Through the caring of our friends**

**We learn what it means to be ourselves completely**

*Written by Mavis Hart and given to Lina Hart (Mollie's Mother).*

And finally my favourite Irish Quotation:

**May you be in Heaven half an hour before the devil knows you are dead.... I hope I make it in time!**

**Rest In Peace Mollie.**

**Mollie Connole (nee Hart) was the daughter of early Roleystone pioneer orchardists. She died on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011 just prior to her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. Here is her farewell message:**

**Mollie's message**

I was born in Kelmscott on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1925 under the care of nurse Bellas, the mother of Betty Brockway whose family members still live in Roleystone. Roleystone was my life.

The hardest thing I ever had to do was leaving and putting myself in care in the JE Murray Home.

I was born and raised in an orchard in Urch Road with my parents, two sisters and one brother and I, like everyone else, endured a lot of hardship.

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## Ex RDHS visit Karratha

On the morning of March 10<sup>th</sup>, Brooke Gibbons, Emily Tucker, Lisa Salmon Jordan Leske and I flew to Karratha, accompanied by Ms Richards from the Science Department and Ivan Bristow, a representative from the Petroleum Club of WA.

Last year while attending Roleystone District High School we managed to place 4<sup>th</sup> in the finals of a competition organised by the club, the prize being an all-expenses paid holiday to Karratha.

Shortly after landing we realised that the northern mining town wasn't quite what we had been expecting. It was not the desert that had been described to us by visitors past. Instead, lush green grasses blanketed the red soil. The air was not torrid, but balmy, cooler than Perth in fact. For the short time we were there we took part in a variety of activities including visits to an old goal, transient aboriginal rock art, tranquil Hearson's Cove and Woodside's Visitor's

Centre where we listened to two talks by graduates working in the oil and gas industry. The majority of the time spent at the hotel was watching movies and making use of the swimming pool.

It was an excellent experience which the group enjoyed greatly. I think we were all just astounded by the marvellous landscape of which I could talk extensively.

If you have never been to Karratha, go. You won't be disappointed.

*Danyon Burge*

Submitted by:  
Katharine Harrington,  
Publicity Officer,  
Lesmurdie SHS.

On March 30<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister Julia Gillard visited the burnt remains of the Burge home. Pictured with Danyon Burge (a Year 11 student at Lesmurdie SHS and formerly of Roleystone DHS). Danyon's family home was one of more than 70 destroyed by the fires. The Prime Minister toured the affected areas and spent time with Danyon and his family in the ruins of their home.



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## WELCOME BULLOCKS

Lana & Jeff Bullock with son Luke who is almost 3 and baby Sophie 7 weeks, moved to Roleystone in January 2010 from Scarborough for a Tree Change and have been busy renovating an original cottage on Soldiers Road. Aptly named "The Money Pit" we are taking a break from work and spending time to relax and enjoy a beautiful Roleystone Autumn. Both Jeff and Lana hope to now get more involved in the community.

### Jeff Bullock

*NB Jeff is already quietly helping to improve his adopted community – watch out for his insightful recommendations under the moniker 'Tree Change'. Ed*

## After The Fires.....

*Students at Studio Gen-ius recently completed art works influenced by the fires.*

*Below: Sisters, Sherill Mason (left) and Gail Reid, show their works.*



## What can you do for the Kemmi Show?

Truc Fletcher plans to help her new district by displaying her paper/card folding skills at our Kelmscott show in October. Truc came from Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam 18 months ago to marry Michael Fletcher and settle in Roleystone. She leads a busy life – studying English four days a week in Northbridge, working at IGA in Armadale and learning to drive. Can you, like Truc, please see how you can support your local show? The cooler weather is conducive to many pursuits from gardening to crafts etc. So please get going!!!

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David believes Lauren has: 'established herself as one of the up and coming young hairstylists in WA'.

Most recently Lauren has worked in Armadale and prior to this at a salon in Murdoch.

Lauren came to Roleystone to learn more about her craft from a master hairdresser.

'David's very knowledgeable and I am very keen to learn new things. It's really great here, the atmosphere is terrific and the surroundings are really relaxing.'

'I am so glad that many of my old clients have come with me, some were from Roleystone so it is very

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*Pictured above: Grumma Racing's Roleystone Team: Graeme and Kylie Smyth, Braydn Tilley, Michael London and Storme Greene.*

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Grumma Racing has a wonderful history of supporting young talented riders as they attempt to rise in this very difficult (and expensive) sport. Most recently the very talented local duo Justin Parker and Rachael Wall (whose exploits in Motor Cross and Enduro were published in The February 2011 Courier) thank the company for their generous sponsorship.

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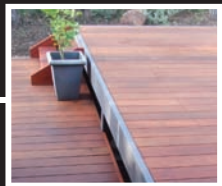
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*Some of the spectacular hats on show at the Easter Hat Parade: From left - right: Bridie, Lachlan, Lachy and Taleisha*

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# Roleystone Primary School News

Last month Shirley Reilly, Librarian from the Seville Grove library, visited the school to talk to the Year One students about the Ripper Reader Programme, a service which is provided by the city of Armadale Libraries.

Shirley outlined the aim of the programme to the students to encourage them to read and enjoy books and use the local library. Each student received a 'goody bag' which included a bookmark, colouring in sheet, sticker and information for parents on how to join. All students who participate in the programme will be invited to a party at the Seville Grove Library in term 4 and will receive a certificate. Since Shirley's visit, a number of students have already joined and are using their local libraries, thanks to the support of their parents and the Ripper Reader Programme.

Rosalie Larkin



Above: Librarian Shirley Rielly reading to Year One.

Below: Darcy Helliwell - Jones practicing his kicking and at bottom: The 'Gang' - Jadon, Matthew, Max and Ronan.

Below right: Keanu reading his Animals in War poem at the Anzac Day Ceremony.



We started this month off with a great assembly item put on by Room 16.

They have been studying Australia, and in particular, the bushranging activities of some of the Nation's earliest residents.

It was very amusing when the gang held up a bank (actually the canteen), and Tracy Howell handed over all the profits for that week!

The prefects play an important role for each assembly. They set up all the sound equipment and they prepare and present short reports about the happenings around the school. One report, eagerly awaited upon by the students is the Sports Report which when read out, elicits a cheer from the winning faction. The prefects also read out the citations on the Honour Awards.

The children have been going through their paces at Armadale Aquatic Centre for in-term swimming lessons. Although we were worried about the weather being too cold, it has worked well even though there have been a few ear-aches and sniffles. At this stage most students are confident that they have done well.

The Easter hat parade was very well supported by parents again this year. Many hats looked as though much thought and effort had gone into them. Some class teachers also made hats with their class as part of their design and technology programmes with great results.

We finished the term on a very dignified note as we remembered with thanks the efforts of those who have gone to war, at our ANZAC assembly. The focus for the children this year was 'animals that have helped in war'. The teachers were asked to do some poetry writing with their classes based on that theme, with the idea that children would read out their poems at the ceremony. They did a wonderful job. The Year 5 choir also performed beautifully.

Happy Holidays  
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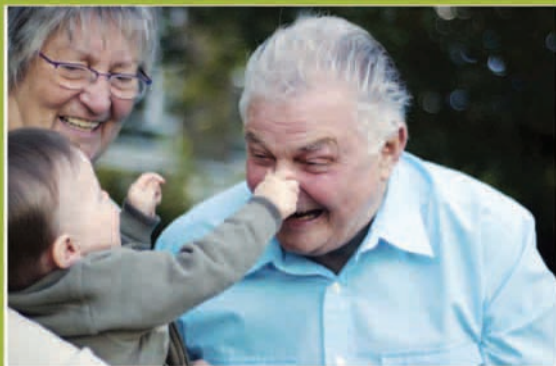


B Grade won the premiership and celebrated into the wee hours like tradition dictates.

Led by Trent Stuart, the boys were brilliant in slamming their arch enemy Morley CC in the Grand Final. Darryl Kipping 108, Jayke DellaFranca 48, Mitch Stuart 7/25 and Trent Stuart 3/27.



Members of the triumphant B Grade team (and their girls) are pictured above. Front and Centre: Mitchell Stuart left to Right: John Lewis with Jodie Mair, Jon Stockey with Jenna Lippert, Jayke della Franca with Becky Rendell, Greg James with Jessica Phillips (rear), Trent Stuart with Bonnie Payet (front), Glen Hickinbotham with Chloe Vellinga, Patrick Fisher, Christopher Dudley, Ryan Maughan, Patrick Jackson with Lauren Edwards, Jason Hammond with Amica Napier and Richard Allen with Lisa Moltoni. Absent: Peter Maxwell, Tim Winter, Darryl Kipping. Below left: Michael Anderton and Lauren Ward.



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**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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& Barbara Stidwell. Men's Doubles – Winners - Bob Hay & Greg Quartermaine, Runners Up - Andrew Bruce & Myles Hay-Hendry, Plate Winners - Brendan Diss & Mel James. Mixed Doubles Winners - Judy Smith & Jim Brayshaw, Runners Up – Tracey Backhouse & Brendan Diss and Plate Winners - Julie Moyce & Bob Hay.

**COMING EVENTS**  
**DOUBLES EVENT EVENING**

The sheets are in the Clubhouse for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Doubles Event commencing at 1pm. We are limited to 24, so please put your name up as soon as you can.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Our Christmas in July Dinner will be held on

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We are catering for 50 people at the moment so please put your name down ASAP. We will have tennis commencing at 3pm and Dinner about 6.00pm. The cost is \$27.50 and monies will need to be collected early for the caterers. For enquiries regarding these events please contact Brendan, our Club Captain at [roleystonetennisclub@inet.net.au](mailto:roleystonetennisclub@inet.net.au) or Wendy, our President on 9397 6620.

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Other site specific variables such as the setback distance to vegetation and flame width, are determined to predict the homes exposure to bushfire attack mechanisms. This is used to determine what standard new homes in bushfire areas should be constructed to. The results provide a predicted radiant heat flux exposure, ember attack and flame contact for your home.

**The problem is, that in the Perth hills (and most of WA) most homes have not been constructed to any bushfire standards.**

However all is not lost because once you have this information you know exactly how to retrofit your home to meet the appropriate standard. Without doing this you are just guessing.

For example, you may screen your home for ember attack, but if your Bushfire Attack Level is predicted to have a radiant heat flux above 12.5 kilowatts per m<sup>2</sup>, then your windows could break from the radiant heat allowing the bushfire access to your home.

Fuel reduction and burning of bush blocks is important for obvious reasons however a good program should not consider your fuel levels in isolation. They need to be considered in conjunction with the setback distance and slope under the surrounding vegetation and the bushfire construction standard of your home.

There are three options available to improve your home's ability to resist igniting in a bushfire:

1 – Reduce surrounding litter and overall fuel loads ( and increase setback distances) to reduce your predicted Bushfire Attack Level.

2 – Increase the bushfire construction standard of your home to match the existing predicted Bushfire Attack Level.

3 – Reduce fuel loads and increase construction standards ( ie match your Bushfire Attack Level to your home's construction standard.

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# Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club JUNIORS



The end of another successful cricket season was celebrated on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, with the Roleystone Karragullen Junior Cricket Club Trophy Presentations and Wind-Up held at Cross Park.

Our club fielded four teams this year which were superbly coached by Ron Ierino, Paul Hanna, Tim Clarke and Mike Cirillo. Brian Leeder, Darren Brown, Dale Mason, Karl Turpin and Steve Hoefs provided valuable assistance during the season.

Julian Gonzalez, our In2Cricket Co-ordinator, was looking after our younger up and coming talent. In all of our cricket teams our coaches have been also supported by our many parents. Whether it's cutting oranges, keeping score, collecting balls fees, umpiring, lugging gear, erecting marquees or trying to get those green stains out in the wash, our coaches are all grateful and would like to express a heartfelt thanks to you all.

Thanks to Graham and our senior members for all their help during the season.

The biggest thank you should go to our players. I have been fortunate to catch up with most of them during the season and can honestly say that they are a great bunch of kids. We are all very proud of you.

Cricket is a team effort and at our club we encourage players to have a go, do their best and just have fun. All players are to be congratulated, together with our award winners.

For the record our awardees are;

U10's: Batting-Samuel McManus, Bowling-Nicolas Ross, Most Improved-Logan Thomas, Coach's Award-Lyam Sbrana.

U12's: Batting-Jesse Mason, Bowling-Daniel Turpin, Most Improved-Xavier Folland, Coach's Award-Luca Sallur.

U14's: Batting-Nathan Mazzega, Bowling-Travers Neillings, Most Improved-Eric Mitchell, Coach's Award-Billy Bowe.

U16's: Batting-Josh Leeder, Bowling-Beau Moulton, Most Improved-Tom Dickinson, Coach's Award-Ryan Hunt.

50 runs awards were achieved by Cameron Speight – 52



not out, Nathan Mazzega – 50 not out, Josh Leeder – 50 Runs, Ben Chmielewski – 65 Runs and Beau Moulton – 52 not out. A big 100 Runs Awards went to Monty Sallur with 102 runs.

All our In2Cricket members were presented with a participation and encouragement trophy.

Our prestigious Club Champion Award this season was presented to Beau Moulton. Beau also received the U16's Bowling Best Average and Aggregate Award presented by the South East Metropolitan Junior Cricket Council. A deserving winner – well done Beau!

*Beau is pictured at left.*

As Donna Smedley and myself have stepped down from the committee this season, I have great pleasure in welcoming Katie Ross as our new co-ordinator, Tim Clarke as Secretary, Mike Cirillo as Treasurer and Steve Hoefs as Registrar. Be assured your club is in excellent hands.

Be on the look out for our registration days this August for season 2011/12. We encourage you to return as a player, coach or team manager and warmly welcome new members.

On a personal note I would like to THANK everyone associated with the club for their support over the years. You have made my committee experience thoroughly enjoyable.

All the best for next season.

*Cathy Chmielewski*



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*Connie Anile.*





## Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup

Hope everyone had a safe and happy Easter. Welcome to all our new playgroup members.

Term one finished with lots of craft activities including those with an Easter theme and a mother's day gift. Thanks to our craft co-ordinator! Thursday's group enjoyed an Easter egg hunt using our newly created and decorated Easter baskets. It was their first hunt for some of our children but with a little encouragement (a taste of chocolate) they soon got the idea and collected lots of eggs.

In term two we will be hosting a Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for the Cancer Council commencing the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. A small plate of food to share and a donation for the Cancer Council will be appreciated. Discuss with your group leader a suitable theme for your morning tea e.g. Teddy Bears Picnic, Mad Hatters Tea Party. Also check out the great recipe ideas and other info at <http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/>.  
*Peta Vetta.*

## GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

*Autumn is with us but we haven't had the beautiful colours on our deciduous trees this year – the cold has been late in coming.*

Still we can all enjoy the cooler weather and see what plants we can save that have battled through the long hot dry summer. I am amazed at the tenacity of some of the plants! The trees in the Canning Valley that were burnt in the fires are already sporting so much green foliage.

During the past month I had the opportunity to plant out a section of the garden with tall bearded Iris. Irises are great survivors like the day lilies, which went virtually dormant over the summer and are now poking their heads through. These are one of the best plants that I know for holding the soil where the gardener wants it to stay. The flowers throughout summer are a welcome bonus but the roots are the garden saviours.

Be very careful with your use of fertilisers; any excessive use just leaches out of the root area. Once we get rain it will drain down into catchment areas and flow to low points on your property where it then can burn all your wanted vegetation.

Some members of the Roleystone Garden Group enjoyed a quiet morning in April while the rest of the group attended Mollie Connoles's service to celebrate her life.

The garden group meet every third Thursday at 10-00 a.m. I have organised a very special treat in May for all the ladies, to make up for not doing anything special in April so I hope to see you all then.

I'm not sure how many of you have had success with growing the dwarf Bougainvilleas. There is a very attractive range of them available and they almost thrive on neglect. In fact, if they are neglected they form beautiful bracts around their very insignificant little white flowers and forget to grow thorns!

All the dwarf growers have patents on them so they can only be grown for sale under license and must be sold with their registered ticket. This is a compensation for all the work done in breeding and releasing the new varieties.

The Nurseries are inundated with new drought resistant types of plants and now is a good time to go out and make your selection, so you can get the plants acclimatised before the chill of winter comes along.

Try to get your new bulbs in this month while there is still warmth in the soil and the rains hopefully will be here to make them feel at home. Plant bulbs into the areas where plants died over the summer and they will not rot out from overwatering.

*Good Gardening. Jean.*



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## BOWLING ALONG *With Keith Rinaldi*

What a pleasure it's been to see a number of new faces on the bowling greens over the past few weeks. With a field in excess of forty for Friday night social bowls, the competition among newcomers has been a feature of recent fixtures. The improvement in form from one week to the next is very encouraging for prospective members.

The club has also been delighted to welcome those new members who have decided to take up lawn bowls after enjoying the social sessions they have attended.

Having taken the decision to field teams in the pennant competition for next season and to continue our many social and community events, the bowls division is looking forward to strong community support over the coming months. Remember, the club welcomes anyone who is looking for a sporting activity with the added bonus of enjoyable



*Club stalwarts Jim Hay (right) (our only foundation member still bowling) and Bill Mitchell (above) recently announced their intention to retire from competition bowls. These men have contributed greatly to the Bowls Division of the Roleystone Country Club over many years and we hope they will still grace the greens with their presence in the occasional social fixture in the future.*



social camaraderie in a setting that is the envy of many visiting bowlers from other clubs.

Apart from pennant competitions, there are club championships, novelty and mixed events as well as social and charity days to be enjoyed by members and visitors.

Having enjoyed success in both Men's and Women's pennant competitions, two of our teams have been promoted to a higher division for the coming season. The club is also looking to enter teams in the Women's Saturday pennant competition, which will suit anyone who is interested in bowls and unable to play mid-week due to work or family commitments.

Our recent end of season presentation night was well attended by members, who enjoyed a meal at the Country Club followed by trophy presentations. Also acknowledged on the night were the many volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure the continued strength of our club. Any enquiries phone: 9397 5665 or contact the Roleystone Country Club.

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# Karate gets a Personal Trainer!

*Karate green belt and Personal Trainer Kate McWalter trialled two weekly fitness classes last term, straight after the senior karate class at the Roleystone Hall (so no-one had a chance to sneak off home).*

Kate's trial group ranged in age from nineteen through to just a little bit older. Our little band went through an hour-long workout that included cardio, weights and yoga-style stretches to finish. There were plenty of red faces (and a little bit of complaining), but all agreed that the sessions were great fun and certainly achieved results.

Kate set the classes at the level of the fittest (i.e. biggest show-off) person there, but provided plenty of alternatives for those of us not quite at that level. There was definitely no karate involved as Kate brought along her own professional equipment. Some of it initially looked a bit odd to we non-gym/karate people and we wondered what on earth to do with it- until Kate demonstrated some wicked exercises (those lunges with weights come readily to mind- talk about Buns of Steel). Kate also brought along her iPod,

featuring eighties classics through to 'doof doof' for the youngsters, to get us all moving.

Kate has a delightful and motivational personality that makes her impossible to dislike, despite our best efforts to do so during the more challenging parts of the class. She can be every bit as tough as Sensei Darren, but when we seemed to be in pain, told awful Billy Connolly jokes to distract us. The stretching session at the end was delightful and made all that effort worth it (honest!).

Kate is a fully qualified Cert IV Personal trainer with 5 years experiences in the fitness industry, and is registered with Fitness Australia. The class was a great way for all of us to get some extra fitness training in at a convenient time, especially as we are all so busy these days.

If enough support is demonstrated from our karate students, family and friends next term, Kate's classes will become a regular weekly feature. Ring Kate on 0439965623 for more details.

**Karen Fouweather.**

*Karate participants are pictured: Cameron, Kate, Jane, Brooke and Stacy.*

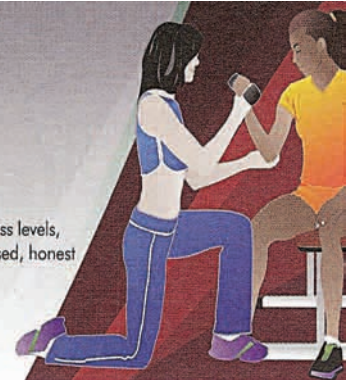


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### LOCALS JOIN FORCES TO SAVE CONSERVATION RESERVE FROM DIEBACK

The Midgegooroo National Park is an area of high conservation value adjacent to the Araluen Golf Resort Estate. Unfortunately some patches of the reserve have been devastated by dieback but many areas have few deaths.

The local conservation volunteers, Roleybushcare have joined with locals to treat the trees with

an environmentally-friendly fungicide. During the last 12 months over 1500 trees have been injected in 10 hectares of forest showing early symptoms of dieback. Roleybushcare has been funded by a federal Caring for our Country grant which will also be used to publish and distribute information pamphlets on dieback and how locals can save trees on their own blocks. Dr Ian Colquhoun, the chair of the group said "the injection method is easy to do, taking only 5 minutes to learn. It is great that we can work with locals to save this great piece of forest."

*Photo at left: Local residents Bronwyn Rogers (left) and Rebecca Berry show how easy it is to inject a jarrah tree.*

#### FIELD DAY

No field day in May.

#### PROPOSED PLANT SALE

Local species plants will be available to buy at reasonable prices on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 9.00am to noon at the Roleystone Shopping Centre. Check the website for details.

**Ian Colquhoun**



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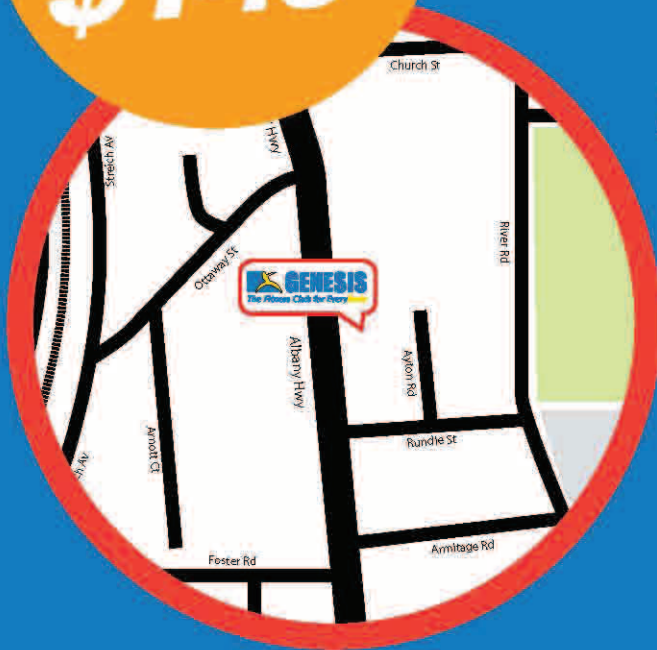
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The changes have been brought forward as a result of review by the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia into juries. The Commission determined that the incidence of excuse from jury service and failure to attend was unacceptably high. In 2009-2010, a staggering 64% of people summoned for jury duty were either exempted or excused from duty.

In an attempt to curtail this exemption rate, the new laws provide that professions which were previously exempt from jury duty, such as lawyers, doctors and expolice officers, are now eligible for service. Serving on a jury is an important part of our criminal system and each person

should be afforded the opportunity to contribute through this civic duty.

The changes also amend the age category for those who are able to participate as a juror, lifting the eligible age from 65 to 75 years. These people play an important role in our community and should be given the same opportunity as everyone else to serve on a jury.

The new laws also seek to send a clear message to employers with the provision of harsh fines of up to \$10,000 for individual employers and up to \$50,000 for companies, if they prohibit employees from acting as a juror.

The changes seek to strengthen Western Australia's criminal justice system by ensuring that juries act as a better representation of our community.

If you would like any further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office on 9452 8311.

## STROKE: SIGNS AND TREATMENT

The correct term for a stroke is cerebrovascular disease, where blood flow to the brain is affected. There are two types of strokes: ischemic and haemorrhagic.

Ischemic strokes (80-85% of all strokes) occur when a blood clot blocks a vessel in the brain resulting in the death of brain cells beyond the clot, or a blood clot travels from the heart or lungs and gets lodged in the brain. A haemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel bursts in the brain. Transient Ischemic attacks, known as TIA's, result in stroke-like symptoms for short periods of time. Up to 40% of people who suffer an ischemic stroke report having had TIA's beforehand.

**SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:** include sudden confusion, possible loss of vision or speech, drooping of the face and loss of limb function.

**RISK FACTORS:** High blood pressure, high cholesterol, blocked carotid artery (Main artery in the neck), diabetes, smoking and heart conditions. All of these conditions are potentially treatable. It is vital if a person is experiencing TIA's that they give up smoking, that their blood pressure is treated and that their cholesterol is kept low.

**Secondary Stroke Prevention:** For anyone diagnosed with TIA's or an ischemic stroke it is recommended to introduce treatment of blood pressure to achieve a target blood pressure of 130/80 or less. Lowering the blood pressure reduces the risk of secondary stroke. Use of Coversyl Plus or Tritace with Natrilix has been shown to be successful. Introduction of a "statin" such

as Lipitor or Crestor to ensure the LDL's (bad cholesterol) is below 2mmol/litre has been shown to reduce the risk. Blood thinning therapy using Asasantin SR, low dose Aspirin or Plavix is also recommended. Both Aspirin and Plavix are used together after an individual has had a stent put in their carotid artery opening blood flow to the brain.

Warfarin is used when individuals have atrial fibrillation (racing of the upper chambers of the heart) as clots of blood are easily formed.

More information can be obtained from [www.strokefoundation.com.au](http://www.strokefoundation.com.au) or from [www.strokecentre.org](http://www.strokecentre.org)

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# Lumen Christi College Music Tour

The Music Students at Lumen Christi College are currently preparing for a tour to New Zealand, taking place in July. Amongst the participants are: Callum and Kieran Scott, Laura & Rosie Atkins and Melinda Joseph from Roleystone.

The College's Senior Concert and Swing Bands,

along with a Vocal Ensemble, will participate in the "Rhapsody Rotorua" Music Festival, a weeklong celebration of music that includes musical concerts, adjudication, school performances and cultural events. The 38 students and staff are looking forward to the experience, and are carefully preparing with regular rehearsals and performances in the lead up to the tour.

Members of the community are invited to support the fundraising efforts of the group by coming along to the College Bingo Night on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, our Music Quiz Night on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, both being held in the College Sports Centre, or by attending the Annual Music Concert, in our Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. Feel free to contact the College on 9394 9300 for further information. *Anne Kenedy.*

*Pictured above: George Hekkins and Kieran Scott at practice.*



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Horticulturist **Chris Oliver** (pictured with a Macadamia Nut tree) will discuss how to select, plant and care for drought resistant edible and ornamental plants.

He will talk about plant selection, when and how to plant, how much water the plants need through the summer, soil for planting, pests and diseases to watch for and fire resistant mulches.

Chris has over 33 years of teaching experience at TAFE, a degree in Botany and a diploma in Horticulture, and is very keen to share his knowledge with others. The meeting is on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312



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# ROLEYSTONE Theatre

## INFLUENCE

The Roley Theatre's next production is David Williamson's INFLUENCE. This will be directed by Kim Martin with Vikky Trewick as Assistant Director. The WA PREMIERE will be at Roleystone Theatre over May: 20, 21, 25, 27, 28 (All shows at 8pm).

The title comes from the influence wielded by radio shock jocks such as Alan Jones and John Laws.

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

The Cast includes: Ziggi - Kim Martin, Carmela - Hayley Mayne, Vivienne - Cassie Skinner, Tony - Steve Osborne, Connie - Lorraine Ragus Marko - Ray Condy and Zehra - Sharon Thomas.

**Director: Kim Martin** pictured at right with local **Cassie Skinner**, has been involved in the theatre for more than 40 years, as an actor, director, musical director, composer, playwright, lyricist and pianist.

He won the 1985 Finley Award for best musical for Esther and also scored the 2000 best play award for An Ideal Husband. More recently, Kim Martin has directed: The Crucible, The Club and The Teahouse of the August Moon and performed in By Jeeves and Cosi.

He says one of the main challenges ahead of him in Influence is the smooth operating of the talkback scenes.

"We also need to ensure the scenes that follow occur quickly," Kim said. "I'm also in the cast, which presents a considerable challenge, although I do have an assistant director."

Roleystone Theatre is located on Brookton Highway, opposite the Croyden Road junction. More information is also available at [www.roleystonetheatre.com.au](http://www.roleystonetheatre.com.au).

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'It will be a huge programme' of wonderful British music. Everyone involved is excited as the day draws near.'

Tickets are selling fast. Bookings are at BOCS on 9484 1133 or at [www.bocsticketing.com.au](http://www.bocsticketing.com.au) or through the I Voci website at [www.ivoci.org.au](http://www.ivoci.org.au)



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# Minding Our Children

On the 25<sup>th</sup> May, the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre will host a workshop for parents and educators entitled: Minding Our Children. Facilitator Anna Amhrose has prepared this précis of the workshop: 'Have you ever noticed that your own mood seems to rub off onto your child's mood and behaviour?' For example, on a day where you're feeling stressed, does your toddler seem to be more demanding and noisier than usual? This workshop will look at the link between what adults think and believe about a child, to the behaviour and self-perception of that child. Essentially looking at how what we think impacts on another. The workshop will draw upon neuroscience and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to look at how this happens. The principles of these approaches will be used to bring our attention to how we are 'minding our children'. We will also:

- Learn about brain development
- Learn about the power of thoughts
- Increase awareness of one's own thoughts
- Map what you see your child to be.

Participants will leave with a model that provides a clear pathway for fostering a positive self-image and optimism in children. Ring Anne on: 0424 980 878, to confirm you place.

## Minding Our Children Workshop

Facilitator: Anna Amhrose (B.Soc.Sc; TAA)

Venue: Roleystone Neighbourhood Centre

Date: Wednesday 25th May 2011

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Cost: \$40/\$35

Free: Notes and morning tea

Enrolments: 0424 980 878

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# Wild Gossip

Uninvited roof guests tend to be a problem as the nights become colder. I have frequently written on this subject suggesting how to prevent this or to deal with it – this article maybe looking at things from a slightly different angle.

I currently have a roof guest! A possum moved into our roof space about a month ago. It is definitely a possum as it follows the correct movement timetable of leaving after dusk and arriving around dawn.

Rats are present all the time though are noisier at night when they tend to run about constantly – when we had rats in the roof it sounded as though elephants were running the length of our roof in relay for most of the night. Our possum only moves around dawn and dusk.

Our first indication of a visitor was a little scratching sound in the roof space followed by a sort of flap / clang sound somewhere around 8pm and a similar flap / clag followed by scratching 6 – 7 am.

My husband looked all over

the roof area: gutters, drains, eaves, flashings, roof sheets etc. and was unable to detect an entry point. (Though he did point out that it is quite hard to find a loose roof sheet when you are standing on the roof!) Eventually after keeping watch outside, we decided on an entry point and after our possum left for the night sealed it.

Pandemonium occurred the following morning when the possum couldn't get back into the roof. At 8 pm bigger noises than ever were heard until our possum managed to get out. At 7 am a big noise again, so we decided it would be quieter to remove the cover of the easy access until we managed to find and close all access points.

A friend of mine had a similar problem last year when she returned from holiday to find a possum living on the top shelf of her linen closet! They tried in vain to find and close exit points and eventually decided that the possum wasn't doing any harm and they would leave it be. The possum obviously appreciated their generosity and stopped hissing when linen was removed from the closet.

Spring came and the possum left for further adventures. My friend cleaned out the laundry cupboard to find no mess or smell, even the blanket that the possum had slept on was totally clean. They have attempted to secure their roof in case the next visitor is not so polite.

The simple fact is securing your roof will prevent unwanted guests. Rats present a huge problem! Possums are polite house guests, though placing possum boxes around your garden could offer them alternative accommodation.

*Syl Cooper: 9397 6184 / 0417972930.*

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## UPDATE ON COMMUNITY REQUESTS

The request by the Roleystone Karragullen community for easier access in obtaining burn off permits has been through the Council Bushfire Advisory committee and is awaiting a report on the request to go forward and finally to Council.

Please note that the restrictions on burning have been extended to the end of May. This will be reviewed later in the week and the decision will be advertised. In regards to additional access for greenwaste removal, a request for this was put forward through Council process and also through the Bushfire Advisory

Committee. This also is awaiting a report to go forward to Council.

In the meantime can I encourage you to use your dark green rubbish bin to get rid of some of your leaves, sticks gum nuts etc. It is amazing what you can fit in the bin if you cut up the smaller branches.

Please be mindful though when putting gum nuts in the bin that you do not put too much weight in it otherwise it will not be picked up.

Also if your neighbour or friends are unable to use their tip passes as they do not have a trailer perhaps you can come to some arrangements and help them out while helping yourself.

*Cr Pat Hart.*



**Cr Pat Hart**  
9496 1634

## Courier Deadline Dates

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NOVEMBER	26 October	5 November
DECEMBER	23 November	3 December

## MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL RETURNS TO ARMADALE

*The hugely successful Midnight Basketball program will bounce back into the City of Armadale on Saturday 21 May.*

The first of two eight-week competitions will be held at the City's Armadale Arena in Townley Street for local young people aged 12-18.

Player and volunteer registrations are open now at [www.midnightbasketball.org.au/locations/armadale](http://www.midnightbasketball.org.au/locations/armadale). Midnight Basketball is an innovative Australia-wide program combining sport and life skills workshops for teenagers.

Held on Saturday nights – traditionally a time when there are few services and activities available for youth - Midnight Basketball provides a fun, healthy outlet for their energy along with teamwork, leadership, life skills, a meal and a safe bus trip home. Armadale Midnight Basketball

was launched last year and attracted 160 young people, along with 51 volunteers in total for the three tournaments held.

Armadale Midnight Basketball runs from 7.30pm until midnight. Young people play basketball matches and participate in a variety of compulsory life skills workshops such as team-building, leadership, conflict resolution, communication skills, health and wellbeing, job readiness, decision-making and problem solving.

They are also provided with uniforms, a healthy dinner and a bus ride home. Volunteers can assist with scoring, catering, supervising, workshops as team managers and other roles. Basketball knowledge is not needed.

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## Black Swan Brings "Live" Theatre to Armadale

In an Australian theatre first, Perth's Black Swan State Theatre Company will broadcast a live performance of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream from the new State Theatre Centre of WA to Armadale Hall on Saturday 21 May starting at 7pm. This initiative will provide a high quality, live theatre experience. Admission is FREE, but those planning to attend Armadale Hall must secure their seats by booking tickets. Black Swan is also holding a number of local workshops with City of Armadale community groups and schools in the lead-up to the broadcast.

For tickets and more information contact the City's Visitor Centre on 9399 0410.

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## All the Fun of the Fair

*Bedforddale resident and science teacher Stephen Fox bravely volunteered last year for a water dunking game when John Wollaston Anglican Community School held its annual Founders' Day celebrations – and the pressure is on for him to put his hand up to get wet again at the school Fair and Fun Run on Saturday 14th May.*

The water dunking game is just one of many activities that will bring the Kelmscott campus to life. From 10am to 3pm, an entertaining day out for families and community members is promised. An equestrian and show jumping display is planned with pony rides for young children. Performers, clowns and bands will provide entertainment and attendees are invited to try their hand at a chocolate wheel, lucky dips and other games or have their face painted or hair coloured.

As with a traditional show, showbags will be available, and highlights of the day will be a pet show and the raffling of a new car.

The Fun Run warm-up will start at 8.45am before the starting gun for the 3km and 6km walk/run is fired at 9am at the nearby Champion Lakes Regatta Centre. Fun Run participants can download a registration form at [www.jwacs.wa.edu.au](http://www.jwacs.wa.edu.au) or call 9495 8100 before Friday 13 May, or register on the morning of the event from 8am (although late fees apply). Pet show registration forms are also available on the website.

When that activity gets too much, a sausage sizzle, hamburgers, Devonshire teas, cakes, fairy floss and popcorn will be available to satisfy all appetites. John Wollaston Anglican Community School is located on



Centre Road, Kelmscott. More information about the May Fair and Fun Run is available by calling 9495 8100 or clicking the News and Community Events tabs at [www.jwacs.wa.edu.au](http://www.jwacs.wa.edu.au).

*Teacher Stephen Fox (pictured with fellow teacher George Sutherland) could be convinced to put his hand up for a water dunking game at the school's Fair and Fun Run on 14 May.*



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# Pro Bono: Wheels

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building lasting relationships etc all become Herculean tasks, each one way beyond mere human capabilities. The elimination of God has been cited as an example of human development and progression. But that step appears to me - and to lots of others - to be regressive, not progressive. If your concept of the universe is limited by physical boundaries, may I suggest you are being excessively restrictive? Scientists readily confess to knowing more and more about less and less. Scientific materialism is actually very small minded and unworthy of the whole mental furniture with which we are equipped. Philosophers down the ages have also tried to construct a world without God and the most authentic have ended up in really desperate places. I can only conclude that God is as necessary as wheels.

So if God is essential in our world, we had better get a good handle who we are talking about. Easter has just passed and in my reflections on the real message of the season, I was struck once again by the entirely rational and reasonable process the God I know went through for my sake...and for yours. If we choose to ignore God, it doesn't mean he's not real. If we choose not to accept the concept of eternity, it doesn't mean that it doesn't exist either. And eternity is at stake here...it's that important. Even more important than wheels! If you are struggling with what I have said here may I invite you to give me a call? I have found hope and joy and deep peace in a very messy world...I don't want to keep that to myself!

*Yours in Christ, David.*

I don't suppose we will ever know who invented the wheel. But it's really fascinating trying to imagine that first moment when one came into use. The world would have been transformed in an instant. One minute shifting a load would involve extremely hard yakka with significant limits on how big a rock/tree/dinosaur or whatever could be moved. The next minute, loads of apparently gigantic proportions could be moved with relatively ease.

In today's world it's hard to imagine life without wheels. Cars, bikes, gofers, pushchairs, shopping trolleys and all sorts of vehicles have evolved around the wheel. Petrolheads like me even refer to a new car as a "new set of wheels". Incidentally we have just acquired a new set of wheels in the form of a classic MG...and the next person to say how "cute" it is will see a side of me rarely on view to the general public! Just about every "essential" thing we take for granted is dependent on motion facilitated by a wheel somewhere along the line. In fact, we can do without lots of things we take for granted today but the wheel isn't one of them. It's so essential we don't even think about it. Until something goes wrong...one drops off...or gets a puncture...or lets us down some other way.

Thinking about wheels for some strange reason prompted me to dwell on how we think about God. For many folk, the concept of the God I know has never featured for them or he has been effectively eliminated from their lives - I did once. But I now struggle to perceive the world without God. If I take God out of the picture again, spiritually and practically I am back in the equivalent of the pre-wheel days. Making sense of the world, finding a way through difficulties,

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The Roleystone Tigers started the 2011 season with the Butcher/Darbyshire memorial match on the 2nd April, life members and sponsors were welcomed back to the Club for this opening game.

The Tigers proved to be strong competitors for Bayswater with both teams winning by huge margins. The reserves scored 15/18 108 to Bayswater 8/8 56, the league had a massive win 25/17 167 to Bayswater 3/4 22.

The memorial medal was awarded to Clayton Scott a local player who has returned to play this season for the Tigers.

Keith Darbyshire presented the medal on behalf of the Darbyshire/Butcher families and gave an inspiring speech about the development of junior football in Roleystone and transition to senior competition. As one of Clayton's junior coaches Keith spoke

of his fulfilment watching Clayton's growth into a skilful and talented senior player. The day finished with a buffet meal and a DJ who entertained the crowd for the night.

For the second game of the season, Roleystone were away, playing Ellenbrook. The Tigers, in contrast with the first round, lost both games. In the league Ellenbrook defeated the Tigers 19/14 128 to 5/9 39, the reserves lost 3/2 20 to Ellenbrook 9/12/66.

Jocelyn Jones.

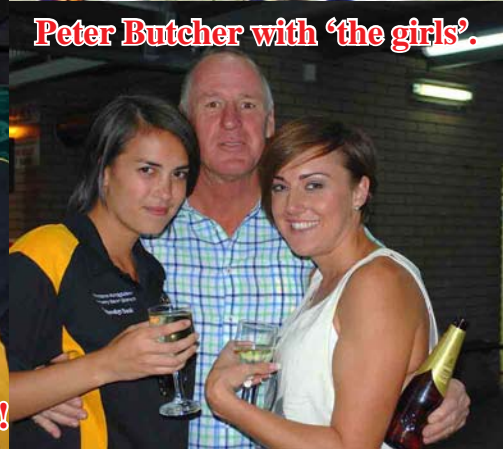


Clayton Scott

Peter Butcher with 'the girls'.



Sean and Roger - winner's smiles!



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The toys from the Lotteries West Grant have arrived and some are already available to borrow. Our members are busily working to catalogue the remaining toys in the coming weeks. Some of the new toys are a trike, 3 wheel scooter, Schleich castle and knights, giant top, rainbow river stones, police coupe car, tai chi balance board, TONKA dump truck and mighty wheel loader, team walker, VTECH my laptop plus other VTECH toys, Little Tikes Adventure Wagon, fishing for phonics, new musical instruments, plus much, much more! From Term 2 we are open Wednesdays 11.45 - 12.30pm and Saturdays 9.30-10.30am during the school term. Please don't hesitate to email us at [roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au) or phone 9496 1115.

Linda Schaudin.

## Toy Library New Toys Available



## ARALUEN NOTES

Liz Dunn



TULIP PLANTING  
Tulip Planting: 11/12 June

It is hard to imagine planting tulips after the very long hot dry summer we have experienced but hopefully this welcome rain will continue, along with much cooler temperatures needed for tulips. Tulip planting is a great family activity and lots of fun for all ages. All you need is old gardening clothes, gloves and some wet weather gear in case we are lucky enough to have more rain. We will supply everything you need including a delicious morning tea with platters of hot and cold food. Entry is free for all tulip planters.

AUTUMN WALKS

Autumn is a great time to enjoy a walk and we have 2 walks on offer just ask at the gate for the walk direction information sheet.

The Circuit walk takes you exploring some of the less travelled paths and past some of the Parks more interesting features.

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# APRIL WEATHER STATISTICS

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

## April Rainfall

APRIL 2011: 45.8 MM ON 9 DAYS  
 APRIL LONG TERM AVERAGE: 49.6 MM ON 8 WET DAYS  
 Total Jan 1 to April 30 2011 78.8 on 19 days  
 Average to 1st Jan to 30 April 106.0 on 18 days

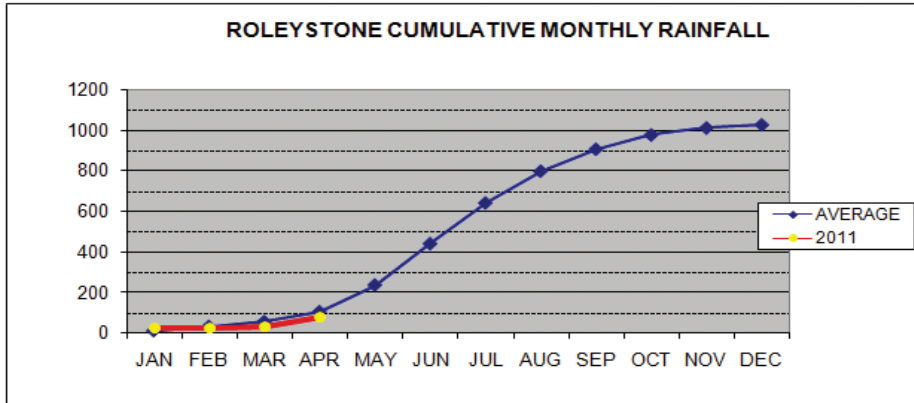
## Average Min Max Temperatures

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 Highest Max 36.3 (6th)

### WHAT TO EXPECT IN MAY

Average Rainfall (mm)	131.7
Number of wet days	12
Average Maximum	20.1
Average Minimum	10.2

## Cumulative Rainfall - first four months



## Astronomical Highlights May

*In early to mid May you're likely to hear of some sort of alignment of planets in the morning sky, with or without attendant claims of earthly consequences. I'm sure nothing out of the ordinary will result.*

In terms of how it will look to eyeball observers, brilliant Venus will be the reference point.

It's low in the ENE at daybreak – you'll need a clear view down to the eastern horizon (not always easy to achieve in the hills). Mercury will seem to be coming up to meet Venus until they're side by side on the 8th, with Jupiter just below.

By the 12th, Jupiter's right next to Venus with Mercury above and to the right. That's probably the best of it – Mars comes into the frame during the following fortnight, by which time Jupiter's climbed above and stands aloof over the others.

Remember that all this is happening pretty low in the ENE at around 5:50am. Somewhat tricky to see, and at an unsociable hour. Astronomy's like that. The only convenient planet is Saturn. In early May, Saturn's in the ENE at nightfall and culminates high up in the north around 10:30pm. Gradually it gets higher and by the end of the month it's high in the NE sky at nightfall and culminates around 8:30pm.

The month of May begins with the "dark of the Moon" – new moon's on the 3rd.

Astronomers like this period in the lunar cycle

because the viewing of fainter objects is best when there's no moonlight.

In mid-evening, away from the light-polluted city and suburbs, the Milky Way can be seen coming up out of the SE and trailing behind the Southern Cross. The waxing crescent moon is the dominant object at nightfall from the 5th on. First quarter, evening half moon, is on the night of the 10th. Full moon's on the 17th, when moonrise comes about 15 minutes ahead of sunset. Last quarter's on the morning of the 25th. Then the next new moon's on June 2nd.

If you're one of those benighted people who believe that the end of life as we know it is bound to happen when the last Mayan calendar cycle runs out in a year's time, you'd better start really making the most of your last year on Earth!

For hundreds if not thousands of years, there've been people who wanted to believe that kind of dire forecast. They were always wrong. Why should this silly idea be any different?

**Greg Lowe**  
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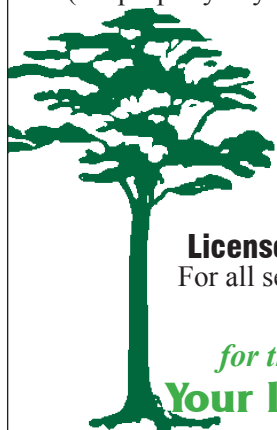
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## Roley Scouts Go to Eaton



Roleystone Scout Group has had a great start to 2011. We have started a new Joey Section for the 6 and 7 year olds. Joeys is all about having fun, learning about the environment and caring and sharing, plus a whole lot more. We've just recruited 3 new Joey Leaders so now we want more kids to come along. We meet on Monday nights from 5.15pm till 6.15pm at the Karragullen Hall. Our first night back is Monday 9th May.

Of course our group still has Cubs on Wednesday nights from 6.30pm till 8.00pm. Cubs are for the 8 to 11 year olds. We have 2 new Leaders there as well. Plus we have Scouts on Monday nights from 7.00pm till 9.00pm for the 11 to 14 year olds. They are making their own soap box billy cart. And Venturers meet on Tuesdays from 7.00pm till 9.00pm. Venturers is for the 14 to 17 year olds.

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