

The Roleystone Courier: celebrating rebirth, renewal and revival.

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On Saturday 14th May Geoff Shaw celebrated his 70th birthday at his daughter Susan's home in Roleystone. The 'real day' was on Friday 13th and the family celebrated with a luncheon at Roleys on the Ridge.

Geoff was born and schooled in Roleystone and it was an opportunity for Geoff and two of his three sisters to return to their childhood haunt to reminisce. They have scores of happy memories of their early life in Roleystone. Of the original Shaw family Geoff's two sisters Jocelyn and Pam were able to come. Illness prevented sister Barbara from attending and Geoff's brother David died recently in Victoria.

Jocelyn, Geoff, Margaret and Pam are pictured at left at Geoff Shaw's birthday.

Geoff and his wife Margaret have had a big year in 2011, recently celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The family gathered on the 15th of April to toast the couple's long and happy union at the Melville Rose Gardens in Carmel.

Geoff's party was a wonderful success with over fifty close friends, workmates and family coming along to help toast the life of this much loved gentleman.

Matthew and Meegan Roleystone residents, Matthew Weir and Meegan Hyde, are

very happy and excited to announce their recent engagement. On Friday 20th May, Matthew took Meegan to dinner at one of their favourite restaurants in Cottesloe. It was there by the sea that he asked his best friend and girlfriend of over two years to be his wife.

His proposal was met with absolute surprise and subsequent delight as Meegan was unaware that Matt had been planning this moment since November of last year. His plans had included secretly designing her one off, handmade engagement ring, alongside the very talented Andrew Hurst from Olil Jewellery in Roleystone.

This momentous occasion really is a very natural progression for this couple whose love for one another only seems to deepen and strengthen every day. Both Matthew and Meegan are over the moon to be engaged and moving forward into this new page of their story.



Above: Norma Bullen, Clothilde and two great grandchildren at Norma's Birthday party in late April.

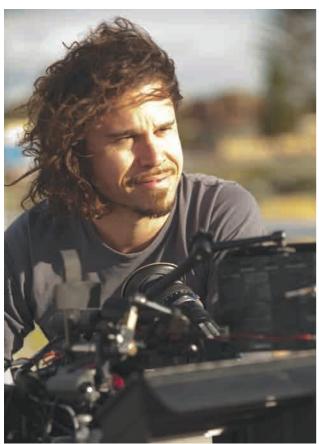
Two years on.

The June Cover celebrates rebirth and renewal. In May 2009, Maura Bond suffered a large brain aneurysm. Her steady improvement from a coma to graduated movement, to her present state of independence, has been wonderful to watch. She is now enthusiastic about the possibility of driving a car again (with a wheel control).

Maura has been supported in her recovery by many, including the IGA Deli Girls who regularly meet up for coffee. Maura (back) is pictured with Rita, Tania, and Sue framed by the beautiful autumn foliage at Mia Flora before their second serve of cappuccino and scrumptious cake!

June Cover





Denson Baker -Cinematographer for Oranges and Sunshine Denson Baker is the cinematographer for the latest blockbuster 'Oranges and Sunshine'. Denson grew up in the local area and he is a decendent of the Buckinghams (the first European settlers in the area). His Mum, Roslyn, is very proud!

Denson is very excited about this movie as it promises to be a major success.

'I had a wonderful time shooting in the UK. I was able to work with a fantastic crew and a fabulous cast. This is a really special film and it is a story that has to be told.'

Oranges and Sunshine tells the story of Margaret Humphreys, a social worker from Nottingham, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals in recent times: the forced migration of children from the United Kingdom. Almost singlehandedly, against overwhelming odds and with little regard for her own well-being, Margaret reunited thousands of families, brought authorities to account and worldwide attention to an extraordinary miscarriage of justice.

She discovered a secret that the British government had kept hidden for years: one hundred and thirty thousand children in care had been sent abroad to Commonwealth countries, mainly Australia. Children as young as four had been told that their parents were dead, and been sent to children's homes on the other side of the world. Many were subjected to appalling abuse. They were promised oranges and sunshine, they got hard labour and life in institutions. The movie is based on the book "Empty Cradles" by Margaret Humphreys. It stars Emily Watson, David Wenham, Hugo Weaving, Richard Dillane,

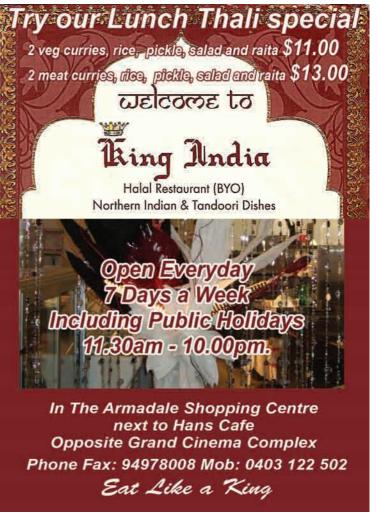
Lorraine Ashbourne, Kate Rutter, Greg Stone and Tara Morice.

At left: Denson at work.

At right: Denson shooting and capturing a significant moment in the film between Emma Watson and Hugo Weaving on a South Australian heach.







Celebrating Mr FIST The Optometrist

When Mr Graham Fist the Optometrist, so well known to many across Roleystone, moves to join the team at the Roleystone Medical Centre, it completes one more step in the career of this Roleystone icon.

Graham comes from a long line of 'eye-men'. The Fist family as Optometrists and as spectacle-makers began way back in 1897 in Victoria. They spread to Adelaide in 1899 and to Perth in 1901, when W.J. Fist, a convict's son, came to live in Subiaco.





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A Western Australian cookbook from 1911 has his photo alongside a cake recipe!

W.J. travelled rural areas in his Dodge, and arrived in Roleystone when coming home from York with a punctured radiator. He called in to Mr Gwynne's orchard to get water, and stayed to test the family's eyes. His son, Gordon, was the World War 2 Perth Optometrist checking recruit's eyes before they could be conscripted into the services.

His grandson, Graham, the current 'Mr Fist', has been the Roleystone Optometrist for about 20 years working at 9 Wygonda Rd; first in Dr Stuart's rooms and then with E.K. Soon's Dental rooms. Graham has now joined the team at Roleystone Medical Centre with a 'fresh new room' at the Centre.

Graham and his wife Noel arrived in Roleystone after their marriage in 1959. They have been very involved in the community, particularly in aspects of the Roleystone Community Church. They are church musicians; playing organ, mandolin and accordian at a range of church events. In 1960 Noel & Graham were 'loaned' to the Congregational Church' to pastor a group of churches at Margaret River.

When Graham and Noel returned to Roleystone, they became involved with a new group wishing to set up badminton in the old town hall (now the Rolevstone Theatre). The formidable Mrs Wesley (then the theatre caretaker) helped them paint a Badminton court on the floor of the local hall. When they found that the hall was 20 cms too short with no run-back, Mrs Wesley painted the back-line 20 cms up the back wall. Storekeepers Priscilla and Stan Stephens provided racquets and shuttles and the Roleystone Badminton Club got underway with Jean Price, Joy Gwynne and Noel Fist the first players. On the second night 8 men (no women) turned



up, it was raining and the group huddled around a kerosene heater placed on the stage. (When the large Jarrah Rd. Hall was built, the club shifted there with 3 courts and plenty of run-back.)

Graham flies light aircraft, and twice every year he travels to the Kimberley. The Federal Government provides a twin-engined Cessna 310 for Graham to visit outback Aboriginal communities testing them for diabetic-blindness and providing low cost spectacles under the Visiting Optometrical Scheme.

In 1978, encouraged by intrepid aviator Colin Hatfield, the Fists built an ultra light aeroplane powered by a 2 cylinder Snowmobile two stroke engine, The various components were tested at Colin's air strip in Hawkeston Road. The little single seater now sits forlornly in its trailer, as modern 2 seater UltraLights are now available.

So welcome to your new rooms Mr Fist from all your clients – and thanks to you and your lovely wife Noel, for your great contribution to our community over many years.

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Laura Davis Roleystone's Funny Girl

Laura Davis was raised in Roleystone and was even funny as a school student at Roleystone District High School. She has taken this talent to the nation, working successfully as a stand-up comic over the last four years since leaving RDHS.

Recently she has performed her second hour solo show at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival (30th March -21st April) and last week at the Astor Theatre in Mt Lawley (25th - 28th May).

During her career Laura has quickly established herself as one of the country's most promising and original young talents.

She has been a RAW Comedy National Finalist, performed as part of the

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prestigious MICF Comedy Zone, performs nationally and was recently featured as the Cover girl of the Sunday Times STM magazine.

Drawing on themes from psychoanalysis and the famous Rorschach inkblot test, Laura has the audience in her show 'The Dog in the Ink.' It is said to be 'a playful, exuberant and very funny exploration of the mind. Interactive, deconstructive and partly improvised, Laura Davis blurs the line between psychiatrist and patient, audience and performer to really examine who we are as people...and why!'

"Gently told but sharply written. Observational and surreal. Whimsical and, if a heckler demands it, caustic. Laura squeezes ideas like old toothpaste tubes, each surprising extra dollop more satisfying than the last." - Chortle AUS/NZ

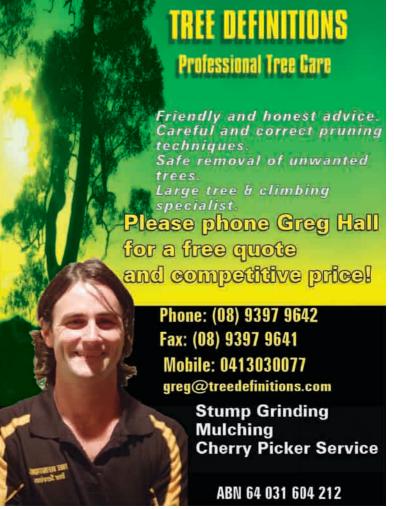
Keep 'em laughing, Laura.



Pictured above: Laura amongst her lamp collection and at left as she appeared on the front cover. Acknowledgement to STM and The Sunday Times.

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Andrew Pheasant is Back after Deregistration Bungle

The Roleystone District High School Deputy Principal has hit the news this week, as he was one of the teachers who the West Australian Council of Teaching (WACOT) banned from their schools following failure to complete the full registration process.

Andrew was told that if he entered the school he could face a \$5000 fine plus his school could also be fined

\$5000 if he entered a classroom after he had been deregistered.

Andrew Pheasant, believes he was de-registered even though he had provided a full set of documents to WACOT three times. He was forced to be absent from the school for over a week while his situation was sorted out and he has provided the following explanatory letter to the parents and students of the school:

'THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT' AN OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

As many members of the local community will be aware, I was de-registered by the WA College of Teaching because of missing paperwork (as were some other teachers).

As a consequence, I was compelled to complete a new membership application and pay more fees. I am now registered again and look forward to resuming my duties at Roleystone DHS very soon. As you can imagine, this has been a very stressful time for my family and also my colleagues back at school. It is my sincere hope that all those other teachers in both the public and private school systems who have had their registration cancelled over paperwork issues can have their cases resolved as quickly. I have been overwhelmed with the support I have received. I would like to thank:

- My colleagues at Roleystone DHS
- Parents, students and community members who emailed or phoned their support.
- The Roleystone Courier and the Valley Reporter

- Other media, particularly the ABC, 6PR and the West Australian
- The State School Teachers Union (WA)
- The Department of Education
- WA Secondary Schools Executive Association

I would also like to thank the following Members of Parliament and their electoral office staff. They have all been fantastic:

- Tony Buti, MLA
- Tony Simpson, MLA,
- Ben Wyatt, MLA
- Alison Xamon, MLC

I hope that as a result of this situation we will now see much needed changes to the Teacher Registration process.

Andrew Pheasant Deputy Principal Roleystone DHS













Chris Sets up a Tradies Paradise



Local Karragullen identity Chris Bosnyak has been managing B&B Hardware in Kenwick, for over 18 months and has now totally refurbished the shop 'in front' as a Stihl dealership.

The new showroom has much more than just lawn mowers! Brick saws, mixers, chainsaws, blowers, compactors, a wide range of brush cutters plus many lawn mower models are available. A range of construction and industrial machinery is available and the team are on hand to provide clients with great advice and 'the best tools to get the job done'. The new dealership offers sales, servicing and repairs on all Stihl models.

B&B hardware (the shop at 'the back') has been in operation for 25 years and now with Chris in a management role, they are focusing on being a one stop shop for tradies and also catering for the DIY market. All aspects of hardware are available to suit: tilers, bricklayers, plumbers..... This is the place to go to source items of trade at a competitive price. They carry an excellent range of power and hand tools in store, including premium brands Kincrome, Bosch and Makita, to name just a few.

In both stores, the experienced staff members are able to offer customers the best tools and right advice for any job, be it trade or DIY. B&B Hardware and the new Stihl dealership, are located at 1932 Albany Hwy, Maddington. Just look for the chainsaw on the roof!

For more information, call 9459 9990 or email chrisb@bbhardware.com.au

ROLEY POOLS PLANTING ACTIVITY DAY: JUNE 25

AGLG and Friends of Roley Pools On Saturday, 25th June at Roley Pools, Roleystone Time: 9am -12pm Meet: Soldiers Rd Bridge Car Park, Rolevstone Please Bring: Gumboots or sturdy work boots, gloves and rain coat Provided: Plants, tools, and morning tea RSVP: Wednesday, 22nd June. Please call Crystal on 0412 713 582 for catering purposes.





ROLEYBUSHCARE VOLUNTEERS LUNCH

On Sunday May 15 the Roleybushcare crew and volunteers met to celebrate a very successful year as caretakers of our local bush reserves.

Chair Ian Colquboun said:

'I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their many hours of devoted service. This year we had more volunteers than ever – with over 70 volunteers giving over 2000 hours of voluntary service. They don't all help every time but they help out when they can and this is truly appreciated.'

Ian said he would also like to thank the granting organisations such as Caring for our Country (a Federal Government initiative) which funded the purchase of tree injection gear and pamphlets and the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program, whose funds were used to purchase seedlings.

The group met up at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre for a sumptuous meal and some conviviality. Roleybushcare has some big things planned for the future. Some in town reserves will benefit from work over the next few months with a field day planned for Windsor Reserve and National Tree day in July will be celebrated with a busy bee at Stonegate Reserve (this area is already showing the huge amount of work spent on it – it looks fabulous).

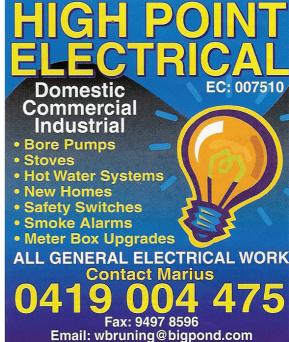
They would like to continue the major focus on Midgegooroo Reserve and

also target the iconic area around Boulder Rocks in October. The group are always keen to have new members and welcome any help and support.

At left: Pat and Lee at the 'Thankyou Luncheon'. More pictures page 34 and 35.

Ian Colquboun

At left: The Roleybushcare Girls in the Kitchen: Faye, Diane, Jacqui, Maddy and Kathy. Well done ladies. It looks like they enjoy the job!





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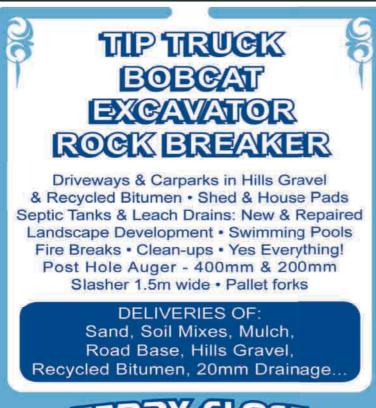
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CommUnity Forum

Roleystone Men's Community Shed

The working group of the Roleystone Community Shed held their first meeting Wednesday 18th May at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. 8 enthusiastic members (and 2 apologists) under the guidance of convenor Chris Johnston, a Director of the Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Bank, spent some time getting to know each other and planning the next step of researching the project.

They are now making contact with several Men's shed projects which are already successfully up and running. They plan to visit these sites in the near future and get an understanding of the challenges they faced in becoming established and the range of users of their particular community facility.

New members (men and women) are still very welcome. If you would like to be involved in the Roleystone Men's Community Shed or to get more information contact Chris Johnston on 0427 462 921 or accesschris@iinet.net.au. You can also visit www.mensshed.org

Chris Johnston



ROB & FRIENDS CELEBRATE SUCCESS

After many weeks of preparation, Rod Freckelton has returned home to Roleystone – having conquered the very wet Gibb River Road Mountain Bike Challenge.

The team of five riders: Nic Lucarelli, John Puglisi, Mike Casley, Bryan Ferarra and Rod Freckelton successfully completed the strenuous 770 kilometre event held from the $8^{\rm th}-12^{\rm th}$ May, finishing 20 something out of 72 teams.

This year's event had to be re-routed somewhat due to some impassable river crossings on the Gibb River Road. The ride was held partly on bitumen surfaces and returned to the unsealed Gibb River road where possible. This area is renowned for its scenery and this year was better than most: 'Great views, flowing creeks and rivers and very green,' Rod reflected.

'Although it was hard work it was also great fun. The most difficult part was the strong easterlies and being passed by huge road trains, with up to five trailers, the last one swinging like it was totally out of control.'

The team, known as The "Chugging Chalkies", raised about \$12000 dollars for Police Legacy and Breast Cancer Research. Well done Rod and the team. Rod wishes to thank the many

Roleystone friends who donated so generously to the causes.

Thanks to Marri Tree Mick for the scoop.



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25 Years Local Experience



I have been doing Zumba classes held by Anne Marie since she first started them in the Roleystone Family Centre. I have found that the classes don't just give me a great workout but a great sense of achievement as well.

We have so much fun and so many laughs as we travel the world with our dance moves. I can't always keep up but that doesn't matter. I have found that one is never too old to try something new. I know that I for one will keep on going as long as Anne keeps running the classes. So thank you Anne.

Wilma Sinclair

What's New at The Roleystone Family Centre?

www.roleyfamilycentre.com.au

We would like to encourage everyone to go and have a look at our fabulous new website. A lot of hard work and community feedback was put into creating an easy to understand, user friendly website that we hope you will enjoy.

You can go look at all the photos, past and present, which include the gorgeous photos entered into our photography competition in April. Also a huge big thank you to all of the supporters of the competition as your donated prizes gave participants that extra little bit of encouragement. Community feedback asks us when the next competition is and we say: stay tuned later on this year!

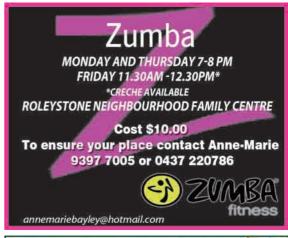
All winning entries are up in the foyer of the Family Centre as part of 'Neighbourhood House Week'. We would love to see our community come in and share a cuppa and look over how wonderfully clever some of our local photographers can be.

We would also love to hear the community's feedback on the website and also suggestions and ideas for future courses. If there is a course or a workshop that you have seen in another area, that you feel Roleystone residents would benefit from, please send us your suggestions. You can easily do this by going to the contact us page on our website. We look forward to all your feedback.

LATE NEWS:

The Family Centre is running Zumba classes on Friday mornings with a crèche available for all those mums who find it difficult to get someone to look after their little ones.

The class runs from 11:30 to 12:30 at a cost of \$10. Bookings are essential for the crèche. For more details or to enrol, please call The Family Centre office 9496 1115.





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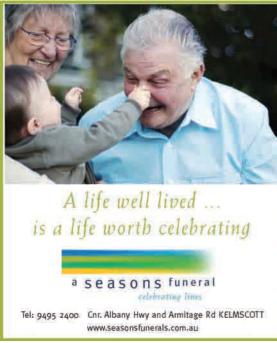


LINDA MOORE

Editorial

JUNE 2011

Some may remember the old song 'June is Busting Out All Over'. Well this is certainly true for this June edition of the Roleystone Courier.







So many people wanted things printed this month, that we had to go to 48 pages. A real bumper issue!

Once again thankyou so much to all of the wonderful people who submit items for publication. You make this a wonderful magazine. This includes our advertisers of course. Their contributions underwrite the magazine and enable this publication to

go from strength to strength.

This month I was inspired to write an opinion piece, after overhearing a gripe about orchardists using airguns to deter birds. While I can appreciate that they are noisy, I felt it important to explain how important such things are; especially in this year of low water and starving birds. Sadly I feel that few people appreciate that orcharding in this vicinity will soon be a thing of the past as there is little money in it and living near hostile neighbours who object to any attempts to keep birds off their fruit is wearing.

Many orchardists I know would gladly sell their land holdings for development, if the zoning regulations allowed them to do so. Farming near by to residential accommodation often leads to stress as the domestic landholders often object to spray drift, smoke, noise and a range of other irritants.

Domestic residents arriving into Roleystone/Karragullen were often lured here by the beauty and serenity of the area and the orchards formed part of this backdrop, when they moved here.

I personally do not object to the gas guns. I feel it is far preferable to alternative methods of bird control.

I have seen directly the devastation reeked by birds on fruit crops.

This year was particularly bad as the drought meant that the birds were starving - so more birds, less food, more fruit was lost. Some orchardists reported losing up to half of their crop for some fruit types. Also the birds have changed:

There are far more black cockatoos (in this location though of course not elsewhere). I have read that Black Cockatoos do not eat fruit but sadly beg to disagree on this one. They do - I have seen them! The effect of their feeding on the apple crop this year was enormous. (Don't get me wrong - I still want them protected).

Also there are other birds here that were not here thirty years ago - there were no pink and grey galahs here (tho I do not know if they are damaging fruit crops excessively) and of course rainbow lorikeets are an introduced species that are renowned for devastating crops.

Even silvereyes were in huge numbers this year and with the drought, there was little flowering in the bush so they naturally feasted on stonefruit.

More homes being built in our area (and some home owners indulging in excessive clearing) mean less natural bush - this has also decreased the natural food available for the birds - so they turn to fruit.

So my view is live and let live. The orchardists must be allowed to protect their livelihood. But I am an orchadist's daughter and understandably biased. What do you think?

HILLS ORCHARD IMPROVEMENT GROUP

Happy reading. Linda

Pink Lady Apples Are In Season

Pictured at right is one of the first Pink Lady Trees ever planted across the world. This one was one of two, first planted at Illawarra as trial trees over forty years ago.

Pink Ladies of course were developed in Western Australia in 1973 as 'Cripps Pink'. Tom Price, Owner of Illawarra Orchard, was one of the first orchardists to plant the species. Now they are 'everyone's favourite apples'.

The Cripps Pink variety was originally bred by John Cripps at the (then named) Western Australia Department of Agriculture by crossing the Australian apple Lady Williams with a Golden Delicious in order to combine the best features of both apples. The apple is both sweet and crisp and is available now from your local growers.

Buy Fresh, Buy Local.



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Warning – Beware of Thieves Frequenting Local Car Parks.

Last Sunday we travelled to Churchmans Brook to enjoy a peaceful picnic and became the victims of robbery when our car was broken into.

This happened at Churchmans Brook dam car park near the playground and BBQ areas on Sunday 8th May.

There were a few families around as well and to our knowledge at least two other cars parked in the same car park, had the windows smashed and everything taken from inside. The robberies happened between 3.30 and 4.30 pm.

We did see 2 cars drive in, hooning

around the car park. One was an old white commodore and the other was an old white 4-wheel drive.

They drove off doing dangerous wheelies, enjoying the dampness on the road surface and we came back to our cars to discover the damage they had caused.

Any other information would be appreciated, as I lost my handbag and one of the ladies lost an iphone and a camera with some irreplaceable holiday shots.

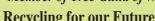
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BACK YARD BURNING OFF RULES FOR THE CITY OF ARMADALE

I have noticed people having bonfires and burning front yards on my dog walking around Roleystone, so I wrote away for clarification of the City of Armadale regulations. I must admit that I did not find the information on their website very clear! So I am passing on what the City of Armadale emailed to me. It might be timely to remind Roleystone residents, that bonfires are not allowed after May 31st and never on Sundays or public holidays! I believe that the fines for this can be very expensive. According to the Shire website all permit applications after 31st May, must go through the Health Department, presumably because of people suffering health problems. Here is the information for burning on small non rural properties.

GARDEN REFUSE AND RUBBISH

Small heaps (up to one (1) cubic metre) of garden refuse may be burnt on the ground between 6.00pm and 11.00pm during the following times:

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- April 1st to May 31st (inclusive)

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- VERY HIGH or EXTREME FIRE DANGER DAYS
- SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Shelagh Fitzpatrick

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Please help us find the Pigs who insult our community with this behaviour. Sometime on or about Friday 29th April, in an area behind the reserve on Maclean Ct, person(s) dumped this domestic rubbish in yours and my back yard.

Who is so inconsiderate to our magnificent suburb that they would do this without a care in the world? Who are these pigs?

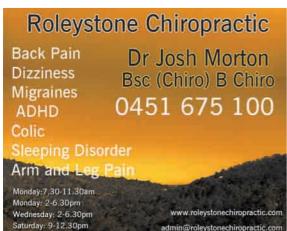
The chances are that the person lives or lived locally. The rubbish would indicate that the person has a young child or children (soiled nappies). They may have moved out of the area on or about that weekend. Maybe you noticed the rubbish, including a double bed, stacked up in a ute or driveway before being dumped. Can you help? Fines are in place to deal with such people and rewards are offered

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Letters to the editor

Dogs Attack Livestock in Vicious Attack

An attack on livestock by domestic dogs is probably the worst situation which a veterinarian has to face. The consequences go well beyond the injuries. Livestock owners confronted with this are distressed, angry and frustrated. There can also be severe financial implications, particularly when stud animals are involved or when a breeding program has been disrupted. Owners are frequently irrational, and often make poor decisions including sometimes refusing to destroy injured animals on veterinary advice or even delaying getting help.

The realisation of the terror which animals have experienced during the attack is particularly difficult to deal with for both the owner and the vet. The impact of such attacks is magnified when injured sheep have been individually hand-reared. If they witness an attack, livestock owners often experience fear as they encounter domestic pet dogs in a state of frenzy, seizing and tearing at their victims, oblivious to an approaching human.

The trauma to individual sheep or other animals which have been attacked invariably involves horrendous injuries well beyond simple bite wounds- faces or ears torn, fractured bones, penetrated joints, and muscle torn from bone or so damaged that gangrene is inevitable no matter what one does.

I attended after such an attack took place on a property at Karragullen in the late afternoon or evening of Tuesday $17^{\rm th}$ May. It involved both lambing ewes and rams. Sheep were severely mauled, four requiring early euthanasia and two dying subsequently of uncontrolled infection. One was a ewe with young twin lambs, another a hand-reared pet. Sheep were jammed under fences; others were unable to get up because of exhaustion or injury. What made this particularly distressing was that attacks on sheep have occurred on this and nearby properties several times over the past 2 years.

The dogs which did this could have travelled for several kilometres, most likely coming from Karragullen itself or nearby parts of Roleystone. The perpetrators would have been beloved pets, dogs which someone had allowed to roam. This begs questions of culpability and responsibility. It is very easy to blame the dogs, or for a livestock owner to feel justified in apprehending or shooting them. However, I direct the blame to those negligent owners who do not supervise or restrain their animals. If anyone knows where these dogs have come from, please contact the Roleystone Courier or the Ranger Service at the City of Armadale.

In being part of this community, all of us need to be committed to responsible pet ownership. To avoid distressing incidents such as this in the future, each of us should not only look to our own dogs, but also not hesitate to act appropriately if we become aware of the risk from dogs allowed to roam by others in our community. Talk to your neighbours, encourage responsible pet ownership and as a last resort, seek help from the rangers.

Dr Ray Batey Veterinary Surgeon

A Tale of 3 Dogs, a Car Wash and Lots of Suds

A well known Roleystone guru flew in after a stint inland and found the wife at work and the car a bit grubby so he decided to take the Ute down to the car wash. He packed up his three dogs into the back seat and off they went. Two of the dogs, Mick and Monty are old hands at the car wash. They were joined by new comer 'Doug' a 40kg Bassett Hound who was a novice but just as keen as the other two.

Things went well as they entered the drive thru. When the car was in, the brushes were on and the soap suds covered the car windows, Doug panicked. He jumped from the back seat right onto the driver.

In the confusion Doug's paws hit the window control and all four windows wound down right in the middle of the wash cycle. Ribbons flapped, soap and water gushed in and the dogs howled. The driver managed to get control of the car and he drove out of the car wash, soaked and seething! Was Doug 'torn limb from limb', was the car OK - we do not know! We hear that he has now come around to see the funny side of the incident.

One observer believes he just wanted to get his dogs and car washed for a discount price.

Information provided by 'a couple of good mates'!!!!!

Letters to the editor

WARNING: RESIDENTS ARE ON THE MOVE!

The most beautiful trio of kangaroos bounded across Urch Road at 7.45 am the other morning, from the 'low side', to the bush on the 'high side'.

Two of them were rather large, and I watched as they stopped by the side of the road and then took off. In a couple of jumps they were up the slope on the other side.

Two minutes later a car came swooshing around the bend, too fast, and completely oblivious to the kangaroos, which were sitting watching just metres away.

To all the drivers who travel in both directions along Urch Road, can you please slow down and think about our wildlife which live in the bush on both sides of this road.

I know 60kms seems slow, but I live along this road and so do a lot of our children, so SLOW DOWN and enjoy the beautiful view.

You will still get to your destination!

The kangaroos are also on the move at twilight and very difficult to see, as I found out on my way home from footy training pick-up.

(I'm a Mum. I do a lot of driving around Roleystone!!) So please take note: Slow Down along Urch Road or you could find yourself with an unwanted damage bill and another kangaroo could die a horrible death.

Vicki Sallur Urch Road Resident.

World

Challenge

Organic Growers Keep Growing!

We had around 40 people for the talk on Selecting, Planting and Caring for Drought Resistant, Edible, Ornamental Plants given by local horticulturalist Chris Oliver at the last Organic Growers Meeting. This was a real success.

Some of the drought resistant plants that Chris recommended were Bottlebrush, Eremophila, Dryandra, Yucca, Olive, Lilly Pilly, Dianella, Casuarina, Juniper (ground cover), Hakea and Kunzea baxteri.

Lots of people came as a result of what they read in the Courier. We have a number of new people coming this year and really enjoying the meetings after reading about them in the Courier. Your paper does a lot for the community in many ways.

This month, on June 8th, we will have a panel of locals talking about how they saved their homes in the recent fires, how they are now and what changes they have made or will make.

This is a very important meeting because even if it's not your home, you may be able to help a friend in this situation! It is at the Family Centre and everyone is welcome.

Lisa Porter Coordinator Roleystone Organic Growers

Challenge Progress

Hannah, Rhiannon, Kwakou and Josh are going great guns with their fundraising activities.

Recently Rhiannon and Hannah had a sausage sizzle at Mitre 10. Thanks to Roleystone Meats for the sausages

and the Star Bakery in Kelmscott for the bread rolls. We had several comments from happy customers on these. Then Kwakou and Hannah sold raffle tickets outside IGA. The 1st prize was 2 x 3 month passes to join Genesis Gym in Kelmscott, won by ticket no 346 - Dianne. The 2nd prize was a tennis racket set, won by ticket no 24, Tabea. Both prize winners were very happy. Our thanks to Genesis, Kelmscott and Toolstore WA, Rockingham, for their prize donations.

We are doing lots of preparation for our World Challenge at school, with an expedition down to Dwellingup with some hiking and team building involved. We are also off to Mountain Designs to see what sort of gear we will need, so we will be well prepared when we finally go off to Borneo in November. We have started discussions about what sort of community service we will be doing. We have been told it could either be working in an orphaned elephant santuary or a school for blind children.

We'll keep you up to date when we know more.

In the meantime, thanks to all the people of our community who have been supporting us, we appreciate it.

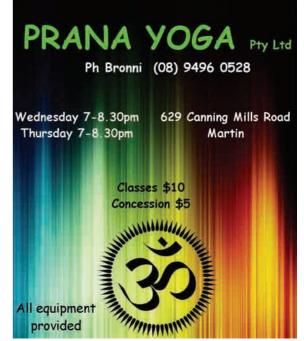
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Vale Marian Kraima 16/07/35 - 08/05/11

Marian Kraima (nee Poutsma) died on the 8th May 2011 after a long battle with cancer.

Marian and her husband John (Kees) had only moved to Roleystone recently to be closer to her son and daughter and their families.

The Kraimas were very impressed with the strong sense of community in this area. Marian leaves 6 children: Jon, Marilyn, Petra, Salome, David and Evelyn and 16 wonderful grandchildren.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the love, support and condolences' received during this difficult time,

Thank you.

The Kraima Family

Marian is pictured above and at right and with her husband Kees.





SIOBNY MAKES CASH FROM ASH

Cash for Ashes was a fundraiser held to raise money for the Roleystone Fire Disaster. On Friday 6th May at Manhattans Bar in Victoria Park, Siobny Cook, Ryan Webb and the Method, Miche Suite and Heath Marshall donated their time and talent to help raise money. Each artist gave a wonderful performance, and with over 100 people attending, they managed to raise just over \$2000. This has now been donated to the Lord Mayor's Distress fund.

The 4 acts played 'till their fingers burned', well at least that's what it felt like. They might not have been thinking of flames as they performed, but they played their fingers numb for people who knew well the power of fire.

Organiser Siobny Cook is a musician from Como. She has no links with the area but found the stories really upsetting. Siobny is pictured below with her friend Erin Pike . 'It just struck a chord with me, I really felt sorry for everyone who had lost everything, I couldn't think of anything worse, so I started thinking what I could possibly do

to help, and being a muso, I know I can entertain, so thought why not entertain and turn it into a fundraiser?' It's refreshing to know that the community can come together in a time like this and help.

Siobny Cook

Thanks Siobny and your friends for your compassion and commitment.





Biggest Cuppa Morning Tea

There was no better way to start a cool crisp May morning than at the Roleystone Community Hall for the Biggest Cuppa Morning Tea held on behalf for the Cancer Council. Cancer is a 6 letter word that we all fear and we all know someone who been affected by this cruel disease. So it was really good to see a great turn out to support this wonderful cause.

The morning was a real treat. The hall looked amazing, tables dressed in white table cloths with night lights and there was a real warm vibe to the morning. Everyone that attended was spoilt rotten with a magnificent spread of cakes, sandwiches, fruit platters and hot savouries. Children from local schools sang and performed lovely songs and music. Local star Paul Peacock sang his way through the event with true style and passion. There was a raffle held throughout the morning with some amazing prizes .

The morning literally finished with everyone on a high. A group of people gathered on the oval with yellow balloons with messages written for their loved ones. As they were released into the air, it was a very touching way to complete this successful event.

A huge thank you to John Bulich, Fraser Williams and the team of volunteers who were behind the day.

I look forward to next year's event

Julie Stack –Horgan Roley resident

Beautiful Indian Food Comes to Armadale



An authentic, quality Indian restaurant has opened in Armadale. The King India restaurant serves authentic Northern Indian and Tandoori dishes.

It is also very reasonably priced and their lunch specials are proving very popular with the Thali special at only \$11 (2 veg curries, rice, pickle, salad and raita) or \$13 if you prefer your curries to be meat. The owner of the King India is Tariq Islam (you can call him Terry). Tariq has previously run a highly successful Indian restaurant in Victoria Park and moved his business to Armadale just over one year ago.

The restaurant is conveniently sited near the Grand Cinema Complex and near Hans cafe.

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Craig and Rebecca have been running the Roleystone Deli for over two years now and

have decided that it is time to make some changes.

Following feedback from their loyal customers they have decided to change direction.

'We want to focus more on providing lunches and tasty breakfasts. Our main clients are tradies and locals wanting tasty, quick and wholesome foods rather than clients requesting more traditional deli lines. Craig said. 'The changes are planned from 1st July'.

In line with changing the focus to provision of quick breakfasts and lunches, the store opening times will change with Monday - Friday opening from 6am - 3.30 and Saturday 6.30 -3.30pm. On Sunday the store

The couple are planning to keep most things as they are - except for making some cosmetic changes to the store and making a few alterations to the menu.

will be closed.

So Craig would like to assure all customers that:

'The same great service, delicious food and friendly smiles will still be here.'

Craig and Rebecca are looking forward to seeing you in their new look store 'Roleystone Lunchbar and Takeaways' after 'The Transition' on July 1.



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For the uninitiated, online dating is a little daunting, but most take to the process quickly and begin a voyage into the world of titillation and disappointment. While it is without a doubt, a means by which some find true love, cyber connection can be fraught with pitfalls - misrepresentation in profiles, high cost of contact, rejection & deception are common complaints – a disappointing scenario for the emotionally vulnerable.

For the majority of web dabblers, the dream of meeting their perfect match quickly dissolves into feelings of disillusionment and despair.

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Our launch cocktail party was held at Roleystone's Grape Gallery and 30 guests happily mingled while enjoying quality wines and a specially designed canapé menu.

Special thanks go to Paul, Roni, Michaela & staff for the superb night they provided.

With a variety of monthly meetings coming up, why not join us? If you are currently single & would like to meet people locally, at fully hosted events, come along & be part of the fun!

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Two students from John Wollaston John Wollaston Anglican Community School are preparing to show their talents at national and international equestrian events. Following a remarkable performance by

the nine members of the School's equestrian team at the recent 2011 WA Interschool Championships, Year 6 student Lily Hackett has been selected to represent the State for the third consecutive time.

Lily will travel to Werribee, Victoria, with her horse Springmount Patrick to compete at the National Interschool Championships in October.

Principal Anne Ford said it was a well-deserved outcome after Lily was named the State Champion in the Novice Dressage and Primary Showman categories at the WA Interschool Championships, held from 29 April to 1 May at the State Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon.

John Wollaston's Primary team achieved the titles of State Champion Showman team, Reserve Champion Dressage team and Reserve Champion Primary overall.

Pictured above right: John Wollaston's equestrian team is celebrating success, showing off their ribbons and trophies from the recent WA Interschool Championships: (Back) Issabelle Leppard, Ashleigh De Groot, Jane Edwards, Luan Bristow and Michelle Lachenicht with (front) Ciara De Groot, Lily Hackett, Amelia Edmonds-Coad and Nicola Lachenicht

Welcome To Leon's Room for Winter Comfort

Now that winter is approaching the thought of going to a 'Tea room in a nursery' may not seem so appealing. But John at Miaflora has turned that idea around with the opening of Leon's room. Sited in the old homestead, Leon's room has been totally renovated to provide comfort and warmth on those cold, wintery days.

The room features the artwork of Leo Pericles, a renowned Perth painter. Small groups (of up to 20 people) can book the room by phoning John on 9397 5518. (Miaflora is open Thurs – Sundays from 9am – 5pm). For public dining, Leon's room will only be open when the weather makes

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Births: To Mike Moore - a Shed

After a long gestation (of over thirty years) the Moore's are proud to announce the birth of their New Shed. Father Mike is doing well and is very excited. Linda is happy that lots of the stuff cluttering up the spare rooms can finally be moved out of the house! Finally a place to escape to, a really blokey place to do 'manly stuff in', a place for mates, and perhaps even enough room for a boat!

Mike would like to thank many people for assisting in the long and difficult delivery. Neighbours, friends, family, tradesmen and passers-by have given encouragement (and criticism) in equal measure. Yes it is BIG!

Thanks especially to the shed constructors, the enthusiastic team from WA Treeworks,

Kevin from Silver Fusion, Joe Dirt from Roleystone Bobcat, Tony Winder with his Roleystone Mini Excavator, Tony Castafaro and the boys for the concreting, Andrew Warrington for the electrics and Peter from PJ's Home Maintenace.

Special thanks to Dom Zaviatteri for his constant advice, guidance and support. (His is still bigger!)

This is living proof that if you live long enough anything can be achieved.

Now if anyone rings on the home phone we can truthfully say that - Mike is in the shed.

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If chefs eat there it must be good! (And it was - we were at the next table and it was lovely).

Pictured at right: Gary and Kim share a joke.

Happy 40th Birthday: Sophia Mosquita from the Deli at IGA.







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So now after thirty Christmases and too many events to remember, their extensive range of meats, free range eggs and condiments give Roleystone residents a wonderful selection.

Brian recalls: 'In 1981 the meat industry was basically steak chops and sausages and now we are providing services ranging from Caterers, Chefs and Pastry Cooks as well as providing meats for everyday.'

The move into providing scrumptious pies has proved particularly successful with many locals looking forward to the days

Guinness and Lamb Curry).

In the words of Sandy Weir: 'We have spent the last thirty years watching Roleystone grow! We have seen many generations of Roleystone/Karragullen families and we thank them all for their support over this time.

And the community is very thankful to Brian and Sandy for their generous support of a range of events.

Locals are often treated to donated or discounted meats when they attend public community functions across town. A heartfelt thankyou to you both.

With their friendly smiles, quick wit and efficient service the staff at Roleystone Family Meats provides much appreciated customer service and great meat too.

Congratulations Brian and Sandy and we look forward to having you around for many more years.

Thank you from the Hart Family ON BEHALF OF MOLLIE

On behalf of the nieces and nephews of Mollie Connole, I wish to pass on our heartfelt thanks for the kindess of Roleystone people in general and her close friends in particular, who ensured that she was not alone when she passed away, during a period none of us were

Also I wish to single out Rev. Leslie Borowitzka, of St. Christophers Anglican Church in Roleystone. She was under the hammer to get other things done but still came through for our old aunt for her funeral service.

The nephew who became suddenly amazed when he had his mouth washed out with soap when he cut loose with some bad language down at the old place once too often within earshot of Auntie Mollie.

We had NAPLAN early in the term which went off relatively smoothly. Since then it's been quiet but businesslike.

The Open Night/ Book Fair went very well with great support for our school shown by the parents and relatives of the students by their attendance, and by the way they looked through workbooks.

The classroom displays were really lovely, so well done to everyone involved – teachers, assistants, students and parent helpers. Mrs Ruck said that the Book Fair was very successful as well.

Roleystone Primary has a worthy tradition of nurturing teachers of the future. In our modern time-stretched times many schools do not invite student teachers to work with them: but some students are lucky enough that our staff regularly remember with





thanks, the teachers that took the time with them, and return the favour.

This term we have Ms Sarah Drewitt working in Rooms 9,10 and 13 and Ms Laini Harris (a former RPS student) working in Room 17. We welcome them and wish them every success on this last Practice before going it 'alone'.

I visited Pre-Primary 1 to see what they were up to this term. Some class members were having a rumble! I entered a jungle with creatures, vines and possibly a few Janes and Tarzans! At this school we run the 'Virtues Programme', and PP1 were in the process of making a Virtues Lion, using their hand shape cut out to create the mane. There is no end to the creative talent and imagination of our staff. I'm not sure what the lion is going to do, but I'm sure it will help to raise the profile of virtuous conduct amongst PP1 students. This is followed through at assemblies where a raffle of virtues earners slips is drawn and prizes are awarded – sponsored by our own Bendigo Bank.

On the way up to PP1 I came across Mr Springett running a great Phys. Ed. lesson, teaching the finer points on Netball to Room 13 students. They were really having a good time.

In the undercover area Mr Blaker was rehearsing for his class's assembly item; a song which could prove to be a real tearjerker. (I'll let you know next month. I will also endeavour to get some more 'Blast from the Past' interviews going over the coming months.)

Pat Watson

Pictured at Left.

Bottom: Liam and Ben making patterns with elastic bands on pegboards. Middle: Ms Drewett with Ben, Jordan and Shima students from Room 10, Top: Keeley showing us her still life sunflower drawing.

Below: Amy Clarke working in Preprimary D3 with Christine Heavey. More pictures centre pages.



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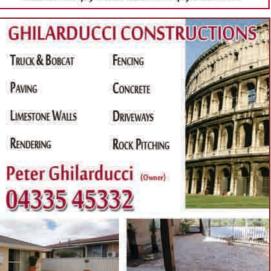
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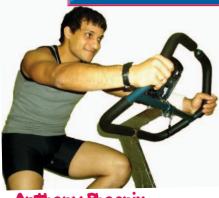
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Anthony Phoenix

This is a topic that is quite near to me as my grandma passed away last month.

Watching her go from the mobile and lively person I remember, to the bedbound person she became, was hard for me, as I know just how much her quality of life would have benefited from some simple exercises.

As we age, our bodies get stiff and slow down. The onset of osteoporosis, arthritis and other conditions associated with increasing age can be painful both physically and emotionally. At this time it can seem easier to avoid discomfort by resting and reducing activity, but doing this only speeds up the process of atrophy.

Many people don't realise just how beneficial light exercise can be. Light mobility exercises are fantastic for arthritic joints. Weight bearing exercise is great for combating the effects of osteoporosis. While the early stages of exercise often results in varying degrees of muscle soreness, it is well worth the effort. The hard part is pushing past

that initial phase of discomfort. Sometimes it can be hard to know what exercises to perform. It can also be scary; the fear of making an existing problem worse is a very real concern.

No matter how much discomfort you may be experiencing, the best thing to do is to keep as active as possible. Most of the time, your body will let you know what you can and can't do, so don't be afraid, just give it a go!

To help you know what exercises you can do, I have compiled a bunch of easy exercises on my website www.strikezonefitness. com.au. Check it out and leave your feedback and questions!

Assisting Pets Photonic Therapy

In recent years whilst working as a mobile vet treating mostly small animals, I have become very interested in alternative treatments that I can offer to animal patients.

Frequently I treat middle aged dogs for arthritis using anti-inflammatory injections and tablets. This can be a very rewarding treatment option with excellent results. In some cases, the outcome is not as helpful and I like to be able to offer other options. One of the options I have been investigating is the use of photonic therapy for more regular treatments which can be performed by the owner.

Photonic therapy is a natural therapy which involves the application of red light to the skin, in the area of acupuncture meridians, to increase the energy to the cells and stimulate responses to encourage healing and repair. This effect lies in the levels of stimulation which the brain cannot ignore, and is the basis of acupuncture and Traditional Chinese medicine.

These treatments can be used for wound healing and repair, emergency first aid, stimulating the immune system, reducing inflammation, and increasing the blood circulation, as well as providing relief from acute and chronic pain.

I recently used photonic therapy as an intervention to bring relief to a horse with colic, whilst waiting the equine vet to provide conventional treatment. By applying the red light beam, to several simple colic points, I was pleased to observe the horse stopped pawing the ground, trying to roll and groaning. The heart and respiratory rates slowed to more normal levels, and the owner noticed that the horse looked like it was going to sleep.

A very different scene from 10 minutes earlier!

I would be happy to discuss this therapy with anyone who is interested in further information – please call me on 0433 2137 28.

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Many thanks to everyone who attended our recent Busy Bee held on Saturday 21st May. The cockatoos and galahs have been making quite a mess around the courts and we definitely needed to clean up.

On Sunday 22nd May we had our Afternoon Tennis Competition.

We had 20 players with 4 Teams of 5. We played 4 sets of tennis and enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea. We were very fortunate with the weather and the winning team was - Bob Hay, Julie Moyce, Judy Smith, Tracey Backhouse & John Meharry. (The winners are pictured above).

Well done to them and thank you to all our other players.



Coming Events Christmas In July

Our Christmas in July Dinner will be held on Saturday 2nd July. We are catering for 50 people at the moment so please put your name down ASAP. We will have tennis commencing at 2pm 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@iinet.net.au or Wendy, our President on 9397 6620.

For the remainder of the 2010/2011 season our membership prices are reduced: Juniors \$30.00 (under 18), Students \$40.00 (full time students with current University/TAFE cards), Adults \$50.00, Couples \$90.00, Families \$120.00 (2 Adults/2 children). Junior Coaching

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Gardening in Bushfire Risk areas

Now we have had our first rains, it is a good time for all gardeners and landscape designers to consider bushfire risk when designing and planting their garden. All garden plants can become fuel in a bushfire adding to the likelihood of homes igniting and being destroyed.

Landscaping can both assist in the survival of a building in a bushfire, but can also be a determining measure in its destruction. A degree of care is required when selecting species and the location of landscaping.

Selecting suitable plant species for bush fire prone areas has traditionally been based on lists of plants described as "fire resistant", "fire tolerant" or "low potential fire hazard". However all plants will burn under the right conditions and plants do not achieve a "fire resistance level" in accordance with the Building Code of Australia.

A whole range of factors need to be considered when selecting plants for a garden including (but not limited to): moisture content, oil and mineral content in leaves, density and height of lowest foliage, bark texture and leaf fineness.

Exotic deciduous trees have a high water content (250%-400% of oven dried weight) compared to most native trees (80%-150% of oven dried weight). Introduced evergreen hardwoods and conifers fall between these two extremes. Oils are readily volatile and promote flaming, while higher mineral levels present in leaves lowers flammability. Bark that is either loose, flaky, stringy, papery or ribbon like contributes to flame and radiation and assists ember generation.

The best reference book I have seen is "Landscape and building design for Bushfire Areas by Ramsay and Rudolf (2006). It identifies 14 plant attributes and their bushfire performance characteristics. It provides a system for determining what plants may suit your garden best, and you don't need to be a botanist to understand it. The CSIRO publishing website have it available at http://www.publish.csiro.au/pid/3461.htm.

I recommend you check it out.

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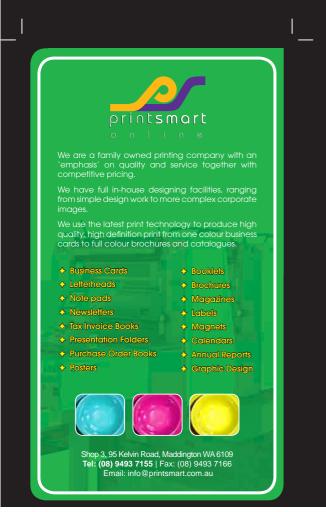


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great summer of competition.





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AUTUMN & TULIPS Araluen in autumn is a beautiful time

to visit. The autumn colours in the trees are stunning at the moment, especially the Ginkgo biloba, Liquidambar's and so many more.

Our first tulip-planting weekend was a great success and we still have plenty more to plant. You are invited to come along on the 11 and 12 June, anytime after 9.30, to put the rest in the ground. Your reward for doing this is free entry at blossom time and a delicious morning tea.

It's a good idea to bring along some gardening gloves to protect your hands and we will supply you with bulb planters to make the job easier.

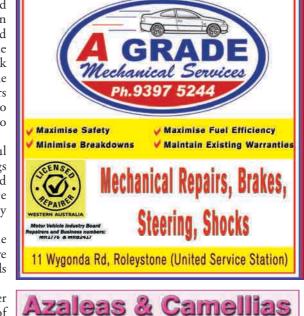
THE MEMORIAL PERGOLA

On previous visits to the Park you may have noticed the Mary Hargreaves Memorial Pergola at the top of the Centenary Lawn. This has been under construction for a few years. The pergola is now complete with a tiled roof making it a great all weather area for groups and families looking for a place to meet and celebrate. The views from this pergola are stunning taking in a wide expanse of the Park. Parking, BBQ's and toilet facilities are all within easy access to the pergola.

The pergola features stone pillars, jarrah logs and a tiled roof making it much the same as existing structures in the Park. There are a number of jarrah benches in and around the pergola enabling visitors to sit and enjoy the views.







GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

This last lot of rain has done wonders for the gardens as well as the gardener's spirit.

One feels so happy to be able to get our hands into damp soil and try to find some order out of the mayhem created by the

long, hot, dry season.

Autumn tones have appeared miraculously in the valley and if we want to plant deciduous plants, now is the time to look around for those species which are bound to colour the autumn scene.

Last year I purchased a Parrotia persica. It was very small but lasted most of the summer; unfortunately it succumbed to the dry of autumn. I will have to replace

Another deciduous tree I would love to grow is Taxodium distichum, this one is a conifer which does so love water. I like the knees it puts up all along the root system.

The Sasanqua Camellias are making a very pretty show at the moment. I have Paradise Blush, Paradise Louise, Cleopatra White, and Bonanza and they are all very colourful. Check them out at the nurseries and you are sure to find ones that are suitable for your garden.

Camellia Japonica 'Árajishi' blooms really early in the year and 'Susie Fortson' is also blooming. 'Mrs Anne Marie' Hovey' is a really hardy, pretty, pink and white variegated formal, which will eventually

grow into a shady tree, if you let it.

The Roleystone Garden Group are hoping to go to a nursery for our June get together, on the third Thursday of the month from 10am until 12noon. All are very welcome.

We meet at 24 Orana Way and then car pool for our outing. In May we enjoyed visiting a beautiful garden on Brookton Highway. This garden had survived the summer on hand watering and the occasional use of sprinklers from the soak on the property. Most of the plants on the property had been planted several years ago, so were very well established. Also the high canopy of vegetation was able to shelter any smaller plants.

The vincas provided a very colourful display and there were many seedlings waiting to be planted out. We had a magnificent morning tea before returning to our own homes. A very happy gathering, thanks Angie.

Time now, to get back out into the garden and try to eliminate weeds, before they take hold. If we cannot grow weeds we cannot grow a garden!

The bandicoots are enjoying the softer earth and I guess the proliferation of worms. As the soil gets more friable the plants will thrive without the need to fertilise so often. A blending of sand and clay as with the use of 'Soil Solver' seems to be allowing a far better growing medium.

I hope that you have managed to get your bulbs into the ground while there is still some warmth in the soil. If so, you can curl up with a good book and enjoy a rest through winter.

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BOWLING ALONG With Keith Rinaldi

Winter bowls have been in full swing with strong fields turning up to contest social events each Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming several new bowlers to our club during these afternoons and continue to encourage anyone who would like to give lawn bowls a try to come along and join in the fun while the weather continues to throw up the fine days we have been lucky enough to enjoy. Once the rain really sets in our greens may not always be available for play, so don't delay – come along and try your hand at this challenging sport. Other activities around the club at present include a refurbishment of one of our greens in preparation for the coming season.

After many years the borders of the green were beginning to fall in disrepair and we have commenced replacing the old edging. We

anticipate that this work, which is being completed by volunteers from within the club, will be finished in time for the start of next season.

It was wonderful to see a strong contingent of lawn bowlers supporting the Cancer Council of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser hosted by club members Brian & Tina Betts with Tony & Sylvia Byrne.

This is the third time these couples have organised a morning tea and this year just over \$700 was raised, with all proceeds going to help with the ongoing research into various forms of cancer.

Although our season has come to an end, there continues to be plenty of sport and recreation along with social activity as the club continues to gather strength and we welcome all enquiries from prospective members. To find out more about lawn bowls come along to the Roleystone Country Club, 6 Wygonda Road, Roleystone or make contact by phone on 9397 5665.





Top: Phil Deas and Ron Courtman prepare the sleeper surrounds for placement on the banks of one of our greens. Above: Lawn bowlers Tony & Sylvia Byrne along with Tina & Brian Betts hosted a Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for the third year in a row.









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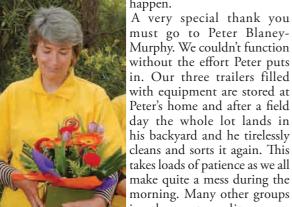
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VOLUNTEERS WEEK

On Sunday May 15th, regular members of the Group and their families were treated to a spit-roast lunch at the local Family Centre. We had 59 people turn up, 41 adults, kids and lots of babies.

Amelia and Sally Mutton presented bouquets of flowers to our popular morning tea ladies: Faye Clay, Kathy Blaney-Murphy and Yvonne Ward (pictured at left). This annual function is always a great time for people to meet up and compare notes. Our volunteers help out in many different ways and don't always manage to meet in person. Some scrap-book our media coverage, write articles for the local magazines or work on the website. Others keep our finances in order, take meeting notes, clean and pick up syringes after field days, make cakes for our morning tea. We have all sorts of volunteers who all make "Roleybushcare" happen.



borrow our equipment and again Peter sorts out the stuff and has everything streamline and tidy for us. Thanks heaps Peter.

A big thank you to Ben and Sue at Roleystone Hardware who organize the hiring of our dieback equipment at no cost to the Group. An important service performed by the Roleystone Courier and the Valley Reporter in publishing our articles which advertise our next field days is much appreciated. We appreciate the local businesses who supported again this year by selling our 2011 Calendar in their stores. Thank you Roleystone Supa IGA, Roleystone Newsagency, Earthbound Organics and Genesis in the Hills. We would still love to have more volunteers join us. Give us a call or email if you would like to be involved.

PLANT SALE

Saturday 11th June 9am till noon at the Roleystone Shops. Local species for sale at \$3 each.

NEXT FIELD DAY

Revegetation Field Day on Sunday 12th June 9am till noon at Windsor Reserve. Check the website or our notice board at the Roleystone Shops for more details. For a last minute check if it is raining or stormy, look at the website on the day of the field day at 8.15am or ring Ian on 0427 800 732.





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Sylvia is a master of her art and has written two books: Asian Elegance with Japanese Fabrics and More, and Paradise Stitched.

These techniques have both Japanese and Hawaiian influences and feature Sylvia's passion for flowers.

The workshops will start with fabric colouring followed by Sashiko. Sylvia will then demonstrate her favourite method to pre-form appliqué shapes. She will also teach invisible appliqué stitch, curves and points and cover how to choose fabrics and 'fussy cut' to achieve depth and dimension. If you are interested, you should contact Jan Cornish on: 0417 169 239 soon to reserve your place.





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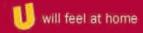
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The community sector is the mainstay for mums and dads and people who face these extraordinary daily challenges and the Government understands this.

This year's State Budget includes an additional \$604 million injected into the community sector over the next 5 years. And this is despite a \$442 million surplus, a biggest ever infrastructure spends, a substantial downward revision in property transfer and a declining share of the GST.

Helen Morton MLC

This unprecedented funding boost to the community sector will help nongovernment agencies enhance services in areas as diverse as social housing for the disabled, support to tackle youth suicide and help for people with disabilities to join the workforce. This support will improve the lives of many families in our community.

I am thrilled to be part of a government that is prepared to put its money where its mouth is and I look forward to seeing real change in the areas of mental health and disability services in the near future.

If you would like any further information on any State Budget matter, please do not hesitate in contacting my office on 9452



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URINARY INCONTINENCE

Definition: I have chosen to write on this often taboo and forgotten condition, because of how common it is in our society.

Defined as any involuntary leakage of urine, this condition is thought to affect up to 4 million Australians. Between 2-13% of men and 19-37% of woman, suffer some type of urinary incontinence and the incidence increases in those over 65. This condition need not be thought of as a part of the ageing process and there are treatments!

Types: There are five types of urinary incontinence as described in the table below, taken from the British Medical Journal. (See Table below right).

Treatments/Lifestyle changes: The purpose of treatment should always be to reduce symptoms and improve quality of life:

Being overweight increases the incidence of 'urge' and 'stress' incontinence. In a study of obese woman an intensive weight loss plan over 6 month (average 8kg loss) halved the number of incontinence episodes/week Regular Constipation causes straining of our pelvic floor muscles. Treating constipation can often improve incontinence issues

Excessive caffeine intake can affect those with an overactive bladder or urge incontinence (100mg/day (1 cup) is recommended).

Modifying fluid intake.

Roleystone Community Chemist Health Advice - Stephen White

Medications. Many medications can worsen incontinence issues. Whilst the list is extensive they include diuretics, pain relievers and certain types of blood pressure tables and some types of anti-depressant medications.

Non-medicinal Treatments: include pelvic floor exercises and bladder training. Pelvic floor exercises need to continue for at least 3 months and are particularly useful in woman following child birth, and in both men and woman for 'stress' and 'mixed'incontinence. Ask your pharmacist for an information sheet describing these exercises.

Bladder training to regain bladder control and increase bladder capacity includes timed voiding and urge suppression techniques with relaxation. It works successfully if maintained for at least 6 weeks.

Medicinal treatments: The main treatment for 'urge' incontinence, in combination with bladder training, are the anticolinergic medicines: oxybutinin (available in tablet or patch form), Vesicare or Enablex. These medicines act by reducing the contractility of the bladder muscle and reduce the distress people experience with urine leakage. Side effects of these medicines include dry mouth, blurred vision, constipation and confusion all of which are more likely to occur in the elderly. Medicines such as Pressin, Flomaxtra and Proscar assist urinary flow in men, when incontinence problems are associated with enlargement of the prostate.

For those with incontinence issues. overcoming embarrassment and seeking help is half the battle on the way to a happier healthier lifestyle. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for assistance.



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Types of Incontinence FROM THE BRITISHMEDICAL JOURNAL

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Involuntary leakage accompanied by or immediately preceded by urgency

MixedInvoluntary

leakage associated with urgency and also with exertion effort, sneezing or coughing

Leakage owing to bladder overflow obstruction of any cause resulting in large post-void residual volume

FUNCTIONAL INCONTINENCE

resulting from and inability to reach or use the toilet in time(e.g. poor mobility, cognitive impairment).



Organic Growers How Local Residents Saved Their Homes During the Fires











While many residents sadly lost their home during the Kelmscott/ Roleystone fires, there were some that stayed and defended their homes.

There are many factors involved in whether one should stay and fight a fire. At the June meeting of Roleystone Organic Growers we will have a panel of 3 families who will talk about their experience during the fire.

Local residents Leissa and Paul Hanley, Howard Herbert, and Carol and John Wolf, all saved their homes.

Howard's friend Paul Huisman very kindly came from Byford and helped him fight the fire and he will be on the panel too. They will discuss how they fought the fire, how it is now and what changes they have made to their properties and home to make it safer for the future.

The meeting is on Wednesday 8th June at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.

Top right: Leighton, Tori-Cheyne and Bradd Hanley, with some of their firefighting equipment.
Right: The fire approaches the Hanley house.





Astronomical Highlights June

Occasionally I wonder why our calendar doesn't begin at the June solstice, instead of near the December one.

Our calendar is Pope Gregory's 1582 upgrade on Julius Caesar's 45BC replacement of an older mangled mess of a Roman calendar. Perhaps the Caesarian management thought that celebrating the New Year in summer would've taken time away from other more important activities. Long before Caesar enforced the reorganisation of the Roman calendar, there had been a list of ten 31-day and 30-day months totalling 304 days, with a winter of 61 days that weren't assigned to any month.

Then it got worse. Certain CEOs added months, swapped days to and fro, and generally bent the system to meet their own requirements (some things never change). Anyway, the solstice is on the 22nd. Around that time we have our shortest days and longest nights and we see the Sun as far north as it ever gets. For Perth and environs, it's about 10 hours from sunrise to sunset and about 14 hours back again.

There's a total lunar eclipse at full moon time on the night of the 15th - 16th. The Moon will go through the Earth's shadow in the early hours of the 16th, with the umbral or total phase of the eclipse lasting from 3:22am to 5:03am. The partial phases will take a further hour on either

side of that time slot.

The Moon's phases: new moon on the 2nd, first quarter the 9th, full moon the 16th, last quarter the 23rd. Then new moon again on July 1st. Teachers, your evening Moon "obs" can begin on the 3rd or 4th and go till the 16th.

Saturn is the only visible evening planet. It's in Virgo. In early June it's high up in the NE sky at dusk and transits the meridian (passes due north) at about 8:15pm. By mid-month it's further west and transits at about 7:20pm. Transit time at month's end is about 6:25pm. Culmination or meridian transit is when the planet's at its highest and looks best through a telescope. The parade of morning planets is over. Jupiter's got away by itself and will be seen as the brightest starlike object in the NE sky at daybreak. The waning crescent moon pays Jupiter a visit on the morning of the 26th. Mars rises about 2 hours ahead of the Sun and can be found low in the ENE at daybreak, all month. Venus is below and to the right of Mars in early June - you'll need a clear view low in the east to see it. By mid-month Venus will be lost in the morning twilight, and won't be easily observable again until it appears as the "evening star" in late September.

Greg Lowe
Perth Observatory





WHAT AN INFLUENCE!! A GUEST REVIEW



Pictured: Above: Theatre - front of house staff: Malita Ronchi, Sherrill Wallis, Joanne Padgett & Henry Ronchi. Above right: Cassie Skinner. Below left: Director and lead character: Kim Martin. Bottom of page: The Roleystone Theatre cast of Influence. Well done for a great show!

We had the pleasure of enjoying a magnificent dinner at the Grape Gallery last week followed by a most entertaining and thought provoking show at the Roleystone Theatre. The meal was perfect in all regards, - atmosphere, culinary delights, friendliness and service: well done to Paul, Roni and Michaela for having us seated, fed and to the Theatre in time for the play.

The play INFLUENCE (a David Williamson production), included humour, shock, truth, war crimes, parenting, heartaches, love, contempt and currency.

We thought the acting was as professional as one experiences at the Playhouse or the Octagon. A tremendous effort and congratulations to all the crew involved both on and off the stage. Accolades to the cast: Kim Martin (also the Director), Hayley Mayne, Cassie Skinner (we loved the realistic adolescent behaviour Cassie), Steve Osborne, Lorraine Ragus Marko, Ray Condy and Sharon Thomas (great accent, feeling and devotion to family Zehra). Two days later the arrest of Ratko Mladic in Belgrade bought back memories of the play and how events and people (both good and bad) have shaped the world to what it is today. We will be back – thank you Roleystone.

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Guides Recently the girls provided a sausage sizzle for the Roleystone Volunteer Fire brigade as a thank you for all their efforts during the recent

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Girl

As a group we decided to do something for the volunteers rather than the victims, as there are several collections and events being done for them. We wanted to thank the local heroes. The girls made a lovely card which we delivered with the food and some cool drink to these well deserving men and women.

Some of our local girls represented guides at the school Anzac Parade. They looked very smart and were given the honour of lowering the flag.

We went on camp in March to Point Peron where we had a great time with the troop from Maddington. We had a fun time at the beach and especially loved the canoeing, as it was a really warm weekend.

We are currently selling Girl

Dear Roleystone Volunteer Firefighters Thank you for taking time off from your normal jobs to risk your lives to protect the houses, animals, people and all of the precious bush areas that surround Roleystone, You have protected everything that we love. We appreciate all the work that you've done by training hard and helping us in our time of need. Yours in gratitude, The Roleystone Girl Guides.



Guide biscuits as our fund raiser and are looking at holding another great disco later in the year.

I would like to thank Marcel and Jenny Mak of 'Doves for Love' and friends and family for funding the sausage

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CITY OF ARMADALE'S POSITIVE AGEING STRATEGY **OUT FOR POSITIVE COMMENT**

The City of Armadale's 'Positive Ageing Strategy' is out for public comment for four

Copies will be available locally from the Roleystone Family Centre, Roleystone Seniors and will be on Council's web site. It will also be available at all libraries and Council front

The City of Armadale's position for Seniors within our community is maximum outcome with minimum intervention'. The City of Armadale is, as far as my research goes, the only Council in the metropolitan area that does not deliver direct services to Seniors. The City believes there are many benefits to this

> process, something I personally do not agree with. I accept that at this time I cannot change this situation.

What I have been seeking from

Council is a full time position to be created to work with this Positive Ageing Strategy. At this time we only have a part time officer working with and addressing Seniors' needs, something I find totally unacceptable. My request is

awaiting an officer's report, but preliminary comments from officers, advise it is not one of their priorities.

Cr Pat Hart

9496 1634

If you believe that the Senior members of our community deserve to have at least one full time Council Officer employed to assist the implementation of this Strategy I would appreciate it if you could make this comment to Council as one of your responses to the Positive Ageing Strategy.

Cr Pat Hart

SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY PROJECT

Western Australia is on the cusp of participating in one of the greatest scientific endeavours in history - the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), the world's largest radio telescope. Lucky City of Armadale residents can hear more about this revolutionary project at a plenary session hosted by the City's Bushcare and Environmental Working Group and Bungendore Park Management Committee on Thursday

To be held at the brand new Frye Park Pavilion in Kelmscott, starting at 7pm, located in Clifton Street (opposite Gilwell Ave) in Kelmscott. The plenary session features outstanding guest speakers in WA: Chief Scientist, Lyn Beazley and Pete Wheeler from the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research. Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said the SKA would allow scientists to peer back in time to answer many questions about the formation of the universe - and even the possibility of life beyond Earth. This huge radio telescope will be the most sensitive ever built. It will be made up of 3,500 antennae, each 15m in length and will be part of the world's largest ground-based international astronomical facility. Two sites for the SKA have been shortlisted and mid-west WA is one of

The City's plenary session offers a tremendous opportunity to hear more about this exciting project from science and astronomy experts. This is a FREE session and places are limited, so book your seat by contacting the Environmental Officer on 9399 0111 or email info@armadale.wa.gov.au

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Weather Statistics provided by David Elliott: Your Official Roleystone Weather Site. Statistics this month miss the final rains of May.

May Rainfall

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MAY 2011: 48.8 MM ON 6 DAYS Total Jan 1 to May 22, 112.6mm on 25 WET DAYS Average to 1st Jan to 31st May, 237.7on 30 days *Lowest Min 4.1 (21st)* Highest Min 12.9 (17th) Lowest Max 15.9 (28th) Highest Max 27.2 (7th)

ROLEYSTONE COURIER FOOTY TIPPING **COMPETITION UPDATE**

We are well underway into the season with some fanatical punters vying for a posi in the top 3. To date, weekly winners (including round 9) have been Linda Moore, Mike Beech x 2, Mike Moore, Tony Simpson x 2, Graham Pound, Kathleen Parker, Brian McCormack and Maxine Fairs.

Total scores are: Mike Beech, Linda Moore and Mike Moore on 53 points; Macca and Maxine & Ross Anile on 51; Graham Pound & Harry Newell on 50 with Bev Krebs and Fiona Bettenay on 49 – great work everyone. At this stage of the season it is anyone's game –what happened to the Dockers against the Saints last weekend and how were the Eagles against the Pies – who would be a coach??



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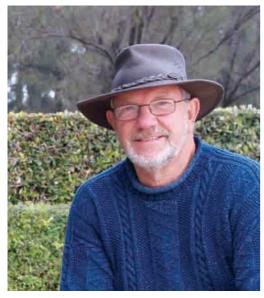
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Sunday - 19th June - 8am John Forrest National Park.

Sunday - 3rd July - 8am Christmas Tree Well on Brookton Highway

Pro Bono: Moving House David Bardsley. Minister Community Church



We have just moved house...again!

It's become a bit of a habit for Hilary and me. We have lived in more than 25 houses since we were married - 6 of those here in Roleystone.

One would think it gets easier with experience and to a certain extent that's true. This last move was particularly straightforward physically. So much so that we seriously considered engaging the church congregation as porters, each carrying a box or a chair from one house to the other straight through the shopping centre! It would certainly put a different spin on "prayer walking"!

In the end a few strong blokes donated a morning and a flat bed truck so the job was more or less over bar the shouting in a few hours. But for me, leaving the old place was rather more emotional than many of our other moves. And that caught me by surprise.

The main reason for this was in the garden. I am not naturally inclined to gardening but I discovered a new found passion for the pastime. Because I had a plan!

It wasn't so much a layout with well considered locations for the most suitable of plants and shrubs, as an inspiration to incorporate some features. It all stemmed from a song called "Images of Faith" on a Celtic Christian music compilation album. The song starts with the words, "A tree in a garden..." referring to the poem of creation right at the start of the Bible. The song then moves, verse by verse, through the whole of

the Word of God given to man in the Bible, referring to incidents by pictures of the scenes where they took place.

My garden plan started with a tree planting too. But it developed to include pictures of the Holy Trinity, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Olives, springs of living water, the Cross and the Empty Tomb amongst other scenes. I had more ideas too but time has run out and they will have to just stay in my mind for a while. Anyway, merely walking round the place took me on a spiritual journey many times.

Spiritually, images can be really helpful. Throughout Christian history, deep truths have been wonderfully displayed and represented in all sorts of ways, all designed to bring something of God's reality to the forefront of our attention.

By contrast, the centre of our own community is almost totally devoid of such images and I believe we are the poorer for it. In fact, we seem to be hell bent on obliterating any references to the solid moral and ethical ground we stand on. Recently, an employee of a utility company was threatened with the sack if he didn't remove a small palm cross from the rear window of his company car over the Easter period.

Is there a connection between this trend and the increasing levels of despair in our community? Maybe we should do something rather more visible to rectify that trend and even celebrate the hope and peace which is in the spiritual roots of our society. After all, it is the Christian ethos which is our real bedrock, no matter that we have drifted away in many respects.

Yours in Christ David

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Roleystone Tigers Report: Jocelyn Jones

With the football season well under way, round six saw the Roleystone Tigers taking on Noranda at Cross

Park. It was a dark day for the reserves, where they were beaten by a fitter, more disciplined side, but Roleystone still produced some special moments.

Russell Peters flew high to take what could be the mark of the year, Ben Browne produced another top notch display and Nathan McCann electrified the crowd with some sparkling passages of play.

The league match was an exciting and strongly fought contest between two even teams. The match was decided by a kick after the final siren with Roleystone emerging victorious by four points. Roleystone started slowly and were well down by quarter time, but a solid display from the back line all day, hard work in the middle, and some exciting goals from Mitchell Stuart got the boys over the line.

Best players for the league were: Headley, Casotti and Mitchell Stuart, with every single player doing their part in clawing out a win. Stoakesy made an exciting last minute return to the team and the club hopes to see him back and playing full time soon.

The league team's next two games are against sides below them on the ladder and we are in the position of being able to grab a strong hold on a top four spot. The club is still looking for more players and volunteers to help make this a successful season.

Roleystone Auskick players entertained the crowd at half time with an inspiring display of little league football, which was enjoyed by all.

Jocelyn Jones

See the great Auskick action shots on page 22 and 23. Thanks Jocelyn for your wonderful camera skills.

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Wild Gossip: Rearing Joeys

Syl Cooper 9397 6184 0417972930

A recent phone call for advice about rearing an orphaned Joey Kangaroo made me think about this

issue and resulted in interesting and lively conversations with other people involved in various aspects of wildlife care - all had been contacted for similar advice, when a Joey became too big and was no longer wanted. The mutual feeling was that this was a serious issue and needed attention.

All the info on attempting to rear a Joey is way too complicated to address in this article. Many books have been written, but as this is the Courier, I will try to cover some of the main problems and pitfalls simply.

Milk: A correct formula powder is essential, this is available from stock feed outlets & vets, usual brand names are Biolac, Divetatac, or similar. Cow's milk, diluted condensed milk, baby formula, soy milk, etc. are no good – we end up with a Joey with problems: digestive, skin, bone, liver, kidney, growth, etc. A suitable teat is also required for feeding.

Food: As the joey grows it will need solid foods. Obviously this food should at least try to reflect and teach the natural food



available for our kangaroos. I did have an issue when a joey came into care with its fur all matted and sticky and when I asked the "owner" told me that the joey wouldn't eat bread without jam on it!!! Obviously bread is not in a natural bush diet.

Handling: Joeys need a secure, artificial, pouch to sleep in and hop in and out of. When picking up a joey it is important to remember that most of its weight is to the rear so an under arm pick up is likely to cause injuries.

NAPPIES are a definite NO! I had a joey come into care after wearing nappies; it had urine burn, scarring and infection: Nappies are designed to work on skin not fur, just wash another pouch.

Cleanliness is vital: washing hands, cleaning bottles, washing pouches, etc.

Housing: as Joey grows it will need a secure outside area, fences will need to be high enough to stop joey jumping over, and dug in to prevent predators.

Companionship: it is vital for a joey to grow up as a joey and knowing what a joey is - so you really must have a minimum of two. Growing up with humans, dogs, cats or any imprinting will not work! Joeys need joeys to associate with joeys and work together on their survival skills. It might look really cute when your dog and joey sleep together but not all dogs are as friendly as yours.

Future Planning: The cute little joey will soon become a great big kangaroo, unless you have a huge fenced property you will have a big problem! To simply dump a home reared Kangaroo in the bush is an immediate death sentence as it has no survival skills or support. Older joeys need to be put into groups to share their skills and knowledge and then progress through various stages and experiences prior to joining a controlled release programme.

Please talk to a wildlife carer or shelter before you attempt to rear a joey and please listen to what you are told as a little joey's life or future might be at stake.

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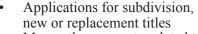
The RKCC's WinterTwenty20 campaign kicked off recently with two teams competing in two competitions, both on Saturdays. The Roleystone Muppets compete in the Canning Districts competition which plays fortnightly either in the morning or afternoon whereas another team, going by the same name of the club, compete every Saturday afternoon in the Curtin-Victoria Park competition.

The Muppets started the season with a 10-run win (5/132 def 122)

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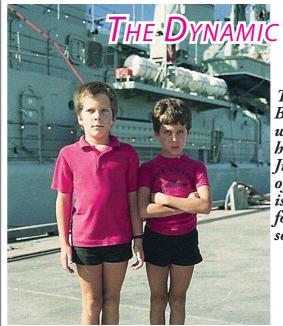
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which included a 51-run knock from Jake Snadden.

The following match was a walk-in-the-park as The Muppets trounced the opposition 4/209 to 9/132, again with Jake Snadden the key runmaker with an unbeaten 96. This was backed up by another thrashing, this time with the opposition being bowled out for 84 (J. Stockey 4/13) after the Roley Muppets made 8/160. The great run came to a grinding halt as we were outperformed by a team who made 6/142 in reply to our meager 8/85.

Following on from last season's rollercoaster season, the other RKCC teams campaign also kicked off in scintillating fashion with a 75-run win (5/200 def 7/135) and a 22-run win (8/145 def 6/123) in a double-header on the first weekend. One of the highlights of the day was seeing Peter Maxwell smash 5 sixes in-a-row, overshadowing Patrick Fishers knock of 54.

This was followed up with an 8-wicket loss (71 def by 2/147), a game which we will not go in to detail about. The most recent game saw RKCC win by 12 runs (9/142 def 6/130). Video highlights of this match can be found on the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club Facebook page. We are always keen for more numbers and of course more people coming down to watch. It's a great afternoon out to see some exciting shots in a light-hearted manner. Check out www.wintercricket.com.au and http://mycricket.cricket.com.au for fixtures!



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