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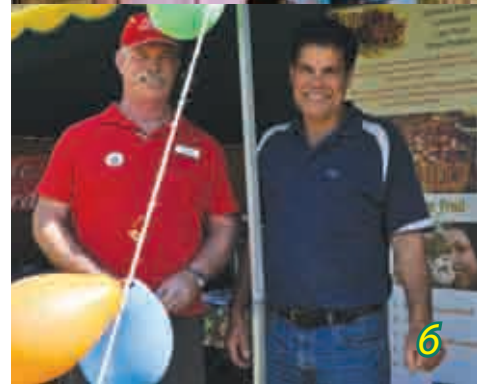
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Pictured clockwise. 1: Eva Rosie with coordinator Roma Spiccia. Eva from Walliston PS won the Intermediate section of the colouring competition.

2: Good friends Luther and Tom.

3: David Della Franca and Mary-Anne Griffiths who are planning to marry on David's orchard at this time next year.

4: First timers at the Karragullen Expo, Luke and Gillian Nass.

5: Tom Price from Illawarra Orchard whose grandfather's contribution was recognised at the Expo and Narrelle Engel from Ornamental Trees, winner of the best display.

6: Mike Moore and Angelo Spiccia.

7: Paul Cooksey and Kevin Wind with Jack, Jay and Charlee.

8: Leona with Mila and Anne and Doug Parkin and Lucca in front.

9: Hailey with her apple dress and Roger Marchetti.

10: Olivia Pasnicki with grandfather Carlo Caccetta, Mother Sarah looks on from behind.

Healthy fruit kebabs went down a treat with the kids and parents at this year's Karragullen Expo. Using locally sourced fruit, everyone who participated could thread a combination of tasty fruit chunks onto a skewer for a wonderful refreshing and healthy snack. Pictured against a backdrop of pear blossom, back left - right sisters Melissa and Sarina Spiccia delivering giveaway fruit bags, centre: Luisa Del Simone one of the many volunteers on cutting duty and front l-r Abi Meyer and Ryan Twomey eat what they have made.

November Cover



Top Cuts for James

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The prize for runner up was donated by MBL Food Services and Meat and Livestock Australia, which was a \$100 Gift Certificate to MBL Food Services, who supply all WA Butchers with a range of products.

The first place winner Brandon Stamp, will be going onto Melbourne to represent WA next year in the Nationals. If for any reason Brandon is unable to go, James will be offered the position in his place. The Nationals will be held in March 2012 in Melbourne.

All the judges commented at the show that they were amazed at the standard of quality produced by the apprentices. Roleystone Family Meats owner and James' mentor Brian Weir was overjoyed but not surprised by James' success.

'James has worked diligently to achieve this success. He is conscientious, listens and learns and always strives to do his best. This acknowledgement is well deserved and all the staff at Roleystone Family Meats are very proud of him.' Brian said. Well done James.



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Retracing Italian Origins

The northern Italian border town of Tirano, only 3 kms from the Swiss border and the surrounding province of Sondrio in the Valtellina Valley, is the ancestral home to many of our region's Italian families.

Recently Albert Della Franca and his wife Desiree hosted Sue and Gary Kemp, first time visitors to Europe; welcoming them to the Della Franca's 'old home town'. The group were able to experience the true Italy; far from the tourist centres and in Albert's words: 'about as isolated in Italy as you can get'.

This amazingly beautiful location perched high in the Alps may be 'picture post card perfect' today but life there earlier this century, was a very difficult existence. Thus when Albert Della Franca's grandfather, grandmother and three children made the hard decision to immigrate to Australia they were the last ones to do so in their family.

The Della Franca family followed in the footsteps of many others from the area, in moving to Australia. Many chose specifically to join relatives in the fruit growing areas in the Perth hills.

Albert's grandfather Giuseppe made the journey in 1948 as a non English speaking immigrant. Post war opportunities in Italy were extremely limited, the economy was in dire straits and the chance of a new life in a non war torn land was very tempting. He worked hard over the next few years to get the funds to bring out his family; wife Caterina, young sons Frank and Lui and daughter Ann followed in 1950. Giuseppe was soon able to purchase and farm a property in Karragullen adjacent to Illawarra (now owned by the Engels), his sons later moving to land on Irymple Road and on Brookton Highway. These properties are both still in the family.

Albert reflected on the many families who had followed this route to Australia.

Walking through the cemetery of the small town is reminiscent of the 'who's who' of Karragullen and the hills fruit growing region with names adorning headstones like: Agostinelli, Armanasco, Bombardieri, Del Dot, Della Franca, De Piazzi, Del Simone, Della Vedova, Giumelli, Marchetti, Natta, Omodei, Rainoldi and Salla Tenna - all have some history in our area.

Almost everyone in Albert's home mountain village of Baruffini has relatives in Australia! Albert even confirmed that the Comettis were from this village (Dennis Cometti's Grandfather comes from a house close to Albert's family house.)

Today Tirano has recovered from the ravages of war that influenced many families to emigrate. There are many industrial areas close by and the people are generally well off. The group were amazed at how the local people were fiercely proud of preserving their local culture and traditions. Rejecting many of the negative influences of the outside world.

Food and wine is celebrated; simple traditional meals with the focus on freshness and local availability were the staple at the local restaurant in Albert's village. Sciatt and Pizzoccheri, made from the locally grown saraceno flour (buckwheat) and the many dishes containing local Porcini mushrooms were among the group's favourites. These were dutifully washed down with a Sassella or an Inferno (the two main varieties of red wine grown on the terraced mountain slopes below the village).

Albert and his family now 'go back' most years and he reflects: 'Karragullen is certainly my home now but I am rediscovering my roots and celebrating where I came from.'

Pictured top: the view from Albert's window.

Below Desiree, Sue, Gary and Albert enjoy the 'Italian Ambience'.





Maggie Burke REAL ESTATE

October 2011

TESTIMONIAL

We recently engaged Maggie Burke Real Estate to sell a rental house which was in need of some repair.

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Maggie's after-sales service and follow up, both with the seller and purchaser, were superlative. We have been involved with a number of agents in previous years and this is the first time we have encountered such unique motivation and professionalism. Selling a house is, of course, a tense and stressful time, but Maggie's positive attitude and reassurances alleviated much of this.

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MR FRECKLETON TAMES RUSTY

It was discovered during a recent discussion among ABC staff that few had any real idea about their internal organs.

They had little idea of where their vital organs were, let alone what functions they carried out, so it was decided to devote a segment on the 7.20 'Drive' Program to learning more about our internal organs.

This was the origin of the segment 'Know Your Organ'.

'Know your Organ' was intended to be factually correct, more or less, but also laced with quirky facts, and not to be taken too seriously. So when they considered who should present the program, they needed someone who could 'deliver the facts' but also keep the class under control.



The producer of Drive ex-Lesmurdie SHS student Leonie Harris, contacted her former Human Biology teacher, to lend a hand.

So Roleystone resident, Mr Freckleton, (a.k.a Rod) was invited to present 'Know Your Organ' to the audience on 'Drive'. Rod has now done over 14 sessions chatting to Russell Woolf about the intricacies of the human body.

And how is Russell as a student? Let's say he is an interesting case who seems to believe that bribing the teacher with bottles of wine will enhance his chances????? Smart Boy; from all reports 'the wine was very nice'.

'Know Your Organ' is presented each Monday afternoon during the 'Drive' program and will finish when the organs run out; probably around the end of the year. Tune into Drive on 7.20 ABC Perth on Mondays between 3pm and 6pm and catch the interesting ramblings of Mr Freckleton. To many locals this will just be like déjà vous.

DANNI CLOSE IS THE QUEEN OF HEARTS IN ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Roleystone Thespian Danni Close has scored a lead role in Jane Sherwood's production of Alice in Wonderland, a musical adaption of the classic story by Lewis Carroll.

Danni describes the story: 'It draws out all the humour and magic of the original story and creates an exciting and challenging musical with plenty of audience involvement and participation. I am playing the Queen of Hearts, a role that I am really excited to play!' 'The costumes are absolutely amazing and the cast are all brilliant.'

It is playing at the Phoenix Theatre Memorial Hall, Cnr Carrington St and Rockingham Road, Hamilton Hill. 24th, 25th, 26th November and 1st, 2nd, 3rd December at 8pm. 27th November & 4th December 2011 at 2pm. Adult \$20, Conc/child \$15. Bookings: Phoenixbookings@hotmail.com or phone 0450 158 851.



Corinne & Doug Celebrate 40 Years



Local residents, Corinne and Doug Boardman (left) celebrated 40 years of marriage on the 27th of this month.

The couple met when they were just 14 and 16 years old at an after school mixer, which soon led to a first date at a disco.

They started their married life living in Clifton Hills where their family grew to include daughter Brooke and son Lincoln. With the arrival of their youngest child Whitney, came their move to Roleystone where they have lived for the last 24 years. Corinne & Doug are also grandparents to Eva, Harrison, Grace, Lilah and Nate.

Congratulations from your family and friends who love you so much and are so incredibly proud of you both.



Wedding in Tanzania

On 8th October, Richard Bardsley married Kezia Koka at the Lutheran church in Arusha, Tanzania.

(The couple are pictured above right).

Richard is the son of David and Hilary Bardsley of Roleystone - he will be remembered by several locals as he went to school here from 1986 to 1993. Kezia is the daughter of Ben and Csilla Koka of Arusha - her father is a traditional Tanzanian and her mother is Hungarian. Richard and Kezia currently live in the UK but intend to move to WA within the next twelve months.

Kezia's sister, Rehema, was the chief bridesmaid and Paul Burgess, Richard's friend from his secondary school days in England was the best man. Several members of Richard's family, including his sister Sarah, made the trip to Arusha where they joined over 150 members and friends of the Koka family for the celebrations. Our grateful thanks go out to Ben and Csilla who generously hosted an amazing celebration.

David and Hilary Bardsley.

David officiated at the ceremony.

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ARE WE SAFE ANYWHERE?

It seems to me that lately, all I hear about on the news is assault and abuse. As I write this I have been viewing articles of elderly people being bashed, young girls being raped and sadly, disabled people being bashed and robbed from their wheel chairs, and all this in Perth. So where does it stop?

Apparently not in Roleystone, as sometime on Friday night the 14th of October, my driver's side car window was shattered by some hooligan who then proceeded to steal a little bag I had sitting on my seat. This bag had a whopping \$9.00 in it, so I hope they enjoyed the lollies they could have brought! Maybe I am at fault as my car was parked out the front of my house as the driveway at the time was full of cars already. Does this now mean I have to lock my car up behind a gate to prevent destruction?

To me Roleystone has always been a safe area; a small community where crime was rare. I am now re-thinking this view as I really don't even feel safe being at home by myself anymore. It just seems too regular that I am awoken by cars beeping their horns at ridiculous times of the morning or people doing burn outs and wheelies or drag racing down the street.

I understand that Westborne is one of the few roads that connect between Holden and Brookton Highway and I am sure it's a great adrenalin rush to go flying down at 100km/h but does someone need to be in a serious accident before police or someone tries to stop it? This isn't a one off occasion either. Is this just the start of what is to come?

This isn't where the bad news ended though, after a nice chat to the police, who never got back to me and another lengthy chat to my useless insurance company who informed me that I was 5%



too low on my no-claim bonus to be entitled to a 'free windscreen replacement'. I had to fork out \$498.00 to have my window replaced. Now last time I checked there are no magic lepricorns or money trees out the back of my house, therefore having to throw that money away was very hard! So it now appears I am \$700.00 out of pocket in 2 months due to irresponsible people. Let's hope this doesn't continue at this rate or I may be the one wandering the streets.

After writing a spiteful article full of anger and being advised to 'tone it down a bit' this all got me thinking of how and why the crime rate in WA seems to be climbing at ridiculous speeds lately. Has it always been like this and just never publicized? The work force in WA compared to other states is booming with more and more jobs becoming available each day - so why is it that we still have delinquents robbing us for what we work hard for, and I don't just mean me, I speak for everyone!

In conclusion, it seems I have asked many questions and been able to come up with very little answers. If someone knows something it would be great to hear from you but I guess the same as the dog attack I have accepted I won't get my money back.

Mainly I just want to let people know what is happening and hopefully I don't have to write another word about this ever again!!

Over and out.
Ash

Watch out for Bobtails!

I am horrified every year as it warms up and our lovely bobtails come out, to see people swerving just to run them over! These creatures are slow moving and can easily be avoided. They are not harmful to us and it really sickens me that people in our community feel this need to kill them. It's not what our community is about. We live in this beautiful environment and should respect all aspects of it.

Roleystone resident



Roleystone Tigers Windup

The Roleystone senior football club hosted its final function for the season at the Country Club. The presentation night was well attended by committee, players and volunteers. The crowd were treated to a spontaneous display of player talent when Michael Chimielewski took to the stage with Kirk McConachy, and Chris Stewart.

The Committee would like to thank once again 2011 sponsors, committee and volunteers who have worked hard to ensure that the club had a successful year.

Jocelyn Jones

A selection of the recipients of awards are pictured From Top: 1: League Best utility Steven Abott 2. Fairest & Best Reserves: Jai Taylor with award donor Jim Hay.

3. Most Improved Reserves: Stephen Kirk

4. Most Improved League: Chris Stuart

5. Most Courageous League: Robert Pearce with Tony Simpson.

6. Michael Chimielewski on stage with Kirk McConachy and Chris Stewart.



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Roleystone Tigers Awards 2011

League F&B Dave Gill Medal	JOEL HARRISON
League - Runner up F&B	STEVEN ABBOTT
Reserves F&B Jim Hay Trophy	JAI TAYLOR
Reserves Runner up F&B	EDWARD FOULDS
Reserves Most Courageous	NEIL BENNETT
League Most Courageous	ROBERT PEARCE
Reserves Most Consistent	KIRK MCCONACHY
League Most Consistent	HEDLEY TAYLOR
Reserves Most Improved	STEPHEN KIRK
League Most Improved	CHRISTOPHER STUART
Reserves Coaches Award	ANTONY FOULDS
League Coaches Award	MATTHEW GREENHOW
Reserves Best Utility	NATHAN MCCANN
League Best Utility	STEVEN ABBOTT
Reserves Best First Year	JOHN LEWIS
League Best First Year	BRENDAN CHAPMAN
Volunteer of the year award	JOSHUA COPLEY
Clubman of the year award	JASON HAMMOND
Life Membership	JOCELYN JONES
50 Games	JAKE LEWIS
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THE GOOD THINGS DOGS DO

Lately there has been some very negative letters about dogs in the Courier, often focussing on owners who fail in their duties and badly behaved canines.

This issue is very important and all dog owners are obliged to ensure their dogs are controlled and do not cause harm or discomfort to others.

Obviously many of us who own dogs realise that they can be obedient and can bring huge pleasure to their owners and others. Roleystone resident Chris Bloomer belongs to a volunteer group called Animal Companions, who take their dogs to visit people in hospitals, homes and to schools. The dogs are assessed for temperament and suitability and the owners have to attend a seminar before they are accepted.

Chris has been visiting Dale Cottages and Seaforth for over 8



ELLIE, ETHEL AND CHRIS

years – bringing canine companionship to the elderly residents. Several Roleystone residents have lived there over the years.

Molly Connole who recently passed away was one, and at her funeral the family showed a photo of Ellie (Chris's dog) visiting her.

Currently Ellie and Chris visit Ethel Smailes (long term resident of Karragullen prior to moving to the home) in Seaforth every Wednesday. The photo captured their recent visit and shows how important this is to Ethel. These weekly visits give her immense pleasure.

Chris Bloomer

So let us also celebrate the great contribution dogs play in our community.

Thanks to Chris Bloomer, and all who participate in this worthy activity, for their efforts.




CITY OF **Armadale**

Valuing our Volunteers

The City of Armadale has the pleasure of inviting all volunteers living or volunteering in the City of Armadale to attend Valuing our Volunteers. Come and be entertained on a beautiful spring evening by the Starlight Hotel Choir. Light refreshments will be provided.

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HENK VOGELS IS RECOGNISED FOR YEARS OF VOLUNTEERING

Henk Vogels has just been selected as WA Volunteer of the Year for services to Western Australian Cycling by the WA Cycling Organising Committee.

Henk and his wife Mary are being flown to Sydney to be presented with his award at the Australian Cyclist of the Year Awards Dinner on the 11th of November.

'This is a wonderful honour.'
'Cadel Evans and all the cycling

national heroes will also receive their awards at the dinner. Plus after this we can go on to Brisbane to visit with our sons and their families so we are really looking forward to this.'

Well done Henk.

Below Henk is pictured in Holland with his cousin Annemiek Jansen Vogels and his bike of course.





Pictured left: Jarrah Ward Councillor (and Garden Manager at Araluen Park), Grant Nixon with Jennie O'Brien-Lutton one of the original members of 'The Foundation' that saved Araluen from sale to private ownership in the early 1990's.

aspects that suit one lobby group or locality.

'I plan to meet regularly with our other Jarrah Ward Councillor, Caroline Wielinga, to ensure that we are working together on issues. I am also keen to meet with local people – the more opinions I can canvas the better I can represent your views. I am intending to do regular tours of Jarrah Ward to gauge alignment with council regulations to ensure fairness to everyone.'

Grant has had many years as Garden Manager at Araluen Botanic Park and thus is very aware of the importance of tourism in the area. One of his passions is increasing the awareness of the beautiful 'drives' in our area with the majestic valleys and orchard scapes.

Grant is also keenly interested in bushfire management and hopes to join the Bushfire Advisory Committee. His other roles to date include membership of the Technical Services Committee that is responsible for roads, footpaths, parks, reserves, the construction and maintenance of Council buildings and the collection and disposal of waste, including recycling and Community Services that deals with all recreation, aquatic, library, cultural and community development issues such as finance, rates and ranger services.

Grant is keen to meet with organisation and individuals on any issues they are concerned about and can be contacted: 0418 449611.

Jarrah Ward Welcomes Grant Nixon as Our New Councillor

The recent local government elections saw local Roleystone man Grant Nixon successful in his bid to serve as a City of Armadale Councillor

Grant received 1001 votes (67.7%) and Laurie Scidone 469 votes (31.7%). Jarrah Ward recorded 30.5% participation rate of eligible local electors. Both gentlemen are to be congratulated for their willingness to take on the role and for their strong contributions to our community.

Grant is excited about the challenge ahead of him. He believes that Armadale City is at a very interesting time, with a range of development projects and great challenges but also some real opportunities. Grant sees his role as both working for the City as a whole but also providing an advocacy role for people and issues in his own ward of Jarrah. He intends to look towards improving things for the whole region so that everyone benefits rather than favouring

CYCLING CLASSIC



The southern districts cycling club is hosting the 22nd Armadale Cycling Classic and Roleystone's 'Pedaling Plumber' Henk Vogels is again coordinating the event.

The event is one of WA's premier cycling events, with one of the best circuits and all of the top riders will be here.

This year Dwayne Johanson from Roleystone will be competing so we all wish him the best in his endeavour.

"This event has always been sponsored and aided by the Armadale Town Council, for which our riders are very grateful. Sponsorships and organising road closures can be difficult," Henk Vogels said.

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Editorial

LINDA MOORE NOVEMBER 2011

Following Grant Nixon's recent success as the newly elected Councillor for Jarrah Ward he came over for a chat about a few things. He asked what I would like from my local councillor'.

Wow. Firstly, it's great to be asked!

So this gave me a wonderful opportunity to outline a

few things I would like, based on my own observations but also on my experience as an editor where I have had the privilege of receiving many 'letters to the editor' over the years.

My first and instantaneous response was to ensure that 'the things Hills people value' are not subsumed; our love of the natural environment, our valuing of our history and our strong sense of community, make our area quite special.

Sometimes these values do not seem to align with some of the aspects driving progress in the City of Armadale.

Grant's response, that he saw ensuring that our location was well served actually leads to improvement in The City as a whole, was a refreshing look at this dichotomy.

Of equal importance to me was to ensure the safety of our homes (and more importantly our lives) in the face of the threat of bushfires. The City and other fire protection agencies, have already made some wise decisions in this regard and I only hope that this spirit and the proactive actions continue into the future. Grant and Caroline are both very supportive of this one!

This point is linked to the impact on our local environment (the bush and our waterways) and our major industries (the orchards) on our ever drying and warming climate. This threat requires brave decisions and perhaps some protections to ensure our survival into the future.

Our current Councillors are both certainly well aware of this.

With respect to local government spending across our area, I appreciate this aspect is problematic. Always local government faces a multitude of needs and limited resources. Some services are provided and there is always a demand for 'a lot more'.

I have lived here prior to footpaths, street lights, roundabouts and sporting facilities and although I appreciate these, I understand that they are expensive to

provide and maintain - especially in the hills.

Our councillors have always weighed up the range of wants and the limited funds available and have made wise decisions about where these funds should be spent - equitably not equally.

More important to me are the decisions about 'zonings'. Commonsense, forethought and fairness underlying decisions about zoning for 'seniors accommodation' or 'recreation' and particularly for reserves and public open space, are of major interest to me.

I have seen how a determination about whether land is subdivisible can destroy lives; I can also see that 'indiscriminate approvals' can forever alter the ambience of our region. To me this is a vitally important role of our council.

One aspect I discussed with Grant is the need for fairness and transparency. We can all have opinions about laws, rules and bylaws but once they are in place they should be aligned to and enforced equally. Too often we see some fragrant abuses of city regulations and this is irritating to all who are abiding with the regulations.

So lastly what I thought was important was the need to communicate ie listen and let us know what is going on. It is important that residents know that a decision has been made and why it was made. Publication of Councillor's items is seen as an important aspect of publishing a community magazine.

Grant asking me what I thought made me feel really important. I am sure they are just as interested in what YOU think. So like I did, take the time to speak to our councillors.

So to Grant and Caroline good luck. This is a weighty responsibility and we thank you for taking it on.

And to you all, please enjoy the November Courier.

Happy reading,
Linda.

THANK YOUS

'A huge 'Thank you' to the beautiful people on Valley View Rd who came to our help on 23/09/2011. They know who they are!

We would like to especially thank Mike who calmly sorted out the information gathering, photos etc and then emailed us all to see how we all were.

Thanks too, to the gentleman with the tray of Lady Grey tea complete with pot; so kind and thoughtful and to Kim who was so caring. Also our thanks to the lady with the walking stick and the tow truck man for his advice.

Mike and Michelle, thanks for all your help and to the lovely Lumen students, thank you for stopping and ringing the Ambulance. To everyone locally: the Stop signs keep us all safe so let's all use them and Stop.

Our heartfelt thanks.
Name and address withheld

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

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Daniel Flies in a Squirrel

Daniel Matthiesen, is a 19 year old resident of Roleystone who is a member of the Australian Air Force Cadets. Early in October he was selected to attend the National Aviation Competition (NAC) at RAAF Base Williams-Point Cook. After the competition, he was one of the lucky ones to have a flight in a Navy Squirrel helicopter. Thanks Daniel for sending your story to the Courier.

I had just returned from my first assessment flight on Saturday morning, and instead of returning to the classroom where we normally went between flights to study and chat with one another, we were told to go to the nearby sports oval.

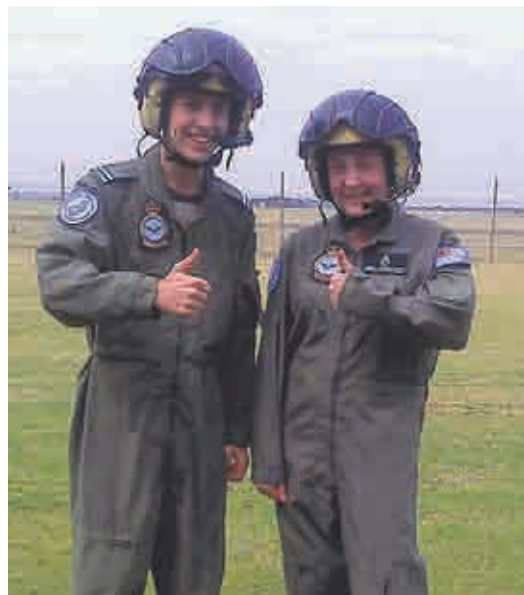
As we walked there, we saw a little grey helicopter approaching over the trees. It landed in the middle of the oval, shut down its engine

and as the pilots hopped out we walked over to have a look.

The pilots were very casual and professional; they showed us everything about the Squirrel, they explained the instruments, the mechanics and how they actually fly it. They answered every question we had. My favourite part would have to be the balance indicator, which was a simple red string attached to the outside of the windshield which was the aircraft's balance indicator.

Later on, six of us were chosen to go in pairs for a flight in the Squirrel; I was up first with CCPL Amber Perrott-Jones of 318SQN. We walked back across to where our aeroplanes were parked as the Squirrel took off from the oval and landed nearby. Helmets on, visors down, the co-pilot escorted us to the aircraft and we strapped in.

Lifting off, we flew across to the large grassed area on the eastern side of the airfield. As we did so, the pilots remained very casual and professional, keeping a keen eye out for the general aviation traffic around Point



Cook. The pilots showed us some neat manoeuvres, such as keeping the nose of the helicopter pointing at an object on the ground whilst pivoting around it, and a pirouette, as well as some low-level circuits. The pilots were explaining things the entire time and encouraging us to ask questions. I thoroughly enjoyed my Squirrel experience, which was also my first helicopter experience. I'd do it again in an instant.

*Daniel Matthiesen
Cadet Under Officer
No. 713 Squadron, Cannington
Australian Air Force Cadets*

Letters to the Editor

SHOULD WE KEEP THE PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL?

I fully support the Primary School site being used for Seniors Accommodation and also would want to preserve the bushland which borders Robin and Jarrah Roads. However I'm at a loss to understand how the notion has arisen that the Primary School Oval should be preserved because it has been used for 'small community events'. Yes, the school Sports Day and School Fair have been held on the oval but these events

are linked to the school.

I have lived in Roleystone for 27 years and as far as I am aware no other community events are held on the oval precisely because it is part of school grounds.

If I were to live as a Senior on the old primary school site, I doubt I would like community events to take place quite so close to my home. I'm interested to know what community events supporters of the preservation of the oval think would be appropriate.

Stephanie Thompson

INCONSISTENCIES WITH GREENWASTE DISPOSAL

If residents of fire prone areas in the City of Armadale do the right thing and clear their blocks of greenwaste, they have two options of disposal.

They can load it on one or more 6x4 trailers, take it to a tip, using one tip voucher per visit, or place it on the verge for FREE council pick-up.

However, if they were to load it on an 8x5 trailer (minimising the number of trips and vouchers) and took it to the Hopkinson Rd site (not having weekends available for this chore) they would find that vouchers would not be accepted at all and they would have to pay by weight, with a minimum charge of \$32.

If they took the same load to the

Springdale site, the gate person may judge it to be worth 2 vouchers, or (as there is no weighbridge) charge \$49.

One would think that if the City of Armadale was serious in wanting to promote bushfire readiness, Council would not impose petty restrictions and additional costs, rather they would assist residents in bushfire zones by making greenwaste disposal free of any charge (including vouchers), at least during spring and summer. Doing away with the use by date on vouchers would also assist residents in their efforts to be bushfire ready.

Concerned resident, Roleystone

Laurie Says Thank You

Congratulations to Grant on being elected to the position of Councillor representing the Jarrah Ward on the City of Armadale. I wish Grant well over the next four years and know only too well the demands public life places on a family.

I intend to remain active in the community as I am involved in a number

of projects with the Community Bank and the Roleystone Family Centre.

I would like to thank those who believed in what I could have achieved to build a better community for all to live in. I may even have another tilt sometime in the future.

Laurie Scidone

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KARRAGULLEN EXPO 2011



Above: Angelo and Jan Ghilarducci grandchildren at the Expo (front to back) Austin, Marshall and Mischa Rossi.

This year's 28th Karragullen Expo held on October 15 was another wonderful success. The warm sunny conditions led to large numbers coming through the gate.

Pioneer Medallions, recognising senior members for their contribution to the fruit growing industry in the Hills region, were awarded to: Luigi Altinier, Mary Arasi, Vilma Civa, Carmela Fiolo, Bruno Della Franca, Angelo Fonte, Angelo Ghilarducci, Carlo Ghilarducci, Rosa Giumelli, Nada Gregorovich, Angelo Levis, John Levis, Nina Levis, Luigi Longo, Ada Grace Macri, Queenie Moro, Barry Padula, Eurosia Petrucci, Geraldine Rose Spiccia, Antonio Zurzolo and Maria Zurzolo.

This year's Service to the Fruit Industry Medallion recipients were: Peter Radice and William David Fennell.

Once again Tom Price from Illawarra Orchard and the Pickering Brook Heritage Group presented wonderful historical displays with a focus on some of the early pioneering orcharding families.

Tom Price also selected the Expo to unveil the plaque dedicated to his grandfather Tom Prince Senior, to be placed on the reserve named in his honour in central Karragullen.

The Hills Orchard Improvement Group once again honoured John Giumellis' memory with this year's recipient being Christopher Ghilarducci.

Other awards were presented to NewTriton, RCA Farmgrow E and MJ Rosher A&A Holdings and Ornamental Tree Company for their outstanding displays.

Over 900 fruit kebabs were made at the Go for 2&5 Promotional marquee. This was a big winner with the kids.

President of the Hills Orchard Improvement Group, Bruno Del Simone

said 'This promotion is one of the highlights of the day and we are thrilled that everyone has taken to it so favourably.'

The presentation of the schools' colouring competition was also a highlight with the winners being:

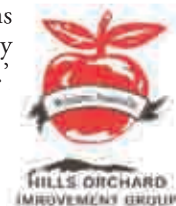
Kirsten Armstrong- senior first place, Nikita Hayward - senior second place, Eve Rosie - intermediate first place, Lydia Della Franca - intermediate second place, Equal junior first place - Simone Della Franca and Lincoln Ellen with Celeste Cooper - junior second place.

'We would like to sincerely thank all of our sponsors, committee members and everyone who helped on the day to make the event the day a success. I would like to particularly thank our wonderful exhibitors, many of whom return year after year.' Bruno Del Simone said. 'We look forward to making the 2012 Expo even better.'

'We are already discussing the event for next year and are open to any ideas or suggestions to make the day more enjoyable for all.'

Bruno can be contacted on 9293 7132

Roma Spiccia



Saint Christophers Fair

Well folks it's November again and the St Christopher's Christmas Fair is planned to be even bigger and better than it was last year! This year it will be held at the Church on the 26th of November.

Locals are invited to come and have a look, there will be loads to do and see. Plus in preparation, get working on decorating your Christmas tree. (It must be less than a metre high). You might win \$50 so it's worth a try.

Don't forget to practice baking pies and try and beat Brian from Roleystone Family Meats, to win the trophy for the best meat pie.

This year we also have some great

entertainment with Classic Sounds Orchestra and Kelmscott Primary School choir preparing some lovely items.

There will be some great stalls, so you can get your Christmas Shopping done early. Stalls will be providing morning tea and/or lunch too. Children can see Father Christmas (and perhaps put an order in for Christmas) and he might give you some lollies if you're good.

So remember the date is the 26th November running from 9am - 2pm. The Classic Sounds orchestra will be starting at 10-30 until 12-30 then after that the children from Kelmscott PS will sing for us. If you want more information contact June on 94975047.



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ROLEYSTONE DHS YOUNG LEADERS ATTEND STUDENT CHOGM

On 27th September, Hannah Brunton [Deputy Head Girl] and Laughlan Dwyer [Head Boy] were invited participants at the prestigious CHOGM for students at the Perth Convention Centre.

Over 106 year 10 students from across the state met to discuss the issues of education, health and the future of the Commonwealth from a young person's perspective.

Each pair represented a Commonwealth country

which they had to research in depth. Hannah and Laughlan were representatives of Guyana.

The convention took all day, was intense and taken very seriously by all participants who learned firsthand about conferencing and plenary sessions. The results of their discussions have been formulated into a proposal to be formally presented at CHOGM, signed by all the students.

State Governor Sir Malcolm McKusker QC, addressed the students, along with dignitaries from CHOGM and experts in Health and Education.

Once again Roleystone DHS students proved that for a small school we punch above our weight when it comes to academia. Hannah and Laughlan are pictured here with the Governor.

Virginia O'Keefe

Pat Goes to See The Queen

Pat Hart, in her role as Chairperson of South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) was invited to attend the Civic Reception for her Royal Highness the Queen on Thursday 27th October at Government House.

In Pat's words: 'I was really quite excited about this as it means that SERCUL has been formally recognised at State level as being a significant community environmental organisation. This

reinforces my difficult decision to retire from Council and to put more time into SERCUL.' Pat was introduced to her Royal Highness by the Premier and was then able to introduce 7 others to her. Pat's reflection on the day: 'It was an amazing experience. I shook hands with the Queen and Duke - met some really great people and saw the Who's Who of Perth. I am quite over whelmed with the amazing opportunity I have been given.'



Roleystone Gymnastics @ The Expo

Roleystone Gymnastics Club was a part of the Karragullen Expo yet again this year with our annual sausage sizzle.

The food was extremely popular, with the stall selling out before the Expo had ended. This was a great effort and we were able to raise a lot of money towards new equipment. The funds raised will also go towards sending 4 of our coaches to education courses in 2012 to

achieve their coaching accreditations.

The club also ran 4, \$100 boards, which also sold out thanks to the efforts of the club president and the coaches (at one stage, we were flipping for every guess sold!) We would like to congratulate the 4 winners on the day: D. Yates, Lena, John and K. Lovreta.

We would like to thank all our committee who helped organise the stall, as well as all the volunteers from the club that helped. Without their support RGC would not be the club it has become today!

We would also like to thank Karradale Meats for donating the sausages sold on the day. Their continued support of our club is truly appreciated. For information about class times please contact us on 9496 1484 or roleystone@gymnastics.org.au

Kiri Pinter

Pictured at left: Emily Berson and Lauren and Emily House selling lollies for the Roleystone Gymnastics Club.



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At the beginning of 1976 the school was reclassified as a Class 1 school and building began on the first cluster.

On the 7th March 1978 the new Library Resource Building had been handed over to the school. On the 2nd of July 1978 classes in the intermediate section of the school began occupying the new cluster building.

In August 1978 the 75th Anniversary of the school was celebrated with a pioneer dress up day, special guests, a celebration cake and two time capsules set down. One capsule was filled with school memorabilia and the other was a community capsule. Mr Scott reported that each capsule was sealed with araldite glue. He claimed it was air/water proof to the best of their ability. It is a pity that no-one seems to be able to find the capsules today! Roleystone Expo Day was held on the 9th of August 1979 in honour of the 150th celebrations of WA. The day included:

A re-enactment of Robert Dale's crossing of the Darling Range, musical items from each class, sheep shearing using hand clippers and spinning and weaving of the fleece.

Anne Johnson remembers back to her time involved in Pre Primary education.

'In 1977 Pre School Education was assumed by the Education Department and the Primary had two preschool classes both off site. I was the teacher at one with Pauline Peacock as the aide and this is now the Seniors Centre. There was also a transportable building where the Volunteers Fire Brigade is now located, with Wendy Devlin as the Teacher and Sylvia Dawson as the Aide.'

'By 1980 Roleystone Primary was trialing a separate 'Early Childhood Unit' school. So the Primary School was split into two; an Early Childhood unit of P - 3 and the Primary School (yrs 4-7).

On the 26th September 1980 Principal Horton described a meeting held at the school to discuss a proposed Roleystone High School.

The 15th December 1982 saw

the Kindy to Year 2 children once again became part of the Primary School while the Year 6 & 7 children became the first children in the new Roleystone District High School, on the grounds of the Primary School in temporary demountable classrooms.

On the 7th April 1983 children from Roleystone Primary School participated in a Children's Performance for Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at the Commonwealth Hockey Stadium. The Year 3 & 4 children performed the 'Health Hustle'.

On the 26th August 1983 a special assembly was held at the school to mark the end of term. The District High School children were expected to move into the new school at the beginning of term 3.

Disaster struck the school in September 1986 when the first cluster building was gutted by fire. Fire units from Armadale, Maddington, Belmont and Perth attended the blaze, which was discovered at 7pm on Saturday. The Principal requested that parents keep Year 1 & 2 children home until Wednesday until provision could be made for them. Temporary accommodation was provided until the new building was ready to move into in October 1987.

Pictured below: Students from Year 3 and 4 meet Their Royal Highnesses after their performance. Bottom: The first cluster building is gutted by fire in 1986.



Ladies in Pink

What started as an assignment as part of Jill Lowe's studies for a Diploma in Community Health, snowballed into the scrumptious morning tea enjoyed by many local ladies on Saturday 22nd October.

Reflecting on the task of health promotion in the community, she struck on the ingenious idea of blending it with the Roleystone Community Church's vision of being active in the community. The result was a Breast Cancer Awareness morning tea as a fund raiser for the Breast Cancer Foundation. As a member and Elder of the Community Church the choice of venue was easy! She organised invitations for locals and interstate visitors, promoting the event at the shopping centre.

With help from many other Church members, the venue was decked out in pink and they provided beautiful china crockery to go with the morning tea itself. The Breast Cancer Association and the Cancer Council sent fund raising paraphernalia and information leaflets. The ladies from the Curves gym were also in attendance, running a health and wellness stall. Lorraine Broun, our local health assessment lecturer at Curtin University, gave an impromptu demonstration on breast self examination – aided and abetted by Jill with a model breast! A questionnaire was distributed and discussion over the answers led to all enjoying a fun and informative time.

Jennifer Phillips.

PLUS FROM THE CHIEF ORGANISER JILL LOWE:

'With lots of helpers to transform the church hall into a tea room between 40 -50 women enjoyed a scrumptious homemade morning tea made by ladies in the church.'

'We raised \$657.45 and donated more than 50 items for the Breast Cancer Of W.A Pamper days (for women going through for breast cancer treatment.) Thank you to Liz for being our speaker. Thank you for the use of Roleystone Community Church. Thank you for the pink ladies from CURVES. Thank you ladies for attending and to the people of Roleystone for buying merchandise.'

Thanks to all who contributed to the event and especially to Jill for dreaming the whole thing up!

I heard DB took the photos from the door and then made a rapid exit. Too many women for David!!!





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KELMSCOTT GATE STUDENTS IN NATIONAL CHALLENGE

Once again some of our local students are off to compete in the national competition of the Engineering and Science Challenge, organised by Engineering Australia.

In the words of Luke Fouweather: On Thursday, September 15th, Year Nine GATE and KEP students from Kelmscott Senior High School, including seven kids from Roleystone, competed in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge. This prestigious event attracts some of the best schools in the state to

compete in a hands-on day of building and designing. Against the odds, Kelmscott won the day, beating the likes of Trinity, Scotch, Perth Modern and other top-tier schools and moving on to the Semi-Finals. These were held on the 21st of September against several regional schools from around the state who had won in their district's first round.

Kelmscott went on to win this day as well, securing the school a position in the Science and Engineering Challenge Grand Finals, which are being held later this month in Victoria. With barely a month's notice, it has been an insane scramble to get the whole team over there for this trip of a lifetime. A write-up of the trip plus some photos will be published in the next issue of the Roleystone Courier and who knows how far we will get for Western Australia.

The school will be continuing fundraising well after we return on 22nd October, and sponsorship is needed to cover the 'leap of faith' made by the school and families to make the trip possible. If you know a business or person that would be willing to sponsor the trip (all donations help), please contact Grant Armstrong on 9495 7478 e-mail grant.armstrong@det.au.edu.au. Every sponsor will be recognized in the school newsletter and any local media that feature the trip.

Luke Fouweather

The group includes 6 students from Roleystone: Sophie Till, Christopher Bishop, Luke Fouweather, Liam Van Der Laan, Alex Rheinlander and Dean Carroll and Teacher Grant Armstrong. 'The most spectacular success a class has ever had at Kelmscott; an awesome achievement!' **Grant Armstrong.**

BLAME VIEWING

Organisation for the Armadale Film Festival is forging ahead and many students and staff from Roleystone District High School are heavily involved.

As a way of thanking the Roleystone community the producers of the film Blame have arranged with the Armadale Independent Film Festival for a special screening of Blame on December 1 at the Grand Cinema in Armadale.

In February, 2010, filming of the feature film Blame took place in Roleystone. Blame is the only fully funded feature film to have been shot in our area. Roleystone local Glenn Martin was the location sound recordist for the movie and six students from Roleystone DHS are also credited extras.

Tickets for the screening of Blame are now on sale at the Aura Hair Salon at the Roleystone Shopping Centre. There are three packages available. One is cinema entry only and another is for cinema entry and a signed souvenir copy of the DVD (available only through the AIFF). The movie Red Dog will be shown on December 3.

The Armadale Independent Film Festival is a not for profit community organisation and they welcome new members. Readers who want to know more about the AIFF and the First of Weekend of Summer Festival (December 1 - 3) are asked to contact RDHS Deputy Principal Andrew Pheasant. Email: jfp@iinet.net.au

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Aura Hairdressing

The girls from Aura Hairdressing: Anna, Alisa and Natalie, have been very pleased with their first month of operation. The signs are up, the renovations complete and the business is really taking off.

Although they have all been very busy they are very grateful for the wonderful support they have received from across the community.

Natalie, Alisa with client Tessa (centre) sporting her new 'colour', all seated on the welcoming chaise lounge.

'Thank you to all of the people who have been in to see us. Your words of encouragement and kindness have been much appreciated,' said owner Anna.

And the only thing they would like to change: 'We do encourage people to advance book appointments wherever possible. We really hate to disappoint people when we just cannot fit them in.'

BAYLEY & 'HER GIRLS' HAVE ROYAL SHOW SUCCESS



In last month's Courier we featured Bayley Thomas and her horses heading off to the Royal Show. So how did they go?

They did exceptionally well and in her own words:

'We had a fantastic show! Molly (Torricon Rufina) won Champion Part Andalusian for a second year running. She is the first Part Andalusian to win back to back champions in 11 years! Pippa also won her class. They came 2nd and 3rd in best presented and Molly came 2nd in the Ridden Part Andalusian. I am so exhausted but couldn't be happier with them'. Well done Bayley and 'her girls'.

Bayley's good friend Luke Docker, is pictured with Torricon Rufina who was Champion Partbred Andalusian, 2nd Best Presented and 2nd Ridden Part Andalusian.

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On the 12th October the audience had a rare treat with the Classic Sounds Orchestra and others providing the entertainment for the night.

The audience enjoyed a rare treat; a fully-packed programme loaded with an eclectic range of musical performances in an overflowing house.

Paul Leeder, a classically trained tenor, kicked off the evening with the modern 'Adagio'. Paul maximised its highly dramatic crescendo. Mario, Molly, Joseph and Rosie Leeder sang the pop song 'I'm Yours'. Then 4 year old Lily delighted the audience with 'I Can Sing a Rainbow'.

Mezzo-soprano Vicki Chabros, whose natural and pure voice is lovely, thoroughly enjoyed singing 'What Colour is the Wind'. Classic Sounds Fiddle Group's highlights included the 'Irish Washerwoman' jig and the Scottish air 'Skye Boat Song'.

Fiddlers Joel Sheard and Robert Zielinski played 'The Homes of Victoria'. Then Robert and Catherine Higgins (bodhran)

performed the 'Yellow Heiffer'.

Classic Sounds Training Orchestra presented 'Frere Jaques' and 'Come Follow Me'.

Rachel John's Classic Sounds Orchestra performed the rhythmic and vigorous 'It Don't Mean a Thing' and the hauntingly beautiful 'Brian Boru's March'. Rob says of Rachel's orchestra: 'Each time I hear them they have more expression in their sound'. Rachel's response is: 'Rob is a master of fiddle music; he achieves great depth of tone from his instrument and plays with warmth, ease and grace'.

Liam Dekker (a brilliant talent on electric keyboard) gave a wonderful performance of Daniel Hellbach's 'Pop Concerto' with the orchestra.

Peter Ellis and Friends

Pictured above: Ally Holdcroft (under 18), Milly Ray (under 18), Joel Sheard, Debbie Skelton, Nick Pearson, Rosie Pickett (under 18), Christine O'Connor, David Nickels (under 18), Hazel Durrans.

The Performers Nights have now shifted to the Leo Fowler Room in the Elizabethan Pub, Canns Road in Bedforddale. The first night will be on 23rd of November and will feature some special performers. Look out for it. Thanks to all locals who have supported these nights while they have been at the Club.

Pete and Bobbi.

Roleystone Antennas Raffle Winner

Our congratulations go to winning ticket holder, Shane Judge of Roleystone (pictured with Deb from Roleystone Antennas). Shane won a PURE ONE Digital Radio just for stopping by our stand and taking our advertising brochure regarding the ACCC's new consumer laws. Our thanks to the Karragullen Expo Committee for another wonderful Field Day!

If any reader would like a copy of the new laws, please send an email to Deb at roleyant@soundfactory.com.au; she would be pleased to forward you a copy.



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THE OLD WATTLE



JMC CREW@WORK

Recently we had to make the very tough decision to remove our giant 20m Black Wattle tree (*Acacia mearnsii*) that would be familiar to most Roleystone residents who pass by the corner of Peet & Mackie roads.

This big old tree had outlived the normal short lifespan of black wattles, and has stood in our front yard much longer than our own mere 7 years in Roleystone.

It provided gentle shade for our house in summer and has been home to numerous birds, skinks and possums over the years. It also gave us a brief but glorious cheerful yellow puffball bloom every winter. This tree was certainly the largest of its kind I have ever seen.

But sadly we had to call an end to its time as a huge adornment to our front garden. Termites were living around the base of the tree, and it was leaning ponderously over our power line connection to the street.

Two weekends ago in strong winds we had a medium-sized Silver Wattle keel over elsewhere on our property. If our giant black wattle was to fall as well – as it inevitably would – it would have snapped our power line, possibly done damage to the house and car (and us!), and would have completely flattened our front garden. It had already split at the base 5 years ago, and it was dropping a limb or two every now and then to remind us of its age and brittleness. It was finally time to say goodbye to our “Old Man Wattle”.

So we made the decision and contacted Jean-Michel of JMC tree services, who came along on the first day of school holidays to put our dying giant to sleep for a reasonable price. The local JMC boys worked very hard for 4 hours, and the grinder and chainsaws were buzzing. They did a great job and the remains of our enormous old tree will now be stacked and dried for firewood, and the big pile of mulch will be composted

and will go onto our garden to minimise water loss in our soil.

So now we are left with a giant empty space in our front yard that is aching to be filled by another less invasive, longer-lived shade tree. We are going to miss our great big shady Old Man Wattle, but in this case when such a large tree had no future except to fall, that old wise saying applies: prevention is better than cure.

*Bindi Weir
Roleystone*



ROLEYSTONE THEATRE SHOWCASED

The City of Armadale is a finalist for best W.A visitor centre and hosted a special site visit for three judges on Sept 6th. Tourism operators from across the City of Armadale held an expo at Waterford Conference Centre.

Dozens of businesses were on display and the Roleystone Theatre was asked to play its part. Last year Armadale Visitor's Centre was second behind Broome, and in 2011 it is the only Metropolitan region short listed. Winners will be announced soon.

The Theatre was thrilled with being asked to participate. The Theatre works closely with the Visitor's Centre & we wish them well.

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Mulberry Tree

What a wonderful day Mother Nature shared with us as we opened up the centre to celebrate the unveiling of our new veggie garden! Families and members of the wider community came to visit and took part in the hive of activities that went on but most importantly, the ribbon cutting which took place at midday.

The staff and children worked hard in the months leading up to our open day to ready our garden for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Angela, one of our educators from the Toddler's Room was responsible for getting this project off the ground so she had the honour of cutting the ribbon.

The staff and children at our OSHC service made the most wonderful scarecrow to watch over the garden and our families contributed plants, tools and time to make the garden a success.

The children have been searching the yard, high and low to ensure that not a single snail is able to eat any of the plants and are keeping an eye out for other insects that

could be lurking. Bugs are a huge fascination for the children and this has led them into all kinds of new activities, including some beautiful art works that the children and educators worked on. They were sold by silent auction and the money raised will be reinvested into more resources for the children.

The overwhelming response that we have had to this project has been inspirational and the staff and children will continue working with the Roleystone community to build a much stronger understanding of what it means to belong and be a part of something bigger.

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Mulberry Tree Open Day

*Pictured at the Mulberry Tree Open Day
Group shot top left: Back Row (L to R): Robyn (face painter), Natalie, Kate, Reeann, 'Angelo', Angela, Kylie, Cheryl, Laura, Carly, Ben, Amanda and Stephanie.*

Front Row (L to R): Ben, Savannah, Sam, Ryder, Ashlyn, Robyn Leena, Lachlan, Jenna, Kim, Eilo-Jo, Grace, Poppy, Charlize, Louise, Kiara, Melinda, William, Bridgette and Dianne.

Pictured above left to right: Cheryl Spear and Kate Hendriks cooked up a storm for the sausage sizzle.

Centre: Mitchell Ellen after a visit with the face painter.

Above right: OSHC educators: Cheryl & Ben with "Angelo Spaventapasseri" the scarecrow

At right: 'Angelo' and the lady that inspired it all, Angela.

At far left: Lorraine, Alice and Paul O'Reilly who all contributed to the veggie garden project.



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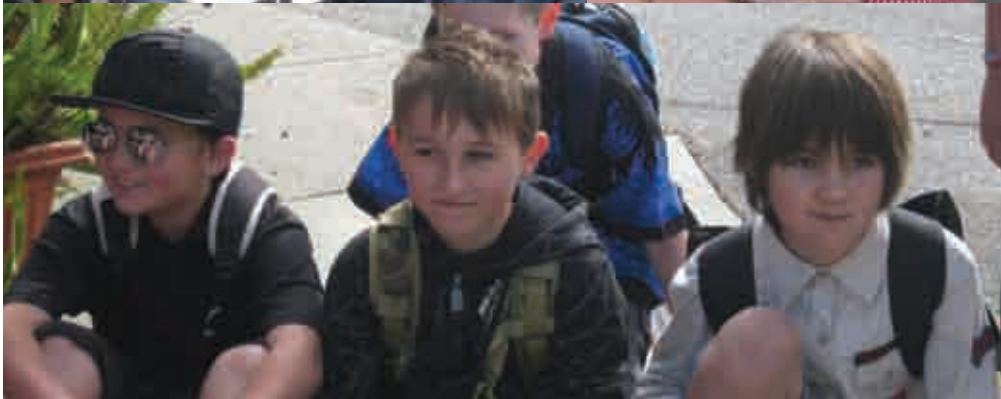


To finish off last term we had an 'Eagles Rock My School' visit from representatives of the West Coast Eagles Football club. Mr Springett organised it, probably to give all the Dockers supporters on staff the eebie -jeebies as much as for the children's' sakes!!! Rick the Roc was very popular and Tom, who spoke to the children, did a fantastic job. Everyone really enjoyed the presentation.

The Year 5's left for camp on Monday (24th October) morning. They will be spending quality time with their teachers at Boshack in Toodyay, and going through their paces, as far as 'surviving' in the bush goes. (See pictures below).

A continuing theme over the years has been the success of Roleystone children through entering items in the Kelmscott Show. *Emma Hirschmann (Year 4) pictured below*, was very thrilled to win a cookbook and a trophy for her efforts in the children's cooking section.

Congratulations Emma! Parents were also impressed by the school display, put together by Pippa Lukeis. Emma is pictured below. Well done to the students whose work was included and to Pippa for her artistic endeavours to show the items off in the best light.



The Year Five's Go Off to Camp: Above Left: Billy, Lloyd, Max and Ruban. Above: Keanu, Isaac and Finn. Below: Jadon, Ronan and Liam.





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High Tea at Affinity

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Climb for a Cure High Tea, was organised by Audrey Wee and her friend Kim, to assist her friends David and Marcus in their quest to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Cancer Research.

The tables were laden with wonderful food – all cooked and created by the girls and their helpers. The decadent treats included: mini cheeses, a wonderful range of cakes, savouries, scones, fruit tarts and ribbon sandwiches.

The owners of Affinity Cafe, Steve and Elaine Wee not only donated the location but also provided a raffle prize voucher for \$50 to purchase food from the Cafe. This was won by Renata Mattia.

To-date the High Tea has raised \$3610.90. All proceeds from the event will go to the Cure Cancer Australia Foundation. Affinity Cafe is open for breakfast and lunch from 6:15am and serving lovely coffee and cakes throughout the day til 9pm!

Pictured above left: Audrey, Elaine and Steve Wee with winner of the \$50 Voucher to Affinity Cafe Renata Mattia.

Below left: Jacqui Ashford with Elaine Wee.

Expressions of Interest Roleystone Community College Council (RCCC)

Calling for: 'Expressions of Interest' from the Community re-prospective membership and involvement for 2012.

The College Council will play an important role in auspicing the College's direction and policy in its infant years. The existing Roleystone Primary School and Roleystone District High School Councils have deemed the structure of the new College Council to consist of 15 members with the Foundation Principal deemed 'ex officio' to this group. The College Council will consist of Eight (8) community representatives and Seven (7) College staff representatives.

Members must be supportive of the Roleystone Community College Concept and be able to demonstrate this in their application of interest.

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of art, a hand crafted item or all manner of fresh seasonal produce surplus to the needs of the grower but very valuable to the receiver, can be sourced here. The shop is only open between 11 and 3 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Community Creative is the brainchild of Rivka Cohen who believes that it is exactly what this community needs. Somewhere to meet, somewhere to swap items and where there is no middleman to make a profit from the sale. A place where interesting, friendly people can do business.

Rivka believes big corporations are abusing our economic system and it is up to communities to take control of their own transaction system. So if you have surplus produce or you have something creative to sell, get in touch with the sisters at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian restaurant and see how you can be involved.

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A large number of people recently attended the 49th Pioneers reunion hosted by the City of Armadale.

This popular annual event was held at the Kelmscott Hall on Saturday 8th October.

Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds, at one of his last official functions, said the Reunion was an opportunity for Council to express its appreciation for the men and women who helped create the vibrant, modern City of Armadale that we know today.

This afternoon tea recognises the contribution of our long-term senior residents who have contributed so much to the fabric of our community.' Very few speeches were given with the majority of the afternoon left free for long time friends to catch up and reminisce.



Pictured top left: Daphne Scari (nee Creyk), Bob Scari and Marg Creyk - looking wonderful at 91. Above: Arthur and Elva Littley. Below: Edna Buckley (nee Bettenay) and her brother Vern Bettenay (now in his 90th year). At bottom left: Ruth Sainsbury, Graeme Hart and Dulcie Bocking. Dulcie (nee Faulkner) remembers walking to Canning Dam from Kelmscott as a child.

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SENIORS' EVENT

The Bendigo Bank is again hosting a morning tea/breakfast for our local seniors on November 9th starting at 10 am, to be held at the Roleystone Seniors Club on Jarrah Road in Roleystone. This is always a wonderful event with raffles, quizzes and entertainment scheduled plus some delightful food. So come on down and join the fun. Once again our thanks are extended to the Roleystone



Karragullen branch of the Community Bank for supporting Roleystone Seniors.
Chris Kent.



Seniors Club

NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

1st and 3rd Mondays	Lunch and Dessert	12 Noon	\$9.00
2nd & 4th Mondays	Cards	10am	
Every Tuesday	Mahjong	12.30 pm	\$1.00
Every Tuesday	Pilates	6.30pm	
4th Tuesday	Bendigo Bingo	12 Noon	\$3.50
Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
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Above: scone and cream maestro, morning tea provider and Roleystone identity Blanche Mateljan is captured smelling the roses.

Left: Rev Lesley Borowitzka and the Roleystone Schools Choir with Ms Karen West in the Grove in 2009.



REMEMBRANCE DAY AT THE GROVE OF THE UNFORGOTTEN

The Grove of the Unforgotten, otherwise known as 'The Lyre of Remembrance,' graces a hillside at Araluen, the Young Australia League's resort at Roleystone. This beautiful conception was intended as a memorial to members of the League who fell in the Great War.

Western Mail 21st April 1934

The first Armistice Day Ceremony (now renamed Remembrance Day) was held at the site on the 11 November 1934.

In 1996 after many years of lack of maintenance, the Armadale Rotary Club and the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation restored the grove after thirty years of neglect.

Since Remembrance Day that year Araluen Park has hosted a service each year at this hauntingly beautiful location. This year's service, some three quarters of a century after the first one was held, is still being used to remember these fallen soldiers and the many others in more recent conflicts who have died overseas.

This year, at 1.30pm on the 11/11/11, locals are invited to attend this graceful and moving ceremony at the Grove for the Unforgotten in Araluen Botanic Park. The service will be officiated by the local Rev Lesley Borowitzka, choir will be Karen West and the Roleystone Primary School, while a special solo will be performed by Mal Young.

Kelmscott/Roleystone Branch RSL Remembrance Day 2011

The Kelmscott Roleystone Branch of the RSL invites all current and former military service men and women, members of their families and residents to attend a Remembrance Day service at Rushton Park, River Rd Kelmscott. The service will take place at the Cenotaph on the corner of Orlando St and River Rd Kelmscott with the assistance of students of the Kelmscott

Primary School, school cadets, boy and girl scouts and guides. The Service will begin at 10:30am and conclude at approximately at 11:15.

Members of the public are invited to lay their Remembrance Wreaths during the service. For more information contact the Secretary on 9495 4838 during business hours.

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Recipes from the Garden

The November meeting of Roleystone Organic Growers will be about sharing recipes for preserving and cooking from the garden. It is exciting to create food items which you have watched grow! At times we have a bumper crop of citrus, silverbeet, tomatoes, zucchini, or broad beans and wonder what we should do with it all! Or, we may have herbs like dill, parsley, lavender, etc and

want to know how we can preserve them to use later.

At this meeting please bring a favourite recipe or idea to share of something you have grown in your garden or just a special recipe. Recipes may also be for preserving and bottling fruits and vegetables.

This will be our last meeting of the year and we wish you all a safe and happy summer and holiday season.

The meeting is on Wednesday November 9th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.



Recently Roleystone Scout Group gained sponsorship from The Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Community Bank

for the setup costs of training new Leaders.

This year we have signed on 5 new Leaders and the cost of uniforms, registration, insurance and training soon adds up, so we sort sponsorship and got it.

Thanks to Bendigo Bank and to the new Leaders for undertaking this great volunteer role. You'll have a great time and will influence the lives of many young members of our community.

Joanne Meuli.

Scouts Get New Leaders

Pictured below: Bandicoot, Bilby and Quokka (the BBQ Team) proudly wearing their new Group shirts sponsored by Bendigo Bank.





Acrylic Painting

Ian Dickinson's Tuesday night painting classes have been a big success since they started a few years ago at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. The artists use acrylic paint and the focus is on landscape painting. This is one of the many user groups that use our Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre: 94961115.

Pictured: Pauline Edgcombe, Ian Dickinson and Julie Clark.

Appliqué Workshop at Roleystone Family Centre

Want to make your own Christmas presents? Thought you might like to give appliqué a go, but you are not sure where to start?

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To enrol or for more information please go to www.roleystonfamilycentre.com.au or phone 9496 1115.

ROLEYSTONE ART EXHIBITION

Come along and support 'local talent' at this wonderful exhibition at Roleystone Family Centre – Saturday 19th Nov and Sunday 20th Nov 10am to 5pm.

Participants from the centre's art classes will be displaying some of their amazing work and even offering some of their masterpieces

for sale, just in time for Christmas.

If you have been thinking of joining one of these art classes, now would be a great time to see what you can produce, with a little guidance from art teachers Wendy Van der Laan and Ian Dickinson who will be available to answer any of your questions on the day.

So be sure to come along.

GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

How many of you have your weeds under control and have cleared the long grass in your yard?

There is no way we ever need another bushfire tragedy like the one in February.

I feel we are all responsible for our own safety.

I have so much weeding to get through in the next few weeks. (My bonus is the large fresh eggs we get. The chooks have flourished with the prolific spring weed growth.) With every weed we remove we can almost plant another garden plant. There are a lot of old fashioned, drought tolerant, low fire risk plants available if we take the time to look. I have put down a bit of old carpet to prevent weeds coming back in the areas have previously been weeded. This seems to be working.

If I had to suggest just one type of plant to grow for colour and ease of work, other than the Camellia, it would have to be irises. There are so many different colours and variations in the mixed parts of the plant. Each year at the Cannington exhibition of Gardens, I check out the Iris and Daffodil stands and

select a few more plants for my garden. Every day now, I walk all around the garden and admire the range of colours. Along with the roses and daisies they all provide wonderful colour. I am beyond myself with happiness as many of these plants are also reminders of so many special friends.

We are spoilt for choice for new garden plants. Not only garden centres have plants for sale, but little gems can be sourced at fairs, fetes and garage sales and open gardens. Many of the plants in the rarer category are available at garden clubs too.

Today was our Roleystone Garden Group's outing. I think we should change the name to Roleystone Friendship Group, as we went off to a quilting exhibition in Applecross. Each day we girls go out somewhere interesting and enjoy other's company over a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. So do join us. Our outing on the 17th November will be to 'Roadside' Chevin Rd. at 9.30am. A 'long time promise' for us to go and check out this wonderful garden.

Well I can hear the weeds calling me, must away to deal with them.

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Recently the Sibleys of Peet Road lost their patio in a storm; they also lost the gutter protection system that they have been very pleased with over the last three years.

Mike and Pearl wrote a letter to the editor in last month's Roleystone Courier to describe their ordeal.

They called the new franchise owners of Four Seasons Gutter Protection, Chris and Sarah who have recently taken over the Perth area to go with the south west region that they have owned over the last 18 months.

The Sibleys found that they were more than ready to provide them with replacement of their gutter protection system. The replacement occurred with a very fast turnaround; only ten days elapsed from the damage report to the gutter protection being fully fitted.

'We have three products in total but it is our Aluminium mesh that has a fire rating of 0 through the CSIRO, the best rating available. This mesh will ember protect the home when a bushfire is looming. Of course this is the product we recommended to all hills residents.' Sarah said.

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Pictured at left: Pearl and Mike Sibley (front) with new Four Seasons Gutter Protection Owners Sarah and Chris Tutolo.

Above: Chris on the roof at the Sibley's house checks out the finished job.

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Roleybushcare paid Ecojobs to weed in Windsor Reserve and Hall Road Bushland recently. Eco jobs provide young environmentally-focused people with well-paid temporary employment. Have a look at their website for more information www.ecojobs.org.au. PJ Waddell and Jan Dawson supervised groups who worked for 6 1/2 hours each on the day. We hope to secure more funding for weeding because our Volunteers struggle to keep up and if we can organise more days like these then all will benefit. The Reserve will be weed-free and the young workers who work for Ecojobs will earn some money and learn from the experience.

Stonegate Reserve was cleared of dead branches and shrubs this month. There was a great turnout of wonderful neighbours of this Reserve who worked hard to reduce the fire hazard. David Ward trimmed about a third of the Balgas. The City of Armadale removed our huge pile of branches very promptly.

NEXT FIELD DAY

The next field day will be on Sunday 13th November at Boulder Rock again and is a dieback treatment day. This iconic local site is around 8.5 kilometres up the Brookton Hwy from the Chevin Road turnoff. Last field day a large area was treated but there is more to do and we need help. 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.

MINI FIELD DAYS

Small groups of people are working during the month on extra chores in our Reserves. We call these days our "Minis". Roleybushcare has to have the approval of the Council before we do this. Some of the activities are listed below:

Peter Blaney-Murphy in a team of "one" worked at Boulder Rock to make an impact on the dieback infected trees.

David Ward and Peter Blaney-Murphy worked hard trimming the grass-trees around Hillandale Retirement Village recently. Around 100 grasstrees were done. A huge task, thanks guys. Go to the website for details on the method that

Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Our annual free family fun day is scheduled for Saturday 5th November 10am - 2pm. Thanks to all playgroup members who have been helping in the organisation of the event. We are also very grateful to the following generous local businesses who have donated money, food or raffle prizes for our event:

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A BIG THANKYOU!

NEW COMMITTEE

We are heading towards the end of the year at top speed and it is at this time that we need to organise a new committee for 2012.

All positions are up for nomination and we urge members to step forward and have a go. A detailed explanation of each role is located on the playgroup notice board. Committee members receive a 50% discount on term fees and the opportunity to contribute towards a very worthwhile community organisation.

All our kids love playgroup and it would be very sad to see the end of it because of a lack of committee members. Please email the current president Joanne Richardson (jrrandvmg@bigpond.com) if you are interested.

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WATSONIA ERADICATION

Two oil paintings from the brush of a former student illustrate the story of how the Stony Brook Valley appeared when I first came to live at Roleystone in the late 1980s. When Studio Gen-ius began operations in the early 1990s, students enjoyed ambling down the winding path to the brook to capture the peaceful images on canvas. Since those early days a devastating flood and two bushfires have significantly altered the terrain. Stony Brook was, at that time, a slow-moving, tranquil water-course. Several water-falls could be glimpsed from a high vantage point on my property. After the February 1992 flood this peaceful flow of water became a raging torrent. Three or four metres of earth and rocks were swept away to expose bedrock level and dumped near the Contour Channel pipeline. Branches and other objects were seen in the trees about six metres overhead. The flood brought unwanted vegetation and the aftermath from the two bushfires fertilised much of this non-indigenous growth, including the watsonias. As much as the attractive cyclamen coloured blooms enliven the valley, they are, in other respects, an unwanted pest. With a great deal of help, the watsonias are (more or less) managed on my property by annual digging. However, they are rife elsewhere. In this regard, accolades must be given to the Contour Road, Bushfire Ready Action Group which has successfully obtained a grant to purchase the necessary



equipment to help eradicate the overwhelming growth of the South African bulbs. To date a few Contour Road residents have responded to this generous assistance which has resulted from the efforts of the BRAG co-ordinator.
**Vyonne Geneve,
Studio Gen-ius,
Contour Road, Roleystone**

BOWLING ALONG With Keith Rinaldi

The recent President's Day was a great success with several teams competing for the WJ & KS AUTOMOTIVES sponsored event. Winners on the day were a foursome skippered by Derek Oldman with Bill Mitchell, Carolyn Deas & Thomas Stewart.



Above: Carolyn Deas, Bill Mitchell, Derek Oldman & Thomas Stewart are all smiles after winning the WJ & KS AUTOMOTIVES President's Day.
Below: Margaret Munn & Pauline Smith after their win in the Ladies' Drawn Pairs.

The spring weather has seen the greens in tip-top condition for our early club events and the recently held Ladies' Drawn Pairs saw keen competition over three days. Eventual winners of the competition were Pauline Smith & Margaret Munn, with Eileen Green & Alison Brown taking out the plate.

After such a great run with the weather it was disappointing for our ladies that the first round of mid-week pennants was called off due to rain. I'm sure the ladies are itching to get into the new season and to chalk up a few wins.

As this edition goes to press, we are in the midst of the Roleystone Theatre Mixed Drawn Fours and wish to acknowledge our gratitude for the support of the theatre group towards lawn bowls.

Looking ahead, the ever popular Community Bowls commences on Wednesday 23rd November and we advise all prospective teams to keep an eye out for registration details which will be posted on various community notice boards and at the Country Club. This event is open to all business, sporting, social & family groups and is a great way to spend an evening of fun and entertainment in Roleystone.



Little Women

ROLEYSTONE Theatre

In a small coup for Roleystone Theatre, we are staging the WA premiere of Little Women – the Broadway musical version.

This play will be directed by local Paul Treasure. Little Women is a beautiful, well-known story and a nostalgic look at yesteryear telling the story of Jo March and her sisters growing up in Massachusetts while their father is away during the Civil War.

Director Paul Treasure said:

'If people think they're already familiar with Little Women through the book or play, they should think again. They won't be familiar with the songs, some of which are rapidly becoming more and more popular in recitals and concerts by musical theatre performers.'

Little Women's most interesting quality is

the way such strong and beautiful songs have actually added to the story. It's amazing it has taken so long for someone to write a really good musical version, especially when musicals are such a distinctly American art form.'

The cast is incredibly strong with Kimberley Harris playing Josephine March (last seen in Nine and My Fair Lady in 2010). It also features Emma Davis, Cassie Skinner, Liza-Mari Scwindt, Bree Hartley, Owen Measday, Kim Martin, Lindsay McNab and Alan O'Neil.

Little Women plays at 8pm, November 25, 26, 30, December 2, 3, 7, 9 and 10 with a 2pm matinee on December 3.

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 children 17 and under – please book on 9397 5730 or book and pay online at www.roleystonetheatre.com.au

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Bree Hartley

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TENNIS NEWS

WENDY TUCKER



RECENT EVENTS

We had our annual spring tournament on Sunday 16th October. Despite a very hot day we managed to have some great tennis. We had 8 teams and our winners at the end of the day were **Taryn Boase and Lesley Roser** (see below). The competition was very close with the winning team ahead by just 1 game.



We had 3 sets of tennis and then shared lunch and then 2 sets of tennis and had afternoon tea and presentations.

COMING EVENTS

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 are at the club or else email through to roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au and put your name down.

Xmas BBQ – we will have our Xmas bbq on Sunday 4th December. We will have tennis from 3pm onwards and then fire up the bbq about 6ish. BYO meat and a salad to share.

COURT HIRE (if club events are not scheduled). The court key is available to hire from the video shop at the Jarrah Road Shopping Centre. You just need a \$10.00 key deposit (returned to you upon key return) you don't need to book. The hire rates are:

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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club Juniors



Junior Cricket has kicked off. The sweet sound of leather on willow and the occasional cry of 'Howzat' is the welcome Roleystone residents can expect when they visit Cross Park on weekends during the summer months.

Unfortunately this season we were unable to field an U11's team so last seasons U10's juniors have had to make the jump straight into the U12's where they are fair game for the fielding teams' bowlers from the very first ball.

This was a point their coach was very keen to impress on them from the outset. "Keep your eye on the ball, watch it out of the bowlers hand and onto the bat." "Consider your shot selection." "Defend against those deliveries that will bowl you out by playing with a straight bat."

The trouble was the coach forgot to include the bit about hitting some runs as well.

Roleystone batted first in a 26



overs an innings match, and after facing some 156 deliveries took the field to defend a grand total of 46 runs, 15 of which were extras. Needless to say - to anyone who has ever played cricket - that with the exception of a modern day miracle we were up against it from the moment we took the field.

In short - Lesmurdie Mazinod won the game.

To the boys credit they bowled well and fielded well on what was a hot and balmy October morning, and whilst the coach knows the kids are only 11 years old and are not playing for sheep stations, next week's pregame pep-talk will emphasise the importance of having to score runs to win a game of cricket.

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COUNCILLOR COMMENT

Local Council Elections

Congratulations to Grant Nixon for a successful election to Jarrah Ward City of Armadale and thank you to Laurie Scidone for offering his time once again for the position.

We are lucky to have enough interest in local government to have elections and to be given a choice between candidates. Grant Nixon brings considerable knowledge and management skills to the position which can only benefit the community. Grant will sit on the Technical Services and Community Services Committees. I will be on the Development Services Committee and also was lucky enough to be voted onto the City Strategy Committee. Having previously been a member of the Technical Services Committee, I have initiated some preliminary changes in parks & verge management, which should continue to proceed with Grant's extensive experience in similar matters.

I will remain involved with the Armadale-

Gosnells Landcare Group. Also with my interests in conservation and development I hope to be well placed on the Development Services Committee for the policy and town planning scheme revisions.

Lastly, thank you to retiring Councillor Hart, apart from her community work with seniors and the disabled, to name some of the prominent issues she was involved with, Pat has been the pioneer for much of the environmental work seen at the City of Armadale. Her passion for every aspect of landcare has paved the way for the next generation, for everyone to enjoy.

Cr Caroline Wielinga

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0488 900 307



'THANKS' from Grant Nixon
Full message printed next edition.

Courier Deadline Dates

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Cr Caroline Wielinga would like to remind all Roleystone residents of the need to properly prepare their homes and properties for the upcoming bushfire season.

Burning off:

Burning off is believed to be one of the best ways to reduce fuel load in natural bushland. The City of Armadale has made the process of applying for permits easier.

They can now be obtained by phone/fax/email (<http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/Home>). Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Mr. Brian L Watkins, City of Armadale, 9399 0111, 0419 912 515.

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Mr Robbie Van Uden, 9397 5406, 0409 685 625.

Greenwaste:

As part of the aim to reduce fuel load, the City of Armadale will be conducting an additional greenwaste collection in November. This is partly to remind residents to collect up the excess leaves, twigs and weeds and to prune lower branches and overhanging branches as well as to help them remove it from their property.

Firebreaks:

Firebreaks are not expected on lots less than 5000m² (1 ¼ acres), but fuel loads must be kept at minimum by raking/slashing/mowing/burning. Firebreaks are required on larger lots but should not be installed on verges.

Landscaping:

Some garden planning/landscaping can help improve the safety of homes. Things like watered gardens (fruit/vegetables/grass) or nonflammable – low flammable gardens/spaces (paving/gravel mulch/low ground covers) abutting the home are safer than big bushy native shrubs which are not recommended and should be located further away.

Safer homes:

The Council is encouraging residents to consider retrospectively improving the bushfire safety of their homes by using ember screens on their air conditioners, metal wire fly screens on their windows and closing in their eaves and any other gaps in their roofs/walls/floors to reduce ember attack in the event of a fire.

Some Useful Links:

FESA's "Prepare, Act Survive" brochure and "The Homeowner's Bush Fire Survival Manual" (<http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/Pages/default.aspx>).

The CSIRO publication "Landscape & Building Design for Bushfire Areas" (Armadale Library & <http://www.publish.csiro.au/pid/3461.htm>).

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Astronomical Highlights November

From the biased viewpoint of a guy who has to entertain visitors at the Observatory on November evenings, there's usually a shortage of bright(ish) interesting targets.

The Southern Cross has gone out of sight and Orion isn't quite up to where you can see it well at nightfall. The Milky Way's sinking into the city glow. Luckily, this November is different from most: Venus and Mercury will be paired in the western sky at dusk for more than half of the month as they travel together through Scorpius. At the same time, on the opposite side of the sky is Jupiter which makes a fine telescopic target.

On the 10th, Venus and Mercury will make a neat line with the star Antares (Alpha Scorpii, the brightest star in Scorpius). Watching how the two planets move day by day in relation to Antares, you'll see why *planets* are so named: the word means *wanderers*. Stars keep the same formations, year after year. Planets don't – they shift about. Brilliant Venus will steadily set later and later, going from a setting time of about 8:10pm on the 1st to about 8:45pm on the 15th and 9:05pm on the 30th. Mercury will seem to faithfully keep pace with Venus until tiring of the chase around the 18th - 19th. Then it will begin to drop away, to be lost in the Sun's glare in the last few days of the month. In the north-eastern sky meanwhile, bright Jupiter will steadily gain altitude as the weeks pass. As seen at dusk, it begins the month fairly low in the ENE; then it works its way higher and more to the west so that by late November it's high in the NNE by the end of evening twilight.

Mars is visible in the NE sky at daybreak and it's gradually brightening, but it doesn't hold a candle to Venus and Jupiter. Jupiter can still be seen in the western sky at dawn

until about the 13th, by which time it's setting at the onset of morning twilight. By the end of the month Saturn will be visible low in the east at daybreak.

The major phases of the Moon are: first quarter on the evening of the 2nd, full moon on the night of the 10th - 11th, last quarter on the morning of the 19th, and new moon on the 25th. Watch for the sight of Venus near the thin crescent moon at dusk on the 27th.

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Pro Bono: Image
David Bardsley, Minister Community Church



We have just returned from our son Richard's wedding to Kezia Koka in Tanzania. It was a really special occasion for us made more so as the Lutheran Church in Arusha allowed me to conduct the marriage ceremony. For legal reasons, the local Pastor had to sign the marriage certificate but I could do everything else. And it was the pinnacle of a wonderful celebration as several cultures were welded together in a day long series of events.

It started with the formal separation of Kezia from her own family and acceptance into ours, through a conventional but moving Christian marriage service – hymns sung in Swahili - to a reception incorporating cake cutting, champagne toasts, Scottish country dancing, the giving of presents and traditional Chagga tribal song and dance - which we all joined in!

The lady guests had outfits made locally out of several different patterns but all colour themed in burgundy and gold – it was visually stunning. The men wore lounge suits with burgundy ties...except me! The Lutheran Pastor insisted that I had to wear a clerical collar and robes during the church service. "They won't know you are a real Church minister if you don't look like one," was his plea.

It's not the custom at the Community Church here for the minister to look much different from anybody else – part of our expression of "every member ministry". But in other churches, ordination, which confirms a calling to God's work in a pastoral

capacity, is often signified by the outward symbol of a clerical collar at least.

An appropriate shirt was made for me by a friendly tailor pretty quickly and I was properly attired, feeling somewhat awkward. My wife Hilary, on the other could hardly contain her delight! For years she has been threatening me with a dog collar to try to curtail some of what I think are quite reasonable but apparently more extreme expressions of "joie de vivre" on occasions. She reckons that going around labeled more

clearly according to my profession might have a taming influence. Hah! I know of loads of ministers who do wear clerical collars and are far more exuberant than me. Well, maybe not loads...but there are one or two.

It is interesting that what we wear and how we appear to others often sends out more powerful messages than what we say. The image we project through appearance is the one which most people remember. Some quite consciously use this to manipulate the type of person they are perceived to be. I remember the days when women in industry thought it necessary to indulge in power dressing. "Look at me and take note - you don't mess with me".

Our dress and appearance is by definition superficial. Scratch the surface or take the clothes off (perish the thought in some cases!) and the real person is revealed. We can disguise our real persona and conceal who we really are. And we can fool people...but not God! When Samuel had to pick a king for Israel, initially he passed David by because he didn't look like a king. Then he was told, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart." Who we are, how we think, what we believe – our real personality and character - cannot be concealed from God. He sees right through any superficial screen we might erect. And one day we will all have to face Him. Even a dog collar won't be of much use then!

Yours in Christ

David

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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

Seniors

OPEN DAY

The 2011/12 cricket season kicked off in style when Roleystone Karragullen CC opened its doors to the community on September 24.

The day started with a one-day match between a combined RKCC senior and junior side and our friends from the Murdoch tigers.

DJ Dean McIntyre was on the microphone providing classic commentary, music and humour for all to enjoy.

The change of innings saw some fun activities for young and old, with Genesis Fitness Kelmscott kindly awarding prizes to all the children participating in the Tug-of-war challenge.

Ryan Maughan and Jen Lippert scored themselves a 3 month membership at Genesis for winning the catching competition. The crowd also enjoyed some of the club's finest characters taking part in a six-a-side game.

Later in the day Australian Test legend Bruce Yardley dropped by to tell some stories and sign a few copies of his new autobiography.

All up it was great way to kick off the new season and welcome some new faces to the home of cricket in Roleystone! Special thanks to Genesis for the prizes as well as Brian Weir from Roleystone Meats and Ross and Joe Anile from Roleystone IGA for assisting with catering for the day!

RESULTS

A GRADE (lost first innings)
 Roleystone/Karragullen CC 77 (T. Stuart 37) & 230 (T. Stuart 56, Kipping 50, Stevens 42) def by Morley CC 102 (Lewis 7/48, Coppin 3/34)

C GRADE (won first innings)
 Ellenbrook Rangers CC 101 (C. Stewart 5/16, J. Jackson 5/22) & 0/48 def by Roleystone/Karragullen CC 7/212(dec)



BUZZ FULLER WITH BRUCE YARDLEY

(Pound 83, Anderton 30)

D GRADE (Rounds 1 [won] & 2 [lost])

Roleystone/Karragullen CC 6/194 (Darbyshire 68, Dudley 54) def Lesmurdie-Mazenod CC 138 (Darbyshire 4/20)

Swan View CC 7/151 (Taylor 3/18, Manning 2/26) def Roleystone/Karragullen CC 115 (Lawrence 28, Dudley 26)

E GREEN (lost)

Roleystone/Karragullen CC 161 (Roberts 74) def by Lesmurdie-Mazenod CC 6/179 (Chapman 3/41)

E WHITE (won)

Morley CC 90 (D. Faranda 4/13, Hodge 4/22) def by Roleystone/Karragullen CC 8/149 (Reeves 33, M Faranda 31)

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Wild Gossip: Abandoned Baby Birds.

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Here are a few ideas and suggestions of what to do if you see a baby bird on the ground:

If the baby bird is feathered it is likely to be on the ground during a flying lesson or whilst being shown where to find food by the parent birds. Please leave it alone and observe from a distance to be sure that the parents are in attendance.

If the baby bird is in danger from predators it can be gently picked up and placed on a nearby tree branch or similar – parent birds will usually return and attend to it.

If the bird is unfeathered and no nest can be seen you will need to make an artificial nest, secure it to a nearby branch and place the baby bird inside. The baby bird will then need to be observed from a distance to see if the parent birds continue to care for it. Abandoned or injured birds will need to

be gently picked up, placed in a secure box (small enough to prevent flying attempts and wing damage) with padding beneath and kept in a warm, dark, quiet place until a wildlife carer can be contacted. Never attempt to feed orphaned, injured or abandoned birds without the advice of a wildlife carer as incorrect food will kill. Forget 'old ideas' such as bread & milk, brandy & water etc. as these definitely will kill. Keep handling to a minimum as stress is also a killer.

Sometimes a young bird can be caught outside the normal time frame eg a magpie unable to return to the nest before dusk or an owl unable to return before dawn. If left the young bird will be in danger so should be gently picked up using a towel for protection from beak & claws, placed in a secure box, kept in a warm, quiet, dark place until a more suitable time (morning for a day bird, evening for a night bird) when it can be placed back at the original location. Please contact me for help for or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.

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November is a time of anniversaries for Andrew Baylee. One year ago he made the move to become a Real Estate Rep and one month later he married his sweetheart Michelle in a beautiful ceremony in Bali.

Andrew reflects on this year: 'Growing up in Roleystone, I have always had a great appreciation for the peace, quiet and serenity that the hills have to offer. That is why I decided to follow in the footsteps of my father and brother James into real estate in an area that I love.'

Since Andrew began work at Fidock and Co Real Estate, he has been successful in selling 16 properties with 9 of those being in the local area.

'With Roleystone offering a vast array of unique properties, I really look forward to expanding my knowledge and specialising in the area.'

James and Andrew work as 'Team Baylee' where the boys promise: 'you can get the best service with having not one, but two reps available at all times.'

Over the last year Michelle and Andrew also built a house in Chevin Woods Estate.

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Andrew and Michelle are soon heading to Phuket, Thailand to celebrate their first wedding anniversary.

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