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ARNOLD MARRIES CORALIE & THE CHURCH CELEBRATES A BIG BIRTHDAY

The Old Roleystone Congregational Church, now the ancestral home of the Roleystone Community Church, is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. And it has recently had a 'face lift' featuring carefully restored jarrah panelling and a new paint job.

This face lift was revealed to the world on the 14th of January when Arnold Gwynne married long time girlfriend Coralie, in the first wedding to be held in the 'New Old Church'. This wonderful celebration saw the union of two of the congregation's

SARINA & JOSEPH MARRY

Angelo and Roma Spiccia of Pickering Brook and Tony and Trish Restifo of High Wycombe, proudly celebrated the marriage of Sarina Spiccia to Joseph Restifo on the 3rd December 2011 at the Holy Family Catholic Church Kalamunda, followed by an elegant orchid themed reception for 200 guests at the Novotel Langley.

Sarina is a senior hairdresser working in Kalamunda. Joseph is an auto electrician employed in the mining industry.

The bridal party included bridesmaids: Melissa Spiccia, Lara Adams and local girls Deanna Anile and Jessica Hoare. (Sarina and Melissa were cover girls in the November edition). Highlights of the day included the couple releasing a pair of white doves after the ceremony and a very emotional and tearful father/daughter dance to Westlife's: 'You Raise Me Up' at the reception.

Sarina and Joseph enjoyed a 6 week honeymoon in the U.S.A. Photos: Fine Line Photography.



favourites, with Arnold and Coralie being long term participants in the Roleystone Community Church family.

The wedding was conducted by David Barsdley Minister of the Roleystone Community Church, and attended by a host of community church members, family and friends of the popular young couple.

Arnold is the youngest son of Roland and Mary Gwynne.

This wedding in the Old Church is intertwined with some significant church and local history. Roland's father was David Gwynne, a very early resident of this area and a stalwart of the church community. Roland's mother was Sybil Gwynne (nee Buckingham) and was a decedent of the first family to farm in the Roleystone area. They met and married in this church.

Roland married Mary (nee Bullen) in the old church over thirty years ago. This was the last wedding to be held in the church. Mary has unearthed a photo of the newlyweds being congratulated by Martha Wesley – Martha's was the first wedding ever to be held in the new congregational church. (Martha was the daughter of a sandalwood cutter who arrived in the area in the late 1800's. Martha lived in Roleystone all of her married life.)

So it was felt fitting that Arnold and Coralie Gwynne were perfectly suited to be the first couple to be wed in the new century of this wonderful old building.

February Cover

The February Cover celebrates the magic of our 100 year old church. The Roleystone Community Church, formerly the Congregational Church, has had a makeover to celebrate its 100th birthday. The church was constructed by locals on land donated by Mrs Peet (mother of early land developer Thomas Peet). The background photo is of the completed church in 1912 (from the Gwynne collection). Over the years many weddings have been held at the church. The cover shows the wedding of Mary Bullen to Roland Gwynne in 1973 and the wedding in January of their son Arnold Gwynne to Coralie. (Photo by Patrick Milroy.) This is the first wedding in the newly made-over 100 year old church.



JOHN CHRISTMASS WINS AN ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

On Australia Day 2012, John Graham Christmass, was awarded an Order of Australia medal for: 'Service to Music Education in Western Australia and to Choral Performance'. John is well known across the district for his dedication to bringing great musical experiences to the people across our town.

John was contacted about the award and responded with the following comment: 'I feel humble and honoured to receive this award and know that the support of my parents, wife, daughters and friends has been integral to any successful activities.'

I first remember 'Mr Christmass' as an adjudicator at Eisteddfods in the 1960's, when he was a Senior Master of Music at Churchlands SHS and later at Perth Modern School. His musical knowledge and passion was evident to me then as a young primary school student.

His career since that time has been entwined with music: John established The New I Voci Singers, in 1978 and has been the Musical Director, of this group over this time. A range of locals have been members of this group and many more have been treated to their wonderful performances. John took I Voci to Germany three times. Roleystone Courier readers have also been encouraged to attend the Best of British concerts over many years— John has given 48 concerts at the Perth Concert Hall!

John Christmass' influence has been far wider than our local area. He has been the Production Manager, of the New Year's Eve Vienna Pops Concert, Rotary Club of Perth, for 23 years. He founded the WA Choral Society.

John has been Choral Director/Musical Director many times including at the Perth Esplanade Anzac Day Service, Returned and Services League of Australia, for nearly 50 years. He has been the coordinator of the Schools Choral Festival, held at



Winthrop Hall, for a number of years and was a Former Musical Director of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Western Australia. He has a vast range of other musical accomplishments- too many to mention.

John Christmass is also multi dimensional with a passion for community. He has been important in the Kelmscott District Residents' Group and is a frequent author of letters in local media. He was appointed as WA's Seniors Ambassador for 2011.

In 1983 John Christmass was given the high honour of being made WA Citizen of the Year Award (in the Arts and Entertainment Category). In 2001 John Christmass was awarded the Centenary Medal, and he is a Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Club of Perth. He has now added an Order of Australia to his list of achievements. Congratulations Mr John Christmass. Your district is proud of you.

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Sacha is pictured at right being congratulated by her 'Australian family': husband Matt, 8 year old daughter Cameron and 5 year old son Sammy.



Sacha has lived in Australia for just over 17 years arriving on the December 16th 1994. She met Matty via her childhood friends 'The Kier Family' who she had grown up with in the UK.

They had immigrated to Australia as children. As a young adult Sacha travelled with her brother to Perth to see them and met Matty at her welcoming party. They became friends first and a couple later and

Sacha stayed on in Perth. The couple went back to the UK 2 years later in 1996 for a holiday to allow Matty to meet the family; the couple married in May 1997.

The O'Briens spent a year in the UK and on their return in 2000 they purchased their home in Roleystone. The girls from the Kier family now also live in Roleystone, so their children will now grow up together just like their mothers did.

'I decided to become an Aussie after all this time, as my children are Aussies and I think it is important for them and us as a family. I love living here. I feel very lucky to live in such an amazing place, and could not imagine living anywhere else.' Sacha reflects.

'I think it is important to become a citizen of this beautiful country, especially after speaking to other people that have immigrated here too. I am now able to have dual citizenship and I can vote too!'

Australia Day Fireworks

A threatening storm did not dampen the spectacular fireworks set to an all-Australian sound track at the City of Armadale's Australia Day celebrations held on Thursday 26th January at Minnowarra Park. Before the fireworks a fabulous array of entertainment was provided including: Barney n' Dave, Moana Dreaming, The DomNicks, and international talent - Armadale's own folk and reggae star, Gerard Maunick. The celebration was great fun.

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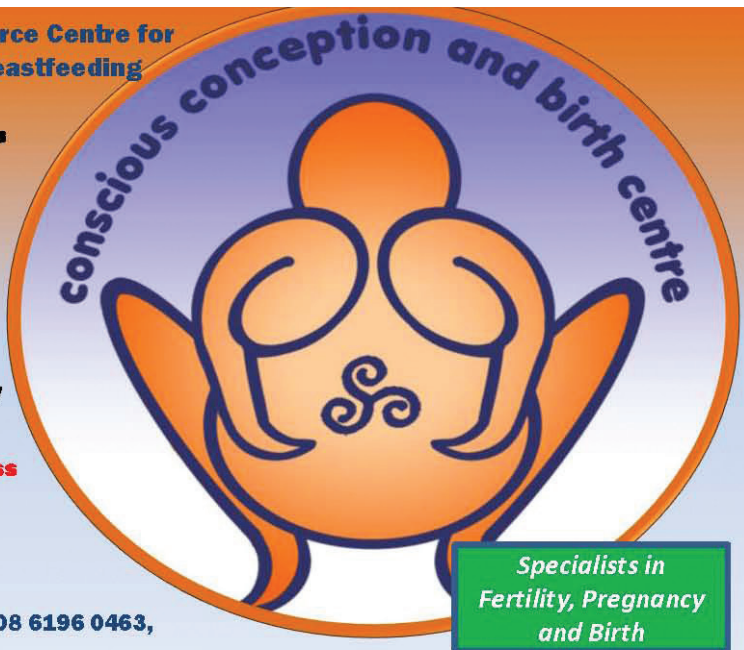
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Stephanie Murphey

Roleystone's Stephanie Murphey scored an ATAR of 97.45 and has already been offered a place at UWA and a UWA Excellence award. She also has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the Curriculum Council, an Integrity and Excellence award from ECU and two Dux awards from her school Kalamunda SHS in Modern History and English Literature.

She is currently holidaying in the USA travelling around California and Nevada and visiting her many relatives on her Dad's side ('Dad' is Ben Murphey from the Roleystone Hardware) that she has not seen since she was about 18 months old!

'I've been integrated a bit into American culture, visiting a real American high school and seeing an American football game (which has nothing on Aussie rules) along with eating a lot of new foods and seeing the sights!

'But travelling around a lot has made it harder to contact family and friends and access my results. I had to call my mum up to get her to access my TISC score, and it was so funny

KIMBERLY DASBOROUGH

Kimberly Dasborough of John Wollaston Anglican College certainly capped off a brilliant year with an ATAR score of 98.1 and a Certificate of Excellence.

This year she was awarded:

- JWACS upper school academic scholarship
- JWACS 2011 dux of school
- Subject awards in Chemistry, English and Economics
- Plus and ECU Excellence Award

She is both really surprised and very happy with her results.

Originally Kimberly was planning on studying commerce and law, but after studying chemistry and physics she found a 'real passion'. 'I really enjoyed trying to understand and comprehend the world around me.' Kimberly said.

'I'm waiting to see if I get an offer from UWA to study a double major in neuroscience and pathology & lab medicine, which is a 3 year course.'

'After that a postgraduate in Medicine or Law seems pretty appealing right now but I know I'll have a much better idea after I've started studying so I think this year's going to be so interesting and different. I can't wait!'

Kimberly is not entirely sure what she wants to do for a career yet, but she is sure that she wants to work with people. She reflects that 2011 was 'a challenging but awesome year!'

SOME OF OUR VERY

because when it loaded she told me and it was such a powerful moment. I started crying and then she started crying and then a customer came in to order some cement or something and Mum had to explain to them what was going on!

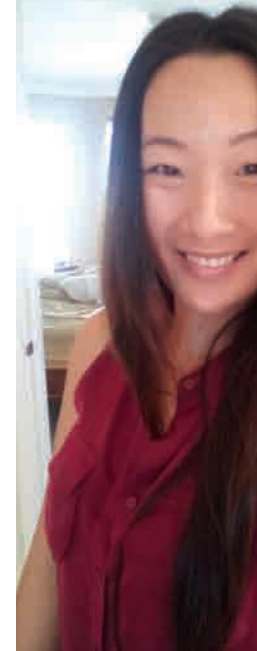
Stephanie believes that she achieved so well because she was focussed on doing the best that she could. 'Being busy kept me going, and doing a lot of different things stopped me from becoming a zombie' Stephanie reflects.

Stephanie attributes a lot of her success to her "cheer squad" (family and friends) who were so supportive and so encouraging! And she has loads of people to thank: her teachers (primary and secondary), her beautiful friends, family and even strangers in the street.

Stephanie is planning to study a mixture of psychology, philosophy, environmental science, architecture, and biomedical science at UWA, as a step towards strengthening the local and global community.

And a message from Stephanie to all those going through year 12 and their exams: 'share with the examiner who you are. Making your responses interesting by yourself being interested in what you are writing gives the marker something to remember and fundamentally something to grade higher. They have to mark thousands of papers- you want to write one they remember!'

Two from



SMART LOCAL STARS

Lucy Barton of Lesmurdie SHS

Roleystone's Lucy Barton of Lesmurdie SHS topped off a very successful year with a Certificate of Excellence and superb final year scores.

Here is her story:

'Last year I completed my final year of school at Lesmurdie Senior High School; this long feared final year seemed to pass by in a flash. After spending an eye-opening two weeks at the National Youth Science Forum with 143 students from around Australia, I entered year 12 with a positive and determined frame of mind; a good one to be in when starting year 12. To my pleasure I finished this hectic year with an ATAR score of 98.25, and at graduation I was awarded a \$1000 scholarship for Curtin University, Top Student Awards for Economics, Italian and Biology, a Certificate of Excellence and the Rotary Ethics award. I also finished the year with a relaxing leavers and a rewarding trip to Malaysia, where a group of students and I put together a library for a kindergarten in Ipoh. I cannot deny that I have walked away from my final year pleased with my achievements.

When I consider the factors that lead to me achieving my goals the most important thing that comes to mind is the idea of finding balance in year 12, and also a sense of motivation and desire to achieve. This is the hardest yet most important thing for year 12 students to do, find a healthy equilibrium between their social life, working, exercise,

quiet personal time and study.

It is important that all these things are factored in and correctly prioritized. I managed to study, maintain a social life (that disappeared around final exams), maintain a job, and also my horse-riding hobby. I had to accept the fact that study just had to take priority at certain times. I had a very determined and motivated attitude in year 12, I wanted to do well and I worked very hard to get there. It is to be remembered however that, yes, your ATAR is important, but it is NOT the end of the world, there is always a way to get where you want to be.

I would like to thank my parents for helping me this year, even when I was tired, grumpy or a bit fed up, they always support, help and encourage me. I would also like to thank all my friends, when I got stressed they always lightened my mood, made me laugh and supported me. All my teachers at school deserve a big thank you, they were great throughout the year, coming in on weekends, staying for after school tutorials, giving extra help and supporting all the year 12 students in this difficult year, especially with the extra distressing events that happened amongst our group this year.

This year I am planning to study at Curtin University, do a semester of science and then transfer to Chemical Engineering. I am very enthusiastic and



determined about being an engineer. I hope that I will be granted a scholarship and I am very excited to start university and try new and exciting things.'

Congratulations Lucy!



TARA PROCTER

Tara Procter shows that John Wollaston Anglican College also caters well for VET students.

She achieved a Certificate of Excellence plus numerous school based awards: In Year 11 she received the 'Excellence in VET Award' and the 'Workplace Learning Award (highest standard rate for workplace learning 1A/1B)', and this was followed in Year 12 by the 'West Scheme Excellence in VET Award' and the 'Highest Standard Rate for Workplace Learning 1C/1D' and was awarded a Veterans Award.

Tara believes that she succeeded because she always remained focused on her work and was clear in her goal to become an Early Childhood teacher. In 2012 she will be studying her: 'Diploma in Children's Services' at TAFE and then will move across to studying for her Early Childhood Teaching Degree.

'I would like to thank our family friend, Kath Webster, for her help, and a really big thank you to Mr Anderson (my VET teacher) for all his support and encouragement. I would also like to thank John Wollaston School for providing the Vocational Education and Training Course.' Tara said.

And a comment from Anne Ford Principal at John Wollaston Anglican College: 'Both Kimberly and Tara worked diligently to achieve their goals. Each made a strong contribution to the School and thoroughly deserves their success!'

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Victoria is Aiming for NASA

Victoria Arrowsmith, who scored an admission rank of 96.05 plus was awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the Curriculum Council, is planning to attend UWA to study physics.

She is hoping to one day work for NASA or the European Space Agency as a scientist or as an astronaut. She is aware that career opportunities in the space industry have dropped recently due to the Global Financial Crisis but hopefully conditions will have improved by the time she has finished her university degree.

Victoria attended Penrhos College and was awarded with a Certificate of Academic Excellence and Certificate of Outstanding Academic Performance from Penrhos College plus she was the Vice Captain-Treasurer of the school. Victoria reflected on why she achieved such great results:

'I think I performed so well last year mostly because I enjoyed what I was learning. I was taking subjects that I was interested in, so it wasn't hard to study for them because I liked what I was being taught. It is a lot easier to study for subjects that you are interested in than subjects you are only taking because your parents told you to or because everyone else was taking it.'

'I think it also helps if you don't dedicate the entire year to school work or study. I made sure that I had time to hang out with friends or go out on weekends to enjoy myself and I think this ensured that I still had enough focus and patience left for study at the end of the year because I hadn't used it all up at the beginning of the year.' Victoria attributes her great results to many factors: 'I would like to thank Penrhos College for such an amazing high school experience. Everyone there was very encouraging and did their absolute best to ensure that we all received the best education possible



and also had a great time.'

'I would also like to thank my year six maths teacher Mr Judge, who taught me at Roleystone District High School. I think that I learnt more maths that year than I did in Year 12.'

'Lastly I would like to thank my family for all their amazing support, particularly my older sister Megan who gave me piles of notes from her time in year 12, my dad who always encouraged me to put effort into my schoolwork whenever I gave up, and lastly to my mum for being there for me and listening to my complaints about school and how much I was dreading exams, and for calming me down whenever I went into stress mode and was ready to give up.'

Congratulations Victoria.

LUMEN CONGRATULATES EMILY AND MELINDA

Lumen Christi had 12 students with scores in the 90's, 10 of which were above 95, the highest being 98.3. Two Roleystone girls were amongst the highest academic achievers in the Class of 2011 at Lumen Christi College.

Delighted to receive ATAR scores above 90 Melinda Joseph and Emily Craig-Wadham are now excited at the prospect of starting their university courses. For Emily this is a Bachelor of Design course at UWA, on completion of which she plans to undertake a Masters in Architecture. Melinda's results have earned her a place at UWA to study science as a stepping stone towards the postgraduate pathway into Medicine.

The staff at Lumen Christi congratulate both girls, thank them for the contributions they have made to the College, and wish them well in their future endeavours.



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ASHLEY EXCELLS IN VET

Roleystone student Rebecca Murray) and the KSHS Board of Excellence Award. Her achievements meant she was awarded an Honour Certificate to be inducted into the Honour Society at Kelmscott Senior High School.

'The reason I think I did so well is the constant support I had from family and teachers surrounding me. I also have been the type of person where I want to achieve the best I can so I just try my hardest to get results. From my awards and success I can finally see that it paid off as well,' said Ashley.

Ashley now plans to work in the area of Property Management at Brendan Leahy Real Estate. She started two weeks ago and is thoroughly enjoying it. She had had the opportunity to do work experience at BLRE over her two final years at high school.

Ashley is also hoping to travel to Europe over the next few years to face a range of new experiences.

'There are many people I need to thank for getting me to where I am and with the success I have been given. My Mum and sisters have definitely been the big help that has got me through school. My Mum was telling me every time before I had a test "As long as you try your best, that's all that matters".'

'My teachers at Kelmscott Senior High School also were a big part of my success and a special thanks to Mrs Rigby who made me achieve more than I ever thought I could. I would highly recommend the Workplace Learning program at Kelmscott Senior High School as I found it to be the most rewarding and worthwhile course for Year 11 and 12.'

Well done Ashley.

social life but we always encouraged each other to do well.'

Alex has been offered a place at UWA for a Bachelor of Science majoring in Physics.

Whether it was nature or nurture, Alex believes he needs to thank his parents and his teachers both primary and high because every one of them was vital in providing the steps in his education.

'I couldn't have achieved what I did without them.' *Well done Alex.*



Ashley Goad from Kelmscott Senior High School achieved a Certificate of Excellence with over 16 A's over year 11 and 12.

At the graduation ceremony she was surprised when she was awarded 3 different awards: Top student for stage 1 English, Workplace Learning (which she shared with best friend another

ALEX NAIRN

Alex Nairn scored 99.30 in his ATAR! He also achieved his goal of straight "A"s in years eleven and twelve!

This allowed him to become a member of the Sphinx Society (a rewards program for high academic achievers at Perth Modern). He was also awarded an Engineers Australia Certificate for achieving a score of 75 or greater in Physics 3A/3B, Chemistry 3A/3B, Mathematics 3C/3D, and Mathematics: Specialist 3C/3D (school based, end of year twelve award), and was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by the Curriculum Council.

'I do not think I would have done as well as I did if I hadn't gone to Perth Modern.'

'The staff are excellent and my teachers always encouraged me to work hard and achieve my potential.'

'But the best part of Perth Modern is the students. I have made so many friends there and had a very active

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Pictured above right: locals Anthony Caccetta discusses grape sales with Larry Ierace

Right: Long term orchardists Tony Begovich with Kim Bettenay.



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Mike & Linda.



Pictured: Gary Smith owner of the Manse Restaurant is pictured with his good friend Kim (of Kim Valley Chinese Restaurant.)

Gary has just won the Over 25 Citizen of the Year for the City of Armadale.

Gary Smith Wins Citizen of The Year

Congratulations to Gary Smith, owner of the Manse Restaurant in Armadale, the 2012 winner of the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a person 25 years and over in The City of Armadale.

Gary is not only active in the business world and a wonderful chef and caterer; he has also been active across the community in a wide range of ways. Gary was nominated for his constant sponsorship of schools, community events, sporting groups, non-profit organisations. He has unwaveringly supported groups across the area by helping, sponsoring, cooking and supplying staff.

Gary gives assistance to Rotary, the Lions Club, Meals on Wheels, Foster Care Program and Football Clubs across the area. He has worked in the City of Armadale since 1989. Gary is a worthy and popular winner. PS The only thing that could cap off this wonderful win is if his beloved Dockers win the premiership in 2012! (As IF!!!!) Well done Gary.



Roleystone's Pat Hart Wins this Year's Environmental Award



Pat Hart is passionate about the environment. This passion was recognised when she was awarded the Environmental Award at the City of Armadale Awards on Australia Day.

She has been involved with all forms of Landcare and has had a particular interest in the health of our rivers.

Pat has helped in the establishment of numerous land care groups including the Armadale-Gosnells Landcare Group and the Canning Catchment Coordinating Group and has been a member of these and other groups over many years. She has also served our community as a Jarrah Ward Councillor until the end of 2011.

She has been a driving force across the Roleystone Community for over 30 years in many areas but her true love was always the Environment.

Congratulations on this well deserved honour Pat.

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Editorial

LINDA MOORE

FEBRUARY 2012

Welcome to the first Courier for 2012. January seems to be a month of high achievers. This month's edition is full of people who have been recognised for their achievements.

I was very pleased to see an Order of Australia being granted to John

Christmass for his lifetime devotion to music in the area.

Our local area was again well represented at the City of Armadale Premier's Australia Day Awards with Pat Hart winning the Environmental Award and Penny Walmsley nominated for her work with the local schools and the amalgamation.

Gary Smith, of the Manse in Armadale, was recognised as the Citizen of the Year. In my role I often attend public and community events and I often see Gary at these events, working in the background.

As a business owner there is often extra 'expectations' placed on businesses to donate time, services and money. Small business are often targeted to help out, and this aspect is important to support not for profit groups across a community. In the current economic climate this has become even more of a burden.

Gary is one who has given his time and donated his services willingly and unconditionally. In my understanding he has never sought recognition for his efforts. So it is wonderful to see his contributions recognised.

This editon also showcases some brilliant performances from final year school students. On pages 6 - 9, I have displayed stories from some of the best academic performers from our town. These young people come from across the range of schools in our area; private and public schools are represented.

Well done to the schools and to all of the teachers who have been involved in their education.

Their stories and aspirations in many cases are as inspirational as their results. My congratulations to these young people and particular recognition of their parents who have done such a fine job in raising them to this point.

One aspect of this edition that is not so pleasing is that this summer holiday period has seen a rash of very badly behaved young people causing damage across the centre of our town.

The vandalism has been senseless and repeated - so that the owners of the shops, the City of Armadale and those dedicated locals who donate their time to local clubs, are getting increasingly frustrated. (See the letters on page 14).

A recent event where the perpetrators threw tiles down from the roof at the staff in the shopping centre below seems to be exceptionally malicious.

The questions are again being asked: where are their parents, are they aware and are they going to take responsibility for their children's actions?

So if anyone knows who these young people are, please let the authorities know as their misbehaviour cannot be allowed to continue.

As we enter February, every hills resident turns their minds to the ever present summer threat of bushfires. Last year's horrific fires are a constant reminder to householders to 'be prepared'.

Late summer rains and a cool start to summer are now a distant memory. This last week of soaring temperatures has created the tinder box conditions that can allow our bush to erupt.

A story on page 31 from Rohan Carboon, alerts us to basing our prevention strategies on research and evidence rather than on opinion. This seems very wise to me. I also welcome the review on 'burning off rules' to be introduced this year by the City of Armadale to allow householders to better control their property's fuel loads (See Cr Grant Nixon's report on page 41.)

For too long those of us on smaller blocks within our area have been hamstrung with regard to bushfire prevention during the winter months because of unwieldy restrictions. It is great to see those in authority being proactive.

Another revelation in this edition is in Helen Morton's article on page 39 announcing that new homes will soon have underground power connections. This is welcome news in an area where there is constant threat of fires sparked by faulty overhead power lines and the ever present 'power failures' caused by tree damage. Plus many households will welcome the cost saving of not having to cut back garden and trees overhanging the connection lines. Of course it would be great if all of our power went underground but I fear that the cost of laying underground power across the hills could be prohibitive!

So enjoy the February 2012 edition. I had a wonderful time putting it together.

Happy reading.
Linda

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Thanks guys for your friendly service, you both I felt, went well outside the boundaries and left me with a totally professional finish and are a credit to your profession.

My family and I have lived in the Roleystone area for about 7 years now and we are very pleased to be part of this wonderful community.

Regards Ty Meads

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PARKING AT OUR SHOPPING CENTRE

I love shopping in Roleystone and I always find the car park on the west side of the Shopping Centre (near the Liquor store) so convenient. But I get really frustrated that other users do not follow the arrows. It is clearly marked that the entry is off Jarrah Road and the exit is out to Wygonda Road. But nearly every time I go to use this car park others are not following the arrows. Please do so to ensure the safety of others.

Audrey

PS I find the same thing with the lane entry near the garage. Too often I see cars using this 'as an exit' which is very dangerous. Its prime purpose is for trade vehicles and cars exiting from the carpark. You cannot see them until it is too late! Ed

THANKS FOR HELPING RESCUE OUR DOG

Thank you to all the kind people who stopped to try to rescue our black dog from the roundabout on the corner of Jarrah and Wygonda Roads on the 2 occasions she managed to get out. A special thank you to Julie who worked out how to get her home. Hopefully we have blocked any possible escape routes. Unfortunately she has become scared of thunder.

Diana Auckland

MILLY WAS SERIOUSLY HURT ON CROYDEN ROAD

On Monday morning, January 16th, Milly was hit by a car.

Milly is my 9 months old puppy that I brought from the shelter only 3 months ago.

I was working in Genesis's garden. Milly was with me all morning. And then she was not.

The next thing I know is that I heard a loud knock, then an even louder scream and an accelerating noise of a car hurrying away from the injured dog on Croyden Road.

I was there within 5 seconds. She was lying unconscious on the road. If I had not arrived there so quickly another car would

have run her over.

I know it is my fault letting her run free so close to Croyden Road. I have been blaming myself since. BUT – I am angry. I am very angry at the driver who just left a living creature on the road without even stopping to check if she was alive or dead. Most dogs have a collar with their name and contact number (which Milly has got too), but the driver did not try this either.

Milly was in hospital for 5 days suffering multiple fractures. She has a very long way to recover.

To the driver I want to say:

I hope that you will never have to suffer the pain, sadness and helplessness, watching family, friends and loved ones in their suffering moments. I hope no one of your family, friends and loved one's will go through such an accident and will be left alone to die.'

Milly would like to tell you that she hopes you will never have a dog or any other pet member of the family – for the pet's own good.

And I hope also that you and other drivers will drive slower on this (and other) roads.

*Ita Goldberger
Milly is pictured at left.*



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Letters to the editor

PARENTS - DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TEENAGERS ARE?

Over January a wide range of malicious and dangerous acts of vandalism have occurred across central Roleystone.

On a recent evening, night fill staff at IGA were unable to leave the building as two juveniles were hurling tiles down from the roof. These young people also managed to inflict extensive damage across the shopping centre. This has proved very expensive to shop owners and inconvenient to patrons.

The owners wish to let the perpetrators and their parents know that they intend to follow this up exhaustively and their preference is that these young people are found and made to pay for their actions.

SENSELESS DESTRUCTION ON THE BOWLING GREENS

Recently the spate of senseless vandalism that has hit out town has also harmed The Roleystone Country Club and our Bowling Greens.

We were told that on Sunday evening the police were called to move on some young people behaving in an undesirable manner from either the skate park or the oval which they did. It appears they came down to the Country Club and climbed onto our verandah and threw two glass topped tables over the side breaking them. They also smashed drink bottles and tried to make a Molotov cocktail from a plastic bottle of Turpentine. The turps didn't ignite but approximately 2 square metres of grass on the green was killed by the chemical.

We cleaned up the glass and mess on Monday morning. We had a meeting at

A SPATE OF VANDALISM

The two juveniles involved in the tile throwing incident were described as between 14 - 17 years of age one blonde and one with darker curly hair. They were riding on a 50cc peewee motor bike. (NB More recently five individuals were observed: 3 male & 2 female).

All incidents have been reported fully to police and Armadale police have indicated that they will be having an increased police presence in the area.

And a word to anyone who knows who the perpetrators are:

'Your community is being damaged by a few individuals. The last thing we want is vigilante squads. Parents please be responsible for the actions of your children.'

Concerned Shop Owners and Staff
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the club on Monday night which went on till 9.00pm. We found the next day that someone had returned after our meeting and more damage was done, markers and corner flags were broken and scattered on the greens.

Then a week later on Monday night they struck again. This time only a glass topped table thrown from the verandah and a tin of cat food spread around!!

Before Christmas we have had flower heads torn off and left strewn about and the Australian flag was stolen.

Everything and each occasion has been reported to the police, it would seem that a better police presence is needed urgently in Roleystone to stop this and the burnt kids play area from re-happening.

John Smith
Roleystone Bowling Club

A RESPONSE FROM THE ARMADALE POLICE

Hopefully the letters on this page may encourage witnesses to come forward or contact police to assist us with our enquiries. Readers are reminded that the contact numbers are: 131444 for information or alternatively Crime Stoppers on 1300 888 000.

In a small community these type of offences are generally committed by locals or friends and relatives staying with locals, especially over the school holiday period. Normally someone will know who the offenders are; it is just a question of whether they will speak up - even if it is anonymously.

The question for the 'silent residents' is: are you happy for these few offenders to alter your lifestyle? If you are not, then at the very least you need to pass on information

that you know to police so they can assist you maintain your chosen lifestyle and disrupt / intervene these offenders.

We have increased patrols in the area, however police cannot be on every street 24/7 and we rely on residents to communicate their concerns and observations. The Neighbourhood Watch aims are very relevant in communities like Roleystone where residents combined in purpose can also deter offenders often as much as police patrols.

Please go to www.nhw.wa.gov.au and www.police.wa.gov.au offer further information.

John Bouwman
Senior Sergeant Officer in Charge
Armadale Police Station



Just after Christmas many across Roleystone were horrified to hear of the tragic death of a young lady in a car accident on Urch Road. Tiffany Flavel's young life was taken far too early, when she succumbed to fatigue on this treacherous road. Our condolences to the family.

Tiffany Viola Marie Flavel

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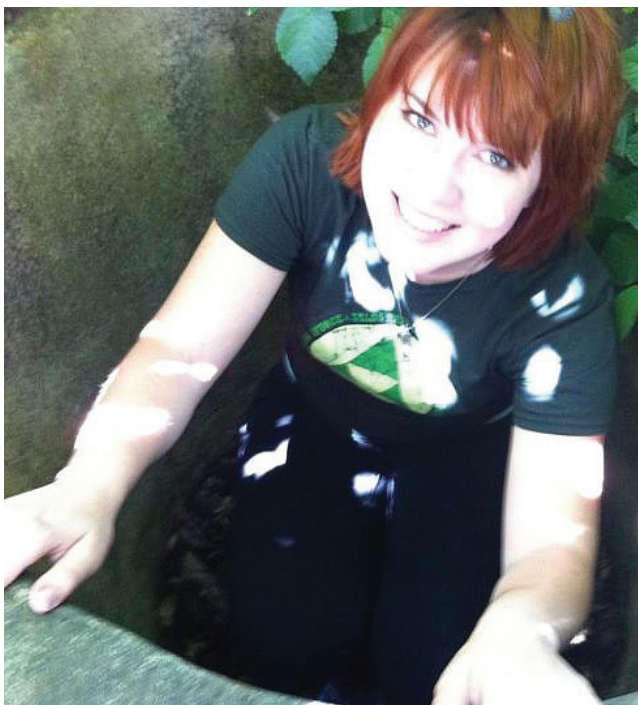
DIED 27TH DECEMBER 2011

At times like this, words can fall short of what we want to say. We find ourselves trying to express, not just our grief - but also our joy and thankfulness that Tiffany has been a part of our world.

Tiffany was vibrant and quirky and her earthly journey ended suddenly on Tuesday the 27th December, 2011 – leaving everyone who knew her in shock and grief. Her departure is hard to comprehend – she has left this world too soon, with so many things left unsaid....things not yet achieved or completed. There was so much she was looking forward to..... new and exciting things in her future. Tragically, it now feels as though her 'book' has been closed several chapters too early.....we look for rhyme or reason but sometimes.....life just isn't fair.

Tiffany was born in Naracoorte in South Australia on the 19th November, 1990 to parents Marc and Christine.

Having moved to Perth and settling in Kelmscott in 1994, Tiffany commenced school in 1996 at Westfield



Park Primary and went on to Kelmscott Senior High.

Tiffany along with her family moved to Roleystone in 2006 and she had many friends within the Roleystone area.

Tiffany and her Mum had been working side by side at the family owned Baker's Delight in Bentley for the past 2 years and it is here they learnt to enjoy each other, not just as Mother and Daughter but as two friends, pulling together to achieve a common goal.

It hasn't always been easy – there's been lots of early hours and hard work, but this time has been a precious gift for Christine as she watched her daughter really blossom, especially over the past few months, she was on a real high. Tiffany's favourite saying was "Don't forget to be Awesome!" Sadly on the morning of the 27th of December, fatigue, whilst driving home for a well-earned sleep, took Tiffany's life. Tiffany will be dearly missed by all but especially her loving brother Nathaniel and loving sister Eliza and of course Mum and Dad.

We are still numb from our loss and no doubt, that numbness will be with us for a while to come. We are dealing with this tragedy daily, together and the hurt is becoming less.

The recent tragic event would have been that much harder if it had not been for so many people, family and friends, giving us support and encouragement.

We would like to express our heartfelt thank you for your flowers, cards, phone calls of support, your visits, laughs and encouragement that has helped us through this difficult time. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Roleystone Community Church, for their wonderful help on the day of the funeral making a difficult and sad day a little easier to get through.

As Leonardo da Vinci once said, "As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well used brings happy death."

Tiffany is amongst the stars now looking down on us all, smiling as she always did.

Marc and Christine Flavel.

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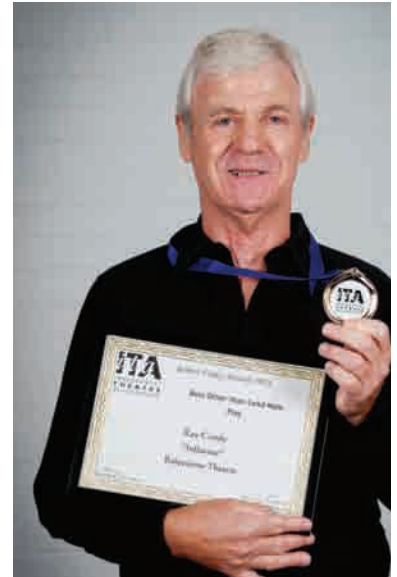
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In this year's state wide Finley Awards, recognising the best in Theatre, Roleystone Theatre again did very well with both Little Women and Influence being short listed in the Award for Best Musical and the Robert Finley Award for Best Play respectively. Two actors from the theatre were successful in winning their categories: Ray Condy for best other than lead male in a play for his role in Influence and Emma Davis for best other than lead female in a Musical for her role in Little Women.


Zyg Woltersdorf



Above: Award winner Ray Condy at the Finley awards: for best other than lead male in a play, for his role in Influence.



Left: Emma Davis with her award for best other than lead female in a Musical, for her role in Little Women.



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I would like to thank the City of Armadale for their support over the last year. And now The Roleystone Theatre has been lucky enough to have been supplied with new roofing and garden improvements. The work on the new roof has commenced (see the picture above.) Council will also be fully reticulating the entire front garden of the Theatre & in March they will plant all new tube stock. This will also be serviced every eight weeks by the contractors. With the new roof going on & a new front garden, we are going to have an amazing new look. We have been very fortunate over the years with so many things being rectified. This certainly assures our future for many years to come.

President Zyg



TIM AND GARY FROM K5 AT LAST YEAR'S CONCERT

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We have a wide range of music this year. Top local Roleystone Music Club bands including: "Beatz Wurkin", "Never2L8" and "Hawkstone" will be playing.

So on Sunday 19 March, the Roleystone Musicians Club will have a range of local groups performing, at the Roleystone Primary School Oval, from 5pm - 8pm. Residents are invited to bring camping chairs, blankets and of course a picnic! Come and enjoy the musical ambience. Check out Roleystone.net.au for updates.

Concert in the Park

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20 Years of Memories The Cabin'

It is 20 years since Pamela Smith officially started Roleystone Wildlife Hospital, although she had been caring for wildlife for 6 - 7 years prior to this. Pam worked from home, making cakes to sell at the shopping centre, attending fairs, giving educational talks; anything that was needed to raise money to feed the wildlife in her care.

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PAM AND A WALLABY
COMMENT NEWS 1993



SYL COOPER & PAM

Things improved when 'Protection of the Earth & Wildlife' sponsored Roleystone Wildlife Hospital and Pam received some much needed funding.

She had a transportable building placed in her garden to create some extra space for the wildlife in her care. This transportable building became known as 'The Cabin'. Things grew rapidly and Pam had many home carers helping her which involved her dashing all over the place to keep track of everything.

It became obvious that more space was needed to provide flight aviaries, pre-release ro pens, duck ponds and other structures but Pam's search for a larger property was difficult. The owner of Cohunu Wildlife Park (then situated on Mills Rd East) then offered her an area to use.

'The Cabin' and 2 aviaries were moved to the property and power connected to enable hot boxes to be used. There was no water or telephone. 'The Cabin' was very cramped with hot boxes, a fridge, a bench and a sink (without water) and of course lots of people.

Three volunteers started working with Pam, carrying in bottles of water to make the joey's milk and fill water dishes. (As cars were parked a distance from the hospital this limited how much water could be carried.) Dishes and bottles were washed in a creek and any other washing was taken home. Joeys were kept at the trout farm at the other side of the park and toilet facilities were at the opposite end of the park so we all did a lot of walking.

Pam's husband worked weekends on construction and her nephews worked most days throughout the summer laying paving slabs and building large aviaries. Eventually the water and a telephone were connected; there were

workable buildings, lots more volunteers and 'The Cabin' became a place for a sit down and a cuppa. One volunteer, Ken, was a retired man who came in almost daily to handle construction, fencing and all sorts of work and he quickly became 'Mr Fix It'.

Pam committed 24/7 to wildlife and was also active in fundraising, education and training and worked at Cohunu 2 days per week to help pay the Hospital bills. Pam thought that volunteers were precious and should always be treated that way. She held Christmas parties, gave presents, put on lunches and held training sessions. Everything, including the daily shifts, were FUN and a pleasure to attend. Pam was named Citizen of the Year for her work with wildlife. Sadly in 2004 Pam decided that she had 'had enough' and handed the role of Hospital Coordinator on, though she did stay on for 6 months in an advisory capacity. She is still happy today to help carers with wildlife advice. There was a name change from Roleystone Wildlife Hospital to the Darling Range Wildlife Shelter and a relocation 'down the hill', but 'The Cabin' remains in use.

Well done Pam!!!

Syl Cooper



desperation. She also provides helpful information for anyone who deals with M.E. patients such as doctors, carers, friends and family members as well as patients themselves.

Jodi's book is mostly about how to make things better. It provides practical ways for patients and families to recognise what they are facing. This new book also provides information on how to test for M.E. for doctors, and guidelines for carers and includes some helpful check sheets to help patients measure their disability levels over time.

JODI WORKS THROUGH ADVERSITY

Bedfordale is home to a truly inspiring person; Jodi Bassett is a young person who has achieved as an artist and writer while suffering with a debilitating condition known as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME).

Jodi's illness has made life a real challenge. Despite suffering from this debilitating condition since 1995 at the age of 19, Jodi is able to spend time at a keyboard while lying down and has used this time to run an on-line world newsletter and website on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis. She has now completed a book on this subject entitled 'Caring for the M.E. Patient'.

The book outlines her story and how thousands of patients across Australia and the world undergo enormous suffering with M.E. Jodi describes how people's lives can be made worse by medical misdiagnosis which can leave them with suffering and a feeling of desperation. M.E. carries with it a social stigma and medical ignorance as despite patients suffering from a range of abnormalities which may be tested for, and the disease sometimes being fatal, they may be accused of suffering from an 'imaginary illness' as M.E. is often *incorrectly* said to be the same thing as 'Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.'

M.E. is an acute onset neurological disease which is similar to MS and polio and which occurs in epidemic and sporadic forms. Some of the symptoms that Jodi has include: disturbed sleep, headaches, cardiac problems (including POTS), neurological and cognitive dysfunctions, problems being upright and painful muscles and joints.

In her book Jodi reveals her own battles with the medical profession and how mistreatment has left her bedbound for the last decade. All of her writing has been done from her bed, using a reclining laptop stand, and Jodi is on average able to write for only a half hour per day. She has been too ill to leave the house for over 6 years, although her condition has recently begun improving very slowly.

She recounts some harrowing stories of disability and

Jodi has recently entered her creative art into an Art Exhibition. At left: this Hummingbird Egg is one of her many art works.



The forward to this book was written by Dr Byron Hyde of the Nightingale Research Foundation in Canada one of the world's most experienced M.E. experts. Dr Hyde writes: 'Jodi is a very courageous young woman. I recommend her book to all and wish it every best success.'

So how has Jodi managed to do this while in the grip of this illness: 'I try not to let all the awfulness that comes with having this condition get me down too much. M.E. is something you try to kick in the shins a few times and then quickly run away, rather than overcome through perseverance. It's that sort of thing, but still, small victories are still victories, that's for sure! That I have been able to write this book, bit by tiny bit over 7 years feels like a miracle. Some days I can't even read any of my own book I'm so ill, let alone believe I wrote any of it! I hope so much it'll help other M.E. patients not have to suffer as much as I did. That would be so wonderful.'

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Lily Makes 90!



On Sunday the 11th December family and friends, gathered together to celebrate Lilian Walton's 90th birthday, a resident of Hillendale Village. Her daughters Linda Mellors and Norma Smith organised a surprise birthday party at the Roleystone Country Club. Her family would like to thank everyone who made Lily's day a special one. Lilian is pictured with 6 of her 7 great grandchildren.

Well Done Penny



Congratulations to Ms Penny Walmsley for her nomination as Citizen of the Year at the recent City of Armadale Awards on Australia Day.

Penny is a silent achiever and was nominated for her unwavering dedication to local schools and the community of Roleystone; Penny always volunteers; if there is a need, she fills it without a second thought.

She has served as the President of the Parents & Citizens and was a Member of the Parent Consultative Group – formed to oversee the amalgamation of the Roleystone Primary & High Schools into the Roleystone Community College. Her work for the new school has been awesome.

Well done Penny for this well deserved recognition.

Thanks to Tracy Cogle for the photo.



Roley Theatre AGM

The AGM (where elections take place) is on Tuesday 21st February at 7:30pm. There will be a light supper to follow. All are invited.

We really need members to attend... not only to fill positions on the committee but also to share opinions and vote on motions.

Bree Hartley

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THANKS TO A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY

Thank you so much to the community for all the support we received in 2011. We have managed to increase our numbers from 18 to 29 since August with other people keen to join in the New Year. The committee has worked hard and finally all that hard work is paying off.

If you are thinking of joining come along! Your kids will love you for it.

We would also like to thank the Courier for publishing our regular contributions and some great photos of our kids enjoying the wide range of toys the Toy Library has to offer.

From our wonderful little toy library - Thank you. Kind regards,

Linda Schaudin and Peta Flynn

Roleystone Origins

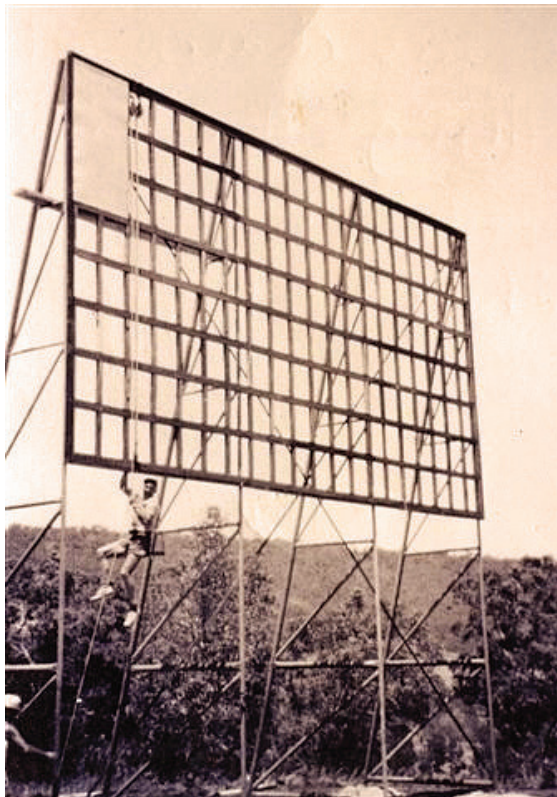
Following a recent request the following shows the origin of the naming of 'Roleystone':

The name comes for Rolleston Manor and township in England which is close to the ancestral town of Churchman the original landowner in the area. Thomas Buckingham purchased the land from Churchman and he mistakenly called it Roleystone.

'Charles Bisset Churchman, a single man came out on the Protector on the 26th February and applied for and was granted Location 32 of 5 559 acres which he named Rolleston possibly after his home village in Staffordshire'

page 9 of Settlement to City, Jennie and Bevan Carter.

Words From The Past



Roleystone once boasted one of the first Drive in Theatre's in the Southern Hemisphere. It was constructed by Colin Hatfield (see Colin mounting the screen in the photo left) and lasted as a theatre in Roleystone until the 1960's (and the equipment is still in operation in Exmouth today). Bob Hart has recently discovered some audio that theatre aficionados and local history lovers will find fascinating.

Here's a literal blast from the past straight out of the shed, more or less. Colin Hatfield still had two of his old 'Theatre Ads' disks in his shed. He kept them for the aluminium to make fencing straps and other handy things out of. The surfaces had deteriorated severely. I think there is also an Armadale Drive-in disk over at History House in better order. He had none of the old glass advertising slides though. I recall they used to take them back and rework them. Check them out on YouTube!

Anyway here is the link:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFYZgKIBtiI>

Bob Hart

Thank You

To the kind gentleman who found my purse in the Roleystone Shopping Centre carpark and turned it into the chemist about 3 weeks before Christmas. Thankyou very much. Sue@Roleystone Hardware.

Key Found

I live on Urch Road and sell my 'honky nut hill' eggs out the front. Some lovely person left me a bag of empty egg cartons and in it I found a key with 'Chas and Vera' written on it.

If you are the owner, I have the key. It fell out of the bag as I was gathering the cartons.

You can collect it or contact the Courier and they can pass on my number and I would be happy to bring it to you.

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Judgement Day

This January Phil Judge, the maths teacher at Roleystone District High school for a very long time, has achieved a major milestone – his sixtieth birthday. Still Phil's reign as the guru of mathematics at Roleystone may be ending soon – he is threatening to retire (but not yet)! Recently Phil's lovely wife Ruth threw a party for "The Judge" attended by a range of old friends, family and even a few appreciative students. Phil is pictured above left with two of these students: Ashley and Hayley Goad who helped out with the catering on the night. Above right: present and former staff members catch up: Daniel Holliday, Kylie Bottcher and Laurie Smoker share some yarns. Below: also present were Roger Mills (who has been teaching at Roleystone for 11 years) with his wife and former Roleystone girl Leisel.



Josh Zoltan Bosnyak Arrives

Chris and Lucy Bosnyak are very proud to announce the safe arrival of "JOSH ZOLTAN", born on Tuesday 10th January weighing in at 8lbs. Luke, Brendan and Evelyn are very excited to have a new baby brother as are the rest of our families. A big Thank You goes to Dr Chris Gunnell and all the staff at Attadale Hospital. The Bosnyak family are pictured above.





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Donna 'the blonde' is 50!

Happy fiftieth to Donna Allender. Donna had her party on the 23rd December as her birthday is on Christmas Day. Donna's family came from Queensland and New Zealand to help her celebrate. Readers will know Donna and Mark from Roley Cabs.

Roley Celebrations



WELCOME JAKE

Andrew Elliott, Michelle Atkinson and Alex recently welcomed into the world Jake Anthony Elliott on 06.12.11. He was born at 4.21 am in Armadale Hospital weighing 7 lb 15 oz. Jake is settling in wonderfully. Michelle announced 'We couldn't be happier'. Plus grandparents David (our weatherman!) and Jacquie Elliott are very proud too!



ELLA IS CHRISTENED

Ella Grace Macneall was born on 29 December 2010 and she lives with her Mum and Dad in Byford (Rebecca and James Macneall). Ella was recently christened in Roleystone. Ella is the granddaughter of Wendy and Allen Cross. Wendy works at Stokes & Associates and made Ella's christening gown. Above: Ella with mum Rebecca Macneall and Dad James Macneall with Rev. Lesley Borowitzka. Below: Ella is being held by her God Parents: Gregg Barnard, Abbey Cross and Carly Cross.





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Australia Day Quiz

Each Year our family does an Australia Day Quiz. Below is this year's quiz. See next page for answers (these may be open to interpretation (You can bet the family certainly 'Queried' a few!)

- In the recent Australian 20/20 cricket competition what was the name of the Perth team and their captain?
- Who was the Swan River colony's bushranger (well great escape artist actually)!
- What was Hay Street in Kalgoorlie most famous for?
- The survivors from the sinking of 'The Zytorp' were marooned on what coastal islands?
- What valuable gem or resource are the following towns famous for:
Broome
Coober Pedy
Kalgoorlie
Argyll
- What electorate is represented by the Premier of Western Australia and the Leader of the Opposition?
- Name the state that invented the following beers:
Cascade
XXXX
VB
Swan Lager
- Where is the sacred site of the Wagyle (The Rainbow Serpent)?
- Finish this famous Aussie advert: Football, Meatpies, Kangaroos and
- Which river is the most northerly: Gascoyne, Murchison, Fortescue, DeGrey?
- What sport did Cazaly play?
- Which of these inventions was not Australian:
The Hills Hoist
The FJ Holden Car
The Bionic Ear
The Sarich Engine
- Which Prime Minister died while in office after going into the surf?
- Eric Edgar Cook was famous for what reason?
- Which famous Australian was named British Australian of the Year 2012 and which famous lady did he beat?
- Which famous Western Australian invented the wobble board?
- Finish the song lyric: I come from the land down under 'Where.....'
- and
- Where is Bon Scott buried (and what did he die of) (and who was he anyway?)
- What major event happened at the Montebello Islands meaning that no-one could travel there for over twenty years?
- What was supposed to be at Lassetter's Reef?
- What WA town has at its entrance, a big sheep?
- Vance is to Exmouth and Orson is to Karratha like Tracy is to _____?
- What major event put the little town of Meckering on the map in 1968?
- What momentous event happened on the 14th February 1966?
- Who said 'Well may they say God Save the Queen but nothing is going to save the Governor General'?
- Where was the current Prime Minister of Australia born?
- Where on the Western Australian mainland can you see the sun both set and rise over the ocean?
- What are the colours of the four wiggles?
- Why did 'The man from Ironbark' think he had his bloomin' throat cut'?
- Who thought Rottneest was the rottenest island in the world?
- Does the sun rise first in Kununurra, Esperance, Useless loop or Broome?
- Which WA town has the record for the most days over the old 100 (160 days)!
- Why did Perth get the name the 'City of Lights' in 1962?
- Who was Australia's first winner of a Winter Olympic Gold Medal?
- Who wrote these words written by: 'a thumbnail dipped in tar?'
"Clancy's gone to Queensland droving and we don't know where he are."
- Who won the 2011 Coleman medal and with what score?
- Name 3 countries who celebrate a National holiday on January 26?
- How many footballers have won the Brownlow more than once, and how many three times?
- Who is the only person to have been awarded both The Young Australian of the Year and the Australian of the year awards?
- What was Sir Donald Bradman's batting average? And what is Rickey Ponting's batting average?



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Author unknown but acknowledged

Australia Day Quiz: Answers

1. Perth Scorchers, Marcus North 2. Moondyne Joe 3. Brothels, 4. Abroholos Islands 5. Pearls, Opals, Gold, Diamonds 6. Premier Cottesloe Leader of the Opposition, Rockingham, 7. Tasmania, Queensland, Victoria, Perth, 8. The Swan Brewery site on the Swan River/Herrison Island 9. And Holden cars 10. The de Grey River, 11. AFL (VFL) Football, 12. The FJ Holden Car 13. Harold Holt 14. Perth based murderer and the last person hung in WA. 15. Barry Humphries and he beat Dame Edna Everage 16. Rolph Harris 17. Where women glow and men chunder 18. Fremantle, alcohol poisoning, lead singer of AC/DC 19. British Nuclear testing 20. Gold 21. Wagin 22. Darwin 23. Earth quake 24 Introduction of decimal currency. 25 Gough Whitlam 26. CWMGWRACH Wales 27. at least at the Exmouth light house and Useless Loop Shark Bay 28. Red, Yellow, Green and Purple 29. The barber put a hot razor on his throat. 30. Paul McCartney 31. Kununurra 32. Marble Bar 33. They turned on the lights for astronaut John Glenn 34. Steven Bradbury 35. Banjo Patterson 36. Buddy Franklin 71 37. India - Independence day, Vietnam-Tet day and Australia. 38. 10 and 4: J 39. Cathy Freeman 40. 99.93 and 52.5

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Is this true? In the past I have had an ankle nipped and track suit torn by 'friendly dogs.' I would have thought that the City of Armadale would have some liability if anybody was bitten in this situation, let alone the owner.

On the next lap to the owner's credit the dog was on the lead. As I ran past they asked: 'Are you happy now?' It was not a polite inquiry. Too much hostility, I thought so I went away for nearly half an hour hoping they would be gone. No such luck. As I walked up Jarrah Road the same people and dogs

were there. The dog was not on its lead. The dog promptly chased and nearly caught a Bronze Wing pigeon. Almost immediately afterward it ran straight across Jarrah Road to accost a dog which was on a lead.

I have been using Cross Park for sport and fitness for nearly fifty years. When the oval was levelled in the sixties, I helped replant the grass and moved sprinklers. I levelled out a new practice wicket in the seventies and helped install light towers in more recent times. This does not give me extra rights but I believe I have a right to an opinion.

If my knowledge of history is correct Mr Cross donated the land to 'the people of Roleystone' - not their dogs. Should I have to exercise with the risk of out of control dogs and their owners who think they know their rights but have no clue of their responsibilities?

Or should I carry a hockey stick?

Geoff Mitchell

Roleystone Theatre Awards 2011

ROLEYS

Paul Treasure

For: Finley nomination at last!

Paul Treasure

For: 2011 Christmas Concert, dressed all in red... enter stage right chimney!

Ann Sims

For: Dropping the chicken at the Christmas Concert.

Jason Grima

For: Website and online ticketing.

Steph Lowe Orchestra Little Women

For: Changing instruments part way through the run and making it up and down the ladder though afraid of heights.

Bree Hartley, Peter Carr and Priscilla Cornelius

For: trying to outdo each other in historical accuracy during Little Women.

Cassie Skinner

For: split personality syndrome. She stood in for people missing from rehearsals and knew the lines of every female character in Little Women!

GOLD ROLEY

Peter 'Pear' Carr

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Grumblebum and the Tricky Witch - Peter Gregory as Maude Crumble

Little Women - Kimberley Harris as Josephine March

Winner:

Kimberley Harris - Little Women

To Live or Just Exist

Last year, on my birthday, I foolishly boasted that, at 67 I had never broken a bone in my body. The next week I fell up a step in the Theatre and broke my arm.

It never occurred to me to blame anyone - these things happen if you live your life and embrace opportunities as they crop up. How have we allowed the lawyers and insurance companies to hijack our lives?

How has it happened that we are almost forced into a "cotton wool" existence or face the threat of litigation?

I see that in Britain, people are told that they may not have street parties unless they have insurance. In New York (and soon in Australia) people may not smoke in their own homes for fear that neighbours will take them to court. Now, with our cheek to jowl existence in apartments (whatever happened to flats?) even smoking outdoors

is almost an illegal act.

Now, young people are forced to use chemical stimuli because physical activity is frowned upon. I can't run a simple event in the local shopping centre without a copy of my Public Liability Insurance being provided.

When I consider the freedoms that I had, as a child, a teenager and an adult and I compare the restrictions we are now forced to accept, I could almost weep.

Somehow the lucky country, the land of opportunity has gone; where adventure and rugged mateship have been lost to timidity and fear.

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Temporary Closure of History House

The History House Museum will be closed from Sunday 20 January 2012 as upgrade works take place.

The museum will re-open its door on Thursday 1 March for school groups and visitors. History House has also successfully received funding of \$18,640 from Lotterywest which will enable *Creating a Sense of Home*, a much anticipated new exhibition.

For more information on any of the City's summer programs visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or contact 9399 0642.

Baby Rhyme Time

As part of the Better Beginnings family literacy program, Baby Rhyme Time is on at 10:30am at Armadale Library on the first Wednesday of each month, and at 10:30am at Seville Grove Library on the third Friday of each month.

The sessions are specifically for children aged 0 – two and encourage an early love of language, rhymes and songs.

This program helps babies build a firm foundation for learning to read.

For further information visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or contact Armadale Library on 9399 0125, or Seville Grove Library on 9399 0800.

Storytime with Armadale's Mayor

On Tuesday 14 February, 10:30am at the Armadale Library, Armadale Central Shopping Centre Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones & Fergus the Frog will be launching the National Year of Reading 2012 and your children could be part of it.

Help Armadale become a City of readers when Armadale Library launches National Year of Reading 2012 on Tuesday 14 February. The National Year of Reading 2012 is about children learning to read and keen readers of all ages finding new sources of

inspiration.

The program is focused on helping people discover and rediscover the magic of books. Nearly 50% of Australians cannot read fluently. Encouraging local children and adults to participate in activities that develop and strengthen their literacy skills and passion for books is an initiative the City is proud to promote. The City's libraries will be holding numerous FREE sessions and events throughout the year to celebrate the age-old tradition of storytelling.

Kaitlin and Sam Achieve their Scout Medallion



Recently Kaitlin and Sam finished off their Scout Medallion which is the highest award given to Scouts (aged 11-15 Yrs). To achieve this award the Scouts need to do a variety of activities and for Kaitlin and Sam this has been done with a great deal of commitment.

Sam organised for the Group to recycle spectacles and Kaitlin held an information session on the plight of Cambodian refugees. They have also planned and run their own 30km hike on the Kep Track and completed a Senior First Aid course.

They have run many leadership activities and pushed themselves to their limits with abseiling, caving, rifle shooting and rock climbing.

Throughout all this their friendship has grown to something very remarkable - a true friendship that will last a lifetime. They are now moving on to other activities and we wish them all the best in the future and hope they remember their Scouting days fondly.

For more information on Roleystone Scouts please phone Jo Meuli on 0437271934.

At left: Kaitlin and Sam ready and waiting to be AWESOME Patrol Leaders at Campwest 2011.



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Self Assessment

by Anthony Phoenix

Many fitness articles these days are solely focussed on weight loss. While weight loss and body fat percentage are one measure of fitness improvement, there is an often overlooked measure of fitness progress.

Not everyone is motivated by seeing how much fat they have lost in a week. In fact, a much healthier way to look at your fitness gains is to measure your strength and performance improvements as opposed to weight loss.

A great way to keep yourself on track with your exercise is to regularly track your strength improvements by way of a simple fitness self assessment.

I have put together an easy to follow self assessment that I use on my Gladiator School students. This assessment has proven useful AND just happens to be a tough workout in itself!

The workout consists of performing your maximum amount of pull ups, single leg squats, pushups and fitball hamstring curls!

Check out a video of the moves here on the Genesis Kelmscott FaceBook page!

<http://www.facebook.com/GenesisKelmscott>

Record your results of the workout every 6-12 weeks to give yourself a great self fitness assessment! If you would like to know more about the self assessment, or get a PDF email of a self assessment record sheet, call Anthony Phoenix on 0422 223 562.

Ant

Ask A Farmer

Ask Damian Foley

Damian Foley, the former owner of Old Macdonalds Travelling Farms, is now available to help small land holders as a consultant to assist with all aspects of advice relating to small land holders but particularly specialising in animal husbandry related issues such as, livestock breed and species selection, animal health and welfare issues.

Damian has decided to start this consulting practice because of the enormous need he experienced when talking to hobby farmers throughout the state at many agricultural and related events.

As Damian said: "the big boys in Australian agriculture, just have no interest in dealing with small landholders and the internet is just full of



misinformation".

Damian's expertise is highlighted by the fact that he is used exclusively by the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia for their education programs and you may have even met him at last year's Perth Royal Show where he managed the "Ask a Farmer" pavilion.

If you would like to find out more what services Damian can provide then give him a call, there is no charge for an initial chat on the phone and rates are very reasonable if you decide to use him.

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RESEARCH SUPPORTS TARGETED FUEL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

In the first research of its kind in the world, a study has looked closely at the relationship between land management practices and house loss in bushfires. The research undertaken by 10 scientists in Australia, the US and an international peer review, is based on 12,000 measurements at 500 houses affected by the Black Saturday fires.

If it is well documented that reducing fuel loads is the most effective preventative measure that can mitigate the impacts of bushfire. But the question is where in the landscape should we concentrate on reducing fuel loads? Over the years land management agencies have aimed for a percentage of estate or total size of land to be burnt each year. It was a target they were regularly measured against. I think times are changing. The Keelty report rightly identified that **quality** of fuel reduction burning is more important than **quantity**.

The Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission recommendations focused on the need to triple the prescribed burning program but did not indicate where it should be done in the landscape. The research found the most effective fuel reduction occurs in the 40 metre zone surrounding a house. On Black Saturday, clearing vegetation and reducing fuels in this zone was twice as effective at saving homes than was broad landscape prescribed burning.

Other findings include :

- Houses close to National Park were at the same risk as houses adjacent to State Forest (ie logging made no significant difference)
- 87% fewer houses were destroyed where fuels surrounding them were at minimum levels.
- Planted gardens performed better than remnant native vegetation.
- On severe FDR Days, reducing trees and shrubs from 90% cover to 5% cover within 40 m of houses could potentially reduce house loss by an average of 43%, making this the single most effective fuel treatment that was measured.

Of course this research makes us ask questions regarding environmental impact, native vegetation clearing regulations, aesthetics and costs to the community. We need to keep having this discussion, we need to support this evidence based approach and we need to incorporate these findings into planning regulations.

I will leave it up to Dr Phillip Gibbons (one of the lead researchers) to conclude from his recent opinion piece in the media: Broad scale landscape burning in remote areas do not afford increased protection to houses on days like Black Saturday, the proximity of burning off to houses is far more important than total area burnt.

Evidence is not as timely as opinion. Evidence is not as entertaining as opinion. Evidence isn't as black and white as opinion. And while opinion is delivered with confidence and certainty, evidence must be presented with caution and uncertainty.

But I know which I'd rather use to protect my house and my family from bushfires.

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Site 2. At the Community Hall on Waterwheel Road North, Churchman Brook Estate, from 8.30a.m. to 11a.m.

All volunteers must register and children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear hats, boots, sunscreen and if possible gloves. We do provide bags, but if you have spare chaff bags these would be welcome. If carrying full bags is a problem, please speak to the site rep. and we will endeavour to collect from pick up points.

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ARALUEN NOTES



NEW DEVELOPMENT

A new site is being developed to the north of the Rose Garden car park and this is shaping up to be a stunning area with views across the valley. The work is almost completed with new paths, rock-walls and a gazebo. The lawn and garden will add the final touch to this beautiful area. We can see this being a much sort after location for wedding ceremonies and special family events.

Araluen now has a couple of options when it comes to

Liz Dunn

covered areas with the Log Cabin and the Hargreaves pergola and now this new area, which is yet to be named.

The Park has really benefited from the recent rains with everything looking vibrant and healthy.

The Carols In The Park held in the evening of December 11, were a wonderful success.

Pictured below: Karen West and the combined Roleystone Schools Choir entertain the large and appreciative audience



PERTH HILLS PLANNING BILL

In 2007 Giz Watson MLC developed a draft Perth Hills Planning Bill to better protect and plan for the future of the Perth Hills. Public consultation on the draft Bill showed strong support for better protection of the Perth Hills, and a number of suggestions for improvements to the Bill. As member for East Metro since 2009, Alison Xamon MLC has taken carriage of the Bill which has been amended based on the feedback from the various public consultations. **The Bill was introduced into the Legislative Council in May 2010 by Ms Xamon.**

On the evening of Monday February 6th a public meeting is to be held in the Roleystone Family Centre to hear about the Bill.

The meeting will be held at 7.30 pm and everyone is welcome.

The meeting is to be addressed by Ms Xamon who will be pleased to discuss the Bill with the people of Roleystone and

surrounding districts and to answer any questions.

The aim of the Bill is to preserve the unique biodiversity and way of life that exists in the Perth Hills region. It aims to promote sustainable and appropriate land use planning and development in the Perth Hills area.

The Bill establishes a Perth Hills Planning Committee, to develop, monitor and assess a whole-of-Perth-Hills Plan to 2050 as well as to provide advice to selected bodies on sustainable planning and development in the Perth Hills area.

The Committee will reflect a balance of representation and expertise, to fully achieve the objectives of the Bill.

The Hills Bill will complement the current planning scheme by aiming to ensure that the Perth Hills community's vision for the Perth Hills Zone is protected.

Margo Beilby

Araluen Clean Up Day Please Join Us

Annual Clean Up Araluen Day (as part of Clean Up Australia Day) will be held on Sunday 4 March 2012. Please meet at the Araluen Golf Resort Maintenance Shed at 08:30 am. Delicious morning tea provided! Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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EDUCATION AND THE OMPHALOS A BIT OF PHILOSOPHISING

Some people like, and understand, metaphors, others don't. As Francis Bacon suggested in 1625, there are those who, when they do not understand something, will try to ridicule it, so hoping to appear wise. Old Francis knew a thing or two. Whatever people's views, I hope this metaphor will stimulate some conversation on education and our local schools.

Education is a very complex matter, and there are many views on how it could be improved. Some teachers get annoyed when non-teachers express views, but since we have all undergone some years of education, we can all claim the right to a view, with

due respect to those who are professionally trained. To put my view, perhaps I can use Welsh mythology as a metaphor. I am not an expert on the subject, so I hope any Welsh readers will correct me if I get things wrong.

There is, in Wales, a mountain called *Pumlumon* (pronounced, in Welsh, as Pimlimon, which the English garbled to Plynlimon). The word means 'five summits', and between those summits there are small lakes and boggy places. In Welsh mythology, these were home to three water spirits, called Ystwyth, Hafern, and Varga. Their mother told these three to go down to the sea. Obedient Ystwyth went straight down, to the west, meeting the sea at Aberystwyth.

Hafern wandered to the east, but eventually met the sea at what is now known as the Bristol Channel. The youngest, Varga, was a bit wayward, and wandered all over the place, but eventually joined her sister Hafern on her run to the Bristol Channel. So we have the rivers Ystwyth, Severn, and Wye, and some call *Pumlumon* the 'omphalos', or very navel of Wales.

These three rivers might be compared to the three mainstreams of human knowledge, namely humanities, natural

science, and social science. These have their origins in the five main branches of philosophy, namely logic, ethics, aesthetics, ontology, and epistemology. In simple terms, these are concerned with the great questions which confront humans. What is true, what is false? What is good and decent, what is not? What is beautiful, what is ugly? What is real, what is imaginary? Where do we get our knowledge, and how reliable are those sources?

Although debated by the ancient Greeks, and jumbled by some recent pretentious academics, these are still the five most important questions for teachers to present to young people. They link well to traditional subjects, such as mathematics, science, comparative religion, art, creative writing, and history. Might the metaphor be helpful for both students, and teachers, to create clearer mental maps of what they are trying to achieve?

I am sure it is better than the obscure gobbledygook I have seen in some educational literature. Can an Australian metaphor be created? Is there an Australian 'omphalos'. Perhaps *Uluru* with its songlines? I look forward to any suggestions.

David Ward

SUN DYE WORKSHOP - AT YOUR RNFC

The Roleystone Family Centre will be running a Sun Dye workshop using transparent light sensitive paints to create very unusual and organic works of art. The colours used in this process are rich and vibrant colours that are quite unique compared to other painting mediums. This is a fun and light art process that doesn't involve any previous art experience, allowing this workshop to be open to everyone.

You will take home your very own creation that will have people wondering how you achieved such amazing colours and designs. Be inspired to create more art projects in 2012.

Bookings are essential as there are limited places. For more information please call the RNFC on 94961115 or www.roleyfamilycentre.com.au


ROLEY GARDENING CLUB MEMBERS OFF TO CHINA

On the 31st January, garden aficionados Jean and Joyce from the Roleystone Gardening Club travel to China to attend the quintessential Camellia Gardening conference. The group leaves at midnight getting to Kunming that day. Then they have two trips, travelling beforehand to Dinosaur Valley and after the conference to Shangrila in Tibet.

On the fifteenth of February Jean and Joyce go to Beijing on a Wendy Wu tour, then on to Xian, back to Beijing then have three nights in Hong Kong on the return trip. They will be returning on the 21st February full of the wonders of Chinese gardens.

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Open Gardens Australia

The selection period for opening private gardens under the scheme's banner has been extended!

The Open Garden scheme gives a great deal of pleasure from August onwards to many people who have a love of gardens, especially to those who no longer have a garden of their own.

If you have a garden you wish to share with others for a weekend, please call Cherry on 93975097.

Pictured: climbing rose Araluen.

GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547



The weather outside has been far too hot to go out into the garden, so it's with much pleasure, I'm sitting in the study thinking out my garden notes.

I hope you have all appreciated the beauty of the Crepe Myrtles (*Lagerstroemia indica*) around our village. One person in Holden Road has a large deep pink red version on the corner of the new development. There are many soft mauve, deep red and white ones as well as other shades around town. My deep red, which I transplanted from my old home in Holden Road, never looked back and is now flowering beautifully.

There are a lot of smaller growing varieties too especially in the Indian range; I planted a small one last year at the bottom of the Rosemary hedge.

Down on the edge of 'Quarry Park' there are about three plants that come back after 'the mowing' each season and even manage to put up flowers before the mowers get them again. Because these plants are drought hardy, once they have got through one year they can manage with just the rain we get.

The storm in mid January was very welcome and I recorded forty mls in the rain gauge and the creek swelled from a metre wide to about six metres. Great for the garden.

I have been really noticing the Frangipanis in Kelmscott, and other areas. I think I mentioned the ones in Buckingham Road last year, they are magnificent and worth a detour through that road. It is wonderful to see the houses being re-built and people showing faith in survival after our terrible time last February. It shows a lot for the resilience of our local flora and fauna and also the courage and strength of

our people.

Anyway back to frangipanis, because of their water-wise tolerance to our environment, they really are one of the easiest and most showy plants for our gardens and in summer they make lovely shady spots to sit under.

There are so many new varieties now available. Deep blood red, tropical red, Raspberry Royale, George Brown (a purplish brown), Bowen Yellow (total yellow) plus a range of variegated ones, Pink Apricot, Mango and Fruit Salad. (It is making my mouth water just listing their names).

Pioneer Gardens Nursery have got the lot and also several new miniature growers. My friend Joyce was telling me about the ones in Malaysia. Unfortunately one of their common names is the Grave Yard Plant probably because they are easy to grow and a piece broken off the home plant can be just stuck in the ground beside someone's last resting place.

What else should we be doing in our garden now other than keeping the water to the plants and picking our salad vegetables, especially tomatoes? Not really anything much!

Beware of pruning that would let the sun damage unprotected tender young leaves. Sometimes it is wise to clip back the finished roses so that in six weeks time we will have a lovely showing of large beautiful autumn flowers.

The Agapanthus are looking lovely now, let them flower and the seed bracts form then, these can be cut back and used as autumn dried arrangements.

Don't go looking for work other than some winter grass weeding, but take advantage of the weather and rest-up, find a good book and make summer work for you.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN AND MEN'S

COMMUNITY SHED IS CLOSER TO REALISATION

A home for the Community Garden and the Men's Community Shed is now close to being a reality. Following discussions with the Education Department the two groups are to be granted the use of some of the facilities at the Robin Road Primary School site until it is disposed of.

The Men's Shed has been granted the use of Cluster 2 (behind the old library & resource area) with two of the classrooms to be shared with the Community Garden for meetings, workshops and seminars. The Community Garden has been granted access to the areas of lawn to develop a garden and an events area. The remaining storage sheds will also be used for some shed and garden activities.

Following incorporation (February) a formal lease with the Education Department will be entered into and the development of the garden and the shed will begin in earnest.

The coordinating chairperson, Chris Johnston says that: 'Having the school site available to us as a short term solution has motivated and allowed the working groups to start putting long term plans into action. This milestone is the culmination of a lot of persistent investigation and research. The objectives and ideas developed by the groups will now start to be put in place and the outcomes will be of significant benefit to our community.'

If you would like to be involved in the Roleystone Men's Community Shed or the Community Garden contact Chris Johnston on 0427 462 921 or accesschris@iinet.net.au.



Pictured above members of the Men's Shed Committee measure up: George Kostanski, Phil Aked, Chris Johnston and Roy Hamilton.

MEMORY MASTERY FOR MATURE MINDS

A group of women gets together fortnightly on Thursday afternoons to take part in simple brain stimulating activities such as Scrabble and other board games. Sessions are between 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm. The aim is not necessarily to be the best --- competition is kept to a minimum.

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BACK IN THE VILLAGE AGAIN

We have spent many field days over the past year in the large Reserves surrounding Roleystone but the Village Centre now needs redoing. It is a little like painting the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Start on one side and when you reach the end you start again.

We don't mind as it gives us a good excuse to spend the morning in the bush. So you will see the "yellow shirts" on some Sundays close by to you. Please feel free to stop by and chat. There are many who will give some advice about how to take care of your own piece of Roleystone.

Last month, volunteers treated the trees in Notting Hill Reserve in amazing time, they then raked the firebreak around the edges, placed the leaves in bags which were collected by the City of Armadale. After morning tea they moved to Attunga Reserve to treat the trees there. Thank you to Tim Lardner and Peter Blaney-Murphy

who lead the team for us while Ian was overseas. Much appreciated also was the morning tea supplied by Chris Ranger.

NEXT FIELD DAY

We will be treating the trees in Stonegate Reserve for dieback disease on Sunday 19th February 2012 starting at 9.00am and finishing at noon. If we have extra volunteers available, then we will also treat the small reserve on Holden Road adjacent to Wygonda Road. We call this reserve Holden Reserve. Please meet in Stonegate Road.

If you participate in our field day, you will be able to borrow our equipment to treat your own bush.

Morning tea is provided.

Everyone welcome.

Note: Remember that if the day is stormy, check our website at 8.00am on the morning of the field day to see if a "cancellation" notice has been posted.

STUDIO GEN-IUS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!



Studio Gen-ius in Roleystone celebrates over twenty years of providing classes in all aspects of drawing and painting and commences a new term on February 4th 2012.

Entitled "A FRESH LOOK AT ART", students will be encouraged to explore all media including water-colour, acrylic and oil paints as well as collage to develop their own style and specific interests.


Experienced lecturers, Yvonne Geneve and Ron Facius are dedicated to inspiring budding artists (young and not-so-young) to realise their artistic potential by attending regular Saturday morning classes at their spacious air-conditioned studio overlooking the scenic Stoney Brook Valley.

It is expected that students will benefit from occasional lectures on 20th century artists and those from other art historical periods and be inspired by regular guided visits to the Art Gallery of WA. A few places are available for new students who are keen to expand their ability.

At left: 'Winter in the Valley', mixed media by Ron Facius

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RECENT EVENTS

The 2011 Fuller Cup was won by Simon Blackmore, Mel James, Greg Quartermaine and Judy Smith. Well done to you all. It was a very close competition and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our Xmas BBQ was very enjoyable and our Saturday Mixed Pennants Team in the South Suburban Tennis Association are on top of their Division. This competition finishes in March so let's hope they finish well.

Our "Taste of Tennis" days went well and we hope that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

COMING EVENTS
ROLEY OPEN

We are having a Roley Open Team Event which will be held on Sunday 12th February from 3.30pm with supper about 7.30ish. This will be an event with teams of four so all members need to put their names down. We have 14 people down already and it would be great to have another 10 players. Thanks to those who have contacted me to let me know they would like to play. The sign up sheet is up at the Clubhouse so please put your name down. The cost will be \$10 per person with supper and prizes included.

AUGUSTA WEEKEND

A group of members are heading down to Augusta on the March Long Weekend to play some tennis at the Augusta Tennis Club. If you would like to join in please write your name on the sheet at the Club or phone Bob Rowe for more information 9496 1113.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The next event on the Club Calendar is our Club Championships. These will be held over the weekends of 17th & 18th and 24th & 25th March depending on numbers. If numbers are low it may be just one of the weekends. Sign up sheets will be up at the Club soon.

Please put your name down as we need as many members to take part as possible.

JUNIOR COACHING

Thursday afternoons from 4pm depending on age and ability. These run within school terms. If you are interested in enrolling please contact our Club Coach Cameron Fenner on 9457 9704 or 0439 960 629 or email Cameron at frontiertennis@hotmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The fees remain the same as last year - \$45.00 Junior (under 18), \$60.00 Student (full time students with current University/TAFE Card), \$75.00 Adults, \$130.00 Couple and \$180.00 Family.

We need everyone to complete a Membership Form to hand in with their fees. This year we have prepared Membership Cards and once your fees are paid you will receive a Membership Card. Listed on the reverse of the Membership Cards is the Calendar of Events for the 2011/2012 Season.

Fees can be paid at the Club when Social Tennis is on/posted through to PO Box 172 KELMSCOTT 6991 or the Bank Details are on the Membership Form. All membership fees should now have been paid.

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BOWLING ALONG WITH GERRY

Congratulations to the teams for their success this season. Have you been down to the club? Friday night bowls is always fun and, starting on Wednesday 1st February; we will be holding our Community Bowls event. This is sponsored by IGA, Roleystone and we get underway about 6.30 for a 7.00pm start. It is a fabulous and fun night with a sausage sizzle, great company and fun bowls. If you haven't been able to get on a team, just come down as these warm nights are ideal to sit out and watch the action. You will probably be invited to play - no experience needed and bare feet or thongs are acceptable.

Congratulations to Ric Shinnick, the men's single champion. Ric beat Mal Clements in the final and John Prior won the plate after a great game against Alan Mazzucchelli. The Ladies' singles Championship are still being played. Bowls is alive and well - thanks to the efforts of a number of bowlers. Do come and join us on Wednesday or Friday nights.

Gerry

Our thoughts go out to Keith and Leonie Rinaldi. Keith has been our long term bowls correspondent and is seriously ill. We are thinking of you Keith and thank you for your many years of correspondence. Ed.



POLE TO HOME POWER CONNECTIONS AT AN END

The historic power cables that once connected homes directly to overhead power cables across Perth are set to disappear with all new connections to the Western Power network to be served by underground power.

This means that even if you need a new connection in an area serviced by overhead power lines, the physical connection to your building will most likely be an underground cable from the nearest pole in the street to a green dome, just inside the front boundary of your property. Such connections are called "Pole to Pillar" connections or "P2P" for short.

Under normal circumstances, you will need a P2P connection when you; demolish and re-build; build on a vacant lot; sub-divide; or upgrade your supply. Despite the old roof to poles having been standard fixtures for so long, moving them underground brings many benefits, most notably of not having to trim branches and the like away from connecting lines. In the East Metropolitan Region, this means that people with new connections can avoid the hassle of inspection notices

and having to trim back the garden – a big bonus particularly for Roleystone residents!

Other benefits of underground connections are that they often improve the appearance and value of a property and such connections are also more secure in bad weather. With this in mind, it is worth noting that you do not have to wait until you need a new connect to shift to a P2P connection.

If you currently find your overhead power connection a problem, you can apply to Western Power for a standard underground connection – you may even be eligible for the subsidized pole-to-pillar rate.

If you would like any further information on getting a P2P connection for a new or existing residence, you can contact Western Power directly on 13 10 87 or alternatively you can contact my office on 9452 8311.

Hon Helen Morton MLC
Member for the East Metropolitan Region
Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

CAT STERILISATION SOCIETY

Cat Sterilisation Society wish to sincerely thank Roleystone Supa IGA and customers for the donations of cat food in the collection bin over recent weeks. This has taken a great strain from our cat carers who normally have to provide from their own household budgets. We do not take in unwanted cats as we do not have a refuge, our cat rescues are abandoned, ill or injured.

Our recent rescue had his leg hanging by a thread and despite calls to all other large organisations no one came to his aid. He was under a demountable and could not come out, our rescuer (who is not

young) crawled underneath and raced him to Deepwood Vets where his maggot ridden leg was amputated.

Our main concerns are 10 young cats that have been confined to one room for over a year as we have been unable to find them a new home. The situation is desperate. These cats are sterilised, vaccinated and micro chipped and we would appreciate a donation to help cover our costs.

Please contact Cherry on 9397 5097 or Pauline on 9397 5427

PS Someone to give a few computer lessons would also aid us in listing these cats on Pet Rescue. Cherry Leonard

Bedfordale Residents Association AGM

Bedfordale Residents Ass. will be conducting their AGM on Tuesday 13th March, 2012 at 7.45p.m. at the Hall on Admiral Road, off the Albany Hwy. All residents are welcome.

We hope to welcome representatives from various local groups including: the Volunteer Fire Brigade, Brook's committee, Bungadore Park, Settlers Common, the Wildflower Group, Clean Up Australia, Tony Simpson MP, Councillors for the area and more.

We welcome all and if you are interested in joining us, we meet bi-monthly, at the Hall. Membership is \$10 per family. We also send out the Blurb twice a year and welcome letters or articles.


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Juniors

Mike Cirillo

The Roleystone U12's have heard the word. They have started hitting runs and posting some competitive scores. The pre-game pep talk about having to score runs to win a game of cricket has sunk in and the boys have clicked into gear and have found 'their mojos'.

Just prior to the Christmas break the team broke through for their first win of the season, and what a memorable win it was. Playing on our home deck at Cross Park, and batting second we had to score 100 runs to win the match against Willetton. The match was balanced on a knife's edge right up until the final ball.

The match had everything, run outs, dropped catches, hard hitting, tight bowling, and great fielding. Our boys opened their shoulders and hit the ball all over the park. When it came down to the final over of the match we were still 4 runs short of the ton we needed. Hollywood could not have written a better script. The stage was set for a dramatic conclusion to the match.

When the first two balls of the final over went through to the keeper the coach's heart began to sink as he closed his eyes and he started to say a quiet prayer. Four runs of as many balls - not likely.

When the cracking sound of leather on willow

rang out after the third ball he reopened his eyes, and to the collective delight of all of our spectators we had scored two more runs. Yes. Only two runs required off three balls. It was possible. Willetton's wicket keeper missed the next ball so our batsman decided to test the oppositions fielding and run a bye. With no other wickets in hand it was to be a very risky attempt to score a run.

Our batsman was short of his ground at the non strikers end when the Willetton fielder tapped the bails with the ball in hand. He's OUT! Game over. No wait the bails didn't fall off. NOT OUT! And only one more run needed for the win!

The fifth ball of the over was a dot ball safely through to the keeper, so with the scores tied the bowler returned to his mark to deliver the final ball.

Time stood still, the world stopped turning and collectively we all waited with baited breath, as the bowler began his charge up to the wicket. Our batsman swung hard chasing a ball outside off stump, but the ball thumped into the keepers' gloves yet again.



Just as the feeling of disappointment and regret at having been so close yet so far began to descend over the team like a dark rain cloud, our umpire at the wicket turned to the scorers with both arms outstretched and signalled a wide delivery. We had won our first game. The back slapping and yahooping was on in earnest.

We were always playing competitive cricket, and as coach I am proud of our teams' continual improvement, but the winning feeling is something else.

**Well done boys.
Mike Cirillo**

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COUNCILLOR COMMENT

I can't believe it has only been a couple of months since I was elected to the Council. The time has flown by as I become accustomed to how everything and everyone links together to manage the City of Armadale.

I have learnt a huge amount in a short time and it will still take more time to get my head around it all. Armadale is a big place & growing so quickly, especially the areas of Harrisdale and Piara Waters in the Lake Ward & Seville Grove in the Palomino Ward. I have been speaking to the Councillors in those areas to take me for an educational drive to learn about their areas.

This year the Council is required, under the Local Government Act, to conduct a review of the ward system. This looks at the City's ward boundaries and the number of offices of Councillor for each ward.

The Local Government Advisory Board suggests the ratio of Councillors to electors across the districts needs to be similar. With the growth in Lake and Palomino wards, the boundaries may need to be adjusted to even up these ratios. Additionally, recent advice from the Board confirms the recent advice that the Minister's mandate that Elected Member numbers for each Council will be between 6 and 9 Councillors. As Armadale has 14 Councillors it appears in all likelihood there will be changes in the way Armadale is governed.

There will be a public notice inviting submissions so I'll keep you informed as to when this will be.

At the last Council meeting there were changes made to the Environment, Animals and Nuisance local Laws. These issues were raised as a result of

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the Roleystone/Kelmscott bushfire in 2011 and the reduction of fuel loads.

Accordingly the law is to amended to:

- remove the requirement for permits to be issued to control burning off between 1st April & 30th September each year (Check with Ranger Services that restricted burning periods haven't been extended due to adverse weather conditions)
- permit burning off to occur on lots less than 1,200 square metres provided that specific approval has been granted by the City's Ranger service to burn for fuel reduction purposes
- include an amendment carrying a modified penalty of \$250 for deliberately setting fire to materials such as plastic, rubber, and food scraps, wet or green garden materials that are likely to generate excessive smoke so as to cause a nuisance.

One of the most enjoyable parts of the job has been meeting all the people that work with and for the City. I have found them to be helpful, supportive, dedicated and very professional.

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Cr Grant Nixon

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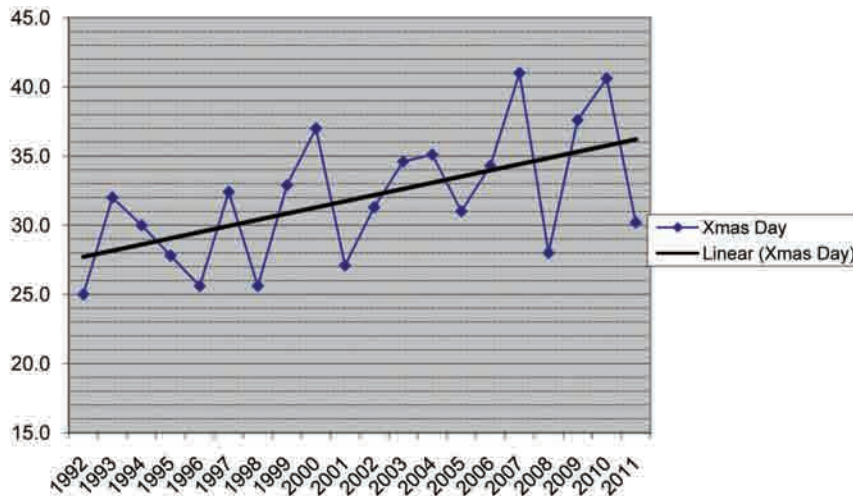
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 4 days over 40
 7 days over 37.8 (the old 100F)

The Yearly rainfall total for 2011:
 1085.2 on 125 wet days
Yearly rainfall total for 2010
 550.0 on 77 wet days

Long term yearly average
 1029.8 on 115 wet days



Xmas Day in Roleystone

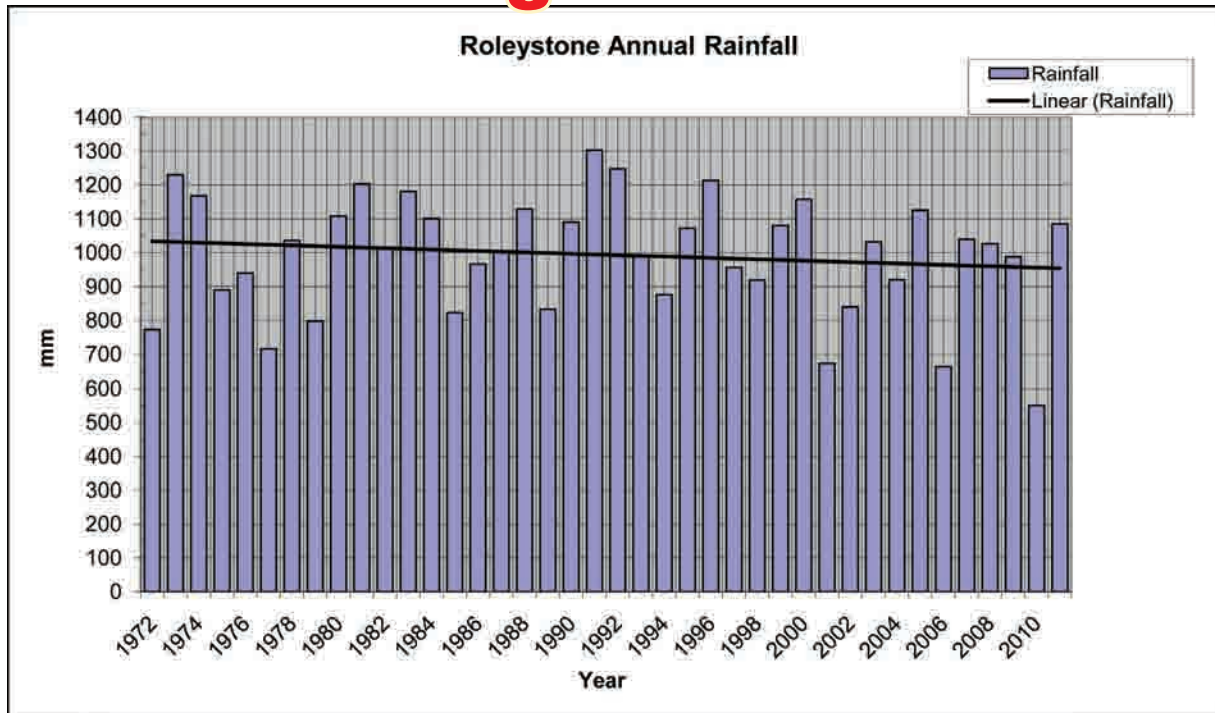


Xmas in Roley Heats Up!

Here is:
 'The rainfall we expect to have in 2012

MONTH	RAINFALL(mm)	Number of WET DAYS
Jan	12.0	3
Feb	21.1	3
Mar	23.3	4
Apr	49.6	8
May	131.7	12
Jun	204.5	17
Jul	201.6	18
Aug	157.0	16
Sep	108.7	14
Oct	70.6	9
Nov	34.5	7
Dec	15.2	4
Annual	1029.8	115

Our Declining Rainfall



Pro Bono: Bread

David Bardsley, Minister Community Church



Dear Friends

For the most part we bake our own bread. Correction! For the most part, Hilary bakes our bread in a bread making machine and, for the most part, she – or rather the machine - turns out wonderful, tasty loaves.

Our daily bread bears little resemblance to the steam baked cotton wool like stuff every child under the age of twelve appears to adore. I suspect there are some older “children” who like that stuff too although heaven only knows why. I love the smell of bread baking and the satisfaction of the machine pinging away to tell us it’s finished. We lift the lid and the crust of a beautiful, risen loaf greets us almost with a smile. Incidentally, why do we call it our “staple” food? I fail to see any connection between bread and those fearsome wiry creations which sometimes hold paper together. One of my earliest childhood memories is of my year one teacher stapling her finger to my artwork. But back to bread...sometimes things don’t go quite to plan. They didn’t the other day. The machine pinged. We lifted the lid. No crust in sight. We peered into the depths and there was a slab of what should be bread but looked more like a brick in size, texture and density. Anyway, the same ingredients as usual had gone in so it must be edible, mustn’t it? With some difficulty, I cut a slice – my angle grinder would have been helpful

here – buttered it and took a bite. It bit back! In a stroke, the beast split one of my molars in half. Fortunately some time ago a dentist had extracted the nerve from that particular tooth and only my pride was hurt. I suppose one nasty incident like this in all the years we have been baking isn’t a bad track record and anyway it serves us right for not using fresh yeast.

Whatever bread we like and however we prepare it, in our society we take it for granted. In fact it has been the staple food – there’s that horrible word again – in many societies for thousands of years. It has been such foundational food that eating bread has been associated with sustaining life itself – a crust of bread and some water kept the very poorest people alive apparently. Bread and life have become almost synonymous. Jesus was fond of using word pictures to reveal deep truths. He used stories and analogies frequently to explain spiritual realities so that people throughout the ages would understand the ideas he was opening up. And one of his most powerful pictures was the connection he made between bread and spiritual life. He quoted Moses when he said “Man does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Bread might sustain physical life but spiritual life is dependent on something else altogether. Later on Jesus said that he himself was the “bread of life”. He was indeed a great teacher and gave us the highest moral code of behaviour. But he was so much more – he declared that he is our actual source of spiritual life. That’s quite something to chew on. Why not try a slice or two? I can absolutely guarantee that you won’t break a tooth on this bread!

Yours in Christ
David

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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

C & E GRADE HEADED FOR FINALS

The Roleystone C Grade side is close to sewing up a finals berth after thumping Ellenbrook (RKCC 7/198 def Ellenbrook 26) whilst E Grade Whites are battling it out with Maylands for top spot on the E Grade ladder. E Greens are still in a strong position to make the finals with 7 games remaining in the run home.

HIGHLIGHTS SINCE DECEMBER ISSUE

A Grade	C Grade	D Grade	E Grade	G Fuller 44
T Stuart 68	M Anderton	D Wilkinson	B Chapman	J Roberts 43
P Fisher 62	87	77	101 not out	V Baeli 37
D Kipping 51	R Mitchell 67	L Darbyshire	S Reeves 84	J Roberts 4/6
not out	R Mitchell 63	68 not out	M Faranda 82	V Baeli 4/10
J Della Franka	G Pound 32	D Newton 62	S Reeves 81	M Walkley
46 not out	D Newton 31	P Manning 33	B Chapman	4/17
D Kipping 38	G Coppin 5/8	M Greenhow	76	V Baeli 4/22
J Lewis 38	G James 5/37	4/42	M Faranda 60	G Hodge 4/33
J Lewis 6/66	L Rigby 4/17	J Leeder 3/22	not out	R Lewis 3/28
G James 5/26	S Ierino 4/43		L Stewart 56	L Stewart 3/27
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Astronomical Highlights February

Normal folk tend to remember February for events like Valentine's Day and leap years. Astronomers have other priorities.

This year, February 24 is the 25th anniversary of the discovery of the supernova in the Large Magellanic Cloud. SN1987A, i.e. the first supernova found in 1987, was bright enough to be seen as a medium-bright reddish star for several months. The previous naked eye supernova was in 1604.

The Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC) is one of the small companion galaxies flanking our own Milky Way. It's easy to see from a dark site, on a moonless night. In the middle of the month when there's no moon in the early evening, look high up in the south to find the faintly glowing patch of sky that just might be a little tuft of thin cloud, but isn't. It's about 170,000 light years away – very close in galactic terms.

Speaking of leap years, this is one. February will have 29 days. Remember the rule? Starting from the century year **00, every fourth year will be a leap year. So far, so good. But the century year itself can only be a leap year if it's divisible by 400. So 2000 was a leap year, but 2100, 2200 and 2300 won't be. Venus continues as the "evening star" dominating the

western sky at nightfall. Next in order of brightness is Jupiter which is in the NW sky at dusk. Gradually these two very bright planets will seem to converge, until they're closest in mid-March. Mars is rising just to the north of east around 9:45pm now, and is easy to identify with its orange colour. It's brightening and rising steadily earlier as it heads for opposition in early March.

By mid-month, Mars rises around 8:45pm, and by "leap day" at the end of the month it will be visible in the evening twilight. Saturn rises in the ESE around 11:15pm in early February, 10:20pm mid-month, and 9:25pm at month's end.

The major phases of the moon are: first quarter Jan. 31, full moon Feb. 8, last quarter Feb. 15, new moon Feb. 22, first quarter March 1.

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Wild Gossip: Spring Means Ducklings!

I recently had an enquiry as to whether or not wildlife is territorial – yes it is.

Magpies are a good example of this – they attack and kill intruding magpies and other small birds. They even swoop on us if we go onto their territory at nesting time. This presents a major issue when young magpies come into care and why we try to leave uninjured birds where they are. We need to know exactly where the bird was found and return it as soon as possible. If we do not know where the magpie came from it is hard to have a successful release.

Some wildlife facilities refuse to take in a magpie if it is not known where it came from. Other facilities will take in these birds and group them together whilst looking for a release area with a low magpie population and a plentiful food supply.

Ravens & Crows are very territorial and the same problems occur.

Bandicoots are very territorial, males will aggressively defend their territory and females will also attack intruders. Females also have cannibalistic tendencies and will kill and eat both the babies of an intruder

or their own. Young male bandicoots have a tough time when they leave the pouch as they are forced out of the territory and have to try to find one of their own.

Trapping bandicoots is illegal and removing one from its territory for relocation is basically a death sentence. A relocated bandicoot does not know the area, where to feed, where to find water, where to find shelter, where to run for safety and will probably have a big territorial male fighting it.

Possoms are very territorial; males will aggressively defend their territory in a death fight. Young males are forced from the territory and have to try to establish their own. Trapping and relocating a possum (the old 'dump it 3kms down the road' approach) is a death sentence.

In all wildlife the size of territory is governed by the food and water supply – the more food the more likely a newcomer will be accepted but the dominant male is not going to share his females without a fight.

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Anyone interested in footy tipping is welcome.

WINNERS FOR 2011

Mike Beech took off first place with a total 146 points followed by Mike Moore on 143 and Harry Newell also on 143 but with a lower margin.

COSTS AND WINNINGS

The fee to join is \$50 per person. All funds will need to be paid by April 10 to the Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Bank.

We have 23 weekly prizes, three substantial prizes at the end of the season and a sizable donation will be given to the Roleystone Footy Club. A trophy is also located at the Footy Club noting our previous 4 winners. This is a non-profit competition, the social benefits are great, the networking is also good for the community, your skills on the internet/emails are enhanced and if we can interest 100 tippers we are looking at \$1500 first prize. **Look in the March edition for information on how to join in.**



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SENIORS CLUB NEWS

The club re-opened on the 20th of January with a BBQ that was very well attended and the club lunch followed on the 23rd.

Everyone was looking forward to the first outing for 2012 on the 31st January 9.30am to 3.30pm.

This was a MYSTERY TOUR; participants were driven in an air-conditioned coach to an unknown

destination and were given an interesting commentary on places of interest and history. All enjoyed a tasty morning tea at a scenic spot and then went onto a country pub for lunch.

On the way back the group stopped at a winery to sample wines and purchase fruit.

The outing planned for February is scheduled for the 27th and is a SOUTHERN ESCAPE and KWINANA WRECK TOUR. The group will be following the Indian Ocean travelling south to WELLS PARK where we'll have morning tea, overlooking Garden Island and, believe it or not, on top of the wreck of the KWINANA.

The group will then travel south along

the Rockingham foreshore to see all the changes in Shoalwater and Safety Bay. The islands in this beautiful part of the coast are sanctuaries to many migratory birds, seals and fairy penguins. The tour is planned to pass through Port Kennedy and Secret Harbour en-route to Mandurah to view the new marina and to enjoy fish and chips for lunch at Cicerellos.

On the way home the group will travel along the new Perth to Bunbury Highway and stop for some farm fresh fruit and vegetables. The cost is \$49.00 and from 9.30am pick up to 3.30pm drop off.

Christine Kent
Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Centre



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Every Tuesday	Pilates	6.30pm	
4th Tuesday	Bendigo Bingo	12 Noon	\$3.50
Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Last Wednesday	Book Club	1pm	
Wednesday evening	Relaxation	6.30pm	\$8
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