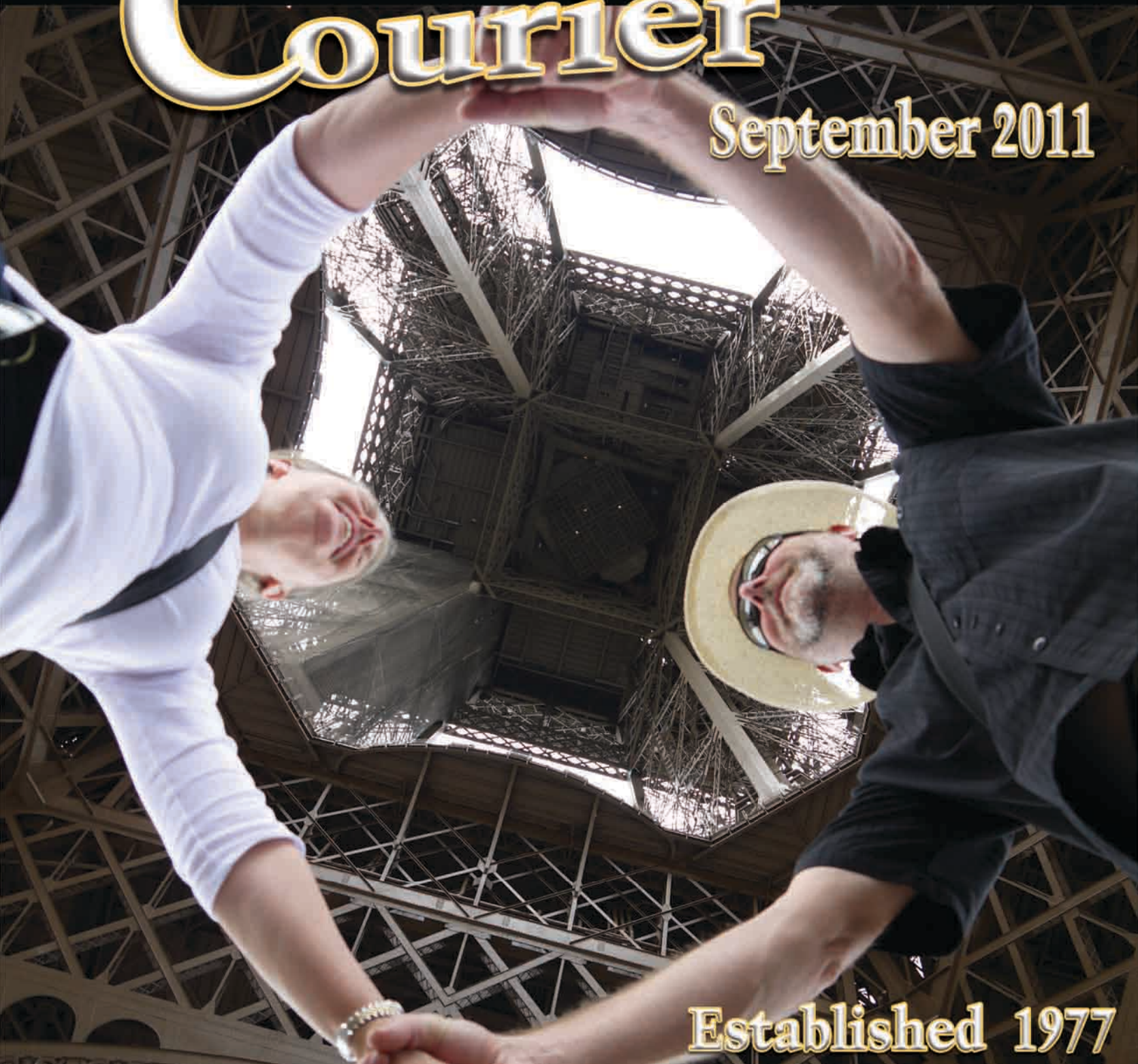


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**APRICOT BLOSSOM: 'SPRING IS SPRUNG'**



**MARIE MCFARLANE ENJOYS SPRING IN ARLUEN**



**ALL ABOARD**

St. Christophers and the combined churches of Bindoon and Gingin are now 'sister' churches, so on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, a large percentage of St. Christophers congregation set off to arrive at Bindoon by 9.30am to share the Sunday service.

We were all made very welcome, and Lesley Borowitzka, our rector conducted the service. Bindoon church, named Holy Trinity, is 150 years old and built of the local stone. It also has no electricity or water! There is just enough power to run the lights and the organ is provided by a solar unit. The one toilet is a "long drop" and morning tea was boiled on a portable gas ring.

The service was lovely and afterwards we all went back to Muchea Gold, a commercial wildflower farm owned by Bill and Lynne Hoffman (a former Roleystone resident.) Bill hitched up a large trailer to his ute and filled it with an assortment of chairs and the congregation took their seats for a bumpy tour of the farm. There were acres of red kangaroo paws and Geraldton wax in flower, and Bill gave us loads of information about all aspects of running the farm.



**ZINZIN YOUNG**

Afterwards we had a great lunch on the verandah of the house, said our thanks and goodbyes to all the very hospitable Bindoon/Gingin people and discussed on the way home how we at St. Christophers can give them all an equally enjoyable time in the future. *Chris Bloomer*

**TO BUTCH SPRY: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

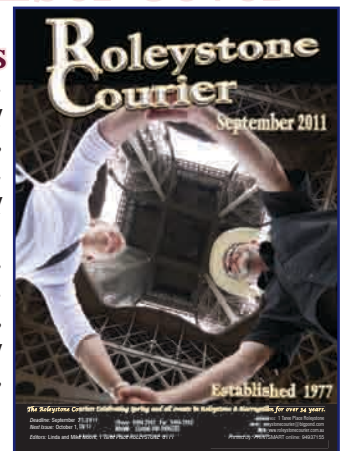


*We already know that it takes a lot to be a good parent, but it takes a lot more to be a good father! Butch's dedication to his family and the many strays that look up to him as a father figure, including myself, is inspirational and deeply heartfelt. To see a man put his family first, before work and other outside influences, makes for a good father, which leads to strong and healthy relationships. Gratitude and appreciation to Butch from one of the strays he has adopted along the way. Happy Father's Day – Deanna*

**THE SPRY FAMILY**

**September Cover**

**Love in Paris**  
Glenn and Jacqueline Tuffnel waited 2 years for their honeymoon, recently spending 6 blissful weeks in Europe. This wonderful image captures the couple with the Eiffel Tower above them. Read Glenn's story of their trip on page 6.



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## THE FINALS OF WAKAKIIRI

*Roleystone's own super teacher Mady Colquhoun has a great history of promoting her students and now she has been involved in taking a group from Armadale Primary school into the finals of Wakakiirri. With the beats held at the Regal Theatre in August, the team from Armadale has made the final cut – to be decided in September.*

Wakakiirri means 'story dance' in aboriginal language and the Armadale students have developed a 7 minute performance based on the February Fires. The underlying philosophy is to make a positive impact on your community (school and surrounds) while sticking to the 'reduce, re-use and

recycle principle'.

'We chose the February fire as a theme because one of our families lost everything and many others had friends or families in the affected area. Also the school is situated right on the edge of Settlers Common and of course this is a bush fire risk' said Mady.

Mady put her skills as a Dance teacher to great use – developing the choreography with wonderful support in the production of costumes, props and music shared between the staff and parents. Mady and the 2 year 6 teachers, Pauline Edcumbe and Rob Devine were involved in the production. The most important inspiration came when the student who lost her home shared her story with the children.

Karlyn Geary, who played Julia Gillard visiting after the fires, wrote to the Prime Minister and the school received a personally signed letter back from Julia that afternoon!! Not just a quick 'I got your letter' but a whole page talking about the importance of the fire-fighters and the need to



*Characters shown: Karlyn Geary as the elegant PM, Sam Hicks as our mayor Matt van den Langenburg as the exhausted firefighter, Tyson McClennon as the man who lost his house to fire but found his dog! James Rutley as the cute puppy dog who survived the fire. Inset Mady Coquhoun.*

think about how we use our world for the future. They will be packaging up a copy of the show for her when it is finished.

Six years ago Mady was involved in developing 'Stop The Rot' based on the spread of 'Dieback' for the Rock Eisteddfod. 'We are using the trees from Stop the Rot and have added flames to the scream faces' Mady said. So here's hoping the group do well in their final performance.

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## SEAN ROBERTS LOCAL FATHER OF THE YEAR

*Sean Roberts has been a popular choice for a Local Father of the Year, to be featured in this year's Fathers Day write-up.*

Sean has combined his parental responsibilities while going through a horrific year – as Sean's family was dealt a cruel blow in the February bushfires.

Sean elected to be the stay at home Dad and domestic engineer in the family since he and his wife, Charmaine decided to have children. They now have 3 boys: Lachlan (13) Fionn (10) and Caleb (6). Sean has done it all: the play groups, the kinder gym sessions and now the afternoon school and sports transporter. As Caleb is now in full time school, he has the added pleasure of working part-time at the Roleystone Supa IGA.

Sean and his family live on the same property as his parents and disabled brother at the beautiful location of Stony Brook Farm. On that fateful day in February, Sean was home but Charmaine had taken the boys out for the day and had thankfully left the property before the fire started.

Sean saw the smoke and the



*Above: Sean Roberts and his sons Lachlan, Caleb and Fionn and two of their treasured dogs.*

fire approaching and went to get the dogs in. He then raced over to his parent's home. As he approached their home, the area around their home was already on fire. His brother was in bed and Sean realised there was no time to get him properly dressed as he lifted him onto his shoulders, gathered his parents and headed outside towards the creek. As he left the home flames were all about; he noticed the cars, the veranda and the roof of the home were all on fire. Sadly two dogs could not be saved but Sean acted to get his brother and his parents out of immediate danger. They were saved by a fire crew from Bedfordale who arrived in the nick of time. The family saved almost nothing from their home as they had no time to prepare. Sean and Charmaine's home was saved although the property is still extensively damaged. Sean's selfless actions and quick thinking has seen him nominated for an outstanding Bravery Award. So for Sean's actions as a dad, son and brother we think he is a worthy recipient of local father of the year.

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*Happy Fathers Day to all Local Dads!*



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*My wife was telling me about a radio program that she listened to last week that rated the top ten most boring things to talk about and apparently talking about your holiday was up there next to Australian politics. So at the risk of being incredibly boring here is a brief description of our 6 countries in 6 weeks belated honeymoon trip.*

Jacqueline and I actually said our vows under the magnificent Crab Apple Arbor at Carmel Rose farm two and a half years ago on the 9th January 2009 but a weekend at the Duxton does not a honeymoon make, so over the last three months we put this trip together.

We started our romantic jaunt with 3 nights in Hong Kong which turned into 4 as Air France decided to have a strike delaying our departure to Paris by 24 hours, not to worry Hong Kong was fun. We loved the Flower, Fish and Bird Markets the most and marvelled at the concentration of buildings, people and cargo ships. We soon felt at home at the Regal Kowloon and made the most of cocktail hour in the Club Lounge with glimpses of the harbour.

Next stop Paris, we arrived in the mid afternoon to a 36 degree day and had a 1 hour delay between the airport and our accommodation due to people playing on the train tracks. Lesson number one, don't hesitate to fork out for a taxi fair when travelling with suitcases!

When we finally found our accommodation we couldn't have been happier, the Degres de Notre Dame is located around the corner from the famous Shakespeare Bookshop directly opposite Notre Dame...wow, unfortunately due to the industrial action we only had the one night to enjoy it as we had arranged to head south to Lyon the next day to pick up our leased Renault (again not to worry as we would be back in Paris in 5 weeks for a better look around).

Leasing a car is definitely the way to go for periods of 21 days and more in Europe as you get a brand new car with no hidden extra costs. From Lyon we made our way to the Swiss border crossing at Bellegarde and discovering some fantastic rural gems in France on the way. After a brief stopover in Genève we headed around the Lake to Lausanne where we stopped the night. Next stop was Interlaken for a lunch of Potato Rosti followed by Swiss chocolate (of course!!) consumed whilst marvelling at the numbers of paragliders soaring amongst the mountain tops. These aerial daredevils would be our constant companions while in the Alps and I admit to being envious of their skill and bravado; I couldn't think of a better way to experience such awe inspiring scenery the scale of which defies my limited vocabulary!

From Interlaken it was a short drive up the most incredible valley to Lauterbrunnen where we parked the car for three nights as we had to catch the cog railway to our hotel in Wengan. We will never forget stepping out onto our balcony, looking up and as if on cue the clouds parting to reveal the magnificence of the Jungfrau towering above us at more than 4100 metres!

A few days later we caught the train through the



Eiger to stand on that mountainside just below the peak in minus 6 degrees with a wind chill that sent the mercury looking for somewhere to hide. Fortunately I had the foresight to wear a t- shirt under my long sleeved shirt but at least I had shoes on, some Japanese tourists were caught out wearing sandals and socks (fashion suicide at the best of times certainly not the best attire to hit the snow in!) I could go on and on about this part of the world but will just say that if you get a chance to go don't hesitate, it's simply out of this world.

After our stay in Wengan we had to make a b-line for Venice via Milan. The Swiss leg of this route was without a doubt the most incredible driving I have had the pleasure of experiencing- more turns than a packet of two minute noodles. Next time it will be on a bike!

By the time we had crossed into Italy it was obvious we had no choice but to hit the motorway as we were running out of time. Two things became apparent very quickly, firstly Italian drivers consider both the 130 km per hour speed limit and the white line lane markers as nothing more than loose recommendations and, secondly Italian truck drivers work on the basis that might is right...I wasn't going to argue with them.

Surprisingly we managed to arrive at the Tronchetto multi level car park on Venice Island (thanks again for the hot tip Julie and Duncan), with only the mildest post traumatic stress disorder symptoms that disappeared as soon as the concierge at the Hotel Antiche Figure informed us that because it was our honeymoon they wanted to upgrade us to a Junior suite....sweet!

Enough for now and we are not even half way through!

Send an e-mail to Linda if you would like to hear more otherwise thanks for reading, we certainly had the trip of a lifetime...so far!

All the best,  
**Glenn and Jacqueline Tuffnell**



# MAKING ADS TO COMBAT YOUTH SMOKING

Students at both Roleystone schools are taking a stand against youth smoking by participating in a new smoking prevention project being coordinated by the South Metropolitan Public Health Unit, City of Armadale and the Smarter than Smoking Project.

The Smarter than Smoking Young Directors' Festival 2011 will see students from a range of schools including Roleystone DHS and Roleystone PS, create and produce their own 30-second smoking prevention commercials.

Georgia Siroen, Assignment Director, of the selected commercial from Roleystone District High School summarized the process for their group.

*A few schools were given the chance to create an anti smoking advertisement with the selected advert would be screened in local cinemas. At Roleystone District High School, all year groups had the chance to think of their own ideas. We were lucky enough to be selected as the school's entry.*

*We then made a storyboard of the script, different shot types, call sheets, props lists and we had to build and create our own sets. We were very lucky in the advert to get the opportunity to use Bob Hart's camera (which is*

*Above left: Lauren Dwyer, Hannah Brunten and Dion Borrett (from Murdoch Uni) and above Katherine Bishop and Georgia Bamford Purchon from Roleystone PS watch the action.*

*similar to the one they used in the film 'Slumdog Millionaire') and also use some of the Murdoch University film equipment.'* (Bob Hart is a local film aficionado.)

*'We encountered quite a few problems like you do with any film, such as weather conditions and timing. We have all learnt so much more from this experience and are now in the process of editing the film.'*

Roleystone Primary school students, under the guidance of Alastair Evans, are also developing their own commercial. They were recently invited up to the District High School to view the commercial being shot.

The community will be invited to view the commercials at an awards night in Term 4. All the commercials will feature on the national youth smoking prevention website [OxyGen.org.au](http://OxyGen.org.au). The overall winning commercial will be screened at local cinemas and used to create educational resources for schools.

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# St Christophers



*Pictured at left: Barry Horder, Chris Bloomer, Pat Long, Heather Wallbank, Geoff Chandler, Ken Henrickson and Chris Horder.*

*Pictured centre: David Fowler, Andrea Howatson, Christine Dule, Daine Wheatley, Michelle Fowler and standing Gerry Chapman.*

*Bottom picture shows the wonderful folk from the Community Church.*

## Celebrating 70 years!



Several parishioners and clergy, who had previously served the parish, joined the present congregation for the celebrations. The celebrations included: catching up with old friends, sharing the events of the past and present while enjoying a delicious 3 course meal.

All who were involved wish to pass a thank you to everyone who helped in the meal's preparation, and to the gracious team from the Roleystone Community Church, who both served the meal and left the kitchen spotless. We look forward to serving them when they celebrate their 100th birthday in 2012. Thank you also to Mike Stone for the music and Bill Annandale for his rendition of the 'Shaggy Dog'.

Our Thanksgiving Service on Sunday morning was a joyous occasion followed by a lovely morning tea. A collection of \$600 was collected and given to the 'Horn of Africa' appeal for the African Famine.

**Ann Rowe**

*Recently the parishioners at St Christopher's joined together to celebrate 70 years of Anglican worship in the Roleystone area.*

*St Christopher's Anglican Church Roleystone, was consecrated on August 17<sup>th</sup> 1941 and replaced St Michael and All Angels, the previous Anglican Church built at Canning Dam for the dam construction community in 1938.*

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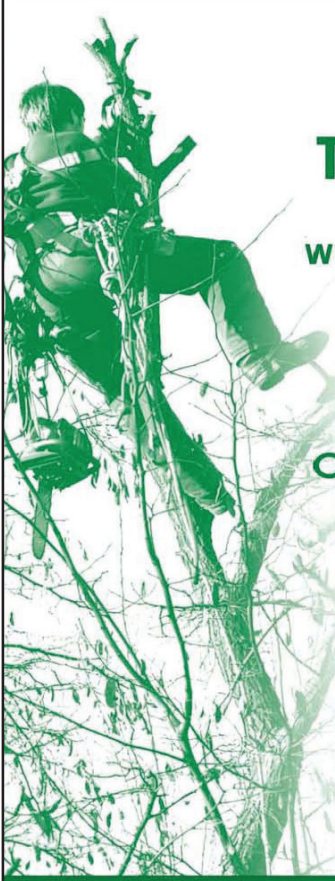
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## Gymnastics Restarts



Classes restarted at Roleystone Gymnastics on 22nd August under the enthusiastic eye of new Head Coach Kiri Penter, and it was very pleasing to see so many students returning after the enforced hiatus. The club has also welcomed a number of new students this term, and classes are filling fast. Thank you to the committee, coaches and members whose hard work, patience and elbow grease meant the club reopened with a clean new look.

A special welcome goes out to Lisa Casotti, a Life Member and past head coach who will be coaching and mentoring the Club, we are all very excited to have Lisa back on board. As part of the new beginnings for the club, we are currently building a new and improved website where we will be able to keep you updated with important details about Roleystone Gymnastics, policies and key dates in the Gymnastics Calendar. Watch this space for the launch. However, these and future initiatives cannot succeed without community support and in particular sponsorship. Roleystone Gymnastics is proud and excited to have Bendigo Bank as our key sponsor in 2011, our new start would not have been possible without their assistance. Thankyou Bendigo Bank!

Interested people can contact us on our club number 94961484 or [roleystone@gymnastics.org.au](mailto:roleystone@gymnastics.org.au)

Melanie Berson – Committee President

## MULBERRY TREE OPEN DAY

The staff and children at Mulberry Tree Childcare & Kindy, Roleystone would like to say an enormous thank you to the families that have generously donated seeds, plants, child sized tools and other fantastic items to support the new veggie garden project we have started at our service.

During Garden Week, the children began exploring the living world of plants and have continued to express an interest in this area. With the community spirit of Roleystone being so strong, we asked families to contribute towards this project to raise the children's awareness of their community and bring some of that into their child care environment. With contributions being made by families from both the Mulberry Tree Roleystone services, we are now excited to invite all families to check out our new project during our Open Day on Saturday 15th of October.

The Centre will be open between 10am and 2pm on the day. We encourage you all to visit the centre, meet the staff, have some fun and check out the veggie garden that we've been able to put together with the support of our wonderful community.

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## Sharing Responsibility; Improving Bushfire Safety at Hillandale Village



*Mick Keelty's report on the Roleystone-Kelmscott bushfire of February 2011 emphasized that communities must share responsibility for protecting themselves.* This is exactly what communities did before FESA and DEC existed. Residents burnt off, as often as the bush would carry a mild fire. For jarrah forest this is every 3-4 years. They used green marri branches and wet bags to keep fires away from buildings. The earliest European settlers learnt their fire skills directly from professors of fire, the Nyoongar people.

Even after that big bushfire, there are still areas of Roleystone in danger, due to heavy fuel loads. Long unburnt balga (grasstrees) are a common cause of intense

flaring in bushfires. To remain healthy, and produce seed, they need burning every 3-4 years. This keeps fires mild, and avoids destroying the whole green top, as happens in fierce fires. Frequent fires also stimulate djiridji (zamias) to produce the red fruit (byoo), which Nyoongar people relished. Without byoo, we will lose the djiridji, and the nitrogen it fixes.

The area around Hillandale Village has many balga, both within the village, and in the adjoining Eskdale Reserve. Their thatch could be clipped, piled around nearby djiridji, and burnt. This will improve bush health by releasing nutrients, and stimulating the soil bacteria which fix nitrogen. Wildflowers will flourish next winter. The burning needs to be done before October, when the bushfire season starts, and should be repeated every 3-4 years.

Roleybushcare is a volunteer group, which works at cleaning up rubbish and weeds; restoring native plants; and injecting trees against dieback. They have been approached, and volunteers may be available over the next few weeks to clip the balga thatch.

Clearly the matter needs to be approved by the Hillandale village residents; the management body (Amana Living); the Roleystone Fire Service and the City of Armadale.

If all are supportive, I will approach Roleybushcare to set a firm date for the clipping to take place, and for Roleystone Fire Service to burn the thatch. Smoke will be minimal, but residents will be warned, so they can close windows. Other tidying and mulching can be done, if time and labour are available, throughout the summer. Anybody is welcome to help, whether you belong to Roleybushcare or not. Just contact me, and I will keep you informed. If you want to be involved please contact me on 9397 5684 or email [mumpnpop@iinet.net.au](mailto:mumpnpop@iinet.net.au)

David Ward

## FLYING HIGH ON COCKATOO VOLUNTARY WORK

*There are so many options for voluntary work but my heart skipped a beat when I saw a baby Black Carnaby's cockatoo in The West Australian. It was born in captivity and its black twinkly eyes appeared to wink, while the curl of its beak lent the adorable bird a shy smile. The professor who was rearing it made the comment that it was so noisy that he knew it was a female! I chose to ignore that remark! It's not known exactly how many Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos and Red Tail Black Cockatoos are left but the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo populations have declined by over 50 per cent in the past 45 years. They like to live in the same areas and, due to the rapid growth of the metropolitan area, their regular nesting spots have been depleted.*

*Upon seeing the article in the paper, I knew immediately that I wanted to help protect and restore these important native birds. Off to the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre my husband and I ventured, not knowing what was in store for us.*

*We were greeted by the manager Chris Phillips who explained the workings of the sanctuary. Some cages are for those birds that*

*are being rehabilitated from problems such as being shot or road trauma; hopefully these birds will progress to other cages where they can recover their flight prior to release back into the wild. One cage is for those cockatoos that are sadly too injured to ever be released. There are also cages for domesticated Carnaby and Red Tailed Cockatoos "the friendlies" who have been confiscated from, or surrendered by the public, venturing into their cage is an experience not to be missed. Unfortunately these birds will never be able to be released into the wild.*

*When we started at Kaarakin we were welcomed by the small group of volunteers whose job it is to feed the cockatoos. I was immediately struck by the dedication of these people and feel proud to be able to add my own small contribution.*

*The rewards are immediate, the birds are great characters. Kaarakin is always in need of volunteers and/or donations. So why don't you make contact with Chris Phillips on 9390 2288 to find out how you can help.*

Mary Drew  
Roleystone

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# Editorial

LINDA MOORE SEPTEMBER 2011

*Spring is here. The orchards are bursting with spring flowers and the bush is a treasure trove of wild flowers. I visited Araluen Park last week and the spring flowers were truly spectacular.*

And along with the wonderful weather comes the reality of living in our beautiful but

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demanding bush environment. Last year's summer heat and horrifically dry conditions remain as a grim reminder of what lies ahead. So the Keelty report and talk of bush fire preparedness is timely. (See page 28).

Those who choose to live in the hills must also face up to the very real responsibility of suitably preparing their homes and properties.

It is great to see that some of the regulations that have hampered us preparing our properties are being relaxed. The letter entitled burning grasstrees (page 13) shows that the City of Armadale is keen to encourage common sense action.

I also applaud David Ward's strategy (see page 11) to garner community action towards helping Hillendale residents making their residences more bushfire ready. Hopefully local community helpers will rally to this worthy activity.

My Dad, when he was a student at Karragullen Primary School in the 1920's, relays the story that every child was given a box of matches in early August and told to 'burn the bush'. In this way the children of the area managed the bushland area with a series of cool burns, carried out when there was no danger of a fire getting away.

Of course this is not possible today, but we still should be encouraging local residents to burn, cut and manage bushfire hazards in early spring whenever possible.

Spring 2011 will also bring with it Local Council Elections. Cr Pat Hart is stepping down from the role after thirteen years of service to the community. Pat has served the community exceptionally well over this time and deserves great praise.

Her retirement leaves a vacancy for

Jarrah Ward. Two nominations have already been submitted to Council: former Councillor Laurie Scidone and aspirant Grant Nixon.

Traditionally voting in local council elections does not attract a high voting rate.

This is very strange, as this level of governance is so important, as it impacts on every aspect of how we live. See the letters to the editor - all of these relate to council issues!

Our councillors shoulder huge responsibility and arguably should receive far higher compensation for fulfilling this role.

Jarrah Ward is unique as it has very different needs from most wards within the City of Armadale. The area is largely bush, has a significant rural component and it is home to a small population occupying a large region. Plus many of the values of those living in Jarrah Ward, differ from the values of those in many other wards within the City of Armadale.

Overall, block sizes are larger than the rest of the city, the infrastructure is sparse and the requirements are great. Environmental issues are ranked highly and there is a reticence to pursue development, without close inspection. Our community is aware and often vocal.

Jarrah Ward has 2 Councillors and, in considering the needs of their constituents, they are often placed at odds with others on Council.

Thus we need strong leadership in this sphere of government.

So all Roleysone Karragullen residents are urged to get behind the candidates, find out what they stand for and above all, please VOTE. We cannot complain about what Council does unless we have been part of the process.

I commend the September edition to you. This is the 35<sup>th</sup> edition I have produced and the Courier is now in its 35<sup>th</sup> year.

Happy reading.

Linda Moore.

## WHO'S FIGHTING? (ROBIN ROAD GREEN)

I have not witnessed the 'younger members of Roleystone putting up such a fight' that Councillor Pat Hart has written about recently.

This is distressing, and couldn't be more untrue in our caring community. The majority of letters sent to council in support of keeping the Robin Road Green, that I'm aware of, were from residents in their early 60's, the eldest of which was 84. These are good community people, many of which have supported fundraising efforts and events for the Roleystone Bush Fire Relief, Haiti Relief, Pam's Benefit concert and the School fund raising.

With continued community support,

the Robin Rd Green (including surrounding bushland) can be saved together with

Seniors Accommodation. There is still enough room for approximately 40 new senior accommodation units - doubling the existing seniors accommodation at Hillendale (of which 12 are Homes West, and 24 are privately owned). The Green could then continue to host our small events and be used for the other fantastic community projects going on at the moment.

I hope that the discussion can be kept open and friendly in the community forum.

**Chris Horgan**



## BURNING GRASSTREES

A few weeks ago while trying to prepare our block for the summer fire season, I applied to Armadale Council for a permit to burn off grass trees on our 1/2 acre property. I had attended a Great Garden seminar and was told that many grass trees in the south west were dying due to not having controlled burning, as this encourages regeneration and also reduces the fire risk. This seemed such an ideal time to burn off as the ground was damp with rain predicated the next day. The permit from the Health Department at Armadale Council was denied on the basis that we could only burn off a small area of leaves and twigs. I spoke about this to Chris Cairns, (Roleystone Bush Fire Ready Coordinator) who suggested that I contact Pat Hart our local councillor.

I contacted Pat Hart who in turn contacted Bryan Watkins (Chief of Armadale Council Bush Fire brigade), who spoke with Ian Watt (Coordinator of Armadale Health Services). **This resulted in Bryan Watkins informing me that we could indeed burn off our grass trees with a permit, as could everyone in Roleystone.** I feel that this change of heart came about because of the recent bushfires in February with the need to reduce fuel on the ground.

While I appreciate that the Health Department is trying to keep smoke to a minimum especially for asthma sufferers, I feel that after the wakeup call from the recent fires we need to keep our blocks as fuel free as possible. I understand that we must have regulations, but after the

February fires, feel that we should be doing our utmost to keep Roleystone & surrounding areas as fuel free as possible.

While walking around Roleystone I see many blocks that have a great deal of fuel on the ground. Are people aware, that if they are concerned about the fuel load on any of their neighbours' properties, they can phone their local council for advice? A ranger can be sent out to check this out. If pool fences have to be inspected, why not blocks that have a lot of fuel on the ground. Maybe we need more rangers, because the cost of the fires in February is too great to bear. The Roleystone Fire Brigade (volunteers) can only burn off on Saturdays, due to Sunday being a fire free day, then after a certain time they can no longer burn off. It is like having one hand tied behind their backs!!

Considering that the Roleystone Bush Fire Brigade have such a short period to manage controlled burns, surely over the winter months when the fire risk is minimal, the fire brigade should be allowed to make a real difference on both days over the weekend. I appreciate that some people are asthmatics, who may need to consider either being away on the day, or to stay inside, but it seems a small price to pay instead of the devastation that occurred in February. We need to allow the fire brigade to make a real difference, by lowering the fire risk in our area!! I suspect that many residents of Roleystone feel the same way.

I wish to thank Pat Hart, Bryan Watkins and Ian Watt for making it possible for Roleystone residents to obtain fire permits for burning back grass trees.

*Valerie Bell*

## LOST & FOUND & RETURNED

Recently Ric Stewart found an odd thing on his morning walk. He spotted a large and very valuable 'wet saw' lying on the side of the road.

This piece of equipment is a very valuable tool used by tradesmen to cut through concrete and bricks using high speed water pressure. The item was undamaged and Ric instantly thought of the very distressed tradesman who had lost the equipment.

So he made every effort to find the owner – posting adverts and asking all around town if someone had lost the saw. He also went to post a notice on the IGA noticeboard and was surprised to find a 'lost notice' featuring the piece of equipment. So Ric rang plumber Ben Stoakes from BLS Plumbing services who was overjoyed to find his equipment. And Ben provided some very appreciated thankyou gifts.

It shows that honesty really does pay off!

## POWER PROBLEMS

*Have any readers heard of any power problems occurring at night/early morning?*

*One of our RCD's keeps dropping out at approximately 3.15am about 3-4 times a week. This has been very frustrating and expensive as it has killed our flat screen TV and our alarm needs power to work. We have even installed another 3 RCD's to even out the fluctuations but this does not seem to be preventing the damage.*

*Is Western Power involved in making some changes around town? Last time it happened when they installed the big generator in the shopping centre.*

*Perhaps we can be enlightened about what may be going on.*

*NB. We found out later that our TV was saved as it has its own surge protector.*

*A concerned resident*

## CITY'S RESPONSE

*The current City of Armadale view is that: Whilst fire services are encouraging people to carry out burning of grass trees during the winter months they will still need to obtain a permit, issued by Health Services, if the burning is to be carried out in a residential area.*

*Please refer to City of Armadale Health Services for further details of how to obtain a permit.*

*Brian Watkins*

*Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO)*

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## REQUEST TO DOG OWNERS

Roleystone sure is overflowing with dogs these days. I have the unfortunate privilege of listening to neighbourhood dogs bark all day the minute their owners have left. Sometimes all night! I've had stray dogs come on to my property and tear apart my chickens in broad daylight. Some years ago I was bitten by a dog. And my child is terrified of them.

Despite all of this, I still appreciate the bond a person has with their pet pooch. HOWEVER, when I am out with my family at a local Roleystone park or playground, and your dog is running full tilt towards us, off the leash, then it's guaranteed that we'll have our hearts in our mouths.

You see, whether your dog is a small fluff ball or the large menacing type, we simply don't want to have anything to do with it. Time and again our family encounter unleashed and often unsupervised dogs roaming the parks and playgrounds of our community, and yet the owners appear to be arrogantly oblivious to the needs (or history) of others utilising these same public spaces. I am tired of having to alter our walk route because a Doberman or Rottweiler is unleashed and cruising around the very same public area that we want to access. Don't these spaces belong to us too?

When we look about for the relevant owners we note that they are often far far way, seemingly totally at ease because they believe that their dog is 'alright'. Well, I've come upon this story many times, when someone ends up having a child or relative killed by someone's dog which they say was 'totally out of character'. You simply can't deny that occurrences such as these are alarmingly regular, and are therefore likely to hang heavy in the minds of protective parents.

Come on dog owners, this is a family community too. We reserve the right to walk around our parks and reserves with our families without having to fend off unleashed and mostly unsupervised dogs, no matter what size or breed they are.

I have experienced this at the park on Westbourne Road, where I had the bejesus

scared out of me by a large white dog whilst I was pushing my toddler on the swing. Out of nowhere and within seconds, this huge dog was at my feet, frantically sniffing around my ankles, and when I looked around to find the owners, they were walking many metres away, huddled close and deep in conversation. I actually think they were aware of us, but they seemed to be so certain of the unblemished record of their much loved pet that they didn't for a second stop to think that maybe we don't want their animal anywhere near us. They never called him away, they just kept on walking. I was flabbergasted.

We have also experienced this at Churchman Brook, where a dog (on two separate occasions) has repeatedly accosted us, jumping up on my little one with the owner nowhere to be found, whilst a staff member at the plant there angrily drove around in his utility trying to find him (it is a water catchment area after all!)

We have experienced it at Borrello Park where an unleashed black dog has bothered us time and again whilst we try to enjoy time in the playground.

And don't even get me started on what we have to face EVERY time we go to the Cross Park playground. If we're not being jumped on or charged at, we are being eyeballed closely and this makes us very nervous indeed!

You're entitled to your dog and your dog is entitled to some free time and play. But when you are anywhere near a playground, get that leash out and put it on your dog, especially if there is a child or family in sight. And please, stop assuming that just because you love your dog that everyone else does too! To me your dog is a complete stranger and we are also a stranger to him. He therefore has no bond with us which equates to no care for us either. From our experience, that leaves us open to absolutely anything.

So please, show some respect and consideration for the non dog owners, who are entitled to fear free, stress free recreation in and around Roleystone.

*Name withheld by request.*

## NOMINATION: ELTON CLAY FOR THIS MONTH'S 'ABOVE AND BEYOND' AWARD.

Being the boring, or as we prefer to think 'consistent' couple that we are, when we recently engaged Elton to repaint our home we decided, after much deliberation and hundreds of colour charts, to stick with the ever faithful 'Natural Cotton' after all it has looked great on the very same walls for years!

However Dulux, not being boring or consistent, had decided to discontinue the paint! Shock, horror what now... , Elton to the rescue.

Elton went out of his way to have the paint mixed to exactly the right colour ensuring the satisfaction and consistency of his clients once again, good onya Elton!

*Jacqueline and Glenn*

## ROCK DANGER

For the majority of destinations I have to drive to, I take Coventry Road on to Chevin Road and down Mills Road to exit Roleystone.

Sometimes, this can be early morning or late afternoon with the sun screaming through the trees inhibiting visibility, or it could be late at night where the lack of street lighting means that I have to rely solely on my vehicles lights to see. Lately, there has been a frequent spray of large rocks across the road at the intersection between Coventry Road and Tower Road. It is not general rubble or small stones but large rocks often ranging from the size of golf balls through to the size of your head and when hit can cause considerable damage not only to my car but also cars coming in the other direction. Having stopped and removed the rocks on a number of occasions

I, like no doubt many other locals, are becoming increasingly annoyed at having to stop and pick them up again the following day. The rocks are often lined-up along the side of Coventry Road opposite Tower Road which leads me to believe that they've been placed there and are kicked on to the road by kids or a local resident intent on causing damage to fellow residents.

As residents of Roleystone, you all no doubt realise the already present dangers we face in driving in the area. In the last month, 2 kangaroos have been maimed along Mills Road and now to add insult to injury we now have to contend with this constant spray of large rocks across a poorly lit road. I encourage those responsible and those living in the area of Coventry Road to keep an eye out for the culprit and counter this dangerous hazard.

**Todd Bendall**  
Roleystone

## PAT HART STEPS DOWN

*Pat Hart is retiring after thirteen years of dedicated service to the City of Armadale as one of the Councillors for Jarrah Ward.*

Over this time she has given unstinting and selfless service. Serving in local government can be a thankless task, with many local issues being important

but limited resources to spread around. While some across the community have occasionally disagreed with some of her standpoints, no one can question her dedication and preparedness to stand up for the things she believes in. Pat has never shirked her responsibilities and I thank her for this.

Here Pat answers some questions as she reflects on her future retirement.

**Over the years you have been Councillor, how has the job and the area changed:**

I don't believe the role has changed dramatically; it is still about representing our community and their needs but recognising the strategic needs of all residents within the City of Armadale. The two major shopping centres in Armadale, rapidly increase in development/population an increased budget have been the greatest changes since my first appointment in 1992. A greater strategic approach is now required and also the need to address increasing social needs and issues.

**What do you feel were your greatest achievements?**

There were many wins along the journey, TWO NOMINATE, SEE PAGE 36 AND 37.

all important in various ways to individuals and community organisations.

Being Deputy Mayor for 3 years was very memorable including being the first women ever to chair a City of Armadale Council meeting.

Receiving the Distinguished Service Award from WA Local Government Association in recognition of my achievements as a Councillor with the City of Armadale really was a great honour.

**What have you most enjoyed about the role?**

Meeting so many wonderful people and succeeding in achieving positive outcomes for individuals and our community's needs. I think being able to make a positive difference both large and small has been personally rewarding.

**What has been the most difficult part of the role?**

Definitely the greatest challenge has been taking a stance on topics that have divided our community.

**What do you wish for your community going into the future?**

I would like to see the community continue to maintain the wonderful caring outlook and respect for one another and for more residents to consider becoming involved in our community organisations.

**What will you be doing now?**


I will be having a bit more time out in far north Queensland visiting my son and grandchildren and continuing with my role in Landcare while seeing what the future unfolds for me.

*Thanks for all you have done for your community Pat.*

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1931: Mr A Neville had been appointed as Head Teacher at the school and along with a 'monitor assistant' guided the learning of the young pupils. He had accommodation built next to the school and he and his family, stayed for ten years. May 29<sup>th</sup> 1931 The school gardens were badly damaged by wandering cattle.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1936  
 A fierce fire passed over the school property this afternoon. The HT (Head Teacher) and 4 senior boys had to spend 1 ¾ hours burning a break to save the quarters and fighting with bushes and buckets of water from a hole in the playground to save the out buildings. A number of posts were destroyed and a considerable quantity of HT's firewood. The radio aerial fell owing to destruction of the tree holding the guy rope. Children and teachers suffered a great deal from the smoke. School was not dismissed. This was the most fierce fire that has swept through the area during the past 10 years. Owing to the long dry summer the bush burnt fiercely even the tops of the green trees were burning and from these came the greatest menace.

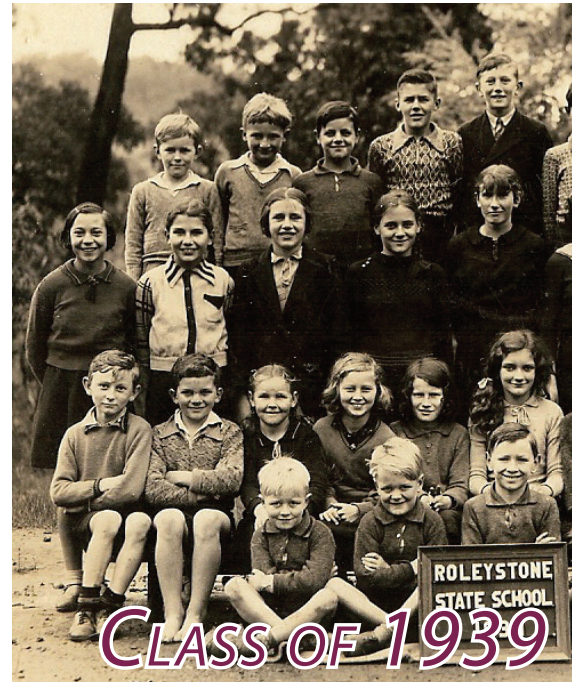
Mr Neville was replaced by Mr R Dalby in 1937. He stayed as Head Teacher for 13 years.

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1938  
 Took up duty as Head Teacher..... The children are a fine type, well mannered and very eager but they appear to be addicted to talking during lessons.

Over the period of World War 11 there were mentions of the school's contribution to the war effort. On April 30<sup>th</sup> 1940 the school was closed when the teachers attended drill instruction in Maddington and on August 14<sup>th</sup> 1942, the children's donation of 16 shillings for the prisoners of war fund was paid into the Department.

By the mid 1940's the school was overcrowded and the tiny side verandah was enclosed to form an infant's classroom. The infant class was taught by Miss Margaret Gowans who also stayed in the location after she too married a local farmer - Mr Vernon Bettenay.

Following WW2 the school mirrored the growth and change in the district. Many children had been evacuated from the metropolitan area during the war and after the war migration programs resulted in many non-English speaking students. Margaret Bettenay recalls the international flavour of the student population with the playground ringing with Dutch Jingles in skipping and European version of Knucklebones. The Italian migration





# Roleystone Primary School 1930 – 1970



happened soon after this point.

By 1951 Mr Dalby had retired and Mr Clive Griffiths took up his appointment.

*In June 1952: Received word that free milk would be delivered.*

The school was overflowing and crown land was purchased in North Roleystone for the construction of a new school. Classes were now being held in the Congregational Church Hall – the little school was full. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1956 under Mr Bernard Smith a new school was completed and opened.

Many former teachers were present at the opening. Since 1956 the Roleystone Primary School continued to grow. The 1950's and 1960's saw big immigration into the Perth hills with many Slav and Italian families seeking to carve new life on the farms and orchards in the area.

In 1961 the old teacher's quarters were gifted to the Congregational Union and the new school quarters were occupied by Mr B Smith and his family.

During 1967 the school had grown large enough for an application for a new classroom to be made. The 21 students in year 7 in 1967 were cramped into the former staff room as a learning space.

(Not that they minded. Linda Bettenay recalls that having a kitchen sink in the room allowed for some great antics when the headmaster was absent from the class – which seemed quite frequent in retrospect!)

On 6<sup>th</sup> December a contract was let for a classroom to be erected at the cost of \$6 522 and this was finished in 1968.

Mr Bernard Smith retired and his place was taken by Mr Max Scott. (Rumour has it that the old Principals quarters were sold after Mr Smith left and that many years after the sale it was discovered that the new owners had never been charged for electricity or water – all courtesy of a very generous Education Department and no doubt an oversight somewhere.)

Gradually the surrounding district of Roleystone was changing with a decrease in the importance of rural orcharding and a rise in the use of the area as domestic accommodation.

*Continued next month.*



## YEAR 2 AND 3: 1962

*Back row: Wendy Lester, Frank Casella, Josephine Osborne, Robyn Brockway, Fiona Bettenay, Linda Beech*

*Second back: Jill Hickinbotham, Tina Voudouris, Kathy Sinagra, Isobel Davies, Judith Beales, Sally Hortin, Patricia Mitchell, Linda Bettenay*

*Third back: Anne Johnson, ? Karen Roberts, Frank Hay, Rodney Hatfield, Geoff Mitchell Stewart Bettenay, ?*

*Second row: Franklin Holmes, Frank Caruso, ? Julie Robbins, Linda Roberts, Greg Powell, Steven Mann.*

*Front: Anne Borrello, Frances Osborne, Helen Parkin, Gail Wardlow, Rhona Pettigrew, Christine Brown, Christine Gauci, Lee-Chelle Walters.*

## UPPER CLASSES: 1958



*Back row: Chris Sandford, Edwin Bettenay, Ian Thorpe*

*Second back: Leonie Mitchell, Cheryl Pearce, Bernie Nelson*

*Third back: Sue Every, Elaine Bradfield, Jenny Bradfield, Meg Ramshaw, Debbie Bettenay*

*Third from front: Margaret Italiano, Patricia Hicks, Lyn Knuckey, Cynthia Mann, Misha Ten Have, Marie Borg*

*Second from front: ? Doug Parkin, Cliff Brockway, ? Viscovich, Leonard Davies, Richard Lantzke, Gary Mann*

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# Dam Story Benefit Concert

A benefit concert to raise money for Pamela was performed on Friday and Saturday, 12th and 13th August.

Pamela's tale has been featured in newspapers and television - the tale of a volunteer fire-fighter who was unfortunately injured when run over by a fire engine. Her friends and the community responded to her plight by organising and patronising the concert at Roleystone Theatre. The programme was hugely enjoyed by those in attendance as it featured skits and songs from theatre members, brilliant fiddle music from a world class violist in Robert Zielinski accompanied by Roleystone violin maker - featured in the New Inventors - Joel Sheard, Irish guitar player Donough O'Donovan and the sensational Classic Sounds Orchestra with their conductor, Rachel John. The event was fortunate in obtaining many raffle prizes from sponsors - the generosity of individuals and local businesses is quite mind boggling - and the organisers, Peter Ellis, Kim Fletcher and Robert Zielinski were very pleased with the outcome.

Gerry Chapman

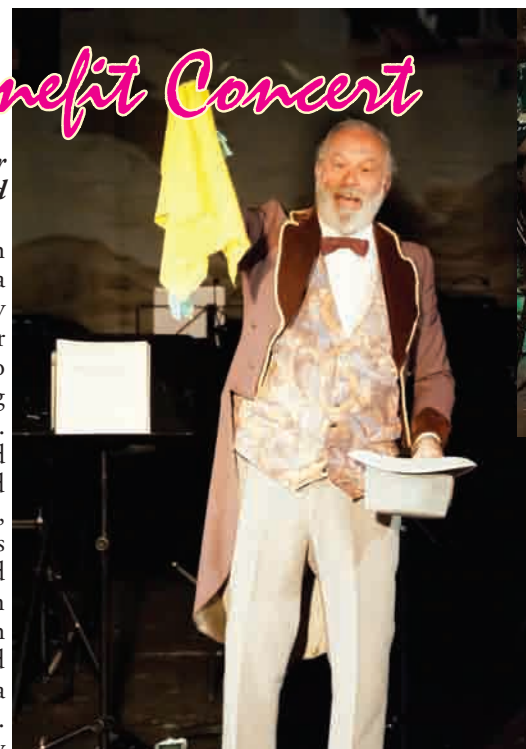
## WHAT A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

The concert reinforced the community bonds in the Canning Valley, bringing together talented people to support a worthy cause. It was a great honour to have International fiddler Robert Zielinski perform for us, and a tremendous joy to hear his music. To witness the huge Classic Sounds Orchestra, with its members ranging from tiny kids to grandparents, all showing their dedication to playing their instruments to a high standard, was wonderful.

Soloist singers and light-hearted skits, well-suited to the purpose of the evening were performed by members of the Roleystone Theatre.

The very merry Gerry Chapman was perfect in his role as MC and it was great fun to be part of a warm and intimate experience. Robert, supported by the orchestra in the grand finale of the evening left us on a high note.

Maggie Burke (audience member from Roleystone)



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*Photos: Clockwise from far left: MC for the evening, Gerry Chapman pulls something from his hat. Above: musicians Chris Horgan, Rob Zielinski, Joel Sheard and Donough O'Donovan, At left: Pam Story makes an impassioned thank you speech. At far left Joel Sheard gives a violin solo. Below: The Classic Sounds Orchestra. Thanks to Zyg Woltersdorf and Julie Stack Horgan for the photos.*



**A HEARTFELT THANKYOU**

*The community concerts held on my behalf at the Roleystone Theatre on Friday and Saturday were a sell out and a great success.*

Peter Ellis, Robert Zielinski and Kim Fletcher did a fantastic job of organising the concerts which ran smoothly without a hitch. I am in awe of the talent of Robert Zielinski, Classic Sounds Orchestra and the members of the Roleystone Theatre. The lighting and photography by Zyg was exceptional.

My favourite instrumental and fiddle piece was Brian Baru's March played by Rob on the fiddle and backed up by the Classic Sounds Orchestra. It is a burial march for the last high king of Ireland who was ambushed in his tent and killed during the battle of Clontarf in 1014. I am humbled by everyone who gave their time to make these concerts such a success.

I sincerely thank all involved, you all came together to do this nice thing for me. Since the accident my rehabilitation process has been slow and painful. On occasions I have doubted the humanity and integrity of people.

The people of Roleystone/Kelmscott came together and supported me at these concerts, and for this I will be eternally thankful. Many people introduced themselves to me at the concerts and chatted for a while, I can't remember a happier, nicer time of late.

The caring and compassion of the local community is something I will hold in my heart forever no matter how bleak I may feel during my ongoing rehabilitation.

*Thankyou.  
Pam Story*



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## Sing into Spring - Featuring Schubert's Mass in G.

The outstandingly successful Western Australian choir, I Voci, will present their annual spring concert in Wesley Church in the City at 3.00pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

The concert will include a series of carefully selected part songs, mainly sung 'a cappella', in the first half of the program.

The second half being devoted to the Schubert Mass in G accompanied on the church organ by John Beaverstock. The shorter items include three beautiful Motets by Charles Villiers Stanford and three delightful English Folk Songs, one of which has been arranged by the noted Australian, Percy Grainger. Here is an opportunity to hear one of Australia's top young choirs on a pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Tickets are priced at \$20 adult and \$10 student/child. The choir will be directed by its founding conductor, local musician John Christmass.



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### SCHOLARSHIP

The celebrated youth choir, I Voci, is offering Vocal Scholarships valued at \$2400 annually for male voices, up to 30 years of age. For auditions and information 9390 4275.

## Performer's Night @The Club in September

*With the advent of Performer's Night, every Wednesday at the Roleystone Country Club, an exciting new musical forum has begun in the bills.*

Performers Night began in July as the brainchild of Peter Hardinge and Bobbi Marchini, both seasoned entertainers with recording and musical careers spanning 40 years.

'We always wanted to bring music to the local area. An all ages, sit down concert venue, where people can comfortably watch and listen to the music, or get up and dance the night away on the dance floor.'

'We are committed to bring the finest music we can find to Performers Night.' Every week up and coming artists have a chance to do a 20-30 minute spot alongside some of Perth's musical legends such as: Ian Simpson, Rick Steele, Chelsea Gibson, Graham and Donna Greene, Bob Patient, as well as enjoy the well known hospitality of the Roleystone Country Club.

Pete and Bobbi start at 7.30, followed by, young and old, amateur and professional artists in 30 minute spots. At about 9.15pm the feature act of the week does a one hour show.

Blues Club Virtuoso Ric Steele was awesome on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. 31<sup>st</sup> August saw locals Kim Bettenay and Claire Barry perform, as well as a preview of 2 future feature acts Shameem and Paula P. These ladies sure can sing!

This month we have Songbird - September, where you will hear some of the finest female vocalists in the country, let alone WA. September 7<sup>th</sup> Polly Meclen, September 14<sup>th</sup> Donna Greene, September 21<sup>st</sup> Shameem and

on the 28<sup>th</sup> Nicola Milan.

The response so far has been enthusiastic with audiences raving about the quality and professionalism of the night. So if you want good entertainment with a variety of top line artists, good food, a wonderful view and reasonable bar prices, drop by the Roleystone Country Club any Wednesday night and for a small cover charge (\$10) enjoy some of the best music Perth has to offer. **Pete Hardinge**

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## Annie's Exhibition

*Local long term resident of Roleystone Annie Wheeler is a very talented artist. She will soon be having her work displayed at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant from the 3rd September until early October.*

Annie has been painting in acrylics for 5 years and is largely self taught, although she has a Diploma in Ceramics which included the subjects of drawing and design which she has found to be helpful in the composition of her paintings. Her work is breathtakingly good and Roleystone Courier readers are encouraged to visit Genesis to view this artist's work.

Her work has been entered in three exhibitions over three years and she has won the popular vote (or people's choice) in two of those exhibitions. Her picture of Roley Pools, won the people's choice award at the Roleybushcare Art Exhibition and she also won the

Mount Romance Centennial Art Prize in Albany.

She was also a finalist in the Australian Artist Magazine for her painting of Point Peron, Rockingham. So following on from these accolades Annie felt it timely to have her own exhibition. Many of Annie's pieces are of landscapes reflecting her love of nature.

*Annie is pictured with her painting of 'Bub' - an exploration into portraiture.*

'I sincerely hope that my paintings reflect and compliment the wonderful ambience and high standard of Genesis in the Hills restaurant.

I only paint subjects that have a feel of beauty, and I like to portray them as they are in reality, without distortion, so that the viewer may experience the pleasure of that moment, as I did.

If my paintings can impart a feeling of simple enjoyment, then I have achieved my goal,' said Annie.

Let's Salute The Arts



*Above: Wayne and Linda Stokes and their daughters Renee and Kathleen, following their very successful exhibition of artworks and wood turning at Genesis in the hills Vegetarian Restaurant in August.*

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Following an amazing dinner the audience showed their appreciation for the many contributors who make The Centre the strong and vibrant place it is. President Jean Henrickson thanked the wonderful staff, the outgoing committee, the many user groups and a wide variety of others who selflessly donate their time to keeping The Centre strong. Thanks also goes to Jean who is stepping down as President after many years of involvement on the committee.

Linda Moore



Clockwise from top:  
 The Wonderful Staff and Committee,  
 The White Wendys,  
 Toy Librarians: Peta Flynn & Linda Schaudin,  
 Chris and Anne Johnson looking romantic,  
 The Ultra Glamorous, Liz Zidich,  
 Outgoing President, Chief Fairy Jean Henrickson,  
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# Roleystone Primary School News



**JIM HORTIN**

Last term saw the final Religious Education session at RPS. We acknowledged Gerry Chapman then; and now we thank Jim Hortin for his dedication and enthusiasm in providing RE for the students of RPS.

As an ex-principal Jim has very fond memories of his time in charge, and he says the Roleystone community was like one big family in the way that children,

teachers and parents worked together. In his time, the school oval was even tinier than it is now and needed to be extended. A busy bee saw parents provide muscle and equipment to fetch the soil (donated) to fill the extension and plant the grass which was collected from the sewerage works in Armadale, after a stonemason was paid by the P & C to build the wall. Thank you Jim for all your hard work in the many roles you have filled.

*On Wednesday 17th August students in Rooms 4, 5, 6, 14, 16, and 17 took part in a Teddy Bears' Picnic. The picnic was run as part of the Better Buddies Program which allows younger and older students to 'buddy up' and take part in a variety of values based activities. Students were even lucky enough to receive a visit from Buddy Bear himself! Amy Pryke.*

Our annual Musica Viva incursion was well received by students and staff. We listened to some very unusual instruments played by Sirocco, taking us on a musical journey through South East Asia. Students were invited to participate by playing some of the instruments, and some worked together to bring to life a Chinese dragon. Despite all this, I think it was the electric guitar that had the audience rocking the most. We have also had t-ball clinics and cricket clinics for students. Another example of long term involvement with this school was the fact that Jake Snadden, a former student, was in charge of giving the kids a taste of cricket through the clinic.

Helen Cotter, our Science specialist, organised representatives from the Water Corporation to help with spreading the conservation message amongst the children. Everyone involved said it was interesting and enjoyable.

I was on duty down in the bush area one recess, when some boys informed me joyfully that they had found the 'pigs trotter'- a piece of wood shaped like a pig's foot. When questioned as to just what they were talking about, they related a series of events. 'Back in Year Two, Damon (now year five) brought this specially shaped stick to school. It was greatly sought after by all base players and Aaron, for reasons best known to himself buried it, and no-one was able to locate it, until now.' I asked them who named the wood. Finn said it was Damon, Damon said it was Finn, and then someone suggested that Lyam may have been the christener. It doesn't really matter I guess, but it's great that children still find wonder in simple things.

*Pat Watson*



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**Buildings on Schedule!**

Up at the Raeburn road site, there has been a flurry of activity over the year to ensure that the new buildings are on track and ready for the end of the year transition from two schools to one as the Roleystone Community College.

The buildings constructed as part of the Building Education Revolution (BER) are nearly ready for handover. The four classroom block is very close to completion and has already been landscaped. The grassed area will provide an excellent area for the students to play on. The next stage which is the Early Childhood block has just had the pad poured. Pictured is the framework for the new library. It looks like everything is running to schedule.

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### THE COMING SHOW

Pockets of activity have been developing in many corners of the Armadale/Kelmscott/Roleystone district as people do what is necessary to take part in the 2011 Kelmscott Show. Exhibitors are working on craft and art items; nurturing their vegetables, fruit, and flowers; turning their wood; testing their recipes; sewing, spinning, and brewing. The show is the annual opportunity for the district to show-case its talents.

School art classes at Clifton Hills, Kelmscott, and Kelmscott High are honing their talents and adding a touch of colour to the show environment by enlivening the ticket boxes that always stand, on show days, at each entrance to the showgrounds.

At left: Kelmscott Senior High School students, Gabrielle Gardos (left), Sasha Coupland, and Jessica Carpenter, are seen here doing their bit to brighten the days of October 21 and 22. Have YOU decided what you will enter in this year's show?  
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## Arabian Talent Squad

Recently, the Arabian Horse Society of Australia announced the Pure bred Arabian under Saddle Development Squad and invited riders to apply for selection. The purpose of the development squad is to assist and encourage successful horse/ rider combinations to attend their State Arabian championships and the Australian National Arabian championships in ridden classes.

Local Judith Congrene decided to apply for selection with her eight year old chestnut mare Top Fancy Tamara. Despite the rather intimidating prospect of having to ride in front of three judges for the assessment on 13<sup>th</sup> August, the experience of preparing for and riding in this selection seemed

a very worthwhile endeavour, so the training began. Judith arranged for lessons to improve her riding skills specifically for show workouts which requires a different emphasis from the usual dressage, showjumping and cross country events.

Training a horse for this specific assessment objective involves the development of the horse's fitness and obedience so that the assessment of the quality of the horse and rider combination gives a good overall impression.

Other criteria being assessed were the potential for improvement and the trainability and commitment of the candidates. Other candidates were already competing at the A class Arabian shows so Judith knew she had a steep learning curve to be competitive with her horse.

The saying that: 'if something is worth doing, it's worth doing well' was appropriate, so a lot of preparation was given to this mission for selection.

The fantastic news is that Judith and Top Fancy Tamara were selected for the AHSA talent squad as ambassadors for WA!

*Dr Judith Congrene*

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## SOME LESSONS TO LEARN - FIRE SAFETY

I thought Mick Keelty summed it up beautifully when he said that if we don't know the fuel loadings we live amongst then we don't understand the risk we are exposed to. In short, how can we mitigate the risk if we don't know what it is?? Seems logical doesn't it! The fact is this analogy can be applied at both the broad landscape scale and the individual property scale.

If you live in a house that has not been constructed (or retrofitted) to bushfire construction standard, you are at increased risk of your home igniting during a bushfire. If you don't maintain fuel loads on your bush block below 6-8 tonnes per hectare, it's likely the next fire will be uncontrollable. So if you don't know what the construction standards of your home are OR what your surrounding fuel loadings are then you have no idea what the level of risk you are exposed to every summer.

I think there are many reasons why so many people are unprepared, but a key one must be that they simply do not understand their level of risk.

So how do you determine your level of risk? Do a Bushfire Attack Level assessment on your block. The Australian Standard AS3959-2009 provides the methodology. Your assessed level determines what to do to your home to

retrofit it and help it comply to survive the next bushfire.

When areas are finally declared bushfire prone, this will automatically be triggered for all new homes. It cannot be enforced retrospectively to existing homes, but you can do the assessment and then retrofit your home to help it comply. This is real quantifiable bushfire risk mitigation that you can do and it's not necessarily expensive.

Lastly, I am passionate about community bushfire education and engagement, not enough people are currently engaged. The report highlighted the need for more activity in this area. The University of Western Australia are running a one day Bushfire Survival Plan workshop in October targeting residents in bushfire areas. It just provides another option to the local brigade, FESA and local government programs and might be just what you were looking for. Simply Google: 'UWA & Bushfire'.

Get engaged and good luck preparing before summer.

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### The Keelty Review

*Some major pointers to come from the Keelty review impacting on this community.*

That: 'not one agency appearing before the Special Inquiry could point to engagement of the community during exercises designed to test response to a bushfire emergency', causes great concern. The importance of community engagement in any crisis situation is of major importance.

Recommendation 3: the responsibility of declaring areas 'bushfire prone' and Recommendation 40: which recommends mandating the notation on title deeds of affected properties that they are in a declared fire prone area, both seem sensible suggestions.

The requirement for pre-season bushfire education in Recommendation 6 which emphasises the fact that water

and power supplies are not guaranteed during bushfires, is also welcome. It is important to remind people that in an emergency situation nothing can be guaranteed.

The calls for FESA, DEC and local governments to not only administer comprehensive controlled burning programs but also to conduct them as joint exercises in Recommendations 13 and 14 is also sensible. Not only would such events help reduce critical fuel loads it will allow the cross-pollination of techniques between the agencies and allow them to operate better as one team.

Overall this review provides an excellent opportunity to bring about changes that update our responses to all emergency situations and Mr Keelty is to be congratulated for such a comprehensive review. **Hopefully we will now see ACTION on it.**



At left: Esther Douglas and Jean Brockway enjoy the tulips at Araluen.

# ARALUEN NOTES

Liz Dunn



shop offering the full range of tea, coffees and muffins. This has transformed this area into a beautiful outdoor café where visitors can sit amongst the tulips and enjoy a coffee.

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### Spring

What a wonderful time to visit Araluen with the first of the tulips starting to bloom. After all the rain, the tulips are looking fantastic and the colours are really vibrant. The 'Three Bridges' walk could be called the fragrance walk at the moment with all the jonquils and daffodils in bloom making it a beautiful track to follow.

The train is running every day from 10.30 to 4.30 and the other new initiative is our outdoor café. We now have a mobile coffee facility operating from outside the Roundhouse Gift

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## GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

*Are your roses and fruit trees pruned? Are your hands battle scarred? Are the weeds growing wonderfully well?*

One of the side issues from all the weeding,

is that the chooks are giving eight or nine eggs each day; lovely golden fresh tasty eggs. Yes this is a beautiful time of the year and we cannot complain especially when the rain obliges by often coming heaviest at night.

The last month I was so busy in my role with the Camellia Society as I had a visit from the International President of the Camellia Society, Pat Short and her husband Herb from London. We took a quick trip to Cape Leeuwin in the bleakest, windiest weather. I had never seen the water right up to the water wheel and splashing foam into the car park. We also enjoyed seeing the tall karri trees on Caves Road and the garden that once belonged to Jesse Bussell and which has been in the Peirce family since 1904.

On the Monday, a group of keen Camellians gathered with Grant Nixon at Araluen for Devonshire tea and then went for a brisk walk around the Park. The Camellia trees are looking fantastic and the early plantings have responded well to their loving care. In my mind the knockout beauty of the day was a large plant of 'Flower Girl,' a reticulate hybrid in a glowing pink which is on the edge

of a lawned area. It was transplanted two years before from a private garden in Maddington.

We then had an official Camellia planting ceremony with Pat planting an American Bred Cultivar 'Kick Off', Herb planted a variegated version of 'Great Eastern' and I replaced the 'Jean Evans' that died when a tree branch fell on the original bush.

As a direct result of Pat's talk on Curtin Radio, I have talks to do in September for Bayswater, Rockingham and Margaret River! I think then I will be able to relax. Next February a group from all over the world will attend the International Conference and symposium in China. There is still another month for bookings if others want to join us.

I must say that the Daffodils this year are really amazing along with the other spring bulbs, really starting to add colour to gardens. Another combination I find very pleasing is the grey foliage of 'lamb's ears' and mondo grass, I guess it would work equally well with the black grass too.

Our Garden Group has enjoyed a few quiet outings this year; yes we still meet regularly on the third Thursday each month. Next month we will look at a local garden and then in October we will once again take in Amanda's Garden in Southern River.

Keep up with the work, which is inevitable, but remember to take time out to just enjoy the garden while you get the mulch and feeding done to prepare the garden for the summer.

*Good Gardening, Jean*



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The walks planned for this month are: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, 8am start: RAILWAY RESERVES HISTORICAL TRAIL Mundaring. This is an easy walk and followed by lunch (maybe) at 'A Patch of Country'. Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 7 am start: BERAKING BROOK WALK off Dale Road. This is an easy to moderate walk.

**INVITATION TO JOIN 'THE ARMADALE GUIDE'**

Jayne from Creative Web Design and Hosting has started a new website for the community called the Armadale Guide. It is a website bringing together information from around the Armadale region and outlying suburbs.

It is designed so that local residents can access information about their area, as well as visitors looking to engage in activities and learn more about our unique environment.

As the website develops there will be a wide range of information about things to do in Armadale, upcoming events, heritage and history information as well as a comprehensive list of local businesses and their services. She is also welcoming any ideas, suggestions, photos or articles to be published on the website.

One of the areas focus on the site is support for local businesses, community and sporting groups.

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For each organisation who is involved in the website there is an information page, photos, contact information and livelinks to their website and any social networking pages they have. This provides another avenue for advertising from visitors coming to the site as well as traffic from the search engines. Jayne is inviting local businesses, community and sporting groups to contact her so that she can arrange for their FREE information page. So come and visit [armadaleguide.com.au](http://armadaleguide.com.au), have a look around, join the Facebook Fan page and become a Twitter follower. <http://armadaleguide.com.au> Jayne's contact details: [jayne@armadaleguide.com.au](mailto:jayne@armadaleguide.com.au) 0430 025 754

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**It's dieback treatment time again**

The next field day will be on Sunday 18th September at Boulder Rock and is a dieback treatment day. This iconic local site is around 8.5 kilometres up the Brookton Hwy from the Chevin Road turnoff. Boulder Rock is in the Midgegooroo National Park and is managed by the Department for Environment and Conservation (DEC). The area around the Rock was treated many years ago but we need to repeat the treatment. We will meet at 9.00am and work till noon.

Please consider treating your own bush against dieback disease. If you need help, come along to one of our field days in a local reserve. Members of Roleybushcare will give you instruction on how to proceed. It's very easy to do. If you help out that morning, you will be able to borrow our equipment to do your own trees. It is recommended that you

inject your trees every 3-5 years. Grass trees, zamias and small vegetation need to be sprayed every year. The procedure for spraying is different. The strength of the phosphite is less and a wetting agent is added. Morning tea is provided.

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 0427800732.

**Grasstree Project**

We are looking for volunteers to help David Ward with his project (see page 11). We will be removing dead undergrowth from the grasstrees, putting them on top of the zamias around Hillendale Village and the Fire Station. This will be burnt (with supervision and permission) to lower the fire hazard and also improve the health of the zamias and grasstrees. Email [info@roleybushcare.com.au](mailto:info@roleybushcare.com.au) if you wish to help out.

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*Scouts Mia Thompson and Ben Roskov holding flag presented by Don Randall.*

had been damaged whilst camping. Don had a great chat to the Cubs about politics and they certainly came up with some very interesting questions.

Thanks Don for your support of our Scout Group.

Phone Joanne Meuli if you would like more information about Scouts on 0437271934.

*Joanne Meuli*

## CUB SCOUTS GET FLAG

Don Randall came along to a Roleystone Cub Scout night to present the Cubs with a new flag as the old one



## NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER!

Nominations are now open from the local community for the National Volunteer Awards. The prestigious awards recognise individuals and organisations that make an outstanding contribution to their local community through volunteering. 'In 2011, we proudly mark the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers. The awards especially recognise that everyone can be a volunteer and make a valuable contribution to their community. These awards are a fantastic way to boost your community services portfolio for both nominees and winners,' commented Don Randall, MHR for Canning.

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If you would like any further information on the WA Seniors Card, or any other, please do not hesitate to contact my office on 9452 8311.



**TENNIS NEWS**  
WENDY TUCKER

### RECENT EVENTS

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August and many thanks to everyone who attended.

The new Committee consists of -

- President - Wendy Tucker
- Secretary - Tracey Backhouse
- Treasurer - Myles Hay-Hendry
- Club Captain - Wendy Tucker
- Vice Club Captain - Graham Boase
- Mid Week Captain - Taryn Boase
- Vice Mid Week Captain - Judy Smith
- Sponsorship Officer - Mel James

The General Committee: Bob Rowe, Shelley Quartermaine, Helen Mantle, Suzanne Tucker.

We also welcomed two new Life Members to Our Club: Jim Brayshaw and June Copley.

Both of these members have given our club many years of service and are very deserving of Life Membership. Jim and June will be presented with their Life Member Badges at our upcoming Open Day.

### COMING EVENTS

#### OPEN DAY

Our first event for the New Season is our Annual Open Day which will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 1.30pm. All of the Roleystone Community is very welcome to attend.

To prepare for the Open Day we are having a Busy Bee on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 8am. We hope everyone can come along and help to get the Club spick and span and there will be brunch provided

for all of our helpers.

On the Open Day itself we will have our 2011/2012 Season Membership Cards to give out to the members that pay their Annual Fees on the day.

This is a good opportunity to pay your fees as the Treasurer will be present to issue receipts and membership forms can be filled out.

#### FEES

The fees remain the same as last year -

- \$45.00 Junior (under 18)
- \$60.00 Student (full time students with current University/ TAFE Card)
- \$75.00 Adults
- \$130.00 Couple
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Listed on the reverse of the Membership Cards will be the Calendar of Events for the 2011/2012 Season.

I sincerely hope we can all look forward to another enjoyable and positive year with lots of member participation in all our events.

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## BOWLING ALONG

With Keith Rinaldi

*A number of familiar faces have returned from chasing the northern sun during our winter months and it is good to see them back out on the bowling green.*

Not only does this increase the number of bowlers taking part in our social competitions each Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, it also has meant a boost to the number of willing helpers as the refurbishment of B Green rapidly nears completion.

Of course, the returning bowlers also signal the new season drawing closer. During September there will be a number of club events, including our Hot-Pot day on Sunday 25th September. This social day is open to all, with visitors and community members invited to take part. A full day's lawn bowls with morning tea and lunch followed by refreshments during prize presentations for a nomination fee of just \$15 is certainly value for money.

For more information and to nominate for this event contact either of our club captains Phil Deas (9496 1086) or Shirley Thomas (9390 5839).

The club also welcomes new members and our new season memberships are now being taken. For membership enquiries you can contact our club treasurer Malcolm Clements (9397 5789), who can provide full details of membership categories including our recently introduced social membership.

*Pictured above: Familiar faces returning from winter escapes include Ken Brown & Gerry Chapman enjoying a game of bowls with Alison Brown and Dave Locke.*

## Astronomical Highlights September

Ah, the wonders of Wikipedia: a quick Google reveals that the word September comes from the name of the seventh month in the pre-153 BC Roman calendar. The year started in March, back then. I could find some sense in the idea of starting the year from an astronomical event such as a solstice or an equinox. For simplicity, we say these days that spring starts on the 1st of September. More properly, it ought to start at the equinox. This occurs on the 23rd, around 5pm. At that time the Sun will be right in the plane of the Earth's equator.

At equinox time the Sun rises due east and sets due west. If you're on the equator, perhaps in Borneo, the Sun will pass exactly overhead when it reaches its highest point in the sky. This can never happen in Perth; we're too far south. The word equi-nox implies that day and night are equal, i.e. 12 hours apiece. Near enough. The time from sunrise to sunset is lengthened by about 6 minutes because the Earth's atmosphere bends sunlight a bit, enabling us to see the Sun when it's actually just below the horizon.

Another Wiki-fact is that, in the familiar Gregorian calendar, September always begins on the same day of the week as December. The interval is 91 days, a neat multiple of 7.

Thursday September 1st will bring a pleasing early evening sight in the western sky: the waxing crescent moon next to the star Spica, with Saturn well below. Telescope observers, you'd better eyeball Saturn early in the month

because it's settling down into the murk. By the end of the month it'll be setting in twilight. The setting time is around 8:30pm in early September, and 7:45pm mid-month.

The Moon's main phases will be first quarter on the night of the 4th, full moon on the 12th, last quarter on the 20th, and new moon on the 27th. The full moon on the 12th will rise just a few minutes after the Sun sets, and on the opposite horizon. The thin "new" crescent moon should be visible low down and just to the south of west on the 28th at dusk (say 7pm or so). You need a good, clear view low down to the west for this; not always easy to arrange, up here in the hills.

In the absence of Venus, Jupiter is the brightest starlike object in the night sky. Early in the month, it rises just to the north of east at about 11pm and culminates quite high in the north around 4am. Dawn finds it in the NNW. By mid-month Jupiter's rising around 10pm, culminating at around 3am, and standing out in the NW sky at break of day. By month's end it's rising before 9pm – early enough that plenty of people are likely to notice it and phone the Observatory to ask what it is.

Mars continues to be a somewhat uninspiring sight, fairly low in the NE sky at daybreak all month. On the mornings of the 23rd and 24th Mars will be visited by the waning crescent moon.

**Greg Lowe**  
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# ROLEYSTONE Theatre

The Roleystone Theatre's next Production is a ONE-ACT-SEASON. It is only a two night season over Friday 9th & Saturday 10th September, commencing at 8pm.

Tickets are only \$5.00 & the Bar & Kiosk will be open. There are two plays on offer. "ENIGMA" Directed by Rory Cornelius & "THE WORKER" Directed by Nicole George.

There will also be a variety of entertainment from Roleystone Theatre Members.

Hope to see you there.

**President : Zyg Woltersdorf**



## Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

*The RKCC has been busy over the winter months with two teams competing in Twenty20 competitions.*

The RKCC team competing in the Curtin Victoria-Park competition narrowly missed out on finals after a rollercoaster season. Liam Rigby (12 wickets), Patrick Fisher (230 runs) and Chris Dudley (230 runs) were the main performers throughout the season but the highlight by far was Andy Mobilia's hat-trick in the second last game. Meanwhile, the RKCC Muppets competing in the Canning Districts competition at Coker Park commenced their finals campaign on 27th August having finished 2nd. Stay tuned for how they went in the next issue.

Former Roley lad, Jacob Snadden has performed and captained magnificently this season having notched up 318 runs at an impressive average of 79.50 and all of RKCC wish them success in the finals. With Summer on the horizon, the RKCC

is currently looking for new players to fill positions in our A, C, D, and 2 E grade sides which will be competing in the Swan-Helena competition and kicks off on October 8th.

Our Open Day on September 24th will be your chance to come and see what you've been missing out on so be sure to come by and watch an RKCC Invitational XI take on Murdoch. Australian Test legend Bruce 'Roo' Yardley will be making an appearance and gives everyone a chance to grab a signed copy of his new autobiography.

The club will be open with food and refreshments with music and the usual great RKCC atmosphere!

To register, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at [rkcc1950@hotmail.com](mailto:rkcc1950@hotmail.com), find us on facebook ('Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club'), or come to the club on any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday and be sure to attend the Open Day on September 24th. See you all there!

**Todd Bendall**



*The Roleystone Karragullen Junior Cricket Club had a special surprise on registration day when Marty Paskal, a Western Warrior and Jake Snadden (WACCA Game Development Officer) arrived. They went over to 'the nets' after registration and joined some aspiring junior cricketers in some batting practice. Jake is well aware of Roleystone as he was an ex student of Roleystone Primary School and played with RKCC. Pictured above: Katie Ross, Marty Paskal (Retravisision Warrior), Mike Cirrillo and Jake Snadden.*

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## LAURIE SCIDONE RECOMMITS TO COUNCIL

Last month Councillor Hart announced her intention to stand down from representing her community and would not be seeking a further term as Councillor for the Jarrah Ward. Councillor Hart's term expires on 15 October 2011.

Having worked alongside Councillor Hart for four years, I learnt a lot during our time together on Council. Councillor Hart can be proud of her many achievements during her years of dedication, and I congratulate her on serving her community with distinction. Shortly after the 2009 election, I carefully considered my options and resolved that I enjoyed the challenges of representing my community. I believed that there were many achievements that remained incomplete and therefore I would contest

the 2011 election. Two years on and my desire to represent my community has driven my nomination for this year's local government election.

I am also not a single issue candidate. Important issues to me vary from our youth and seniors to sensible and sustainable development, local employment, recreation facilities, tourism, the environment and improved communications with Council.

The tranquil beauty of the Darling escarpment is a unique place that we call home. A mixture of residential, rural and regional parks; we have different needs to the rest of the City. Much more can be achieved to continue to make our neighbourhood a special place to live. With your help, I have the drive, commitment, the networks and the ideas to make this happen; to build our future together.

On behalf of the community, I wish Councillor Hart and her husband, Graham who has supported her during her time on council, well in retirement. A greater portion of their retirement will be spent with their grand-daughter as she grows into a delightful young lady.

*Congratulations Councillor Hart.  
Laurie Scidone*

### Royal Show Tickets

You can again get your Royal Show tickets from our local IGA. Avoid the long queue and purchase your discounted tickets at the kiosk at IGA Roleystone.

*Connie Anile*

### Kelmscott History Group Heritage Walk

On Sunday 18th September at 1.30 to 4pm. The walk will explore the history of two of the oldest churches in the district, the Kelmscott Congregational Church and St Mary's Church of England and the surrounding cemetery. Meet at the Kelmscott Hall, River Road, Kelmscott. Remember your walking shoes and hat. All welcome. Call: 9390 0804 for further information.

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## GRANT NIXON STANDING FOR JARRAH WARD

*My name is Grant Nixon and I am nominating for the Jarrah Ward at the upcoming election.*

My wife Andrea and I originally met in England, coming back to WA to marry. We moved to New Zealand, where I was born, where we lived and worked for four years before coming back to WA in 1985 to settle in Roleystone. Our daughter Emma was born 5 years later.

I have the leadership and practical skills required for this type of role, having run my own business effectively for several years.

Currently I am the Gardens Development Manager at Araluen Botanic Park, a position I have held for the last 18 years.

*(Grant is pictured at right in the gardens at Araluen with Liz Dunn).*

Having been an integral part of the management team, I have high-level skills in budgetary planning and expenditure monitoring.

I am efficient, effective and professional in my dealings with all people and am collaborative in my decision making, with a flexible and positive approach. I have a good rapport with people.

In all my endeavors, I have worked tirelessly to achieve an excellence in customer service, with a keen desire to consistently achieve higher. My extensive experience in landscaping and construction in open spaces and parks will be a significant benefit to the City.



I love the hills lifestyle, which is based around strong community, and orchards and am a strong supporter of cool prescribed burning. We currently burn on a 4-year rotation at Araluen.

I will be a strong candidate as I am open and interested and believe I can represent the cross section of the Roleystone community by listening, observing and acting. I have lived and worked in the area for 25 years and know the presenting issues. More than anything, I love Roleystone and will fight to retain its uniqueness and identity.

I pledge to be pro-active in representing the needs of the residents and interests of Roleystone and to be available to those in need of advocacy and representation in local government matters and any area that I can help. I respectfully request that you give me your support and vote at the forthcoming council elections. Make your vote count for a BETTER ROLEYSTONE!!

**Grant Nixon**

*At the time of going to print, only these two nominations for the vacancy 'Councillor Jarrah Ward' were provided to the Roleystone Courier.*

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## Suicide Prevention; Everyone's Business

*The second week of September is Suicide Prevention Week.*

*Our community has an active committed group, Roleystone Alive Group, working to ensure that we limit untimely deaths or injurious behaviours in our location. I asked the coordinator of this group to put some words together about the scourge of suicide in communities.*

If you fronted up to the emergency room with a compound fracture and a bone sticking out of your arm in obvious distress, you know you would be seen to by a doctor almost immediately, yes?

*Well a lot more people die from suicide each year than they do from a broken arm?*

What is the triage process for someone emotionally unsound, and how and who should help someone who is contemplating suicide or generally not coping anymore?

**Fact: More people die from suicide each year than road deaths in Australia.**

We can see how much money is spent on road safety campaigns and safer cars, but where do we openly see suicide prevention thrown in our faces? The truth is not many people know what to do or how to handle the topic. It's often still thought of

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as taboo and sometimes people will avoid mentioning the subject of depression or suicide with an obviously distressed person simply because they feel it may make the situation worse. Fact: 80% of people have thought about killing themselves at some point in their lives\*.

It's OK to talk about suicide and more importantly it's ok for you to suggest help, in the form of counselling or visiting their GP. A problem shared is often a problem halved, being a good listener (not a problem solver) is often enough to take the edge off for someone. Suicide does not discriminate; age, socioeconomic status, relationship status, success does not matter. Anyone can be at risk and it's everyone's business when it comes to helping someone in need.

**Not many people know who their 'real friends' are.**

We can all rattle off a list of people who without hesitation would come for a few drinks or have laugh with. But most people struggle to locate a friend that they can actually talk openly about their emotions to without fear of reprisal or humiliation, particularly young men. Most often than not in a group full of friends it's generally a count of 2 or 3 that make the cut. One of them being an older mentor type figure, another is someone the same age who is going through similar things and the other is often a woman. *Tip: Find out who these people are in your lives, before you need them.*

Roleystone has been through its fair share of hard times and often a question I was asked is what is being done? Well not so long ago the only things we could see happening were through the churches and every now and then the youth services from down the hill would pop up to babysit teens for a while. It's great to see but it wasn't enough. Roleystone now has a group that is made up of locals who have been together working tirelessly for over a year. The group is made of locals who have lobbied for a fair share of the government's 13 million dollars that has been allocated to mental health and suicide prevention. Roleystone was the first community to set up a committee and actively get involved.

So far projects undertaken include a mass survey of locals in order to do a gap analysis on the current situation. The survey is being undertaken by Edith Cowan University and is the first of its kind; this also means that years down the track progress can be measured. The schools have been involved, resilience training for school teachers has been funded and several programs for teens and children at risk have been introduced and or continued. Speakers such as ex Fremantle Dockers Player Paul Hasleby and Andrew Browne have been into the senior and junior football clubs to talk about their experiences with depression and how to seek help or help a mate out. All up Paul and his mates have visited the boys 8 times in the last 12 months.

Members of the community have had Gatekeeper training, this is the only nationally recognised suicide 'first aid' training in Australia and it's been rolled out to key players in the community such as local business owners, coaches, teachers, church leaders, youth workers and more. Another Gatekeeper course is due to be held in November 2011.

*Next time you see someone who says they're not coping, even if it's not through words that you know something isn't right ask them how they really are. It's National Suicide Prevention Week in September and it's as good an excuse as any to actively have a chat to someone about their emotional wellbeing, a real conversation isn't about the footy or the weather it's about them. How are they going and what's going on with their lives. You might end up being someone's hero and you wouldn't have even known it.*

It's up to everyone in the community to want change and to want to be a community that looks after each other young and old. Sustainability is the key, so if you're a local looking to get involved contact me via email. [Evie.molson@hotmail.com](mailto:Evie.molson@hotmail.com)

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Be involved in the community survey with ECU <http://www.roleystone.net.au/roleyalive.html>

\*Ref-Wheat belt Men's health 2010, Matters for Men John Ashfield

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Roleystone Community Coordinator

## Pro Bono: CYCLE RACE

### David Bardsley, Minister Community Church



an example when he was talking about the way we can live. Paul saw life as a journey towards achieving a heavenly goal. I know nothing of Cadel Evans' spiritual life but that wouldn't have bothered Paul - he used the example of Greek athletes to encourage us. In Philippians, he wrote, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize..." Like Mr Evans, the winners of the Greek races received trophies and cash as well as high esteem. The Christian receives the prize of everlasting glory. Cadel's victory is indeed a modern parable of a good spiritual life. For many of us that path has had more ups and downs than the mountain stages of "Le Tour" and there have been times when we have just got off and sat by the roadside! Maybe that's where you are now. Maybe you never even set off, as you saw it as all too hard. May I encourage you to take heart and give it another go?

One final comment - Cadel Evans could not have achieved what he did without the sacrificial support of his team mates. In the spiritual journey I read about in the Bible, we too are surrounded by team mates who want to see us win through and will give up so much for us.

Why not join the team?

***Yours in Christ,  
David***

Dear Friends

Cycle races have always been a bit of a mystery to me. Whenever I watched the Tour de France for instance, there seemed to be long periods when the riders didn't race at all but pedalled quietly along chatting to each other as if on a Saturday afternoon picnic ride. Then all of a sudden somebody would set off in a rush and everybody would charge after them as if their life depended on it.

This year I was determined to get to the bottom of it all and follow the big race from start to finish. And I got hooked. Of course, it's easy to get hooked if the person you are shouting for looks like winning. Now I had hardly heard of Cadel Evans before but he is a compatriot and seemed to be a good guy so worthy of my support.

As the three week race unfolded I learned more and more about this man. And I watched him deal with both planned and unforeseen situations. Quite apart from his supreme athleticism, his mental furniture was obviously superb. His sights were firmly set on the final winning post and he was not at all deflected or downcast when intermediate awards went to others and his grand plan for overall victory was challenged. The only time he led the race was the only time it really mattered.

In the interviews, more of his personal story became clear and he hasn't had an easy ride to the top in this most demanding of sports. He's had his fair share of knocks as well as successes. But throughout, the commentators were keen to comment that he was the "clean" face of a sport which has been marred by performance enhancing drugs. I believe one of the writers in the Bible, Paul, would have really appreciated having Cadel Evans around as

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# Roleystone Tigers Report: Jocelyn Jones



For the final game of the season Roleystone hosted finals contenders Canning Vale. Unfortunately the season ended with two losses to a club which has enjoyed a very successful year. On a brighter note for the club this final home game of the season was the occasion for the Anton Wichems medal, an annual award given to the player showing the most courage and sportsmanship on the day. This year, club president Sean Kenworthy won the medal with a stand out performance. The day also hosted a reunion of the 2001 Premiership team, the clubs first, and past players and volunteers came from all over the place to enjoy the beers and the memories. Thanks to all of the players, volunteers and committee members for their input during the year.

## Sean Kenworthy Wins the Anton Wichems Medal



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## Wild Gossip: Rainbow Lorikeets

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The Rainbow Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus haematodus*) was introduced into the wild in the Perth area about 50 years ago, only a few birds were recorded so no action was taken to remove them. The estimated current population is above 20,000 birds and now these birds are an Australia wide declared pest.

The Rainbow Lorikeet is a small, brightly coloured parrot, weighing about 125gms, about 28cms in length, noticeable by its blue head and red bill. They look very attractive and cute but they most certainly are not – they are a pest!

Rainbow Lorikeets are very noisy when flying, feeding and at roost. They leave the roost at dawn to form flocks of up to 50 birds to fly on to their feeding grounds which can be as far as 60kms away. They are aggressively protective of their roost and feeding ground and will drive away our native birds; also they are carriers of the deadly Psittacine beak and feather disease which poses a serious threat to both our native and captive parrots.

The Rainbow Lorikeet causes massive damage to the agricultural and fruit

industries all around Australia. In W.A. the public have reported problems caused by the Rainbow Lorikeet including fruit damage, fouling and noise. On the commercial side there is reporting of major damage to a wide range of fruit in the Hills Orchards, Swan Valley, various vineyards and non-metro areas. Another concern that is the large size of the flight groups could pose a bird strike threat near airports.

Rainbow Lorikeets are commonly kept as pets but must be licensed by D.E.C. These birds must be housed in a secure double-door aviary to prevent escape and care taken with hygiene to prevent the spread of Psittacine beak and feather disease to other captive or native birds. Unwanted birds should be surrendered to D.E.C. or a wildlife shelter – they must NEVER be released.

If you find an orphaned or injured Rainbow Lorikeet please contact your local wildlife shelter or carer and please remember the disease threat to any birds you might have at home and to our precious native birds.

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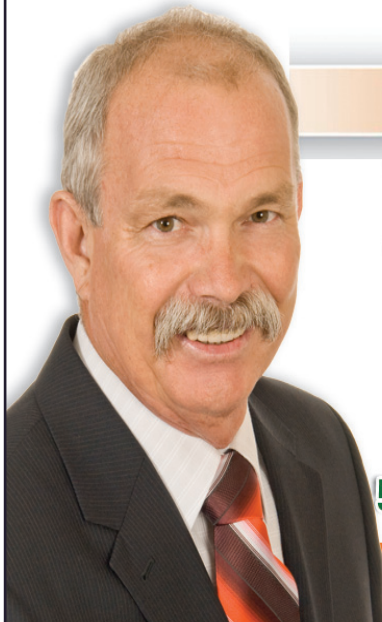
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