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# ROBIN ROAD

Chop Scar

Stumps  
Remnants of  
forestry

The Robin Road bushland is treasured in the hearts of many who went to school in Roleystone. This is where we made cubbies, climbed stumps and generally played bush games. Although referred to as 'degraded', mainly due to thousands of little feet destroying much of the understory, the trees tell a wonderful story. Many have the scars of past bushfires; some show results of the forestry industry that was prevalent in the area in the late 1800's. It is a much loved piece of bush in central Roleystone.

This bushland is near the Roleystone Primary School Oval – now becoming more widely known as 'The Green'. Some in town would like to preserve these two areas (or a proportion of them). There has also been an immense amount of work done to ensure that this site goes to Seniors Accommodation. To gauge public opinion The Friends of Robin Road Green would like you to vote on your preference for this area of land. Thus there is a survey/voting slip contained in this month's Courier on page 11 and 12. Just fill it out, cut it out and send it in. Please realise that this will only provide guidance for the decision makers as ultimately we all want the best option for Roleystone.

## SPRING AND THE OCTOBER COVER

Spring has always been a time in the area for a long time. of new beginnings and spring in an orcharding area like ours is a wonderful display of the beginnings of this year's crop. The beautiful spring blossom gives promise to a bountiful summer and autumn harvest and it adds to our region's special beauty.

This month's front cover features the Marchetti family. Andrew Marchetti is a second generation orchardist along with his brother Roger and parents Tony and Sarah on their orchard in Heath Road, Roleystone. This orchard has been in the Marchetti family since 1963 but it had its origins with the Eatts family and was later farmed by the Davies family.

Andrew, his wife Abby and sons Lachlan, Harrison and Reuben are pictured in front of the pink flowering white nectarines. The boys are feasting on Pink Lady Apples – this year's harvest. All boys declared that they will be taking over the orchard!

Across town in Karragullen, the majority of residents are still heavily involved with orchards. Pictured at left from their orchard on Canning Road are: Cole and Elice Bothwell with Nonno, Angelo Ghilarducci and Nonna, Jan Ghilarducci. (The grandchildren love coming up for sleepovers on the orchard.) The family are framed by pink flowering peaches. The 'Ghilarduccis' have been



## IT'S SHOWTIME FOR BAYLEY!



**BAYLEY & MOLLY**

*In mid September when I caught up with young Roleystone equestrian Bayley Thomas, she was preparing her two part Andalusian mares for competition in the Perth Royal Show. In 2010 one of her mares Molly (Torridon Rufina) won Champion Partbred Andalusian and her younger sister Pippa (Torridon Rhythm N Blues) was runner up. This has been followed by a very successful 2011,*

with Molly currently holding the mantle of State Champion in this category. Bayley has owned Molly since she was a one year old and Pippa was purchased by Bayley's sister Kim when she was only two weeks old. Over the last four years she has steadily worked with the horses, preparing them for the rigours of show performance. Both have competed in the halter competition and this year Molly will be competing in the ridden section as well. Along with training them in performance, goes many hours of grooming and making the horses look just right. Bayley believes that often owners let down their horses by neglecting this aspect. Her horses are truly pampered before competitions. The highlight of taking the horses to the Perth Royal Show in 2010 was taking the horses in the Grand Parade which was both daunting and exhilarating for the horses and their young owner.

'The kids loved them. But there is so much noise and so many animals. It is really difficult to keep them calm.' Bayley said. Now Bayley and her mother Sharon are also working with their latest acquisition, a 3 year old stallion Friesian Warmblood known affectionately as Kit (his show name is Friso's Knight Ryder). This is a heavy set, very ancient breed existing since Roman times. Kit's breed was used by knights for jousting in medieval times, as they are heavy set and extremely strong,



**SHARON, KIT & BAYLEY**

Bayley is very passionate about her horses. She has always loved them and joined pony club at 7 years old; she has not looked back since this time. Currently she is receiving coaching from an international coach (Glennis Barrey) and this is paying off when she looks back at her highly successful career.

Bayley is supported all the way by her Mum and Dad, her fiancé Jeremy and her close friend Luke Docker and she is very thankful to her whole family for enabling her to pursue her passion. Good luck at the show Bayley.

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# Laurie's Smokin' Success

In September, the Byford Progress Association's Art Award was held and saw success for former Roleystone Art teacher Laurie Smoker.

Laurie entered two pieces in the competition; he won \$500 for 'Fish' the best in the art category and won the overall Best in Exhibition award (valued at \$10 000) for his portrait of 'Russell Meaton The Farmer, the Earth and the Sky'. Plus Laurie sold both artworks as well – so all up it was a very successful competition for him.

The Art exhibition had 139 pieces of art from over 75 artists. It has been running since 2006 and is an invitation only event. A range of local Roleystone artists had their art pieces on display.



Above: Curator Silvana Pronyszyn, Laurie and his winning piece of art.

Curator Silvana Pronyszyn was overjoyed at both the level of participation and the wonderful support given from the local community.

'The quality of the artworks this year was extraordinary', curator Silvana said. 'There are a large number of very talented and creative people in our local area. Laurie's two pieces of art were standouts and clearly deserved their success.' Laurie is not only a talented artist but a much loved former teacher and I am sure many of his ex students will join me in celebrating his success. *Well done Laurie.*

## PINK FUNDRAISER

It's Breast Cancer Awareness month for October and Pink Ribbon day is October 24th. There will be a fundraiser 'the Pink Morning Tea' for the Breast Cancer Association on October Saturday the 22nd 2011 at the Roleystone Community Church Hall from 9:30 to 11:30am. I will also be selling tickets outside IGA on October 1st and 8th (and at the door).

*Jill Lowe*

## COMMUNITY THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR PAT HART

Please join us on:  
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After almost 23 fulfilling years spent in Australia, we decided to go and live in Mauritius for a year (we felt we needed a change and a challenge!). Above all we wish to spend some "quality time" with our families and friends living in Mauritius. It's really sad to leave everyone here for so long. Thank you all for your continuous support, help, friendship and trust. *Merci et a bientot!*  
**Genevieve & Raymond Lenior**



## Rolestone Animal Hospital Opens

*The Roleystone Animal Hospital opened their doors on the 17<sup>th</sup> September and owners Richard and Debra celebrated the 'real start' to their new business.*

They have been practicing for six months in the area with Richard conducting house calls but this marks a new chapter for the couple as they now have their own premises.

Richard still intends to do home visits but he will also be available at the centre on Page Road for consulting sessions and to conduct surgery when required.

Richard wants to provide: 'a place for complete care for your animals.' Although he may need to call for specialist treatment in some circumstances, he can manage most routine surgery and is more than happy to treat a wide range of animals.

In August last year local Nhari Lipscombe, who used to be a veterinary nurse for Richard in Karratha, contacted the pair to let them know she had found the ideal spot;

they should come to Roleystone to set up their new Veterinary Clinic. So they flew down from Karratha and stayed overnight at Lakeside Resort. Next day they looked around and managed to fall in love with the place, buy a home in Araluen and end off the day with an evening meal at Roleys on the Ridge.

They then started to put their dream into practice. Failing to find the ideal location in Roleystone, the converted homestead in Page Road is still ideal for hills customers as it is easy to get to (you don't need to cross the highway) and it is not on a main road. Plus it is very welcoming with a spacious waiting room where your animals will 'feel quite at home'.

But the best indicator about Richard and Debra's chance of success is their ability to form great relationships with their customers. And from initial feedback they are getting rave reviews as 'great people and good at their job too!'

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**NHARI, RICHARD AND DEBRA**

## LOCAL YOUNG COMPETITORS COMPLETE MARATHONS



*Sarah & Hunter Bennett completed this year's 2011 City to Surf in the very commendable time of 1 hour 17 minutes. Here Hunter Bennett (9 years old) lets us know about the experience:*

*'I wasn't the youngest competitor in the event but I did a great time for someone of my age. There were lots of*

*children and heaps of adults!! My Grandad (Wayne) and my Dad (Dan) also walked the race and pushed my brother Taj in the pram.'*

*'We trained for quite a long time for the event. My Mum and I (and our friend Ben, who unfortunately hurt his back just prior to the run) went running every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday through the tracks in Roleystone.'*

*'I really enjoyed the whole experience. I found the 3 hills (in the race) tricky but I still loved the run with my Mum. But I had to wait for Mum to catch up to me all the time. She said I really pushed her and was setting the pace!! So now I want to do it every year from now on.'*

*'Well done Hunter and to the whole Bennett family.*

*Pictured above left: Grandad (Wayne), Mum (Sarah) and Hunter at the end of the race.*



*I ran the 42.2 km Chevron Marathon. I started at the back of the crowd with the last three people and finished 353<sup>rd</sup> out of 993 entrants. My time was 3 hours 48 minutes and 54 secs. I raised over \$600 for the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation.*

*Daniel Lowe*

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## ASHLEIGH'S BACK & SHE'S BARKING MAD



*Hey Everyone,  
So it has been a while since my last input into the Courier, and my excuses vary from laziness to writer's block. The reason I have chosen to write this now? Well I have to!*

It feels like almost every day we are hearing more and more about aggressive dogs attacking anything from people to other animals. Having been involved in Dog Showing and breeding with my Mum since I was a wee lass, I put these attacks down to bad temperaments and irresponsible owners.

Though when it actually comes to attacks, to be perfectly honest I would much rather hear about them on the news, and not have to experience one myself whilst taking my pooch for an innocent stroll.

It was Tuesday the 6th of September at 5:20 when my Mum and I decided to take my Siberian Husky (Kid) and two of our show whippets for a walk around the block.

Living on Westborne Road and wanting to avoid the epic hike up the hill to get back to the house, we thought we would head down Westborne Road towards Brookton Highway. After getting around 150 metres into our walk we stopped on the path at the local park as we noticed a dog off the lead, a black Staffordshire Bull Terrier to be precise. Unfortunately before we had a chance to walk back, the dog caught wind of us and took off from the two young teenagers who were sitting in the playground.

The only lucky side to this story is the fact that my Mum and the two whippets were not the ones attacked as I can 100% guarantee that an animal would have died that day. Unfortunately Kid, my Siberian husky was not so lucky. Before we had a chance to do anything the dog had launched himself through mid-air and landed on Kid's back attacking him with hatred in his eyes. After 5 minutes of fighting, screaming and even a kick or two from me, the Staffie was pried off my dog's face by the boy, who I presumed owned him. However they were very quick to disappear as soon as they got control of their dog, without leaving any details or even to wait and see if Kid and I were OK.

After the ordeal I thank god for the massive coat he gave Kid, otherwise

we would have all been a lot worse off. There was a lot of blood, so we took Kid to the vet who found a possible fracture and prescribed antibiotics. Kid is now slowly on his way back to recovery.

This now brings me to my main point of the article. I have walked my dog around Roleystone for 7 years and never had a problem.

He is always on a leash unless its 6am in the morning and I am the only person at the Roleystone Oval. Through the irresponsibleness of parents letting their kids take this dog to the Park, it has resulted in a shocking and scary afternoon for all involved. Not to mention a \$200 vet bill for an incident that could have easily been prevented.

We were lucky things were not worse, or that a human was not bitten in the process.

In my opinion this animal needs to be put down. It initiated the fight and it was not going to give up until there was blood.

I reported the incident the next day to the Armadale Council but unfortunately because I could only give the description of a Black Staffordshire Bull Terrier there really isn't anything they could do. Unless the dog does it again!

So from this experience we are out of pocket and my mum is too scared to walk her dogs anymore - in what should be a safe area.

As my final say I would like to say a massive thank you to the lovely ladies who came out from their house to help after they heard the hysterical screams from my Mum. We did not get a chance to grab their names but it was lovely of you to come and help!

That is all from me. If anyone has any information or feedback, I would love to hear from you. Please contact the Roleystone Courier and Linda will pass on my details.

**Ashleigh Ginich**

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The kids at play...

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The same day will also be cause for another celebration, the 10th anniversary of their purchase of local music business WA Classic Sounds in Kelmscott!

Margaret and Morley share a lifelong love of music, so at an age when most couples consider retirement, they decided to follow a dream and take a new direction in life.

The result has been a great success, with the family business providing employment for their 5 children and support for

musicians and local festivals in the Armadale, Kelmscott and Roleystone community. The couple are thrilled that through Classic Sounds School of Music (managed by daughter Katherine) and the Classic Sounds Orchestra (directed by daughter-in-law Rachel) they have helped support many charitable organizations, including the Amanda Young Foundation and Strike a Chord Foundation, which enables children who are disadvantaged or battling cancer to enjoy music making. The Classic Sounds Orchestra and the Classic Sounds Vocal Ensemble both have three generations of the John family in their membership, showing its true what they say, the family that plays together, stays together!

The Classic Sounds Orchestra will be performing at the store as part of many celebrations planned for the couple's big day. These special celebrations will continue through the whole month with music and activities suitable for everyone, young and old.

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With the rising demand from consumers to restrict chemical interference in food production and the ever rising costs of sprays, plus the obvious environmental impact of indiscriminate spraying, this move is to be applauded. For more information about the course phone Martine Combret on: 97 806 272 or email [martine.combret@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:martine.combret@agric.wa.gov.au)

*Above right: Adrian Byl collects insects on peach blossom. Left: Brett Del Simone identifies his pests.*



*Glenn, Nikki and Stefan*

## Giving is at the Heart of our Community

Very soon two organisations will have the initials RCC: the newly created Roleystone Community College and the Roleystone Community Church. Both of these contain 'community' and the essence of this was shown recently when individuals from the Roleystone Community Church approached the staff at Roleystone Primary School to volunteer to help out with the shift. Apparently the staff accepted their kind offer with alacrity.

The magnitude of shifting a whole school is enormous. This is the mammoth task facing the staff at the primary school at the end of term four this year. Added to this are the many internal moves happening across the high school. This act of kindness is certainly a practical example of Christianity and is certainly reinforces that 'Community' means more to them than just their name.

## REZONING RESERVE 24458 ROBIN ROAD ROLEYSTONE

The Roleystone Seniors Housing committee wish to advise that the initiation of the amendment to rezone the Primary School site from Public Purpose to Residential-Restricted Use has commenced.

The proposed amendment will facilitate a future development application for Aged or Dependant Persons Accommodation on the Primary School site. The initiation of the rezoning application has passed formally through Council and been referred to the EPA for their comments. After EPA have made their comments it will, if no reports are required, be formally advertised by Council for public comment. We think this will possibly be November/December. After Council formally considers all submissions and makes any variations it will then go forward to the WAPC for final approval (probably in March/April). This final rezoning process will take a few months. It will then be up to the State Government to commence the process of putting the land out for tender.

*Cr Pat Hart*

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## Storm Reaks Havoc on Patio

problem. How a willy willy can pick and choose is incredible.

We phoned the SES and they were very good, showing up shortly with a team of five. After introductions the leader wasted no time and organised the crew to get up on the roof and start work. After much heaving and whirring of chain saws they had a short break for coffee and biscuits supplied by my wife. Back into it the pile of broken branches grew higher and higher by the side of the house.

Now left with familiar red and white tape around our patio, the leader announced the job was done and they were off. What a great job they did and it cheered us up no end. Thanks boys, oh sorry, there was one young girl in the crew who was also up on the roof complete with safety harness.

In all the years we have lived in our cottage in Peet Road, Roleystone we have escaped all that nature could throw at us. The fires, the floods of '91 and even the tornado that rushed down Wygonda years ago.

Now it was our turn. We consider ourselves lucky, no injuries, lots of help and just a bit of a mess to fix. The worst thing was no TV! Yes, our TV antenna had been tossed into the garden and dislodged the bricks on the chimney it was attached to. Two local firms are already contracted to do tree work and renew the antenna.

By Tuesday morning all assessments had been done. It is great to have such wonderful local trades people to call on in times of stress.

*Michael Sibley  
Roleystone*

*We were awoken FULLY when there was a huge THUMP on our tin roof.*

The wind was howling around the house and we thought, "Oh it is probably a biggish branch off the gum tree in front of our house. As the rain was still tumbling down we slept on fitfully. My wife decided to get up even though the dawn had barely arrived. She came rushing back into the bedroom and uttered with a note of terror in her voice, "The patio has gone!" Looking outside all I could see was a mass of wattle foliage, a huge trunk lying horizontally across the two remaining beams of the smashed wooden patio. There were two other trees down but not a serious

## TWO STORIES OF OLD ROLEYSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Mr K was only five when a new program was introduced – to have students come to the school for induction to see 'what school was all about'. Young five year olds were teamed up with seven buddies to give guidance. Mr K's buddy was Mr GM who told Mr K to climb up into the roof of the girl's toilet and observe them 'doing their business.' The school Principal was not amused and Mr K's older sister was equally mortified! So Mr K was suspended before he even started school. Not a good start.*

*Ms K was very excited when preparing for a multicultural day. She worked with her mother to develop a beautiful costume – an exotic Indian sari. She dressed on the day and looked very authentic. Proud as punch she was, until she realised she had forgotten to put on any knickers. A day of mortification enfolded as Ms K was sure that everyone could see through the costume. Ms K is still in town but always puts that extra effort into dressing these days to check she hasn't missed anything vital.*

*(All characters in both stories are still resident in town - many years later!)*



*Audrey Wee wants everyone to come to Climb for a Cure High Tea on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Affinity Cafe at the Roleystone Recreation Centre.*

*To find out more details go to page 36 or phone Audrey 040 2845 332.*

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**Survey for the Future Use of the Roleystone Primary School Site**

In 2012 the Primary School will be moving to Raeburn Rd. and the existing Robin Rd site will be redeveloped. Over the last 55 years its facilities have been used by the community.

Being close to the Roleystone Town Centre, the Robin Road Green has been used in the past for small community events. Surrounded by old Jarrah trees and bushland, it has a natural amphitheatre feel to it. Some believe this "Green" is needed to continue to nurture these small community events. The estimate cost for maintaining the "Green" is \$5,000 per year.

The "Green" also includes 200 year old Jarrah trees, 72 different species of native plants and historic tree stumps.

Retirement accommodation is also required for our ageing Roleystone population. Hillandale is currently full with 24 private accommodation units and 12 Homes West units. Senior Roleystone residents needing smaller homes are finding that they have to leave our community.

There is enough land on this site to have both the Green and at least 40 retirement homes. However this is unlikely without your input.

We hope you take the time to fill out and submit the survey on the opposite side to this notice.

The data collected will be submitted to both the City of Armadale and the State Government in full. Personal details will otherwise remain strictly confidential. Basic results, without personal details, may be published in the local media.

This survey has been produced by the Friends of Robin Road Green. Visit [www.roleystone.net.au/robinrdgreen](http://www.roleystone.net.au/robinrdgreen) for details



# Editorial

LINDA MOORE

OCTOBER 2011

*This month the Courier is the biggest we have ever produced. There is certainly a lot happening around town. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the many new advertisers and contributors.*

*Spring always brings a flurry of activity as it is finally warm enough to start going out at night again.*

*Of course October has always been show time in our district. This year's Kelmscott Show is the 113th since its inception. The Kelmscott Show has always been very important to people living in our locality. Its basis in agricultural, homewares and craft displays was central to the early folk of our town. This year's theme of Life On the Land incorporating the Circle of Life will have resonance for many.*

*So be sure to drop in on the 21st and 22nd of October and enjoy the excitement of an authentic country show with loads of very modern inclusions too!*

*Our own orcharding community also celebrate this month, with the Karragullen Expo held on the 15th October at the Karragullen Oval.*

*This event is a true celebration of orcharding/farming within our community and everyone is invited to come along. As the organisers are quick to point out it is a 'Great Family Day' and gives you the opportunity to catch up with new and old friends.*

*Hopefully readers will have already taken advantage of the opportunity to vote in our local government elections.*

*Postal Voting Slips have arrived in most households. This edition has contributions from our local residents standing for Council with Grant Nixon and Laurie Scidone standing for Jarrah Ward, Charmaine O'Brien standing for Neerigen Ward and Glenn Dewhurst from Martin standing in the City of Gosnells election.*

*The role of our local Councillors is huge. They need to work within Council to ensure all our services are provided plus they do need to have an advocacy role.*

*It takes superb people skills to do this effectively and I believe single issue candidates do not make good councillors.*

*I believe we need strong, committed local governance so please take the time to evaluate what the candidates stand for and Please Vote.*

*While we are talking about voting, the Friends of Robin Road Green have determined that the community needs to be surveyed regarding the future of the Robin Road primary school site.*

*There has been a lot of discussion about it and some very differing views have been expressed.*

*However I believe that the more rational discussion occurs, the better the final outcome will be.*

*Thus they are asking for residents to fill out the survey on this page.*

*(PS Thanks are given to All Round Panel and Paint for covering the costs associated with this survey).*

*So if you have a view, fill it out, cut it out and send it off. Do please enjoy our October Courier.*

*At 52 pages it will take you the whole month to read it!*

*Happy Reading  
Linda Moore*



*Oops there are two Esthers! Last month I labelled a photo incorrectly and mixed them up. Above: Esther Carpenter (left) is pictured with Esther Douglas.*



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### Survey for the Future Use of the Roleystone Primary School Site

Number your preference from 1 (best) to 7 (least), no repeats, number every box

- Save the Green\* irrespective of the remaining Development
- Save the Green\* with Seniors Accommodation to the East
- Save the Green\* with Residential Lots to the East
- Save the 55 year old School Building with Seniors Accommodation
- All Seniors Accommodation
- All Residential Lots
- No Preference/Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*The "Green" being the western bushland and grassed oval

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## GETTING HELP WITH BURNING OFF

*The letter from Valerie Bell on burning grass trees in the last issue prompts me to remind residents of the more general burning off situation.*

In general fuel loads build up to dangerous levels in natural bush after about five years or so, but how many of us do anything about it? Even firebreaks are not required for blocks less than 5000 sq metres. One can get a very serious fire on much less than this if the area has not been cleared or burned in, say, twenty years which would seem to be the case often around here.

By November last year my wife and I were in exactly this situation with our 3000 sq metre site. Being now in our seventies we felt the burning off job was beyond our own capabilities so we contracted the Roleystone Volunteer Bushfire Brigade to come in and burn the front and back portions of our block; and are we glad we did!

The VOLLIES took care of Burning Permits and advised the neighbours and turned up late in November (it had been a late, wet winter) with two big trucks and at least two 4WDs and set to work.

I was horrified at the flammability of the long-ignored fuel load - flames just about reached the tops of the jarrah trees, but thanks to their high pressure hoses all was kept very safely in control. My wife and I would have simply burnt the house down. Grass trees, incidentally, were allowed to burn for a while but extinguished before they became too spectacular.

The crew must have worked for a good three hours, and it wasn't free, of course. But the charge was very reasonable and we paid it willingly. I would urge all residents to consider the RVBB, especially if they are getting on a bit, at least every four or five years. Our mind was put at ease during the February fire and our bush is now a picture of regrowth such as we've not seen for ages and every grass tree has a flower spike.

*Mike Beilby  
Roleystone.*

## UNCONTROLLED DOGS

I would just like to make a quick response to a letter that I read in the last edition titled 'Request to Dog Owners'.

We moved into the area two years ago and it's been a fabulous decision; we absolutely love the peace and quiet. That is all except for the uncontrolled dogs. We have a Staffy cross who is as soft as you know what, however he is never off the lead when people are around and we never let him run up and sniff dogs or people, as this shows a complete disregard for others. Unfortunately we have had to stop walking our dog along the Churchman Brook track because time after time, other people let their dogs off the lead and let them run up to you. Personally I do not appreciate your dog running up to my four year old or to me and secondly if your dog gets eaten by my dog then that's your fault! I have even been abused for commenting and was instructed that the track is for dogs!!! The ignorance is unbelievable.

I even came across a woman with five

dogs off leads with absolutely no control; it really infuriates me that people can be so dopey. It's just plain common sense and beyond selfish, to be so ignorant. Why can't the council put a sign up on the Churchman Brook walk instructing people that dogs must be on a leash at ALL times. If they police it, I guarantee they will be busy booking every second person.

A month ago I had to rescue an elderly lady and her dog on Urch Rd who were being attacked by a white pitbull, by pushing my car into the dog while they piled into my car. Looking back, I feel I should have just run over the dog. Anyway that's my two cents worth.

I feel something really needs to be done about the dogs!

Other than that I can't imagine a nicer place to live. Also we enjoy the Roleystone Courier and it's refreshing to see the monthly articles by David Bardsley in this day and age. Keep up the good work.

*Name and address supplied.*

## CHARLENE STANDS FOR COUNCIL

*I am running for the City of Armadale Council Elections 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011, for the Neerigan Ward.*

Many readers of the Roleystone Courier live in this ward. I want to be elected to council to make a difference and I am asking for support from your readers to vote for me.

I will work hard and do my best to communicate the needs of residents effectively with Council.

I plan to work within the budget of the City of Armadale to improve community facilities for all age groups and disabilities. I would like to interact with the local fire brigade and ensure better support and management for residents regarding fire safety and prevention.

Furthermore, I will continue to support preservation of natural beauty, wildlife and native flora within the hills area.

*Charlene O'Brien*

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## Linton Reynolds - The Mayor of Armadale Stands Down

*Linton Reynolds has decided that after 22 years serving the City of Armadale as a Councillor and more recently as the Mayor, health issues are impacting on his ability to do the job, and subsequently he will not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming local government elections.*

Linton is a 'local lad' who has lived much of his life in the City of Armadale. He was born in the old Armadale Hospital on Church Avenue and raised in Mundijong where he went to primary school before attending Armadale Senior High School. After one year at the University of Western Australia he realised that academic life was not for him and joined the army where he saw service overseas in Vietnam. On his return he met and married his wife Carol, and then returned to a more sedate life in the Public Service where he worked for 26 years. He has two fully-grown children: a son who is a town planner working in Subiaco and a daughter, a teacher who lives with her children in Roleystone. The pride of his life is his two grandchildren.

Linton has always had a strong interest in the community and has been a keen volunteer in a variety of organisations. Linton was first elected to local government in 1989 and became Mayor in 2001. He is a



*Above: Linton Reynolds with his grand daughter Lilly Anne of Roleystone.*

Life Member of WALGA and in 2005 he was awarded the Local Government Medal for his dedicated service to the local government industry. In 2006 Linton was made a Member of the Order of Australia.

Linton reflects on his time as leader of the City of Armadale Council: 'It has been a great privilege to lead a focused and committed team of officers and staff at Armadale. The Council is highly regarded within the industry and in more recent years has taken many of the hard decisions necessary to ensure it is financially viable and able to provide a high level of services for its community'.

Linton feels that Roleystone has 'always enjoyed strong representation on Council, often punching above its relative weight.' Linton has served The City in a committed and selfless manner over many years and his efforts are appreciated. We all hope he enjoys his well deserved retirement.

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## Welcome Annie Charlotte Ritchie

Congratulations to Ben and Kimberley Ritchie on the birth of their little daughter Annie Charlotte.

The family is pictured with their first daughter Ella.

Kymerley elected to have a home birth in Roleystone on the 12th August and Annie Charlotte was born weighing in at 4.14kg.

The family would like to thank the Community Midwifery program, 'they were exceptional!' Ben said.



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## MAC BEARD'S 80TH BIRTHDAY



organising the catering and everyone was adequately looked after. A request of no presents was respected by all but one person who arrived by tractor carrying a pallet load of scrap metal with a birthday wish painted on the 44 gallon drum. Mac who deals in scrap metal appreciated the sentiments.

Among the many old residents who attended were Sylvia Smith ((95) nee Roads, and Rose Giumelli (91) nee Sala Tenna. Other pioneers included: Verna Telfer (ex Smailes Mill) 89yrs, Eileen Evans (nee Curtis) 89yrs, Joyce Hudson (nee Curtis) 88yrs, George & Daphne Spriggs 87yrs, Molly Weston (nee Green) 87yrs, Joan Hine (nee Brown) 83yrs, Fay Curtis (nee Gibbs) 82yrs, Flo Chapman (nee Roads) 79yrs.

This party brought together one of the largest gatherings of the community ever. Mac's thankyou speech was up to his usual standard with his special way with words, interspersed with a few unrepeatables.

*Gordon Freegard*

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## THE 'NEW SCHOOL' CIRCA 1960

### A Short History of Roleystone Primary School 'Moving In' to School Number Three

Continuing the history of Roleystone Primary School. This month we publish some pictures of school number three in its infancy. Apology: Last month we incorrectly listed a head teacher as Clive Griffiths. he was instead Charlie Griffiths. Thanks to Clive Daw for the correction.

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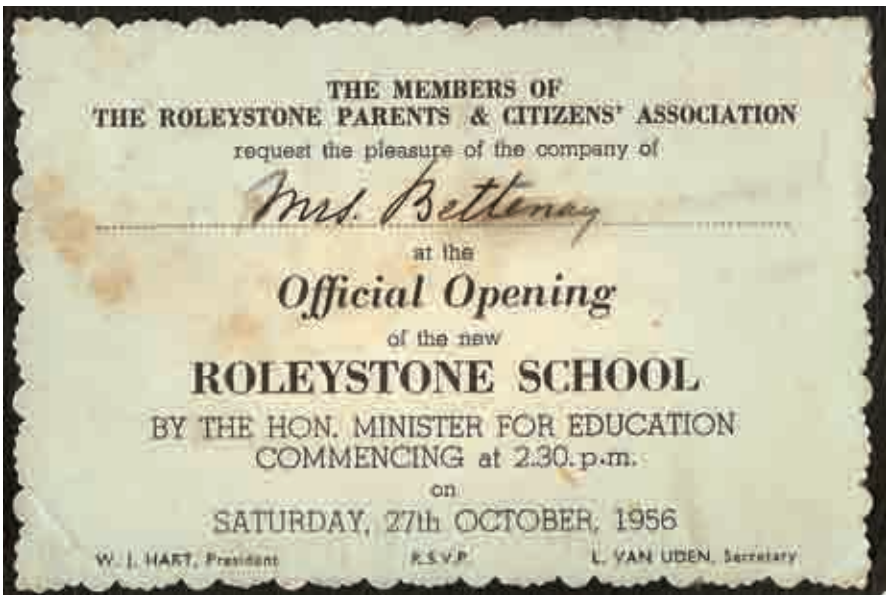
*RIGHT: YEAR 6 AND 7 1968.*  
Back Row: Susan Snow, ? Lindsay, Maria Rainoldi, Colin Hickenbotham, Barry Wardlow, Ralph Chapman, Nicola Peters, Lyn Hodges, Stephen Joslandes  
Second Back: Ralph Forster, Victor Hatfield, Stephen Hay, Greg Voudouris, Claire Wallace, Jeremy Pomlett, Michelle Borrello, Mary Bulfer, Paul Casotti  
Second row from front: Gloria Hawkins, Wendy Spencer, Michael Baxter, Conway Peters, Steven Beech, Steven Rainoldi, Ian Peskett, Steven Brown, Nola Pearson, Penny Bond  
Front John Carlson, Ken Every, Mark Thorpe, Patrick Robbins

## MR WILLIAMS CLASS:



*RIGHT: MIDDLE GRADES 1961.*  
Back: Ron Mitchell, Eric Natta, Peter Casotti, Bruno Del Simone, Gerald Chapman, Geoff Mould, Colin Casella,  
Second Back: Lyn Krakouer, Kaye Beales, Jan Scudds, Marion Ramshaw, Nicky Brockway, Hazel Krakouer, Annette Hicks, ? Rosa Saffioti, Margaret Hay  
Third Back: Leigh Bettenay, John Knuckey, Tony Geoni, Rowland Gwynne, Stephen Robbins, Kevin Fuller, Alicia Davies, Frank Wallis, Larry Eatts,  
Second: Howard Jones, Peter Every, Ian Chapm and Greg Bettenay  
Front: Fran Walters, Margaret Brown, Pina Casotti, Nancy Casotti, Chris Davies, Michael Johnson, ? John Borello.





Above: an invitation to the school opening in 1956. The community gathered in great numbers and many of the early teachers were present.

School  
e

Class: 1968



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Class: 1961



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The new team consists of Anna, her daughter Alisa Macfarlane and newcomer –straight from England, Natalie McGory. (Natalie is the daughter of Deb from the Bendigo Bank! After only three months she already loves it here!)

'The Aura Team' are all very excited, planning many changes both inside and outside the shop. Soon customers will notice the striking new sign announcing their new name: Aura Hairdressing.

Within the shop they have started repainting and new furniture has already started arriving; lush red, chesterfield chairs will make waiting a comfort. The staff are redecorating a 'Pamper Section, where those preparing for a special occasion, be it a wedding, a ball or special birthday, will be indulged.

However the biggest change customers will notice will be in 'the welcome'.

'We want local patrons to come in and feel that they are valued. We want to offer great service, excellent haircuts and do so in a friendly, welcoming way.' Anna said. 'So drop in and see what we are up to or just come and say hello'.

Anna and her family have been in the area for over 25 years. She knows the area and she is determined that Roleystone needs a vibrant hairdressing shop catering for Men and Women in the central shopping centre.

Anna is planning to offer daily specials and invites customers to view the signboard outside the shop for



*Pictured above: one of Natalie's first customers was Tessa asking for a stylised bob – she is more than happy with the new hairdo.*

a range of very tempting offers.

So best of luck to Anna and the team at Aura Hairdressers.

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## ANNIE WHEELERS EXHIBITION

I would sincerely like to thank Ita and Rivka at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant for hosting my first art exhibition.

They provided delicious food and gave a very warm welcome to my many guests. I was delighted with the large number of people who attended the opening and thank them for their support and their positive comments.

I thank all of you. Particular thanks to my neighbour Clive Daw who helped me set up the exhibition. My appreciation also to Linda Moore of the Roleystone Courier for her coverage of Annie Wheeler's first exhibition.

Sincerely  
*Annie Wheeler.*



*Pictured Top left: Neighbours: Vince Cutri, Clive Daw and Vic Fusco. Left: Elysia Omedei and Gaven Omedei. Top right: Annie Wheeler and Lynne Trethewey in front of Point Peron painting.*



## EMILY IS A TOP COOK

*Local Mum Emily Primrose is passionate about good nutrition and cooking – especially for her young family.*

She has put this passion to use and has now been shortlisted in the Australian Good Taste Home Cook of the Year competition. The results of this competition will be published next month after the cook off in Sydney. There are only 6 competitors left and Emily is the only one from Western Australia.

Emily often cooks with a painted wooden spoon that her Nanna gave her. It has cooked thousands of meals for the family. She also involves her daughter Zara in the cooking process believing that growing your own vegetables, sourcing



fresh ingredients, cooking and eating are linked and that education should start early.

Emily loves cooking and is really involved in ensuring that good quality food is made for the family daily. She thinks that we are so lucky in Roleystone because we can purchase fresh and inexpensive fruit for our children all year round from our local orchards. Emily's current challenge is not to cook the same meal twice in the year for her family. No mean feat. Good luck in the Cook Offs Emily.

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## Performer's Night @The Club in October

The Performers Nights at the Roleystone Country Club have seen a wonderful array of talent travel to our town.

Next month is true to form and we will see the following:

- Oct 5th: Pete's Birthday Bash (with Jane Germain, Ian Simpson, the Yahoos, Pete Stone and heaps of others.) This promises to be a huge night so be there!
- Oct 12th: The Classic Sounds Orchestra will be presenting a Complete Program. The (Performers Night will be hosting this Community Event.)
- Oct 19th: Chris Murphy an Australian Idol Finalist will be performing.
- Oct 26th: Paula Parore will be producing her wonderful mix with a very soulful/powerful voice.

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## Classic Sounds Orchestra Playing at the Roleystone Country Club

Fresh from their success at the recent 'Pam Story Benefit Concerts' at the Roleystone Theatre, Rachel John and Robert Zielinski will be reappearing together at the 'Performers Night' on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. The venue will be at the Roleystone Country Club.

Highlights of the programme will be Rachel's Classic Sounds Orchestra playing 'Brian Boru's March' and Robert's favourite piece which he composed himself 'The Long Walk Home'.

One of the audience members at the Pam Story concert said, 'I liked his "The Long Walk Home" as it beautifully showed off the tone and power of his violin playing'.

Rachel has high expectations for her orchestra – a 25 piece orchestra with Wind, Brass, Percussion and Strings. She says of them, 'Our members pride themselves on not only having backgrounds from many walks of life and age groups, but also sharing music in a fun environment'.

Robert Zielinski from Karragullen, originally, travelled to Ireland where he won the prestigious 'Michael Coleman Traditional Fiddle Player Contest' in 2000. If you happened to miss their lovely concert at the Roleystone Theatre in August, or if you wish to experience more of them, here's a chance to do so.

*Peter Ellis*

**KANYANA QUIZ NIGHT**

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# Spring Time Is Show Time



1960s and 70s. As well as music skills and talents of the highest order, Joy is an accomplished water colourist. She is shown here working on a painting destined for the coming Kelmescott Show. Many of Joy's fellow painters from the Senior Citizens' Art Group which meets on Mondays at the Greendale Centre in Armadale will have paintings in the show.

There are many small local hobby groups preparing items for entry or display on the two days of the show, 21st and 22nd October. Gardeners are nurturing their fruit, vegetables, and flowers; bakers are practising their bread-making skills; housewives are trying to perfect their sponges; and many more. It is all happening. Make sure you join Joy and all the others to show the district what we can do.

*Adrian Choules*

*One of the best known and most loved music teachers from the past is still pursuing artistic goals in her spare time.*

Joy Woodley was well known to generations of pupils in the district as she presented a comprehensive music programme across a number of south-east metro primary schools during the



## 2011 Karragullen Expo!

*The Karragullen Expo will be held on October 15th, the last Saturday of school holidays.*

Traditionally a day for professional orchardists, the event now caters for hobby farmers, week end enthusiasts and gardening addicts. With over 60 pavilion stalls including a variety of food outlets, wine tastings and sales, home wares, fresh produce and plant sales, the Expo strives to have something of interest for everyone. New to the Expo is Top 20 MasterChef contestant Perth's Arena Dunn. Arena will be in attendance all day at her stall 'Absolutely Organic' where she is available for photos and autographs. She will be conducting two cooking demonstrations, one at 11am and the other at 1.30pm.

The Expo is a wonderful and affordable day out for families, with free entry to children under 12 years of age. The hugely popular

Go For 2 & 5 Marquee featuring free fruit kebab making, fruit packs and promotional material will be a main attraction again this year, along with the free bouncy castles and pony rides. Also popular with the youngsters and attending once again is the Meanda Small Animal Farm.

We are delighted to have Sue McDougall 6PR gardening expert attend again this year. The Pickering Brook Heritage Group and Illawarra Orchard Historical Display will be back bigger and better, with a wealth of information on the history of our area.

This year we welcome three new schools to our colouring competition. They are Challis Primary, Gwynne Park Primary and Westfield Park Primary. We look forward to receiving and displaying their beautiful entries.

A raffle will be conducted and drawn on the day, the prize being a \$700 Travel Voucher courtesy of Flight Centre Mount Hawthorn. Tickets are only \$2 and can be purchased from the Go For 2 & 5 Marquee.

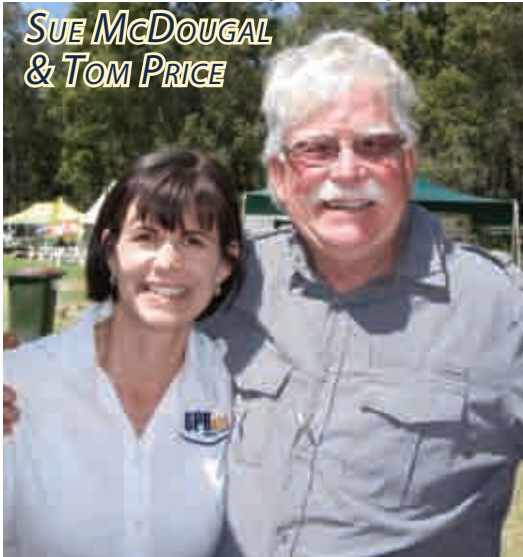
Every year we look forward to the Pioneer Medallion Presentation as it gives the Hills Orchard Improvement Group the opportunity to acknowledge and honour the members of our community who helped establish the fruit industry in our area. This presentation will be conducted at 1pm.

ATM facilities are available in the pavilion. Gates open from 9am with the day ending with our traditional pork and beef on the spit. A licensed bar is available from 11am. For more information please contact David Fennell on 9293 7132 or visit our web site [karragullenexpo.org.au](http://karragullenexpo.org.au)

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Roma Spiccia*

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**Spring Family Bush Walks 2011**

Enjoy the natural beauty of the City of Armadale's renowned bushland reserves with a FREE Spring Bush Walk.

**Sunday 16 October** Bungendore Park  
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### COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

On Saturday 10th September 12 members of the Community Garden working group set out in the Dale Cottages mini-bus on a fact finding field trip.

The group visited an established garden at Lockridge, the newer garden at Joondanna and finished the trip with a wood fired pizza lunch at the Cross Roads garden overlooking Lake Gwelup.

The visits and discussions with garden coordinators and members provided many valuable insights into the variety of garden features and layouts, the way they operate, their achievements and the many special features that make each garden unique in its own way.

With a very successful day behind them and with the new knowledge gained from the trip the working group are now reviewing the many possibilities for our own Roleystone Community Garden including types of gardens, community focussed activities and education programs.

### MEN'S SHED UPDATE

The Roleystone Community Men's Shed has been active



in recent weeks reviewing equipment and tools required for

the establishment of a shed and is hopeful of having a temporary home in the near future to enable us to commence collecting purchased and donated requirements in readiness for a permanent shed. As we are now able to at least store equipment and tools required to start the shed we would welcome the donation of any shed equipment and tools you have that are in working order or repairable and getting in your way or are surplus to your needs. This would go a long way to helping us financially and in getting a good start as soon as a suitable site is available.

Should you require any information on these projects, please contact Chris Johnston: 63960756 or [accesschris@iinet.net.au](mailto:accesschris@iinet.net.au)

*Photo top: the community garden research team leaves on the fact finding trip. Nick, Joondanna Community Garden Coordinator plus Tracey Rampling and Wendy Vanderlaan.*

### EXPERIENCE ARMADALE'S NATURAL BEAUTY THIS SPRING

Now is the perfect time to enjoy the magnificent natural beauty of the City of Armadale's renowned bushland reserves with a FREE Spring Bushwalk. This will allow participants to visit Bungendore Park's beautiful wildflowers and partake of the sweeping views as you walk along the edge of the Darling Scarp.

The walk encompasses the unique flora and fauna offered by the scenic surrounds of the Armadale district.

This Spring Bushwalk is a challenging 6km hike led by local bushwalk enthusiasts.

Bungendore Park

- When: Sunday 16 October
- Time: 8.30am to 12 noon

Address: Armadale Christian College car park, Admiral Road, Bedfordale  
For more information or to make a booking visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) or contact Armadale Arena on 9399 0840.

## City Relaxes Rules for Hill's Residents

*The City of Armadale has extended measures to assist hill's residents prepare their properties for bushfire season.*

Greenwaste collection limits will be relaxed for hill's residents and burning permits will be more readily available as part of extra measures taken by the City of Armadale to help the community prepare for the coming bushfire season.

The City has put in place a range of interim measures to encourage people living in the hills to reduce fuel loads on their properties and be aware of the risk of fires in bushland regions.

These initiatives are:

The usual 6 cubic metre limits per property for the 2011 spring/summer greenwaste collection will not be enforced for hills residents; "Permits to Burn" will be issued by telephone, fax or email providing the applicant is able to fulfil the conditions of the permit; The Chief Bushfire Control Officer will have the power to issue permits in bushland regions for Sundays and public holidays and on lots up to 1200sqm. It must be clearly identified that it is necessary to reduce a particular fire risk before a permit is issued.

The City will provide extra public information about bushfire risk, the best ways to reduce fuel loads and the need for property owners and occupiers to be responsible for reducing fuel loads.

The City also has a new Bushfire Information brochure which has been distributed with all Rate Notices and is available online at [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au).

An additional greenwaste collection in the hills area over summer will be implemented, if required.

Between 1 April and 30 September, Permits to Burn are issued by the City's Health Services, while from 1 October to 31 November and 1 April to 31 May, Ranger Services issue permits. These periods are subject to change due to weather conditions.

Contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0111 for more information.

\*Joining a Bushfire Ready Group can help you and your neighbours become more informed and prepared in the event of a fire. This community program, allows neighbours to network, share information and develop strategies to reduce their bushfire risk.

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## Gary Kemp is 50

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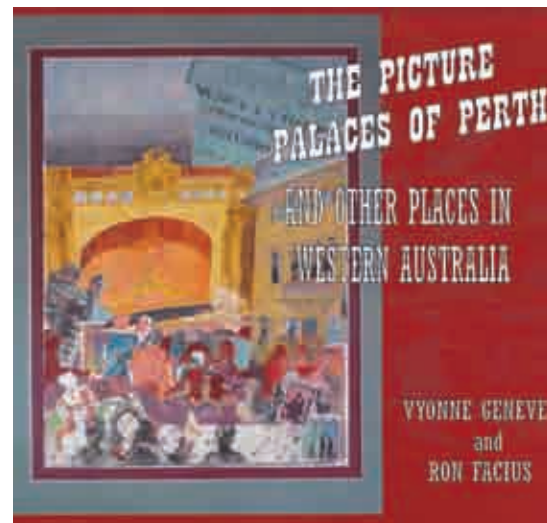
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# Picture Palaces of Perth and other places in Western Australia

Local artists and art historians, Yvonne Geneve and Ron Facius, have spent most of 2011 writing and illustrating the history of the picture theatres of Western Australia which they hope will be completed before year's end.

The publication will include the history of the moving picture industry in Western Australia from 1895 to the present day, with emphasis on the Art Deco cinema buildings of the 1930s of which there are more still standing than in other capital city in Australia. The book will also devote some space to the open air picture gardens which, because of the mild Western

Australian climate, were a phenomena almost unique to this state. Whilst mindful of the history of the Roleystone Picture Gardens and the showing of the movies at the Armadale District Hall, the authors are now calling for photographs, m e m o r a b i l i a , anecdotal information and memories from local residents who are able to recall the times they went to the pictures.



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## ON A WING & A PRAYER

*An enthusiastic group of Kaarakin volunteers, their families and friends were welcomed to a very special 'world first' advanced screening of 'On a Wing and a Prayer' recently. This is a film about Carnabys Cockatoos and stared Kaarakin's own Carnaby Cockatoo - Harmony!*

'On a Wing and a Prayer' is scheduled for release later in the year and the producers chose Kaarakin to be the site of the film's debut screening.

Leighton De Barros, the film's producer gave a talk about the making of the movie and answered questions.

Playful, mischievous and highly intelligent, Carnaby's Black Cockatoos are adored by thousands, hunted by many and saved by few. Endemic to the south-west region of

plummeting towards extinction. Species recovery is an uphill struggle; only two percent of newborn chicks make it to adulthood. The odds are against them.

Hope for their future lies in the hands of the local community and one man in particular, Senior Wildlife Investigator Rick Dawson. This year Rick is determined to protect one small family of Carnaby's Black Cockatoos at a 'high risk' nesting site he calls 'The Stump'. Over the last four years the parents have lost their chicks to poachers.

With their species numbers more than halved over the last forty years, it is vital for the survival of their kind that the Stump pair breeds successfully this season. Rick will do whatever it takes to make it happen. 'On a Wing and a Prayer' follows the incredible life cycle of this family of striking birds as they migrate to breeding grounds in the south-west of Western Australia.

Every milestone in their struggle to survive is documented through the engaging story of The Stump family. This is a story of love, loss and sheer endurance.

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Western Australia, only a small pocket of these large, gregarious birds remain and these are permanently under threat. Some are still being poached and smuggled for private collections. Many are illegally shot.

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## Visiting the Gili islands

There are three Gili Islands off the west coast of Lombok, between Bali and Lombok. They are Gili Terawangan, Gili Meno and Gili Air. Ken and I first visited Gili Terawangan (Gili T) twenty seven years ago. At that time we took a speedboat from Sengigi in Lombok to Gili T. It was an unspoilt paradise with beautiful coral and we were the only tourists. There was no accommodation and only one little restaurant that cooked meals, one at a time on a little paraffin stove – a painfully slow process!

Two weeks ago great was our surprise to get off a regular ferry from Bali that landed at Gili T. The first thing we saw was a Commonwealth Bank ATM! There were hotels and restaurants everywhere! We were only on Gili T for twenty minutes before the hustle and bustle was too much and I booked a charter boat to neighbouring Gili Meno. Our arrival there showed us that nothing had changed on that island in ten years – it was quiet, the coral was beautiful and the Sasak people are lovely.

There are no cars or motorbikes on any of the islands. The only transport is by a horse-drawn cart called a Cidoma.

We spent a wonderful three days on Gili Meno, snorkelling, walking around the island, renewing old friendships with the islanders and generally lazing about. The views of Mount Rinjani, the volcano on mainland Lombok were spectacular. The only drawback was that at night there was nothing to do. The villagers all went to bed early and by 8.30 it was virtually 'lights out'!

Would we stay on Gili Meno again? Probably not. We would stay on busy, mad Gili T, enjoying the huge choice of restaurants and hotels. We would then take the inexpensive islanders' boat to Gili Meno every morning at 9am returning to Gili T at 3pm. This would give the best of both worlds – daytime idyllic paradise and night time sophistication. Ah the joys of life as a traveller!

*Jean Henrickson*

*Foreign Correspondent!*

*Pictured: Jean and Ken and could that be Gilligan!*



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**KIM AT 12**

## Kimbo's 50

On the 27<sup>th</sup> September 1961 a baby boy was born who would bring music to 'The Valley' and music pleasure to many much further afield. Kim Bettenay has just hit 50! On September 24<sup>th</sup>, on the only clear night in weeks, the family's packing shed reverberated with the sounds of anything but silence!

Kim celebrated with friends and family and an assembled group of musicians from around Australia (and around the globe). Happy Birthday 'lil bro'.

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black sleeveless dress, is smiling and holding a plate of food. She is standing in front of the Elizabethan Pub. The pub's sign is visible in the background, featuring a crest and the text 'Elizabethan Pub'.

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## Armada Primary Win Wakakirri

Local teacher Mady Colquhoun and her students from Armadale Primary School have just won the state final of Wakakirri against 6 shortlisted finalists. On Tuesday 20th September at the Regal Theatre, the team once again performed their act entitled 'The Fire'; now their challenge is to win the National Competition.

The Wakakirri Prize for Positive Impact is one of the ultimate awards a school can receive. The prize is to acknowledge the efforts of the school to create a positive impact on the world. Schools were judged on how they used their entry to spread awareness within their local and global communities. Well done Mady and all concerned.



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# Roleystone Primary School News



This past month has been full to the brim with ATHLETICS!!!!!! On Wednesday 7th September the Primary School oval was alive with colour and action as the four factions fought for the honour of winning the shield for 2011. Green was the eventual victor – but every child who participated did a great job for their team, both on the track and in the bays, cheering for their team mates.

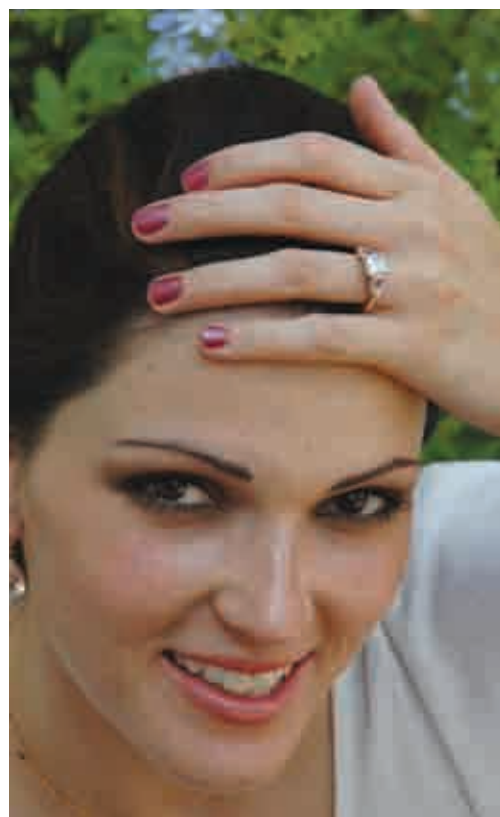
In the lead up to the carnival the children in years 3-5 ran in cross-country and some participated in jump and throw events, not to mention all the practise sessions during fitness and Friday sport.

Winners of Cross Country were as follows:

- Year 3: Abena Selormey, Tomas Koval
- Year 4: Mia Williams, Ernie Berrington
- Year 5: Rachel Charlesworth, Harry Conlin
- Year 3: Abena Selormey, Tomas Koval
- Year 4: Hollie Dunsire, Ernie Berrington
- Year 5: Rachel Charlesworth, Lachlan Fraser

For Book Week 'One World, Many Stories', most children came dressed up as their favourite book character. Many of the costumes showed great ingenuity in their creation, so thanks to all the families who participated. Quite a few of the teachers took part, and the parade was fun for everyone.

The Year Five choir and Mrs West put on a terrific show for us at Burswood Theatre on Tuesday 20th September. They performed as part of the WAGSMS concert. The year Six-Seven Choir from RDHS also were featured, and they were given the honour of being the final act. As I've mentioned before, Mrs West demands a high standard of her charges, and they produced the goods. Their voices blended beautifully and their diction was crisp. Congratulations to you all!



## BLAST FROM THE PAST AND STILL GOING STRONG: PAULINE PEACOCK.

New from England, Pauline enrolled her son in Pre-Primary and as a parent helper she caught the eye of the teacher Lila Barry, who suggested she try for the position of Assistant. Pauline put in her application and received a definite knock back, basically saying there was no way she would get the job. However the following year, there was a knock on the door from a school representative offering her the position. That was the beginning of her 21 year stint in paid employment at RPS. She continues her involvement today, helping her daughter – Pre-Primary teacher – Christine Heavey in D3 on Monday and Friday mornings. Pauline loves the fact that she is now dealing with mums that were in her care as little Pre-Primary children during her time as an Assistant. Pauline has also nurtured and supported grandchildren who are/ have been students at RPS.

Once when Pauline and Bill (Pauline's husband, now deceased) were shopping at Carousel she was approached by three big young men. The middle one put his arms around Pauline and said "Do you remember me?" She says she didn't, but once he gave her some clues she could place him quite nicely. (They do look different with facial hair!!!! )

Pauline loves the fact that she meets family members of ex- students, when she's out and about, and hears about their successes. "It's a fabulous feeling," she said. Thank you, Pauline.

*Pictured top right: Characters from Hairy McClairy: Ella and Tyson Mackie. Middle right: Kasey. Right: Georgia as the Tin Man.*



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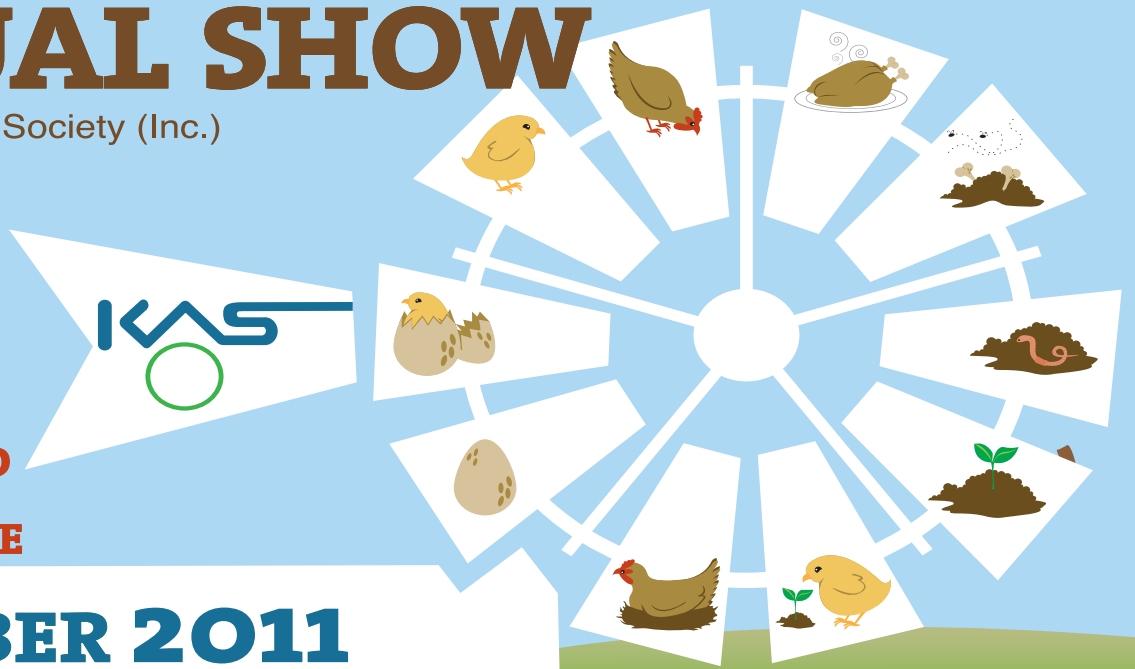
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## A NEW HISTORY BOOK FOR THE ARMADALE REGION IS LAUNCHED

*On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September the Who's Who of history across the region gathered for the launch of: "Settlement to City - A History of the Armadale District and its People."*

Respected historians and authors, Jennie and Bevan Carter have just completed the book based on anecdotes taken from oral histories. It is wonderfully written, bringing to life the events, people and stories which shaped our location.

Bevan Carter announced at the launch that most of the City's earliest settlers seemed to be horse thieves – with many doing long stints for this and other crimes! Starting with the area's original landowners and their relationship with local Indigenous people the history covers every period up to and including the devastating February bushfires.

One story they tell was the unfortunate tale of William Foster, who suffered a miserable fate while proprietor of Armadale's Narrogin Inn in the 1870s. In 1874, 64-year-old Foster was murdered by his cook, ex-convict John Gill. Furious about the standard of meat he had been given to cook with, Gill threatened

to quit his job and was told by his angry employer he would forfeit his wages if he did. After Gill failed to clean the kitchen that night after dinner, Foster followed him into the stables and was shot and died of his wounds. Sadly the Carters collected far more material than they were able to publish!

Lord Mayor Linton Reynolds in his opening speech said: 'This book follows the first history of the region, 'First Stage South', by Daphne Popham, in 1980 and really expands on its research and coverage of significant events and issues. Most importantly, Settlement to City is a really good read.'

It is on sale from the City's Administration Centre, the City's libraries at Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove, Armadale Visitor Centre and History House Museum and retails at \$88 for a hard bound copy (limited numbers available) and \$55 for a soft bound.

*Pictured top right: Donna Faragher and Mayor Linton Reynolds*

*Right: Bevan and Jennie with Councillor Pat Hart.*



## BUSHFIRE FUEL AND FIRE INTENSITY

*Fuel is the most common environmental factor which is manipulated to modify fire behavior.*

Four variables of fuel contribute to fire behavior:

- 1: Type
- 2: Size and quantity
- 3: Arrangement and
- 4: Moisture.

This article focuses on fine fuel quantity that accumulates on the ground although the shrub layer also plays an important role.

During the life cycle of plants, they grow, and shed leaves, branches (twigs) and bark. This all accumulates on the forest floor. In an average jarrah forest it takes 25 years to reach 20 tonnes per hectare of litter, however it only takes 5 years to accumulate over 8 tonnes per hectare.

The general formula for determining fire intensity is:

$I = HWR$

I = Fire Intensity (measured in kilowatts per metre)

H = Height yield

W = weight of fuel consumed

R = Rate of Spread of fire

The weight of fuel also influences the rate of spread. So more fuel means a faster fire. For many years it was argued that a fire's rate of spread was directly proportional to fuel load, and it was argued that if you half the amount of fuel, this halves the rate of spread which in turn reduces the

intensity of a fire four-fold. However it now looks to have an even greater role.

If you have jarrah forest on your property, a general rule is to burn it every 5 years to maintain fuel litter loads between 5 - 8 tonnes per hectare. It ultimately depends on the quantity of tree canopy cover, because that's where the leaves and twigs come from.

This will help keep the rate of spread and intensity of a fire to a level where the fire can be more easily directly attacked and suppressed. Letting your fuel loads accumulate for longer than this is putting yourself, your family and your home at greater risk.

As for the minimum 20 metres surrounding your home (on sloped country the distance needs to be bigger), your objective should be to maintain fuel loads below 2 tonnes per hectare. This will help stop flames from touching your home and will provide you with more confidence this summer.

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## A Most Remarkable Tale?

*In 2009, Bobbie and I were caravanning around the North west of W.A. About 200 kms from Carnarvon, we camped at a free camp (Barradale) at which there were about 20 other caravans. I asked Bobbie to see if anyone wanted a camp fire as I had some wood. She came back with the message that there was a small group that wanted a fire.*

As we approached the group, Bobbie said "This is my husband, Gerry Chapman...." and a woman said "Gerry - do you have a brother called Rodney?"

Some of you know that my family arrived, as refugees, in Fremantle in 1947. We had left India and my father, with his wife and 6 boys under the age of 10, had managed to bring 35 pounds. We were left stranded on the wharf when our sponsor refused to help.

Eventually, we were picked up by a man who took us to his home and in the next few days arranged for my brothers to be placed in an orphanage.

That left me and my young brother, my mother and my father and we were sheltering under a butcher shop awning when a man came by, saw

our plight and took us to his home. We stayed there for 3 weeks.

The woman, Jill, at the campfire was the 5 year old daughter, I was 4 years old and here we were, 62 years later at the same camp.

I was astounded and asked how she could possibly recognise me and she explained that she couldn't understand why her father (a truck driver) would shelter us as they were not well off and that the only Gerry she had heard of was the toilet pot under the bed - what a silly name for a boy!

Perhaps even more amazing is the fact that in 2010, my wife broke her wrist when she fell on the bank of the Roper River, in Mataranka. We had to go to Katherine hospital and then, for various reasons, we went on to Kununurra Hospital. About 600 kms from Katherine and 400 kms from Kununurra, we pulled over for the night at a roadside stop - there was one other caravan there - Jill and her husband!

There are many stories of travellers unexpectedly meeting friends in the most unlikely places. However, I think this encounter is most remarkable.

*Gerry Chapman*



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## Ken Makes 70



*Big Ken Henrickson turned 70 on September 18th. At left: a photo of the very old Ken and very young Joshua at the family celebration. We had a blast! Jean Henrickson*

## Thanks Anne and Max for being Part of the Courier Family for Thirty Years!

*I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Henderson's Earthmoving. Anne and Max have been long time advertisers with the Roleystone Courier, starting advertising in the magazine when Viv Keelty ran the magazine in the late 1970's. They have provided Earthmoving services to Roleystone people over this time and have grown from strength to strength with a large increase in the machinery size and the scale of their work. Anne and Max have now made the decision to focus more on the wheatbelt area, where much of their work has moved to recently. So thanks Max and Anne for your many years of loyalty and for the wonderful service to the community you have provided. Our thanks and good luck with your future ventures.*

*NB: Max and Anne would like to pass on their heartfelt thanks to everyone across the Roleystone Community. They also wanted to stress that they are not moving from the area and it is only the focus of their business that has changed.*

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## THE CITY'S PIONEERS ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL REUNION

*The City of Armadale invites long time residents to the 2011 Pioneer Reunion on Saturday 8 October at the Kelmscott Hall.*

Those who have lived in the City of Armadale for 50 years or more are invited to enjoy afternoon tea at the Reunion from 2pm onwards. The Pioneer Reunion is proudly hosted by the City of Armadale who recognises the men and women who have made the district the dynamic and wonderful region it is today.

Each year the event attracts 250 to 300 pioneers, making the event a truly memorable experience for all. This year's Pioneer Reunion will be the last for retiring Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds who says,

"The Pioneer Reunion is always a fantastic event. It is a great chance for old friends, neighbours and colleagues to get together and celebrate the City that we all love."

"This year's Reunion will be of special significance to me as it will be my last as Mayor. I look forward to hosting this



*Local pioneers of our Karragullen Dawn O'Meagher and Gloria Scari at last year's reunion.*

event and reminiscing on the events that have made the City of Armadale a great place to live."

If you have not yet received a personal invitation and have lived in the City of Armadale for 50 years – continually or otherwise please contact the Mayor's Office on 9399 0175.

All those attending the City of Armadale Pioneer Reunion must RSVP to Beverley Sandell on 9399 0175 for catering purposes.



## ARALUEN NOTES



Liz Dunn

### THE GARDENS

The wild weather on Sunday 18 September was not good for the tulips. On Friday there was a beautiful bed of red and yellow tulips on the corner of Bennett's Bridge and by Monday it was a bed of green stems and not a flower to be seen. The blustery conditions stripped the petals from the tulips and dropped branches, twigs, leaves and honky nuts everywhere so the blowers and chainsaw sprung into action early on Monday morning for a big clean up. Despite losing a few tulips, the Park is still looking absolutely beautiful with the Magnolias, Camellias and Rhododendrons showing no effects from the wind and rain.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY – THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER

A special Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Grove of the Unforgotten on Friday

11 November at 1.30pm. The Department of Veteran's Affairs in conjunction with the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation wish to extend an invitation to all Roleystone residents to attend this special event.

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# 'Myths of Hypnosis'

Hi Everyone,

As you can see from last month's cover, Glenn and I enjoyed the most brilliant much belated honeymoon recently enjoying the warm European sun only to return to the winds and rain of the southern hemisphere winter but also to loads of your questions about hypnosis raised by last month's article written by the lovely June Copley.

In order to answer your questions, which were mainly around the myths surrounding hypnosis Linda suggested that it might be a good idea for me to answer the most commonly asked questions, so here goes! **FALSE - Hypnosis is caused by the power of the hypnotist.**

**TRUTH** - All hypnosis is self hypnosis. To be hypnotised a person has to allow the hypnosis to take place. The hypnotist is a trained professional who knows how to guide individuals into the hypnotic state.

**FALSE - Only people with a weak mind can be hypnotised.**

**TRUTH** - Anyone of average intelligence who wants to use hypnosis can experience hypnosis.

**FALSE - People can be hypnotised to do things against their will.**

**TRUTH** - Whilst hypnotised, an individual may be in an extremely relaxed state however, that person is still in full control. The subconscious will not allow an individual to do anything that is out of character or against their moral code.

**MYTH - Hypnosis is just relaxation.**

**TRUTH** - Whilst it is very nice to be in a relaxed state during hypnosis, hypnosis is not just relaxation. During hypnosis

individuals are able to undertake activities such as riding a stationary bike or running on a treadmill (Banyai & Hilgard 1978).

**FALSE - people can remain permanently stuck in hypnosis.**

**TRUTH** - people cannot remain stuck in hypnosis. If, for some reason the hypnotist left the room when you were in a trance eventually your own mind would do one of two things:

1. You would either realize the hypnotist was no longer talking to you, and you would open your eyes and be wide awake and feeling fine.
2. You would drift into a normal sleep for a few minutes and then wake up normally, feeling fine.

**MYTH - When people are hypnotised they go to sleep or are unconscious.**

**TRUTH** - Whilst it may appear to an observer as if the hypnotised person is asleep or unconscious, the hypnotised person is focused, alert and aware of their surroundings.

**MYTH - When hypnotised, you are in a trance and have no control.**

**TRUTH** - A person experiencing hypnosis will be able to stop a hypnosis session anytime they want to with or without the help of the hypnotist.

**FALSE - The hypnotist has magical powers.**

**TRUTH** - the hypnotist is just an ordinary person who has studied techniques.

**MYTH - People don't remember anything from the hypnosis session.**

**TRUTH** - When you are hypnotised you will relax enough to keep your conscious mind from interfering with what you are trying to do with the subconscious mind. However, your conscious mind is still present and will allow you to remember.

**FALSE - The hypnotised person will confess secrets and tell the truth.**

**TRUTH** - During a hypnosis session the hypnotized person is still in full control of their mind. So therefore a person will not do or say anything they don't want to, such as telling secrets or confessing.

So in summary, you really are always in control whilst in a Hypnotic state and whilst there it is possible to overcome habits, addictions, fears and many more conditions. In fact the list of the conditions that hypnosis has been proven to alleviate if not completely release and heal are endless.

If you still have any questions please do see our website [www.edenlight.com](http://www.edenlight.com) and feel free to call or stop me in IGA, (that is, unless it is 5.30 and I have a frantic look in my eyes!)

Wishing you the best of days and warm nights.

**Jacqueline Tuffnell**

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## PYJAMA STORYTIME AT ARMADALE LIBRARY

The Armadale Library is hosting two special storytime nights.

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## ARALUEN ACTIVITIES

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This popular program features: -

- Between 10am and 11.30am – the opportunity to participate in discovery trails.
- After lunch – clay modelling and craft.
- Educational activities to explain important environmental issues.

The Araluen Train will run during the break. Children are required to have their own adult supervision.

### 'NEARER TO NATURE' (N2N) PROGRAM

Nearer to Nature is an initiative of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), which provides the community with interactive, nature-based activities, designed to enhance enjoyment, knowledge and interest in the natural environment.

Two sessions each of two separate programs will be conducted on Monday 3rd October.

Program details are as follows:



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*The Salvation Army received \$64,000 to go toward the Roleystone and Kelmescott Bushfire Appeal to assist residents in Western Australia's Roleystone and Kelmescott region to recover from this year's fires.*

Severe bushfires caused extensive damage in Roleystone and surrounding districts in January, with many of those bushfire-affected communities still trying to rebuild or restore their townships to their former state.

Roleystone and Karragullen Community Bank® Branch Chairman, Roy Hamilton, said the funds would enable the Salvation Army to provide assistance to those still suffering hardship.

"The road to recovery has been long for our local people, but the \$64,000 raised for the Salvation Army to support fire-stricken communities just goes to show what people can achieve when they work together," Mr Hamilton said.

"There are so many communities in our state that have been faced with similar challenges, such as bushfires and floods, but they have been able to get back on their feet, thanks to the support of people right across Australia. Ed and Leone Donnes

of Grade Road, victims themselves were most helpful in assisting us to arrive at the method of distributing the funds.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank WA State Manager, David Boromeo, said Bendigo Bank is dedicated to supporting communities to prosper and committed to improving the lives of Australians in times of need.

"It's been really tough for the communities in the Roleystone and Kelmescott region, and many still need support and funding to get back on their feet," Mr Boromeo said.

"We hope the donation to the Salvation Army will ease the pressure for many people who may still be coming to terms with loss of property and livelihood, and I'd like to thank everyone who donated for digging deep to give what they could," he said.

Funds will be distributed to Bush Fire affected individuals and families, subject to application forms (available from the Roleystone Community Bank) being completed and lodged with the Salvation Army. Those successful in their application, will be issued 'Vouchers', redeemable at either Roleystone Hardware

or Colliers Hardware Kelmescott.

All those affected will be contacted by the City of Armadale.

Donations to the Roleystone and Kelmescott Bushfire Appeal can still be made at any Bendigo Bank branch or online at [www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

*Roy Hamilton*



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### GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547



The Kangaroo paws and everlastings beside Forrest Highway are looking beautiful at present. I'm wondering how many of you have them growing? Native plants are becoming increasingly popular as indicated by all the cars parked at Lullfitz Nursery in Thomas Road. If you choose to 'go native' try to get the varieties that are indigenous to this area, that way you will be much more successful.

The Friends of Kings Park are having a plant stall this month and this will be a great source of well grown natives. I have quite a sandy spot in my garden and have chosen plants from the Moore River area and Eneabba for this type of soil.

The Roleystone Garden Group went to 'Clivea Classique' on Forrest Rd this week and the return journey saw us with a range of new cliveas: reds, orange and yellows. But the ones we left behind were also absolutely stunning.

We were hoping to go to Amanda's Garden in October, and then found they are only opening on the Saturday and Sunday so I am open to suggestions on where we will go next month. New members are always very welcome.

Today I found a new Bacopa. This trailing plant has pink, mauve and white flowers on it. Whether it is three plants in the one pot or what I don't really know but it looks very pretty. Also have you seen the new releases in Ivy geraniums? They are absolutely beautiful and totally drought hardy, as are all pelargoniums.

The Kelmescott show is fast approaching so collect a schedule and see which items you can enter. There are plenty of sections for the green-fingered amongst you and just in time for peak orchid blooming. Perhaps your roses are back flowering or you have poppies or irises or you might even consider entering your humble nasturtiums. The sections for vegetables ought to be very popular with all those gardening in raised beds.

I'm sure you are all enjoying the rain nearly as much as the weeds are. With the glorious weather we are having it is nice to get out weeding and the chooks appreciate all your efforts. It doesn't take long for the weeds to really get lush growth and if we leave them in the ground it takes away from your plants. Weeds can be composted or soaked in water and then this liquid makes a good liquid fertiliser and then left on the surface it will rot down and compost back into the soil.

Whatever you do, enjoy your garden.

*Good Gardening  
Jean*

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## JOEY SCOUTS MAKE BREAD ANIMALS

As one of the new leaders of the Roleystone/Karragullen Joey group, I wanted to share with the community of Roleystone some of our recent favourite moments.

Along with the other leaders, Marianne (Bilby) and Linda (Bandicoot), I am continuously impressed with the energy and interest our Joeys demonstrate every Monday evening, making them a pleasure to spend time with.

This term we have concentrated on the theme of animals, (following our trip to Peel Zoo). We even used our Group Leader's dog to practice our vet skills, (not many animals would allow ten, 6/7 year olds to use a stethoscope to listen to their heart beat, and look in their mouth and eyes.

One of the children's favourite evenings was a



visit from the MLA Member for Darling Range, Tony Simpson, who expertly demonstrated the making of bread animals. With much laughter and a bit of practice, he helped the Joey's make their own. Talking to the Joey's afterwards, eating the bread was the 'best bit', and we would very much like to thank Mr Simpson for his time and patience!

Joeys are the youngest section of the scout movement and their age range is 6-8 years old. We meet every Monday during term time at the Karragullen Scout Hall, from 5.15pm to 6.15pm.

Please contact Joanne Meuli on 0437271934 for further details

Mary Rodger (Quokka)

## DEVELOPING A BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN



If you live in or near bushland, you are at risk from a bushfire and developing a bushfire survival plan is critical.

Being prepared for a bushfire can help save you and your family's lives, your property and your livelihood.

**Are you and your family at risk?** You need to think about the bushfire risk to your family and home:

- Do you live in or near bush?
- Does your local area have a bushfire history?
- Do you have trees and shrubs within 20 metres of your house?
- Is your house built on a slope?
- Is your bushfire survival plan more than one year old?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions then being impacted by a bushfire is a real risk to you and your family. You need to have a bushfire survival plan and keep it updated.

When developing your plan decide together if you will leave for a safer place, which may be to relocate to family or friends, or stay to actively defend your home. Make sure you write everything down.

Keep your bushfire survival plan in an easy to find place and make sure everyone knows where it is.

At the October meeting of the Roleystone Organic Growers Chris Cairns from the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade will be discussing how to develop a bushfire survival plan and we will meet in small groups on the night to share ideas.

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

The meeting is on Wednesday October 12th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312. **Lisa Porter.**



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*Pictured at left: Chris Ranger organised the cleanup at Nottinghill Reserve.*

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.

Morning tea 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 8.00am or ring Ian on 0427800732.

**CLEAN-UP OF RESERVES**

Chris Ranger organised a small working bee at Nottinghill Reserve recently. All dead branches and shrubs were removed to lower the fire hazard a little. Thank you Chris.

We will be doing a similar clean-up of Stonegate Reserve. If you are able to help, please ring Diane on 93975300.

**PHYTOPHTHORA DIEBACK BASIC TRAINING**

Training workshops are being run at Murdoch University and are highly recommended for all staff involved in on-ground operations within Phytophthora Dieback affected areas. It is recommended to all staff and contractors working within bushland reserves such as Environment, Parks and Gardens staff as well as those involved in Engineering, Water and Civil Works. Material covered includes the biology of Phytophthora Dieback, disease recognition, hygiene procedures, site access, activity planning, sourcing materials, organisational liaison and reporting. Landscapers and gardeners would benefit from this course. Go to "events" on [www.roleybushcare.com.au](http://www.roleybushcare.com.au) for more details.

**Boulder Rock again, hopefully second time lucky!!!**

Unfortunately we had to cancel our last field day at Boulder Rock. It wasn't safe to work in that area during a thunderstorm. We hope everyone used the "last minute cancellation system" by checking the website at 8.00pm or by ringing Ian on 0427800732. We welcome any feedback on better methods of keeping the volunteers informed.

So the next field day will be on Sunday 16th October 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 Dept for Environment and

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**Toylibrary Success**

*This Roleystone Toylibrary picture was selected for a Lotterywest statewide promotion. The photo was taken to celebrate the grant won by the club and the new toys that it purchased. Pictured are: Lauren and Ella in the Little Tikes Adventure Wagon with Brayden leading the way.*

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*The newly-opened Affinity Cafe at the Roleystone Recreation Centre cordially invites all of the Roleystone Community to a very salubrious fundraiser event, Climb for a Cure High Tea, held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.* Audrey Wee and her friends Kim, David, Marcus and Vanessa are organising this High Tea event to help raise funds for Cancer Research and support David and Marcus' Mt Kilimanjaro climb for a cure in February next year. The High Tea will be a buffet-style occasion not to miss with savouries, scones, cakes, tarts, ribbon sandwiches and all sorts of very scrumptious and decadent treats. And of course, these sumptuous treats will be accompanied by a delicious selection of teas to suit every tastebud in town.

Tickets at the door will be very limited so grab your presale tickets now for only \$40 per person or buy four or more for \$35 each. All proceeds from the event will go to the Cure Cancer Australia Foundation. For tickets please call Audrey on 0401917726 or email: [audrey.wee89@gmail.com](mailto:audrey.wee89@gmail.com) Affinity Cafe is open for breakfast and lunch from 6:15am and serving lovely coffee and cakes throughout the day until 9pm! *Seen below Lainey, Janet and Kay relaxing with a cuppa after the rigours of a tough workout.*



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## SUNDAY TRADING IN THE WARM UP TO CHRISTMAS.

Taking time out to hunt down a special Christmas gift for loved ones is not always easy, especially with the end of each year being so busy with festivities and preparations for the holidays. This is why so many of us make the most of the Christmas and New Year Sunday trading opportunities with the Minister for Commerce, Hon Simon O'Brien MLC, recently announcing this year's extended retail trading hours for the Perth metropolitan area.

On Sunday the 11th and 18th of December shops will be able to open from 10am across the entire metropolitan area giving shoppers greater choice in deciding when to do their Christmas shopping and it also allows retailers the opportunity to take advantage of the Christmas trade.

After December the 25th, the post-Christmas sales have been accommodated with trading allowed from 10am on Boxing Day and from 8am on the public holiday on Tuesday the 27th for the whole metropolitan area.

Further to these metropolitan area wide

extensions, trading on two Sundays, 4 December 2011 and 1 January 2012, as well as the public holiday on Monday January 2, will be permitted within the Special Trading Precincts of Perth, Fremantle, Joondalup, Midland and Armadale.

As a strong supporter of extended trading hours, I feel that the issue is about choice and letting retailers decide when they want to open, which in turn will give shoppers greater variety as well.

The Barnett Government's staged deregulation of shopping hours is gradually providing for greater choice across the metropolitan region so if you enjoy the convenience of Sunday trading and would like to see more of it, I encourage you to let your local state Member of Parliament know that you want them to support deregulation of retail trading hours.

If you would like any further information on the extended retail trading hours, or any other, please do not hesitate to contact my office on 9452 8311.



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### RECENT EVENTS

We had a Busy Bee on Saturday 17th September to prepare for our Annual Open Day and had 11 willing helpers come along. We managed to get everything nice and tidy and even had a bacon and egg burger brunch.

Our Annual Open Day was held on Sunday 18th September and we had lots of people attend. The weather was very kind and we managed to play some sets of tennis and enjoy afternoon tea.

One of the important events of our Open Day was to present our two new Life Members - Jim Brayshaw and June Copley with their Life Member Badges. Both Jim and June have given our Club over thirty years of service and are very deserving of Life Membership. We were very pleased to have in attendance our Patron Mrs Pat Hart, one of our Club sponsors Mr Rob Fidock and three other

Life Members: Virginia Bird, Lorraine Douglas and Graham Shearwood. It was a very successful afternoon and we would like to thank everyone for attending.

### COMING EVENTS

#### SPRING TOURNAMENT

Our next event is our Annual Spring Tournament which will be held on the 15th and 16th of October. If you would like to participate please put your name down on the sheets that are at the Club or email through to [roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au). We will be having Ladies and Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles and would love to have lots of participants.

#### FULLER CUP

Our Annual Fuller Cup will be held on Monday nights 7th, 14th and 21st November. This is a team event and we would love to have 24 participants. The sheets will be up at the Club shortly or else email through to [roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au)



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The day opened with the traditional spider where all participants line the perimeter of the green and on a given signal send a bowl towards the jack placed in the centre of the green. Out of the ensuing chaos of several bowls running into each other, the winner emerges by having their bowl finish nearest to the jack. In this case it was Margaret Munn.

After long serving bowler Wandie Mitchell was invited to put down the first bowl to officially open the event and the season, it was 'game on'. Eventual winners on the day were a foursome consisting of Peg Knuckey, Jan Tower, Alison Brown and club captain Shirley Thomas. Jan and Alison are both relative newcomers to our club and it is great to see them enjoying a win.

Have you been thinking about giving lawn bowls a try? You'll be interested in our HAVE-A-GO DAY. This is an opportunity for new and prospective players to experience the great atmosphere of lawn bowls in the ambience of our scenic facilities. All comers will be welcomed and encouraged by our club members.

Registration can be made at the shopping centre on Saturday 8th October between 9.00am and 12 noon, or by contacting our club president Gerry Chapman (9397 5730) or our club captain Phil Deas (9496 1086). Play will take place



on Sunday 9th October commencing at 1.00pm and will include a coaching/teaching session for newcomers.

*Top: Ita Goldberger from Genesis in the Hills with the winning team of Peg Knuckey, Shirley Thomas, Jan Tower and Alison Brown. Above: Margaret Munn was the lucky winner of the spider.*

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There will be more once the season starts, so till then spend the last remaining days of the footy season oiling your bat and shining your ball because the game of cricket will be on in earnest very soon.

**Mike Cirillo**

## Astronomical Highlights October

Time for us at the Observatory to come out of hibernation. Since early May we've had hardly any contact with normal people. Staff members just quietly worked away on a couple of projects, attended a conference, and took some time off. Now, back to reality! The new public viewing season begins with the spring school holidays.

As far as planets are concerned, the brightest ones - Venus and Jupiter - will both feature in the October viewing list. Jupiter's been around as a morning object since May, but now it's visible in evening skies. Venus has been out of sight behind the Sun since early July but will be in plain view by mid-month, if you have the luxury of a low horizon in the west (such as the view from the Darling Scarp at dusk).

The Moon's in waxing crescent phase at the beginning of October, with first quarter on the 4th, full moon on the 12th, last quarter on the morning of the 20th, and new moon on the 27th. So the month also ends with the Moon in waxing crescent phase, the evening crescent moon. The full moon on the 12th will make its appearance about 20 minutes after sunset (assuming a low eastern horizon). Rising in the twilight like this, it's a fine sight in binoculars: almost a 3-D effect.

In early October Jupiter's coming up in the ENE around 9pm, passing due north

at about 2am, and standing out in the NW sky at daybreak. Mid-month, it rises as the evening twilight ends, passes due north at about 1am, and dominates the NW sky at dawn. By month's end it's pretty obvious low in the ENE at nightfall, culminates in the north around midnight, and is low in the WNW at daybreak. Opposition is on the 29th.

Venus lurks in the evening twilight until mid-month, when it begins to get out away from the glare of the Sun. Look in the direction of sunset, about 45 minutes or so after the Sun's gone from view. By late October, no doubt, the Observatory phones will be once again running hot with calls from people suddenly noticing Venus for the first time: "What's that really bright star in the west after the Sun goes down?". It's getting set for a good Star of Bethlehem impression this year.

Mercury will also come into view late in the month, low in the WSW at dusk. On the 28th, Mercury and Venus will form a triangle with the thin crescent Moon low down in the WSW in the evening twilight. This one's for the aficionados: go where you can see 'way low down to the western horizon at about 7:20pm, and watch as the daylight fades. It will be worth the effort.

*Greg Lowe  
Perth Observatory*

## Mulberry Tree Open Day - 15th October

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# LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

GRANT NIXON

**“WHAT HAVE I DONE FOR ROLEYSTONE”**

*I had the great pleasure of standing at the shopping centre on Saturday talking to people on the way to do their shopping.*

To be absolutely honest, I had been apprehensive, but I caught up with so many people I hadn't seen for a while so the morning raced past. Some of the obvious points I noticed were: the amount of people that read the info stand outside the IGA, the catching up between locals who took the time to talk to each other and the dangers of the parking area. Not the area itself, but the drivers not looking before backing out. Some very near misses. The community spirit was obvious.

There were many questions I had been expecting about the Primary School site, bush fires, and some I hadn't, such as orchardists who want to retire on their orchards but can't sub-divide their blocks. The one question that did make me reflect further was "what had I done for Roleystone?"

It's hard to define what you do for an area. Andrea & I have utilised and frequented all the local businesses regularly over the 26 years of living in the area, some very regularly, some less so.

We place great importance on using local wherever possible. I also bought a surprise birthday present for Andrea to visit June at Roleystone Body and Skin Care for a facial/massage, which has now

extended 20 odd years.


As Gardens Manager at Araluen Botanic Park, I have either directly or indirectly employed over 500 local, mostly under 20 year olds, to work either on the gate, gardens or at the Chalet Healy tea rooms. Some of the families have had 3 of their teenagers work in the Park as soon as they get old enough.

We also have most of our 13 vehicles fuelled in Karragullen and all are maintained in Roleystone. Wherever possible we support local businesses including plumbers, electricians, carpenters, and printers. I have always been a strong advocate for Roleystone and in contact with many organisations providing support in the area, such as the volunteer Fire Service, tourism services, the Rodgers Court fire tree and the City of Armadale. Araluen's senior management has a culture of working with, and supporting the community such as the Bendigo Bank, Business Armadale and the board representing the Darling Range/Swan Valley with the Perth Regional Tourist Organisation.

After 26 years of running a business, managing the Park gardens & helping build a family, I now feel I can contribute my time, energy and expertise, to do something extra for Roleystone.

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# LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

## Laurie Scidone

*There are many achievements that I want to see completed by Council, and this desire has driven my nomination for this year's local government election. It would be an honour to represent the people of Jarrah again.*

Some of the issues/stances/challenges facing our community that I will address as your representative: Aged Accommodation in Roleystone

Continue to serve on the committee that is driving the rezoning of the Roleystone Primary School site so that this is realised.

Improving our community's safety and amenity; working towards minimising our exposure to bush fire events.

Work with government to ensure that the recommendations of the Keelty report into the Perth Hills Bushfires in February 2011 are acted upon, including replacement of Buckingham Bridge.

Sound financial management and sustainability.

Having managed budgets in excess of \$26 million, I have the skills and attributes required to have oversight of the City's finances.

Tourism and local jobs

Attract both government and private investment to Armadale to develop commercial and industrial land to cater for those who live here to work here.

Council and Araluen Botanic park management must come together to engage in dialogue to attract tourists to the region and back to the park.

Much more can be achieved together to continue to make our neighbourhood a special place to live. With your help, I have the drive, the commitment, the networks and the ideas to make this happen; to build our future together.

A well liked and respected former councillor, I have rapport with the sitting Councillors. I can capitalise on this to attain better outcomes for the residents of the Jarrah Ward.

This is one aspect that sets me apart from my opponent.

*A vote for Laurie Scidone guarantees experience on Council with effective and immediate representation.*

PLEASE ALSO SEE LETTER TO THE EDITOR PAGE 13 FROM CHARLENE O'BRIEN STANDING FOR NEERIGAN WARD IN THE CITY OF ARMADALE ELECTIONS.

## VOTING IN THE CITY OF GOSNELLS

### GLENN DEWHURST

*Glenn Dewhurst would like readers of the Roleystone Courier living in Martin to give him their vote at the upcoming Council elections.*

I'm a 43 year old husband to Andrea and father to 3 daughters who all have grown up in City of Gosnells (CoG). I have been a resident in the south of Perth for the past 39 years and within the CoG since 2001.

Having served as a police officer for 20+ years, I have now taken a management role within a large mining company.

My current community interests and activities are: Black Cockatoo Rescue (President), Wildlife Australia (Chairman), newly created Australian Endangered Species Centre (Chairman). These are all located within the CoG.

Councils are at breaking point because of unrealistic state government pressures, one is to provide high density housing. This can equate to unworkable developments, when Smart Sustainable Developments are needed to cater for families, business and the environment. Councils also seem to have lost a fundamental Australian must of giving a person a fair go.

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Painting techniques and the use of various media will dominate the late Spring programme which will commence in November.

New students are always welcome, both beginners and more experienced. Please call 9397-6928 for more information.



## Don Randall Moves to a New Office

August 30, 2011, saw Canning MHR Don Randall officially open his new office at the corner of Gilwell Avenue and Albany Highway in Kelmscott.

Although a small move across the road, it was a huge jump forward for Mr Randall who had spent the past 10 years – as long as he has been the local Federal Member– in his previous office.

At the opening, Mr Randall was joined by his staff, supporters, and those who form part of the Western Australian Liberal team including guest of honour, Deputy Opposition Leader Julia Bishop, who assisted in the formalities by cutting the ribbon in celebration of Mr Randall's new 'home'.

"My staff and I dealt with an office that was just getting too old, and although I'd been quite happy there, it was simply time to move," Mr Randall said.

"We are all settling into the new location well and the new business spaces there have helped revitalised that pocket of Kelmscott."



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## Pro Bono: Eyes Forward David Bardsley, Minister Community Church



Dear Friends

Hilary, my wife, hates heights! And that's a real pity because there's nothing I love more than mountaineering as it used to be – steep rock, not too many technical difficulties, natural protection (none of your steel pins, nuts and bolts etc) and oodles of exposure.

A thousand feet of fresh air under the soles of my boots spices up such a venture beautifully. Hilary loves mountains too but she much prefers her feet solidly grounded on a good path. On one occasion in the Julian Alps saw us negotiating a rock corner balanced on pegs driven into the rock face with 2000 feet of space between our feet and the valley floor. It's remarkable how often that one crops up in after dinner conversations!

So it was more than a little surprising to hear that whilst on a visit to our daughter in West Africa, Hilary had completed the Tree Top Walk in Cancun. It was similar in concept to the Tree Top Walk in Walpole but had a distinctly African flavour. Instead of steel walkways, wooden slats joined by ropes with single rope handrails were suspended 40-50 metres above the ground in the tree tops. Apparently they had the stability of a spinning plate on a stick and were easily provoked into ever increasing pendulum swings. The really amazing thing is that Hilary paid to go on this contraption! Sensing her

unease, the guide advised her to stop as soon as she felt the walkway start to sway but the key instruction was to keep her eyes fixed firmly on the next staging platform at all times. He didn't say anything about not looking down – that was a given. His guidance emphasized the positive thing to do, avoiding references to the many things she should NOT do. And Hilary proudly succeeded – another popular after dinner topic!

A friend of ours has struggled with controlling her weight over the years. She recently told us that her most successful time was when she diligently recorded the amount of good food she was consuming rather than totting up the bad stuff she should avoid. Her eyes were set on hitting the right protein and fibre scores etc. and if she ate the right things to achieve those high scores there was no room left for junk. What we set our mind on determines how we develop physically. It applies equally well to our emotional and spiritual development. We get out whatever we put in. There used to be a saying in computer circles – “garbage in, garbage out.” If you feed the machine faulty instructions, you are bound to get nonsense out.

All this adds up to keeping our eyes firmly fixed on good things and measuring ourselves against admirable yardsticks. It's so much better than immersing ourselves in negative rules and regulations – don't do this or don't do that – and wallowing in the low life which dominates much of our society. The Bible talks about setting the right goals in life quite a bit and in his letter to the church at Philippi, Paul says, “Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things...and the God of peace will be with you.” May we be encouraged by that thought and may the God of peace be with us all...even if we do find our feet poised in scary places!

Yours in Christ

David (Photo: David 'as a youngun'  
- with hair!)

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# 2011 Roleystone Courier Footy Tipping Windup

*Hello to you all – punters and readers. The final AFL 24th round proved to be a ripper for our group of tipsters.*

Those who were trying to hold onto their top positions were smashed by the strong finish of Mike Beech with his 7 winners in this last round. Well done to Mike Beech who is also our overall winner with a total of 146 (margin 509) for our fourth season. Mike also won 4 rounds during the season. I managed to scrape in second with 143 (margin 557) over the ever popular Harry Newell on 143 (margin 637). Maxine Fairs and Brian MacCormack (alias M&M's) also scored 7 wins in the last round and totaled 141 (margin 589) matching Fiona Bettenay on 141 (margin 734). Linda Moore, Wayne Van Uden and Soozy McKenzie all finished on 140 and the lowest total being still a rather high 131.

Overall our punters tipped very well for the season as were the Roleystone Football Club which again received a donation from the year's kitty.

Will we have another Roleystone Courier Footy Tipping next year? Only if we get more interest from the Community – individuals, sporting bodies, businesses, friends, mates of mates, ...

All the best for the 'off season' everyone and I hope you enjoy the finals and especially that the Grand Final is a close one. Mike Moore.

*Top: First and second place winners: Mike Moore and Mike Beech with the trophy.*

*Middle: Soozy toasts third place winner - Harry Newell. Right: Bev Krebs enjoys the evening.*




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## Wild Gossip: Spring Means Ducklings!

*Duckling season is here and I have never seen so many ducklings in care or received so many phone enquiries about ducklings.*

Most enquiries are for advice about abandoned or orphaned ducklings but sometimes enquiries are regarding parent ducks and ducklings in a dangerous or inconvenient place – in these situations, often the best thing to do is to make the area as safe as possible (secure dogs and cats, alert traffic, etc) and leave the family to move on. Attempting to catch and move the family will usually result in some or all of the ducklings being abandoned. If you rescue abandoned or orphaned ducklings your first decision must be whether you pass them to your local wildlife carer or raise them yourself. Single ducklings seldom survive so in this case it is important to contact your local wildlife carer. To raise ducklings you must provide: secure housing, warmth, food, water and cleanliness. Housing can be as simple as a long, high sided box with newspaper, towels or similar at the bottom (avoid frayed cloth that the ducklings could get tangled in). Warmth can be provided by deploying a heat lamp at one end of the box, thus allowing the ducklings to move in and

out of the warm area or with a heat pad – temperature must be monitored at all times to prevent cooking or freezing the ducklings (I find around 32C to be the most successful).

Food should include chick starter crumbs in a small, non tip container and a separate container of any or all of the following: finely chopped lettuce, grass, parsley or snails.

Water must be provided at all times but only in small quantities. Ducklings instinctively jump into water but without mum to provide warmth and essential feather oils they will quickly become cold and wet – they are also likely to sink. Small water dishes or duckling water containers are required.

Cleaning is essential as ducklings can be very messy and bedding must be changed frequently.

After a few weeks the downy duckling feathers will start to be replaced by adult feathers and the ducklings can spend time outside in a secure cage on sunny days. Water can be provided in larger containers for playing and bathing.

A few weeks later the ducklings can be moved to an aviary or safe enclosure with a pond for them to practice swimming and diving skills whilst a suitable release site is found.

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In a climate of many challenges for real estate agents and business in general our office has performed exceptionally well, exceeding previous records for number of sales made, new properties managed, gross and net profits.

We will of course continue to re-commit a portion of these profits to the community and stay engaged with the community on a practical input level as well.

While I am reluctant to single out any of our team for special mention, as

they all have performed to a very high standard, I would like to express our gratitude to Gerry Baylee who has served the real estate community of Roleystone and surrounds and this company to a standard well above expectations. He has always demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism, empathy and enthusiasm towards his clients and loyalty and application to the company. Kerry and I wish him the very best in his retirement.

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Cards	10am	
Mahjong	12.30 pm	\$1.00
Pilates	6.30pm	
Bendigo Bingo	12 Noon	\$3.50
Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Book Club	1pm	
Relaxation	6.30pm	\$8
Yoga	9.30 pm	\$10/\$12
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**Roleystone**  
**\$465,000**  
**206 Peet Rd**  
**PICTURESQUE ON PEET**

Spacious 4 bedroom 2 bathroom home set in picturesque location in the heart of Roleystone. This home is loaded with features including wood fire, new cook top and oven. Formal lounge and dining, sitting area at rear with valley views and downstairs has additional bathroom and bedroom/retreat. Large verandah and great out door patio area. Double carport and workshop.

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