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On Sunday 29th January, Bryce Archibald and Louise Nicoll welcomed the arrival of their twins at 34 weeks in King Edward Memorial Hospital. Mya Louise Archibald weighing 5 lb 10 oz and Kohen Bryce Archibald weighing 6 lb 17 oz. The twins spent two weeks in the Neonatology Clinical Care Unit at King Edward but arrived home last week!

The big sisters Kiara and Eila-Jo are very excited to finally have the twin's home for kisses and cuddles, as well as grandmothers Jocelyn Jones and Denise Archibald. Thank you to everyone for the lovely gifts and warm wishes.

Joneen marries Mark

Joneen Graham and Mark Darbyshire were married on Sunday 20th November, 2011. The couple are both from Roleystone and kept everything local for their wedding. Marriage celebrant, Shirley Jackson performed a beautiful ceremony which was held at Araluen Botanic Park. It was followed by a cocktail reception at Roley's on

Joneen had her sisters, Monique, Rachael and Shaila and her best friend Renee Schinzig as bridesmaids. Mark's groomsmen were his brother Luke and good friends, Cameron Nore and Michael Mengel. They also had their nephew Rocco Darbyshire in attendance.

They honeymooned in Thailand and have settled in Roleystone! Both sets of parents are extremely proud of them. The photographer was Jason Soon.



CONCERT IN

event was held on the Roleystone Green in February at this year's Concert in the Park. The Roleystone Community College P&C provided food for the event. Pictured above, the BBQ team consisted of: Nicole, Tania, Emma, Mel, Caren and Carolyne. Well cooked ladies.

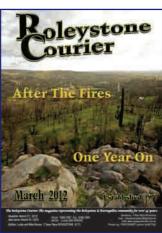
See more pictures pages 22 and 23.

March Cover

The March Cover shows the bushland off Canning Mills Road, looking southwest towards Kelmscott. The bush has regrown and many of those affected are starting to recover, after the horrific fires burnt through our community 1 year ago.

Acknowledgment to Ben Rampling for this photograph. PS this photo was taken after the winter rains.





The Fires - One Year On

One year ago many across our area were devastated as fire ripped across our hills, all who lived here were impacted. One year later our community has moved on but we all need to learn how best to deal with the ever present threat of fire in our community.

The following is an extract from the 'Community Response to the February 2011 Bushfires conducted by The University of Western Australia and the Bushfire CRC.'

The full report is available from www. bushfirecrc.com/perthhillsfires-report

On the weekend of 5 and 6 February 2011, two major bushfires devastated separate areas of the natural and built environments in the Perth metropolitan area. One of the fires took place in Roleystone and Kelmscott. The Bureau of Meteorology had issued a Fire Weather Warning (FWW) and a Total Fire Ban (TFB) had been declared for all the fireaffected areas prior to the commencement of the fire.

Of the 409 responses collected, 251 interviewees 200 (68%) in Kelmscott–Roleystone indicated that they were aware that there was a Total Fire Ban in place on 5 and 6 February 2011, with the remaining stating that they were not aware of this.

Preparatory Measures

Residents engaged in a number of preparatory actions in both the lead-up to and on the day

of the fire, including actions such as clearing gutters, discussing the risk with neighbours or locals, having independent power and water supplies, protective clothing and mapping out a fire plan or evacuation route. The most cited source of information used by residents for their bushfire preparation in the mail-out survey was the 'Prepare. Act. Survive.' pamphlet sent out by the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA). During the interviews, 'common sense' and experience living in the community were very common responses by residents.

Associations between the number of preparatory actions per household and other factors revealed some interesting findings. Residents living on larger block sizes engaged in more preparatory measures than those on smaller block sizes. In conjunction with this, there was a significant increase in the number of actions of residents who were or had been involved in a Bushfire Ready Group (BRG). Perception of degree of threat to life and property was associated with the number of preparatory actions; a high level of threat perception was associated with a greater number of preparatory actions per household.

Barriers to Preparation

Residents reported a number of barriers that prevented them from being more prepared than they would have liked to be for possible *Cont Over Page*











bushfire.

A common response was that monetary constraints prevented households from being as prepared as they would have liked to be:

"Money. I haven't been able to afford a generator".

Other barriers included: finding regulations and bureaucracy too difficult to either understand or to work with; lack of time; complacency; lack of experience; age and health-related difficulties; frustration over other residents' lack of preparation; and being in a rental situation.

Total Fire Ban and Fire Expectations

the Bureau of Meteorology had issued a Fire Weather Warning (FWW) forecasting a severe fire danger for areas of the Lower South West, including the Perth Metropolitan area. The FWW stated, 'FESA advises that if a fire starts and takes hold it will be unpredictable, move very fast and be difficult for firefighters to bring under control'.

Awareness of a Total Fire Ban and Fire among residents was 67%; however, this wasn't always from definitive knowledge of a TFB. Residents reported a 'common sense' mentality due to prevailing weather conditions or from not knowing the difference between a fire ban and a total fire ban.

Interestingly, over 60% of residents reported expecting to receive an official warning if required to evacuate, with some residents not feeling the need to independently consult official sources for further information during a bushfire.

The majority of residents became aware of the fire through either seeing or smelling smoke, with the next most important source of information being contact from family, friends or neighbours.

When seeking or receiving further information from official sources about the fire, the most accessed sources were

StateAlert, ABC Radio, the FESA website, emergency services personnel and other radio stations. However, when residents were asked about the most important official source of information, only 10% of residents responded that the StateAlert

Some interesting responses emerged:

was the most important.

"We believe we are pretty well prepared and would stay to defend the house in most circumstances. The house is not ideally located or structurally secure for extreme fires, so we have a back up location nearby at our stables where we would retreat to if necessary."

"The best plan is to get out early and let the professionals to their job."

"Preparedness has been on the basis to defend rather than leave; however with recent fires in Victoria and WA we have in the recent two fires, followed the advice to evacuate when advised."

"At the first sign of fire we're off!"

Report on the Kelmscott–Roleystone and Red Hill–Brigadoon Bushfires

Research Project 14.

This research was funded by the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre and Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia

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Spirit of Hope Event

On Saturday 4th of February the Roleystone Community Church and St Christopher's ran a Community Event involving a Thanksgiving Celebration for the anniversary of the February 2011 Fires.

The afternoon/evening went really well. At least 400 sausages were sold. All the toys and other goods supplied by various charities went throughout the evening and the 4 face painters worked non-stop from 4pm till 7pm and over 200 yellow balloons were given out to the kids.

A company supplied dyed pigeons that were released during a musical item by Hannah, Erin, John and David. Six 75cm balloons of different colours representing various aspects of the bushfire including community spirit, thankfulness, healing, regrowth, fear/anxiety/depression and the fire itself were released by the Ministers from the Roleystone St Christopher's and Roleystone Community Churches. The Bedfordale Volunteer Fire Brigade attended representing the 'Firey's'. Evie Molson from Roley Alive did a fantastic job as our M.C.

As a community we are so thankful for no loss of life, for assistance from various community groups, council and government departments, schools, volunteers, counsellors, fire fighters, friends, neighbours and many others who have been involved over the last year. Without them situations including physical, emotional and financial would have been much more difficult. This community event recognises that all residents have been affected to varying degrees even if they didn't lose belongings.

Thanks to all from the community who contributed to a great evening.

Iill Lowe.

Pictured above left: Bobbi Chapman at the plant stall - picture by Bohdan Warchomij. At left: yellow balloons signified hope.

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'LIVING IN ROLEYSTONE' FROM DEVASTATING FIRES TO DESTRUCTIVE FLOODING RAINS.

Twenty years ago

A timely warning! The weekend of the 8th and 9th February in 1992 brought some of the heaviest rainfall ever recorded in the area. Peter Thompson, the editor of the Roleystone Courier at the time reported on pages 1 - 3 of the March 1992 edition that: 'the event was thought to be in the order of a 1 in one hundred year storm. In Roleystone itself 135mm was recorded in Simons Drive, 159mm in Hawkstone Road and 195mm at Churchmans Brook. Some of the heaviest falls ever recorded in the area'. (This was according to weather man David Elliott who has been providing great weather stats for Roleystone Courier readers for a long time....!)

'Damage to property both private and public (bridges) adjacent to Stony Brook, was extensive. In the later case the culverts beneath Chevin Road, Urch Road and Brookton Highway all failed to take the flow of water and caused extensive water damage on the downstream side where a waterfall resulted. The culverts on Urch Road were partially blocked by trees, branches and other vegetation causing a rapid rise in water. This resulted in water flowing over the road and sweeping a stalled car 300 metres downstream with the bridge balustrade.

For others who walked along Stony Brook on the Sunday morning it

seemed impossible for the usually dry summer creek to have caused so much devastation. Yet our eyes did not lie, large concrete pipes had been tossed up on the banks and the force of the water had cut a new course for the Brook resulting in one householder whose private bridge gave access to their property, facing the enormous cost of replacing, with a much larger bridge, the one that had been swept away.

Areas that were flooded included Parkin Road, Holden Road, Taree Place, Robin Road and Heather Road where flood water flowed through houses to a depth of 5 cm or more....

NB the above article has been printed in part only.

In the same edition a comprehensive letter from resident Phillip Everett outlined that the many areas that were extensively damaged by floodwaters were some of the highest areas in Roleystone. He felt that drainage in the area was 'woefully inadequate'. The stormwater that had collected had no outlet, often the drainage gates were blocked with gumnuts and residual vegetation and when heavy rain occurred the drainage could not cope. A negative result of this storm was that many residents whose homes had been damaged by the flood were not covered for flood/storm water damage.

Perhaps this is a timely reminder that this could happen again.

Cherie has started Officials & Co

Welcome to the new office assistant at Fidock&Co Real Estate, Cherie Hughes. Cherie joined the team in December 2011 and has stepped in to the role vacated by Melissa as she has moved across to Property Management.







Annual Matty and Gen Memorial Golf Day at Aralien Golf Resort

The annual Matty Glen Memorial Golf Day was held on the 29th January at Araluen Golf Resort and once again it was a fantastic day, raising money for local sporting clubs. It is always a fancy dress affair with the theme for this year being "pink". From pink genies to Pink Floyd with a few 'cross dressers' in between. It was a fun day of golf followed by a lovely meal and auction on the terrace.

Huge thanks go to Mick Robinson from Proweld Constructions who was the major sponsor for the day as well as:

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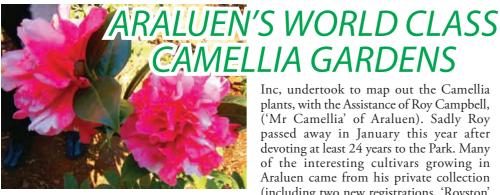
Once again thank you to Araluen Golf Resort for hosting the golf day for the fourth year. All the staff do an amazing job and a special thanks to David Oliphant who devotes a lot of time and energy every year to make the day a success. Thank you also to all the players and supporters for making the day possible.

The Butcher and Darbyshire families.









The Araluen Botanic Park Foundation (ABPF) announced recently that it had been recognised by the International Camellia Society (ICS) under its Gardens of Excellence program. This accolade was decided at the ICS World Congress being held in Chuxiong (Yunnan), China last

Roleystone's 'Camellia Lady' Jean Evans, was at the ICS World Conference and was able to receive the certificate proclaiming Araluen's Garden of Excellence status. Jean, the Courier's regular garden writer, reports back:

'This month, my garden notes are a celebration of the Araluen Award. An award of the Camellia Gardens of Excellence does not just happen. J.J. 'Boss' Simons of the Young Australia League back in 1929 planted the first Camellia in the gardens adjacent to the Chalet Healy. This Camellia still exists and is around 5 metres tall. Araluen boasts a collection of over 350 Camellias planted amongst the gardens, which provide fantastic colour

from May through to early summer.'
Five years ago, I took Jennifer
Trehane, noted author and Editor of the International Camellia Society Newsletter, to Araluen Botanic Garden and she suggested the garden was worthy of selection, thus followed a complex process involving many people.

Trevor France, past president of the Western Australian Camellia Society

Inc, undertook to map out the Camellia plants, with the Assistance of Roy Campbell, ('Mr Camellia' of Araluen). Sadly Roy passed away in January this year after devoting at least 24 years to the Park. Many of the interesting cultivars growing in Araluen came from his private collection (including two new registrations, 'Royston' and 'Araluen Star').

None of this could have happened without Mary Hargreaves and Noelene Drage putting in place the thought and action that resulted in the purchase of the Park. Both these women were early members of the International Camellia Society and devotees of these beautiful flowers. Over the years, Araluen had visits from: Ron and Pat Mc Donald (President International Camellia Society, New Zealand), Max Hansen (International Vice President from Germany) and Neville Haydon (Plant breeder and International Registrar, New Zealand).

Then in August 2011, the Current International President, Patricia Short and her Husband Herb, came specifically to visit Araluen to assess the garden's credentials for selection. As Director for Australia, along with Peter and Margaret Levick, I recommended the application and Grant Nixon, your local councillor, put in the application, just getting it in at the last moment. I was able to make a case for its recommendation when I was in Chuxchiong in China during our 50th International Conference and, the garden was unanimously acclaimed! Thus Araluen became an International Garden joining twenty other 'Camellia Gardens' throughout the world.

None of this could have happened without the dedication of the very many volunteers and the Araluen staff who have built up the Park to International Status. Also the Western Australian Camellia Society Inc has been behind it all the way.

PS: The Society would like to invite any Camellia loving people to get in touch either with our president Bob Person, or myself, we need you.

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Early Pioneers: The Eatts Family

Many locals may have seen Eatts Road. This street was named after a family that were prominent in the district from as far back as 90 years ago.

Here is their story:

My name is Mrs Elsie Hewes and I am a sibling of the Eatts family. I wish to portray the pioneering spirit and endeavors of two people, who helped shape the Roleystone of today.

My Father, Gordon Eatts, purchased 25 acres of land in Chevin Road, on which he cleared and planted a sizeable orchard. Along with our mother, Elsie, they raised four healthy children.

My brother, Peter Eatts, followed his father's industrious ways, and purchased 15 acres of land in Brockway Road, Roleystone, at the tender age of 17. He went on to clear and plant 10 acres of orchard and build his own house.

In his youth, Peter, joined with other young people of the district and was a member of the Boy Scouts and the dramatic society.

During the war he was man-powered by the army to manage a large orchard which was adjacent to what is now "The Roleystone Country Club". The property was then called "Wygonda Park".

The owners of this orchard were the Parkins, a family of

eight sons and two daughters. The eight boys all served during WW2, most were posted overseas in various military postings. My brother's job was to preserve and maintain the orchard so that they had something to come back to when the war ended. Sadly, not all of them returned.

Pete and our father joined the V.D.C (Volunteer Defense CORPS) and he also volunteered for the occupation air force of Japan as a trainee carpenter. For many years he worked at the Armadale Co-op.

Peter is now 85, he is retired and lives in Kelmscott. With more time available to him, he is able to extend his considerable artistic talent by painting and also gardening. But he reckons that 'the tomatoes don't grow as well as in Roleystone.'

My siblings, who are all still alive, are blessed to have "Pete" as our "big brother".

Elsie Hewes.

NB 1 As a teenager Elsie Eatts taught me music (poor lady as I was a very reluctant pupil and had no talent what-so-ever). My belated thanks Mrs Eatts.

Peter feels that it would be marvellous if the Seniors accommodation idea proposed for the old primary school site is successful so that pioneers no longer have to leave the district as they become less able to cope independently. Thanks to Peter, his siblings and to his parents for their efforts in establishing our fledgling community. Ed.

NB 2 The Parkin property was named Wygonda Orchard, after a house the Parkin family lived in Palmyra before buying property in Roleystone. Anne Parkin.

ST PATRICKS CELEBRATION

A huge day is planned at the Rock Inne this year for St Patrick's Day. The day will start at 2pm, with our local favourite Celtic Band, The Ferrymen Band. This day will be a fund raiser for the Leukaemia Foundation. Show off your Irish spirit this year and join in with thousands of people who will get sponsored to BE BRAVE AND SHAVE, stencil a shamrock on your head or just for fun spray your hair green for a day. 31 Australians a day are given devastating news that they have Leukaemia or other blood related disorder's. That is more than 11,500 people a year. So let's all get involved for a good cause, AND BE BRAVE AND SHAVE.



Ros Baker Conquers India

Local Ros Baker has recently returned from a once in a life time trip, discovering the true India and she raised money for charity while she did it! Ros was one of 33 travellers, from nine different countries who explored India by motorised rickshaw. Ros and her fellow 'auto adventurers,' were involved in the sixth annual 'Classic Run' of the 'Rickshaw Challenge' that saw them driving 15 'decked up' autos, all the way from Chennai to Poovar. The Rickshaw Challenge, however, is not only about driving from one place to another through a pre-charted route. It's also about completing daily challenges and going off on 'mini-adventures' to solve simple puzzles. For example, in Tuticorin, the participants had to find a local establishment called Hitler's Tea Stall.

The participants are allocated points for everything from costumes, to creativity, to money they have raised for charity. Since it was begun in 2006, the participants of Rickshaw Challenge have raised more than \$80,000 for Round Table India that oversees charitable projects such as assisting rural children have access to education. Ros and her fellow adventurers finished the gruelling journey of 1430 km in 8 days.

The group was able to discover 'the people of India' as their journey took them to villages, temples, eateries, teashops, paddy fields, and beaches. 'India is a fascinating place and the local people generally are so friendly and not angry and

Left: Ros and her friend Toni. Below: Ros with the two flowery pink auto rickshaws called the 'Double Chinnais'

aggressive like many in our society have become.' Ros reflected. Before she started, Ros had a three-hour intensive crash course on how to drive an auto rickshaw. She even had to drive one through the unbelievable traffic of Chennai in the rain! She soon found that the traffic was chaotic but the chaos was actually quite efficient. Once she worked out how the traffic flows she found it fairly easy to navigate. Navigation was a bit hard, no modern GPS for these adventurers. When the maps didn't help they asked for directions or got lost and consequently saw some very unexpected sights. 'Everywhere we went, the people were a big help, and most of them went out of their way to help us out, pointing us in the right direction and recommending fun things to do at each place.'

'They were all so friendly, with big smiles on their faces' said Ros. Ros became involved through a book club. Along with 4 friends, Ros drove in two flowery pink autos named 'Double Chinnais.'

However, the participants do admit that it was not all hunky dory. Among other things they had to drive from Chennai to Pondicherry "in the midst of a cyclone." For more information check out www.rickshawchallenge.com

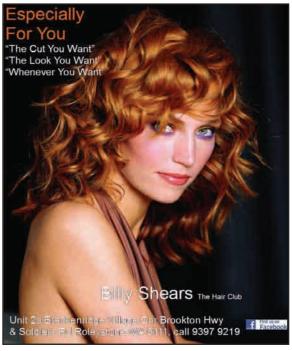




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Editorial

LINDA MOORE

March 2012

Welcome to the March edition. I took people I have met and how much I have

enjoyed the journey. Thank you Roleystone!

over the reigns of the Roleystone Courier in February 2008 so this is a milestone edition for me. I can only be amazed at how much I've learnt over this time, how many



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In this edition, Roleystone reflects on the horrors of the bushfires that affected our community one year ago.

Out of every tragedy we learn. The findings from the community survey summarised on pages 2 and 3, will no doubt be used by our agencies to ensure that we are better prepared next time.

But to really 'make a difference' these findings need to find their way into every household in our fire prone community. The finding that those who had been members of BRAG groups were better prepared, reinforces that planning and awarenesss of risk does help in ensuring your property survives.

This month we should see a decision on the future of the Robin Road site. The group leading the community push for this to become seniors accommodation deserves our thanks and a huge commendation. They have done their planning meticulously and their case is strong and widely supported.

The group requesting that the green area and the bushland be preserved have also put up a strong case. The recent Concert in the Park certainly showcased how delightful this area is for such events. (See page 22 and 23 for pictorial coverage of this event.)

Meanwhile, organisations like the Mens Shed and the Community Garden have been able to utilise this area to get their ideas underway.

Now the authorities need to make their decision, based on the community submissions. I feel very confident that everyone with a vested interest, has had a chance to have a say and the resultant outcome will reflect what our community wants. Well done to all.

Our Community Bank is approaching its 5th birthday this month. Well done to eveyone who has been involved from the original steering committee to the current directors and the wonderful, smiley staff!

It is great news that over the last five months the bank has been in continuous profit. (See page 24). We all have seen financial assistance from the bank flowing into organisations and causes across our community.

However many across our community do not yet bank with the Roleystone Karragullen Community Bank. The manager, Tony Jacobs, and the directors would just like to request that locals check out whether the local bank can provide them competitive service. Why should 'our money' be adding to the excessive profits of the large banks when it could be kept at home.

I would like to alert all readers to the two day Gatekeeper Workshop being run by the Roleystone Alive Group on the 12 and 13 April (see page 42). This is such a worthwhile acivity and the members of this group deserve our thanks for their efforts and dedication. They have a simple agenda - to keep people alive.

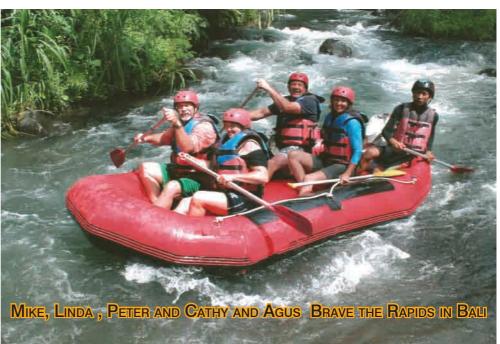
The group formed after locals were alarmed at the high rate of suicide and violent deaths occuring amongst our young people. Evie Molson in particular has worked tirelessly to target the causes of anxiety and depression in our young people. A range of effective strategies and activities have arisen from this group and they have definitely made our community more resilient and stronger.

On a sombre note this month, Mike and I would like to offer our sincere and heartfelt condolenscences to the Nass family on the tragic loss of Danny. Such a tragic loss of a young vibrant man is heart rending. Our special thoughts go out to our dear friends Luke and Gill on the death of their brother.

I hope you all enjoy reading the March edition.

Linda

PS the photo below shows us on a recent trip to Bali. It was great fun.





THE TRAGIC DEATH OF DANNY NASS

Local Roleystone resident Danny Nass was tragically killed in a cherry picker accident in South Perth on Tuesday 21st February 2012. The shock of this is resonating not only throughout the local community but also through the tight working group which is the travel tower industry. He was considered to be one of the very best in his field. His family and friends are completely devastated by this event. He will be sadly missed. Luke Nass

CHERRY PICKER ACCIDENT TAKES SAFETY CONSCIOUS LOCAL DANNY NASS

One of the kindest, smartest and decent people I know, passed away this morning (21/2/2012), in a cherry-picker accident in South Perth. He has been taking the people of Perth to new heights for almost 30 years. I have had the honour of working with him on and off for 23 years. He loved his job and took pride in what he did and was the safest cherry-picker operator in Perth. Without doubt or exception, he held safety above all else. Yes, this is a warning to all large plant operators in Perth - even the best can fall victim. Please check and re-check your plant and operating procedures! Rest in peace my friend until we meet again.

Phil Barnett 90 Canterbury Terrace East Victoria Park WA 6100

HEALTHY EATING INITIATIVE AT ROLEYSTONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As part of a healthy eating initiative for the newly amalgamated Roleystone Community College, the Roleystone community has come together and are making homemade meals for the canteen. A large group of mums have volunteered to come together and cook up meals for the kids, including veggie filled Bolognese sauces, quiches and yummy rice dishes.

The canteen cook up is the accumulated effort of the P&C, the canteen staff, local businesses and RCC mums. It is a true community effort!

Brian and Sandy from Roleystone Family Meats are supplying us with a good deal on meat and Sally Rainoldi from Roleystone Orchard on Holden Rd is supporting us by donating fruit, we were given a first



huge load the other day. This makes the meals more affordable for the kids.

The group had an orientation on Friday the 17th, where all the mums were given information about dates and recipes.

On Monday the 20th, the group had their first cook up and on the menu was spaghetti bolognaise and a lasagne that was veggie packed.

The group currently has 15 volunteers, but are looking for more! Plus they are looking for other support especially with vegetable donations.

For more information, please contact Justine Davis info@ecopeko.com or ring 0448 218135.

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Pictured at left: Gemma and Vanessa cooking up spagetti bolognaise.

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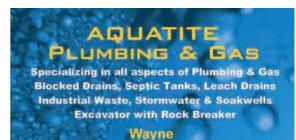
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Letters to the editor

A Response To

'When Dogs are not Controlled'

I, myself, am a dog owner. My Bernese Mountain dog is very people loving and does not know that there may be someone who does not appreciate his attention.

I do, however, realise that not everybody likes dogs as much as I do and therefore keep my dog restrained when others are on the oval.

I am truly sorry to hear that some dog owners believe that it is their right to let their dog(s) run on the oval and get into other user's space.

Such attitude will not help the cause of us dog owners!

There is room for all of us and – as Geoff Mitchell mentions – the park belongs to the people of Roleystone (with and without dogs), thus to all of us.

So, a little respect and consideration for others is all that is required to make this work. *Felicity Robner*

ROLEYSTONE'S CLIMATE CHANGES

Thank you so much for publishing the graphs from David Elliott about the changes to Roleystone Weather published in last month's Courier (Our Declining Rainfall and Xmas in Roley Heats up). It is quite compelling when the data is presented like this. Sometimes I think we get confused with what the weather has been like yesterday or over the last few months and we do not all have long memories. Longer term data can really show that changes are occurring.

With these changes there is the inevitable change to our environment. As the climate dries the bush alters (and of course this is also being exacerbated by dieback, weed infestation and other diseases) making today's forest environment markedly different to the one that existed 50 years ago. Plus this new type of bush will surely burn far more readily than the moister jarrah bushland of previous decades.

If we do not do something about this, we may be living in a wasteland. *Felicity Dawson*

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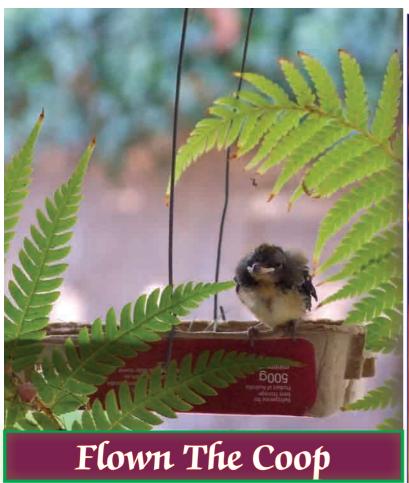
know that there is an Old Time Motor

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For a week they excavated and then all went quiet as we waited for the chicks to hatch. At last we awoke to the hectic sounds of "peeping" and "clicking" and Mum and Dad darting in and out every few minutes with food for the little ones.

Yesterday I came home to much agitation. Two brave bubs had already flown the nest and landed up just underneath it! The clever fellows had hidden under a piece of rock for protection. But as night drew in they climbed on top

of the rock and were totally exposed!!!

In a panic we rang Syl Cooper, the wildlife lady, to ask her advice. She helpfully suggested a few things and my husband and I got to work. In true Blue Peter style, we built them a platform which we attached to the underside of the nest and safely deposited the bubs in there for the night.

Today, before my husband could get the batteries charged for the camera, the first fledgling had flown the coop! His brother then stretched and flexed and then he too launched himself into the unknown, thankfully after we had got photos!

Now it's late afternoon and the last two birdies have gone. And silence reigns again in our backyard...until next year, hopefully.

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Roleystone student Sam Cogle is another student who achieved wonderful results from his schooling. Sam completed much of his schooling at Roleystone Primary and then Roleystone District High School and went to Kelmscott SHS for year 11 and 12.

At the end of the year he was awarded the Heritage Lodge Humanities Award for outstanding achievement in the humanities and was recently accepted into Kelmscott Honour Society for achieving 22 A grades in years 11 and 12. He scored an ATAR of 96.85 and Gained a Certificate of Excellence from the Curriculum Council.

Sam believes he did well because: 'I was lucky to have a lot of support from family, friends and my teachers at school. At Kelmscott there was healthy competition that pushed me to work hard and put the effort in.'

He is now heading to UWA to do a double major degree in Biomedical Science. After that he is planning to do a Post Graduate qualification in Health Science.

'I would like to thank my family for all their support and my friends for helping me to take my mind off work at stressful times.' said Sam.

Well done Sam!



Sam is pictured after the Awards Morning Tea receiving his Certificate from Mr Chris Graham, Head of Languages.

Principal Commendation

Sam Cogle, a former Roleystone District High School student, was recognised as one of the Kelmscott Senior High School 2011 high achievers at a special morning tea held at the school on Tuesday February 15th.

Sam gained three distinctions: 79.6 Chemistry, 77.3, Mathematics 3A /3B and 85.6 for German plus was awarded a Curriculum Council Certificate of Excellence and an ATAR of 96.85. Sam has enrolled in Biomedical Science at the University of Western Australia.

Tony Terry Principal Kelmscott Senior High School

A Message of Thanks
We would like to pass on our sincere thanks to the staff at Kelmscott Senior High School, especially those who guided and supported Sam Cogle through years 11 and 12. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all concerned for their hard work. Sam had a fantastic time during year 11 and 12 and that is down to the staff's commitment. They all gave him so much support – going well beyond the call of duty. He would not have been able to start his UWA journey without them.

Tracy Cogle, Steve Tilbee and Sam Cogle





Roleystone students and Kelmscott GATE (Gifted and Talented) Left to right) Luke Fouweather; Alex Rheinlander; Chris Bishop; Sophie Till and Dean Carroll (seated)

Five local Year 10 students attending Kelmscott Senior high School reflect on their experiences as Kelmscott GATE students. It has been an effort to come down the hill -but well worth it according to Dean. Chris said that the highlight for him was winning the trip to Victoria as state winners of the Science and Engineering Challenge. "Interesting and challenging work to help us achieve our potential" according to Alex. The science/cultural tour to Sydney and Canberra was also a highlight.

Sophie said: "Another great thing is that the costs are so low. We have all excursions paid as well as opportunities to do our own research and competitions if we wish."

Luke also added that he would recommend the Kelmscott Senior High School GATE program to any student.

Mr Grant Armstrong

I Voci Choir Seeks Recruits

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Collection of Rogers and Hammerstein hits plus the famous Gloria by Vivaldi. Intending members must be able to read music.

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Interested singers should call John on 9390 4275 or email: Ivoci@westnet.com.au

The choir website at www.ivoci.org.au carries a wide range of information about this group of mainly younger adults.

Interested people may also see us on Facebook. Several members of I Voci live in the local area.

John Christmass

Pictured at left: the I Voci Choir at the Best of British Performance.

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Hamish Meharry Arrives

Hamish William Meharry was born on 18th January, 2012 at KEMH, the first child of Brian and Suzanne Meharry. He weighed in at 7lb 6oz. His grandparents are regular visitors to Araluen Botanic Park, so this cake and card were presented to John and Marian by their friends on one of their weekly visits to the Park with several others.



DARREN PROPOSES TO EMMA

Darren Weaver and Emma Nightingale are well known across the town. They are known as committed parents to their four children, great workers in Darren's business Custom Designs and devotees to a range of clubs and organisations. But unknown to many Darren has a romantic streak too.....

Darren and I had a lovely 4 day's down in South Yunderup, our first ever holiday together in 7 years with no children. We had an amazing time, totally relaxed, had some beautiful meals and went canoeing up and down the Murray River. On Feb 13th we had an amazing dinner at Red Manna waterfront Restaurant. We definitely over ate that night, so sitting in the car ready to go back to our apartment Darren



suggested we go for a walk. So off we went along the Mandurah foreshore. We walked up to the end of the jetty and after a minute or two of watching the sun set he got down on one knee and proposed.

I had absolutely no idea! Of course I said yes and fell in love with the ring he had given me. He had planned the whole thing and got Andrew at Olil Jewellers to make the ring. Now I have definitely witnessed a romantic side to Mr Darren Weaver. We are planning our wedding for October 2012 with a ceremony at Araluen Botanical Park.

Emma Nightingale

Darren and Emma are pictured above with Michael (9), Dylan (4), Matilda (18 months) and Brooke (13).







JACOB VOTED IN AS LESMURDIE SHS HEAD BOY

Being elected Head Boy at Lesmurdie Senior High School is the latest in a long list of impressive achievements for Jacob Tompson. Jacob attended Roleystone Primary School and Roleystone District High School until Year 8 when he made the change to Lesmurdie.

An all rounder with academic strength, leadership skills and strong community involvement, Jacob has participated in Brilliant West Week-Dialogue with Youth forum and the Science and Engineering Challenge as well as representing Lesmurdie in the YOHfest finals for the past two years.

"I am really looking forward to my year as Head Boy" he said.

"Head Girl Melissa Scott and I are really keen to work closely with the new principal, John Stone, and the rest of the Student Council to make our mark at Lesmurdie Senior High School in 2012." Well done Jacob.

Anne Kennedy Publicity Lesmurdie SHS





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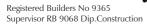
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Clayton Morfitt (seen at right) is all set to shed his beautiful curls in a good cause. A student at Lumen Christi College, Clayton was inspired by the ads seen on TV last year for the World's Greatest Shave, and the people he knows who have suffered serious illness.

With the support of his family and the College Clayton has decided 'I'm being brave! I have lots of curly hair and don't mind shaving it off for a good cause. I'm raising money to support blood cancer patients and to fund vital research.' Clayton's big shave will have place at the 'Clip in' Hair Studio in Kelmscott after school on Friday 16 March.

Anyone who would like to help Clayton reach, or exceed his goal can do so via his the world's greatest Shave website: http://www.worldsgreatestshave. com or access Claytons page direct via: http:// my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/clayton

Anne Kennedy

Helping Ring in the Changes at the Pool!

A number of young people from the Hills area were instrumental in bringing about a changing of the Guard at the Lumen Christ College Inter-House swimming Carnival, that saw MacKillop House break the three year run by Campbell House.

Tanisha Bayley (Roleystone) Taylor and Winona Joachim (Lesmurdie), Beau Abdul Rahim (Mt Richon) and Georgia Hunt, all took part in four events during the tournament and finished in the top ten for their year group in at least one event. Early in the day the Joachim sisters, Taylor, Yr 7 and Winona Yr 9 powered away in their freestyle event to secure wins that helped get MacKillop well up the leader board. Achieving a highly respectable 3rd place in the Year 8 Freestyle Tanisha Bayley earned important points for Salvado House, who finished in 3rd place overall on the day.

Congratulations to all these competitors on their success, but more importantly on the excellent spirit with which they, and so many other Lumen students took part. A real sense of House pride was evident throughout the day, along with a determination by students to give of their best. In particular MacKillop

SPONSOR ME House, who were near faultless for

most of the Carnival and had a well-deserved win.

Taylor, Winona and Tanisha are not wearing College uniforms in the photo below as Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is the school Free Dress Day. Money raised through this day begins the Project Compassion fund raising campaign which Lumen Christi students continue throughout Lent. Project Compassion supports the work of Caritas Australia and the Matrix Mission Project in Southern India to which Lumen Christi College has an ongoing commitment.

Anne Kennedy





SHAVE FOR DAVE

On the 17th March I will be shaving my head as a participant in the "World's Greatest Shave" to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. You may have seen the "chin face" advertising campaign on television recently.

I haven't had short hair for over 20 years, so it's with some trepidation I'll be submitting my hard-grown shoulder-length locks to a radical No.2 head-shave next month.

This March will also mark 34 years since my brother, David, lost his battle with Leukaemia. He was only 9 years old, and was diagnosed only a few short weeks before he passed away. It devastated our family.

It was way back in 1978 and there just weren't the same medical treatments, resources and support networks available back then like there are today thanks to the good work of the Leukaemia Foundation. So I'm going to be shaving my head for the World's Greatest Shave fundraising campaign, and I am looking for sponsors out there in my local Roleystone neighbourhood.

It's all for a terrific cause. The Leukaemia Foundation funds important research into leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other blood disorders, and provides free essential support services to patients with blood cancers and their families. If anyone would like to sponsor me, please go to my online profile page at the following web address: http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org. au/bindiweir

Every dollar counts no matter how little or how much. All donations over \$2 are also tax deductible. If you visit my profile at the webpage above you can also look at the "before" photographs and - after the 17th March - the scary "after" photographs! So please sponsor me today!

Thanks to all, and keep an eye out for my baldy head around Roleystone after 17th March! *Bindi Weir*

Photos top left: Bindi Weir today and left Bindi with her brother David who died of leukemia in 1978.

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2012 Roleystone Concert

A warm, summer evening, great music and a spectacular location meant that this year's Concert in the Park was exceptionally well attended and everyone was unanimous in declaring it a huge success.

The Robin Road Green was the perfect venue, with the circle of bushland and the smaller size of the oval providing an intimate atmosphere. Families and friends gathered with picnics and a few drinks to relax and socialise.

The three bands, from the Roleystone Musicians Club provided wonderful, professional entertainment. Beatz Wurkin started us off with some welcoming tunes. Hawkstone, a popular, local group played next. The last band of the evening was Never2Late and their renditions of a string of 70's and 80's hits got the crowd up dancing and singing into the evening.

The audience was able to purchase ice creams and the P&C crew from the Roleystone Community College did a roaring trade with their 'sausage in a bun' sales. Stalls to promote the Friends of Robin Road Green, The Roleystone Men's Community Shed and the Community Garden were present.

Chris Horgan acted like Father Christmas in handing our lollypops to the young people. Bob Hart and Gavan O'Sullivan made certain that it is all recorded on video and no doubt they will be placing the edited version on YouTube very soon. Thanks also to Mark and Kathryn Bailey for setting up the coffee stall, and Wolfgang Kollar for operating the PA.

Thanks so much to everyone concerned for a wonderful evening: the bands and their support crews, The Roleystone Musicians Club, main Coordinator Chris Horgan, the Roleystone Community College P&C, The City of Armadale and the Department of Education for keeping the area well maintained so that the community could avail themselves of this location for just a little bit longer.

Who's Who in the photos, clockwise from top left:

- 1. Claire Willis, Michelle Willis and Carol McQueen Never 2 Late groupies.
- 2. Laurie Scidone.
- 3. Chris Horgan and son throwing lollypops to the kids.
- 4. Emily Bond and Georgia Marshall in the old tree.
- 5. Andy Murray and Sharleen Blair, whose twins are due in less than a month with children l- r Annelyse Murray, Molly Hewitt, William Killian with Andy holding Roisin Hewitt.
- 6. Joel and Alisa.
- 7. Eli, Jazz and Steph enjoy the Music.
- 8. John and Marian Meharry with friend Jan Mayze.
- 9. Anna and Neil Macfarlane.
- 10. Steve Arnott and sister in law Joyce Arnott.
- 11. Jason, Jess, Isabella and Emily Cargill.
- 12. Linda Mercer, Beau Fothergill, Ashley Boyle and his sister Annie Reid.







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Our Community Bank Manager Reflects on 1st Year

One year ago Tony Jacobs came into the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank branch as Bank Manager. Chairman of the Bank, Roy Hamilton, reflects on Tony's first year:



'Tony's arrival was a pivotal point in the bank's evolution as we've gone ahead in leaps and bounds over this time. Over the last five months the bank has been recording consistent profits. This is great news for the community as a proportion of this profit is returned to our location. Those of you who have yet to meet Tony, come into the bank and see what he can do for you.'

Tony was also reflective on his time at the helm of our Community Bank.

'The banking environment overall has become very competitive over the year and our point of difference has been our ability to connect to clients. Our bank prides itself on our friendly staff who go the extra mile in dealing with customers.' Tony said.

'The great ground work was set by the previous Managers and we are now finally seeing good progress. Our customers and our potential customers are gaining confidence in the Branch, our Staff and the Community banking system. Rome was not built in a day and my motto is chip, chip, chip away.' Tony also considered his main aspirations for the Bank.

'I hope to continue to grow the business. This will bring rewards for the loyal shareholders and our customers. I also hope to continue to contribute financially to worthwhile projects across the community. My goal is to increase the profile of the branch and to convince more customers to come across to the Bendigo Bank. So to those Roleystone Karragullen residents who do not bank with us, please give us the opportunity to quote on your business.'

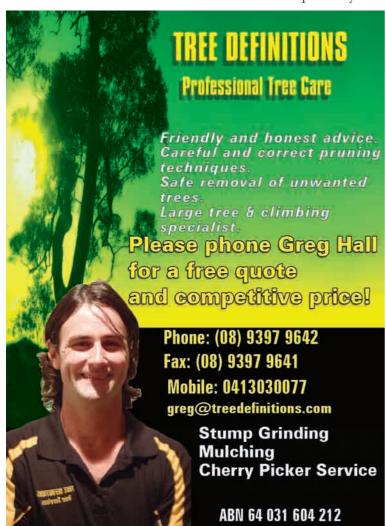


Our Local 'Bendigo Bank' is having its 5th birthday party. Come and help them celebrate on Saturday 31 March 9.30am.

Everyone is invited to come along and share the birthday cake and other festivities.

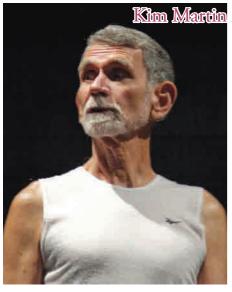
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Kim Martin Acts in Shakespearian Comedy

Roleystone resident and a frequent performer with the Roleystone Theatre, Kim Martin is delighted to be playing Boyet, in The Graduate Dramatic Society's Sixtieth Anniversary production of William Shakespeare's delightful romantic comedy Love's Labour's Lost. Boyet is a lord attending the Princess who acts as an advisor to her and as a messenger between the King's court and the ladies. He is a character who enjoys creating mischief and sending up the follies of others.

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The simple plot of Love's Labour's Lost is hilarious and highly entertaining: no sooner have the young

king and his courtiers at the court of Navarre zealously vowed to give up good living and women for three years to focus on serious study, than temptation arrives in the form of the Princess of France and her very attractive, very intelligent, and very saucy entourage - and the young men find their pulse rates soaring! Infatuation, adolescent pranks and playful confusion lead to more serious matters, revealing the cost of real love. Audiences are bound to be delighted by this boisterous comedy with its excruciating cross-purposes and impersonations, drunkenness, bust ups and pratfalls. Love's Labour's Lost will be playing at the New Fortune Theatre at the University of Western Australia at 7.30 pm on 9, 10, 14-17, and 21-24 March. Bookings can be made online at www.grads.org.au or phone 0438 699 623. Tickets are only \$25 (Concession \$20 and Groups of 10 or more \$18).

Afternoon tea with Trish Bona (a Roleystone icon)

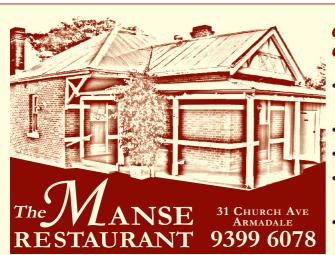
& Community Wardobe
Trish will be hosting this very Female Event. Bring along any clothes, accessories or other girly things that you are ready to part with, so they can go to a new loving home. (These can be dropped off at venue on Friday evening or Saturday am). This is for girls of all ages – bring a friend,

mother, daughter, sister, auntie...... and some afternoon tea to share.

Any remaining clothes will be taken to local op shops. A gold coin donation will be collected for the support of our local youth workers – Joyce Arnott and Stuart Hight.

Where: Roleystone Community Church, 1 Croyden Rd. Saturday 3rd March at 2:30pm Contact: Glenda 0404858349/Glenda@ktcdesign.com.au

PS Trish, pictured singing with Angelo, is nee Martin!



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Lainey Holroyd celebrated her 40th birthday late in January in the middle of a very nasty heat wave. They all had a fantastic time but in the true spirit of 'the family' it did not go smoothly.

Aunty Phyllis was in attendance and wrote a poem about all the things that went wrong.

LAINEY'S 40TH - 28TH JANUARY 2012.

Their daughter was turning 40 and the venue had been booked

At the Roleystone Country Club some months before.

The guest list had been settled and that airconditioned room

Would be just the thing with its highly prized dance floor.

All the Guest of Honour knew was a party would be held,

But where and in what form she could just surmise.

A lot of secret phone calls and whispering went on -

Culminating in a wonderful surprise.

The day was fast approaching, everything was looking fine;

The cake was made and vases three feet long

Were supplied by one of the volunteers who now were standing by

Army style... whatever could go wrong!

WELL:

The temperature had been rising all the week to peak that night -

At 42 degrees if you don't mind!

Our Jan was going crazy, she was about to flip her lid,

Why was Mother Nature so unkind? And then, now this you won't believe, on

And then, now this you won't believe, or that very afternoon

At 1:45 Jan's phone rings just once more. The Country Club was phoning to say they had double booked *!**!!

(I pause while Janet gets up off the floor.) "We had a previous booking for the airconditioned room."

(Janet listens to the words with much foreboding.)

"I'm sorry but you'd have to take the Bar Room-plus-verandah...

There are fans up in the ceiling (By now our Jan is reeling)

There will be no space for dancing But the view is quite entrancing. Though the table room is sparse

You can breathe-in as you pass...

(At this point poor Jan was near exploding!).

SHE SAID:

"You can *expletive* bleep bleep if you think that we will *bleep*

Your mistake *expletive bleep* you know darn well!

You must think us *expletive bleep* just because we *bleep bleep bleep*,

You can expletive bleep bleep bleep and go to bleep!

Well it's clear who won the day because we are cheek to jowl,



Above; Lainey cuts her birthday cake. A night of disasters turns out very well indeed.

As for dancing in this space we are not able; But it's time for Al to speak and as he reaches for his speech

He finds it's still back at home on the kitchen table!

It's time to cut the cake so fetch the champagne from the bar,

We'll raise a toast to another 40 years.

What?! Twelve bottles had been ordered, seems the bar had only six...

But the *spririt* of the toast was still sincere.

Food was perfect, company great, but Aunt Phyl was heard to say,

"You turn your back and there's another generation.

All our children are grand-parents and where does that leave us??

(Thankful to have joined this celebration!) *Phyllis Snelling*

NB The poem's author Phyllis Snelling (Lainey's Aunty Phyllis) is the daughter of Roleystone pioneers.

Her mother, Lillian Mundy (nee Parker) lived at the original Hillendale (now Raeburn Orchard) Roleystone on the orchard for much of her pre married life. Lillian Parker was the third ever teacher at Roleystone School.

Her father Maurice Mundy was a wicket keeper for WA!)

Lainey would like to send a big thank you to mum Janet, her dad Allen and everyone that contributed to making her birthday a wonderful event.



dell rocks Designs

Local company Dell Rocks Designs has recently completed some inspirational work around town and they are keen to take on more.

'Dell Rocks Designs' consists of Richard Dell and his son Joshua Dell. The company has been running in the Roleystone area for three years and the family have lived in the area for over fifteen years.

Richard has a trade background and Joshua is in his final semester of landscape horticulture, so together they have the experience and expertise to handle most aspects of landscaping and general outside home maintenance. Their novel name is of course a combination of their surname and 'rocks' reflects one of the major mediums that they work with especially when landscaping and building retaining walls. Dell Rocks Designs does more than just landscaping;

Richard Dell and his son Joshua of Dell Rocks Designs

they are also pleased to take on renovations and maintenance including: brick paving, reticulation, glass pool fencing, timber decking and rural fencing. All jobs that are needed by many across our semi rural location.

When asked what jobs they have done recently that gave them the most satisfaction Richard felt that it was a job they completed a few weeks ago:

'it was a full jarrah timber decking, patio and the surrounding of the pool area. The completed job looked fantastic and the owner couldn't have been more pleased with it.'

Joshua reflected on a job they had completed a few years ago, landscaping a house in Araluen.

'The owners gave us a blank canvas and we did the entire front and backyard, from rural fencing, glass pool fencing, paving, astro turf, small retaining wall and landscaping! Both Dad and I are really proud of that job.'

Richard and Joshua do work locally but are more than willing to travel anywhere in the metropolitan area. They are both passionate about their work and love what they do. So if you want them to quote on a job feel free to give Richard a call on 9397 7475 or 0425 332 552.



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Propagating Rose Bushes

The first meeting for 2012 of the Roleystone Organic Growers Group will be about how you can propagate your own roses using a technique called budding.

Local Kelmscott resident and hobbyist Peter Ellis will tell us about the history and definition of budding, purpose of budding, how to take

cuttings of Fortuniana rootstock, how to actually bud and follow-up care of budded rose bushes. There will also be 3 close up budding demonstrations during supper so everyone will have a chance to see and ask questions.

Peter has a Diploma in Horticulture, was a primary school teacher for 28 years, and has been a small scale Rose grower for 14 years. With his extensive background and experience, we look forward to having him share his knowledge.

The meeting is on Wednesday March 14th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.









A New President at the Roleystone Theatre

Thank you, Zyg Woltersdorf!

Our president for the last 6 years, Zyg Woltersdorf, has decided to take a rest from the duties of President of the Roleystone Theatre.

In his time as president, Zyg has overseen and been instrumental in many changes to the building and to the relationship between the Theatre and the Armadale City Council. Zyg has proven to be a productive liaison person and his good humour and hard work resulted in a successful tenure as President. We are lucky that he will still be involved in theatre activities - hopefully as the theatre's pictorial historian as he is a talented photographer.

Incoming President Bree Hartley commented:

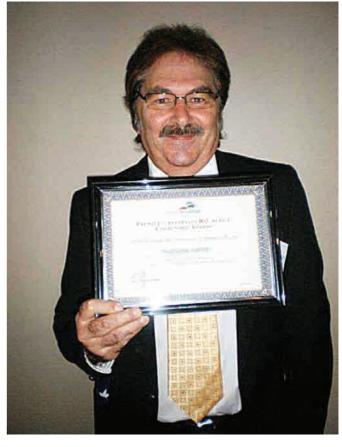
'Zyg Woltersdorf took the role of President at Roleystone Theatre in 2006. Zyg commented at our recent Annual General Meeting, where he did not re-nominate, that he felt he achieved all he set out to achieve as President of the Roleystone Theatre and whilst it had been hard work, he was proud of his part in maintaining the good name of our Theatre.'

'Thank you Zyg, from all our members, for all your time, ideas and efforts throughout the last 6 years.'

The Committee will be: Daniel Ramsell, Nicole George, Ben Davis, Paul Treasure and Katherine Ramsell. We are pleased to acknowledge the new secretary (Kylie Grima) and the other members, old and new, to our ranks.

The first production, *Boston Marriage*, is underway and tickets can be purchased online or by ringing Gerry or Bobbie on 93975730. Dates are April 13, 14,18,20 and 21.

Gerry Chapman



Above: Ex President Zyg with the Premier's Active Citizenship Award, awarded to the Theatre on Australia Day 2010. Thanks for all of your efforts Zyg.



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Group Fitness @RRC

When people say the word "aerobics classes" images of Aerobics Oz Style, leotards, and leg warmers pop into my mind like an automatic reflex.

Thank goodness aerobics classes have evolved over the years into so much more than just floor aerobics and questionable hipster styles. So, why is group exercise a great way to get fit for you? First and foremost, group exercise offers affordable professional guidance. As many people can't afford personal training, group classes are a perfect alternative and the social aspect is just a bonus. Whether it's learning proper technique or just being motivated, group classes offer the direction, education, and encouragement so many people need.

Another reason why group exercise works is because it is really enjoyable. Unlike staring at the timer on a treadmill, group fitness classes leave very little time to even look at the clock. The professional instructors guide you through the whole exercise program and keep you moving the entire time.

Next, group fitness classes are effective – plain and simple. The most valuable part of aerobics classes is the accountability group exercise offers. Ironically, this same fear is what keeps people from even trying a class to begin with. Once you get past your fears and decide to give a class a try, the same fear of everyone watching you is what drives you to work better. Being part of a group helps to push you further than you would ever push yourself alone!

Roleystone Recreation Centre offers a broad spectrum of group fitness for everybody like: Body Tone, Cardio Attack, Abs, Circuit City, Spin, Boxercise, Yoga, Zumba, and even specialised exercise classes for Seniors.

If you've been thinking about starting an exercise program, you may want to give group fitness a try. Here at Roleystone Recreation Centre we offer a friendly and positive group fitness atmosphere and with more aerobic options than ever before, it's an affordable, fun and effective way to get in shape!



When several people expressed an interest in forming a singing group, not a formal choir, but a chance for people who enjoy singing to get together and enjoy themselves, that was enough inspiration for Roleystone's newest singing group to

It was decided to offer this as an activity through the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. We had a meeting of interested people about a month ago, and very luckily for us, Janice who is moving to Roleystone and already runs a choir came along. What an enthusiastic lot we are in Roleystone!

At that first meeting people put up their hands to play the piano, be treasurer, bring music and borrow a keyboard. Janice of course was press ganged into being our conductor!

Our first get together was on Thursday 16th Feb. We talked about the type of music we

would like to sing, and it covers pretty well everything, although I don't believe the Messiah was mentioned. We were even brave enough to think that we might stretch to singing carols in public at Christmas, so be ready Roleystone!

Janice brought along some backing CDs to get us going, so we sang songs from Les Miserables, The Beatles and the Sound of Music, and that was just the first night.

We meet every Thursday evening at the Roleystone Family Centre from 7.30p.m. to 9.30p.m. The cost is \$2 per person, which includes tea or coffee. You can't get a cheaper night's entertainment anywhere for that. This is a mixed sing along group (we've yet to come up with a name) so anyone out there who'd like to give it a go, we'd love to see you. You don't necessarily have to read music or even have a good voice, you just need to be keen.

Chris Bloomer

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Toy Library Back in Business for 2012

The Toy Library is back up and running for another year. We had a very successful Busy Bee in January and would like to thank all members and their families for helping

out on the day. The year has started well with new members joining, so a very warm 'Welcome' to our new members and welcome back to our

existing members. Just a reminder that our annual membership fees are due on the 1st March. We will shortly be emailing out new

membership forms and information to all members.

We are open during the school term on Wednesday 11.30-12.15pm and Saturday 9.30-10. 30 am at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre.

Please don't hesitate to email us at roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au or phone 9496 1115.

Linda Schaudin.





Once again registration for RJFC for the 2012 football season has been strong. A large number of new and existing players nominated at the registration days in February. The club was well supported with volunteers assisting in registration and in product distribution. The club would like parents and community members to consider volunteering for the wide range of support positions now required to allow our young people to be involved in this activity. The RJFC is a family oriented, parent run, not-for-profit club which has a reputation as one of the most successful junior football clubs in the South Fremantle District. Pictured above: two of the RJFC volunteers Samantha Saffioti (far left) and Jeanette Spanjers (far right) with local aspiring

KidSport will make it possible for Western Australian children to participate in community sport and recreation, no matter their financial circumstances. This allows eligible youth aged 5 - 18 years old, up to \$200 towards club fees.

Clubs must be not for profit and registered with the City of Armadale before the registration fees can be funded through the kidsport program. Clubs can obtain forms from amcglynn@armadale,.wa.gov.au and applicants can either download application forms from our website or get them from their club.

If you reside in the City of Armadale and play sport in another local government area, that club needs to register for your fees to be paid.

Many local sporting clubs have already become involved.

The Roleystone Junior Football Club registrations have been held but anyone who still wants to register or has any questions about the club can do so by contacting Connie Saffioti, RJFC Registrar, 0439606823 or connie. saffioti@gmail.com Roleystone netball is also involved. Interested people are invited to contact Amy Boughton on boughtons@westnet.com.au or phone her on 0402 680 770.

Other clubs and recreation activities are invited to apply.

Enquiries about the Kidsport program are directed to the City of Armadale, Club Development Officer on 9399 0642.





Pictured above: Connie Saffioti and Gaffney Murray at Roleystone Junior Football Club Registration Day. Above right: new Roleystone Tigers club coach Leon Wynne with Club fitness trainer Lisa Casotti.

Poleystome Tiggrs

The Roleystone Senior Football club welcomes Coach Leon Wynne. Pre-season training has already commenced and they have inspiring numbers.

Leon comes to the Tigers with an extensive background as a player and coach. Leon started in the junior league as a 15 year old for the Esperance Football Club. He continued to play for many years in the Great Southern with the Tambellup Football Club and Denmark FC, playing in five losing Grand Finals.

His coaching career started in 1996 at Coolbellup Amateur Football Club where he coached for 3 years; his team finished on top in 1997 but unfortunately lost both finals. He went onto have more success coaching the Mustangs in the WAFA in 2002. After securing a position in the grand final the Mustangs lost to Roleystone. In 2005 the Mustangs once again were grand finalists only to lose. Finally, in 2006 the Mustangs won the grand final under the direction of Leon.

Leon is pleased to be at the RFC and would like to thank the committee and players for making him feel welcome. Leon commented that the playing group have a lot of potential and believe the Tigers have the potential to

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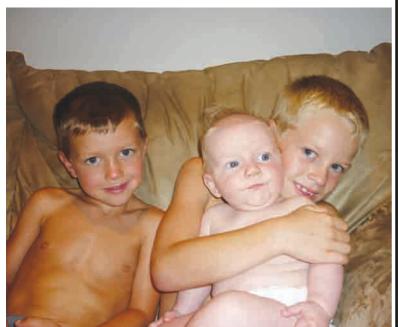
make the finals if they put in the hard work at pre-season training.

Players are still needed. Training is on Monday and Wednesday nights until the cricket season has finished. The Committee thanks 2011 sponsors and encourages their ongoing support for 2012. If you are interested in playing, volunteering or being a sponsor please contact President Jason Hammond on 0411 702 504 or Jocelyn Jones on 0437 887 930. *Jocelyn Jones*

Isaac Whan a New Tiger

We have been a little slow in getting a photo into the Courier of our new little guy, he is now 5 months old! Isaac Robert Whan is pictured below with his two older brothers: Jacob (6) and Toby (4). Isaac was born on the 9th September, 2011 weighing in at 8lbs. He is certainly living up to the meaning of his name, "he who laughs" as he is such a happy baby and has a smile for anyone. His two brothers just adore him and can't wait to start playing footy with him.

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ARALUEN'S FREMANTLE CHILLI FESTIVAL

Spicing up Western Australia since 2003, Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival has grown to be one of the city's major cultural events. This year will mark the 10th anniversary of the festival and to celebrate this milestone we would like to recognize the following stallholders who have been with us for most of those 10 years:

- Eda Adlig Healthy & Tasty
- Jewel Clayton Gidgee Springs Organics
- Armanda Da Luz -Armanda Cuisine
- Daphne Fretwell Katandra
- Duncan Harris Harris Organic Wines
- Shirley-Ann Kettle Chillin Out in WA
- Phillip Lesley Harbaneros 4 Gringos
- Andy Longmore -Pippali All Things Chilli
- Archie Moroni Morish Nuts
- Noela Riley Simmos Mobile Scoop Shop
 Patricia Tew – Food
- Symphony
- Deborah Martin Fruity Fanatics
- Daniel Wind Bushshack Brewers

This year we will welcome some new stallholders and products to the already fabulous range of fresh foods, plants, pickles, chutneys, olives, cheese, chocolate, wine, beers. If you are looking for something different, interesting or unusual then you will find it at the Chilli Festival.

Chef Dale Sniffen and Don Hancey, with the help of some of Perth's leading chefs, will be cooking some very interesting dishes which members of the public will be invited to taste test.

Look out for the Stilt Chefs and a pair of very large seagulls who are bound to bring a smile to your face.

There is also something very special for children: 'Sow-A-Seed by Beyond Gardeners. This is a free activity for kids of all ages; plant a seed, take it home and watch it grow.

Public transport is the easiest way to get to and from Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival. Catch the train to the end of the Fremantle Line, which is a short walk or CAT ride away from the festival. Trains are scheduled to arrive every 15 minutes throughout the day.

Transperth offers a range of tickets to meet the needs of you and your family - just choose the ticket that is right for you. Use your SmartRider or a DayRider for great value fares, or if you are travelling with a group, use Transperth's FamilyRider ticket and save. For more detailed information or to plan your journey, visit www.transperth. wa.gov.au < http://www.transperth. wa.gov.au > or call the InfoLine on 13 62 13.

We have set a very affordable entry fee with Adults only \$15 and accompanying children (up to 17yrs) are FREE.

Liz Dunn







New Medely Lure on Trial

With the phasing out of cover sprays to control Mediterranean fruit fly, many local growers are keenly researching alternatives.

A device that attracts Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) in orchards and kills them after a few seconds of contact is being trialled by Fruit West and the Department of Agriculture and Food in our local orchards. Magnet MED is the latest weapon under scrutiny by the fruit industry following restrictions on the use of the chemical dimethoate, which has been a long-term defence against the serious insect pest.

The Magnet MED has worked well in Europe, hence trial units were placed in two apple orchards at Karragullen during January.

The Magnet MED uses deltamethrin plus powerful attractants that smell bad to both male and female fruit flies.

The devices bring the pest to the poison using a 'lure and kill' technique. An advantage is that there are no chemical residues on the fruit, and little effect on beneficial insects making it attractive to organic and backyard growers. Each device resembles a white card, 180 by 150 millimetres, hung in fruit trees at a recommended level of 75 units per hectare or one lure for each 20 to 30 trees.

The lures are being trialled on apples only this year and will remain in place until the end of the season, about June.

For many years growers have used organophosphate cover sprays to control Medfly, but dimethoate has largely been suspended and fenthion is likely to face the same fate in a few months.

The fruit industry must accept that there is no silver bullet to replace the traditional sprays, and a number of other tactics need to be employed as part of a systems approach. Magnet MED is just one of the new weapons we are investigating, but if it is successful here it will need to be used with other tools.

Specific management actions would vary depending on location but were likely to involve strict orchard hygiene, sterile fruit flies in some remote areas, mass baiting and trapping, different chemicals and new devices, she suggested.

If the current apple trial is successful, it will be extended to stone fruit next season.

The photo above left: Steve David suspends Magnet MED from high branches where it humans but apparently smell fabulous to lures Medflies in an orchard in Karragullen.

PHOTOGRAPHY MASTER CLASS@ARALUEN PARK

Recently a 1 day photography workshop was held at Araluen Botanical Park. With over 30 years of combined experience, Andrew Halsall & Leigh Diprose taught the latest photographic techniques covering a wide variety of genres.

On the course participants learned how to use their camera's functions to achieve professional results. Each participant received a photography workbook that covered all the basics and advanced techniques of photography. Throughout the day camera settings were put to the test with practical photography sessions covering flash photography, shutter speeds, apertures, ISO, working with talent, focal lengths and depth of field.

One of the highlight sessions during the day was working with a professional model



photographing at the beautiful Araluen Botanical Park. Participants were assigned a task to shoot the most creative portrait using all their freshly learned camera techniques. A prize was awarded for the best photograph.

If you would like to learn more about the camera courses run by Andrew and Leigh you can contact Camera House.

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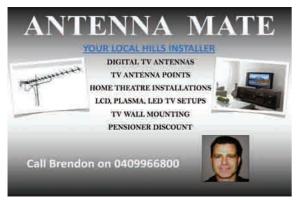


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If you book an appointment with Amber or Crystal, ladies will receive a Davines' nourishing repairing mask which is a hair treatment to revive hair dried by the summer heat; men will be given a free shampoo with any cut service. (Ladies offer is inclusive of any hair services). This offer only exists for the month of March.

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WA Greens call for eastern suburbs to be INCLUDED IN POPULATION PLANNING

WA Greens Member for East Metropolitan Region Alison Xamon has called on the Government to provide additional public transport infrastructure to the eastern

'The population growth figures released this week make it clear that the eastern suburbs' already inadequate public transport services will not cope with greater demand,' Ms

'Roleystone in particular is a quite isolated community and there is a desperate need to provide additional bus services. The Government's public transport record has not been good for the Roleystone community.

Ms Xamon said much of the discussion about population growth and the need for more public transport had focused on the far northern and southern suburbs.

However, the existing communities in Roleystone and the surrounding suburbs contained elderly residents and those with a high vulnerability to petrol price rises.

'Yes, the population is increasing, but not only in the north and south,' Ms Xamon

'We have existing populations in the eastern suburbs and they need adequate public transport. There's no way what they have is adequate.'

The airport light rail link was another public infrastructure project that needed to be progressed as a matter of urgency.

'The community is begging for the airport light rail link to be extended to link into the existing rail network,' Ms Xamon said.

'This proposed link would be excellent for the eastern suburbs. At the moment residents could be excused for believing it to be little more than a nebulous, unfunded plan.'

Kim Valley Chinese Restaurant will be closed from 27 - 2 -2012 until 20 -3 - 2012. Re-opening 21-3 -2012



ROLEYSTONE COURIER FOOTY TIPPING

Welcome back to our great Aussie sport. Round 1 starts on Saturday afternoon March 24 between the nation's newies GWS Giants and Sydney –the only game for that weekend.

The following Thursday sees Richmond/ Carlton, Friday is Hawthorn/Collingwood, Saturday Melbourne/Brisbane, Gold Coast/ Adelaide, Fremantle/Geelong, North Melbourne/Essendon and Sunday Western Bulldogs/West Coast and Port Adelaide/St Kilda.

The Roleystone Courier would like to again invite everyone to join this year's Roleystone Courier Community AFL Footy Tipping Competition. It is very easy, it is lots of fun and it is all done via the internet and emails. Mike Moore 0429688645 or mikemoo@bigpond.net.au), Brian McCormack 0417173035 and Jocelyn Jones on 0437 887 930 will be your contacts if required.

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 higher margin – very tight season it was too. 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 (BSB: 633000 ACCT: 136318615). Please reference your payment with your surname. 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 to help out as a fundraiser/end of season festivities. 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. The Roleystone Courier also emails tippers each week and prints results.

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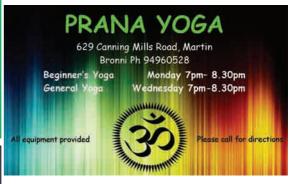
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Cricketers

On behalf of Graham Fuller (President) and the committee we would like to invite you and your family to Cross Park on Sunday 11, March 2012 to catch up with a few old faces over a beer and feed.

Feel free to spread the word to anyone you think might be interested in heading up to the

We have renamed the trophy for the Old Buffers Cricket Match, now playing for the 'Ray Pound and Ken Knuckey Memorial Shield'

The match will kick off at 1:00pm with a crop of current players (Young Guns) to pit their skill against ex-players (Old Buffers) enjoying a 'very friendly' game of cricket.

We would like a big turnout for the social side of things and there is no pressure to don the whites but if you intend rolling the arm over or having a hit please nominate yourself to me by Wednesday March 7 so I can make up the teams. Also it would be good if we can play in whites, at least a white shirt even better if it is a retro 1970s version cricket attire.

REUNION

Refreshments, lunch @ 12:30 and an afternoon tea will be provided so come along and catch up with some old friends, the game will conclude around 5pm.

If you have any RKCC memorabilia you would like to share with us like photos, newsletters, caps etc please bring them along and help us reminisce about the good old days.

For more information and to help with catering numbers please get back me via email or call me on 0439 986 862

We would like to thank all sponsors and supporters of Roley cricket, in particular Rob at Fidock & Co Real Estate, Brian at Roleystone Family Meats, Ross and Joe at Supa IGA, Adam at Fineline Signs and Ross from U Brew-it Canning Vale.

It will be great to catch up with a few old faces on Sunday 11, March at Cross Park. You might bump into someone called;

Agostino, Anile, Annison, Bamford, Barker, Bettenay,







Pictured Top: Graham Pound (son of Ray Pound) and Darren Wilkinson (grandson of Ken Knuckey) Middle: Phil Bettenay and Curnow Knuckey who played in the second ever RKCC team,

Above: Dorothy Knuckey and Bill Michell, early members of the RKCC.

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Best Regards,

Graham Pound



DIEBACK TREATMENT

We had a great turnout of volunteers again. Thanks to all who came. All the Jarrahs, Banksias and Snotty Gobbles have been treated for dieback in Stonegate Reserve in February. The Group then moved over to Attunga Reserve and treated a further 100 trees.

Next field day

Website: www.roleybushcare.com

We will be treating the trees in Lina Hart Memorial Park for dieback disease on Sunday



Roleybushcare crew 'get active'. Top left: Rod Fancote, above left: new recruit Jane Hamilton, above right: Adrian Barrett and below: Tim Lardner and Diana Auckland.







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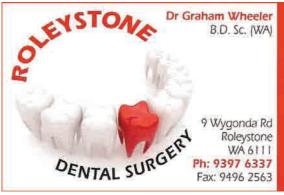
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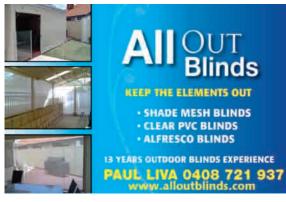
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The 2012 Roley Open was a very successful event with 24 players and a BBQ to finish off the night.

The winning team (pictured at right) was: Judy Smith, Lesley Roser, Myles Hay-Hendry and Lois Swaddle. Thanks everyone for participating and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Our SSTA Pennants Team is still on top of their Division with only 2 more games to go so it looks like they have definitely made the finals. Keep up the good work. Our Central Hills Pennants Team has just begun a new season so good luck ladies.

COMING EVENTS 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 them, please write your name on the sheet at the Club or phone Bob Rowe for more information on 9496 1113.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The next event on the Club Calendar is our Club Championships. These will be held on 18th March (Ladies and Men's Doubles) and 25th March (Mixed Doubles) with Ladies and Men's Singles on the 1st April. All financial and life members of the Club are eligible to participate. Sign up sheets are at the Club so please put your names 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 in coaching for please contact our Club Coach Cameron Fenner on 9457 9704 or 0439 960 629 or email Cameron at frontiertennis@hotmail.com

Bowling Along

WITH GERRY CHAPMAN

We had a very successful day for our Cancer fund raising day. There were 36 bowlers who enjoyed a fun day on the greens. We raised over \$580 for this event.

Pictured at right: is the winning team of Brian, Bob and Doug.

The community bowls event was a great success and our thanks go to the organisers and Roleystone Supa IGA for their support.







ROLEYSTONE WOMENS HOCKEY **CLUB CALLS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

The summer is slipping away and the start of autumn will soon be heralded by our orchards changing colour. This change of season means the start of the cooler season sports.

Roleystone Women's Hockey Club Inc are sponsored by Healthways to provide our community with an opportunity to be healthy in mind and body by getting fit and having fun and setting yourself a challenge.

We have 2 teams entered in the Hills Women's Hockey Association competition. Games are played every Sunday afternoon from mid May to late September. Our fees are about a ¼ of what metro teams pay. All teams play at the same venue and the afternoon culminates with some laughs and social talk over a cup of tea or coffee with a bite to eat.

In the club we have players from Byford to Applecross.

COMMUNITY BOWLS

Our community bowls event, sponsored by Roleystone Supa IGA, concluded with good humour and praise for the organisers. Sixteen disparate teams desperate to win accolades braved the greens each of the past four Wednesdays and had a ball. It was very pleasing to see 70 to 80 people enjoying the atmosphere and the great game of bowls. You can too - any Friday night at the club for social night bowls.

Below left: Brian enjoying a sausage sizzle cooked by Eileen and Melissa and below the winning team 'The Jumping Jacks'.

If you are an experienced player interested in joining us we guarantee you a challenge and for beginners our aim is to teach you how to enjoy the game with skills you learn at training.

'Any goalies out there?' We would welcome you with open arms.

The only requirements are that you are female and 13+ years.

Anyone interested please contact:

Sue on 9398 7426 or Yvonne 93975153 or Helen (after 6pm) 93975939.

Helen Johansen Pictured above left: The B Grade team last year.

Рнотоѕнор Introductory

Workshop Monday 19th & 26th March

at 6:30pm to 9:30pm Wednesday 21st & 28th March at 10am to 1pm

Whether you want to restore old photos or get creative with new ones, these workshops with teach you the techniques needed.

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MARCH DECISION EXPECTED REGARDING REZONING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

The Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Housing Committee is looking forward to the City of Armadale making their deliberations on the rezoning of the Primary School site sometime in March. We are very hopeful that commonsense prevails and that the many senior residents of Roleystone and Karragullen who desire to spend their later years still living in our wonderful community have the opportunity to purchase quality independent seniors housing at that fantastic site in the future. We also hope that through the rezoning process there will not be onerous conditions placed on the site which would severely impact on the financial merits for any future persons wishing to purchase the site for independent seniors housing. That situation could add considerable financial increases on the purchase of each home in the future.

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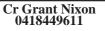
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An Enemy To Us All

This year an enemy has made a concerted effort to take over our hills area. Gomphocarpus fruticosus or Narrow Leaf Cotton Bush is an escaped garden shrub that spread into disturbed sites, especially along watercourses and into bushland. It is also known as Swan Plant, from the shape of the seedpods that look like a swan. It was planted in gardens because of the white /cream flowers and for the Monarch or Wanderer Butterfly which lays its eggs on it.

The seedpods are green turning brown with age, sparsely covered in soft spines. When they are ripe they explode sending masses of seeds, each attached to light, fluffy kapok like parachutes that are easily dispersed by wind & water. They are extremely fertile

> creating new infestations everywhere they land. They will form dense thickets and can spread to a lesser extent by rhizomes (underground stems)

The plant is poisonous, producing a

milky sap, which can cause skin irritations, and potentially, death in animals that consume it. It is not hard to manually remove, especially the small plants. Wear protective clothing to avoid skin and eye contact. Smaller plants can be bagged into large plastic bags & left in the sun for a few days to cook them. The bigger plants with flower heads can be pulled and stacked for burning later when the fire season is over. Spraying with Glyphosate is also effective early in the season before the seeds have set.

There are many people working hard to stop this invasive plant from infesting their properties but it needs all people to band together. It is very disheartening to remove this plant from your own land, only to see it seeding back in from your neighbour's property. It may be a good time to wander next door to have a beer with your neighbour & work out a strategy for attacking the enemy.

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9am - 10.30am

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Wednesday 28 March

9am - 10.30am

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Gatekeeper Training is the answer to the modern day 'First Aid Course' for people who want to know what steps to take when dealing with someone who is in need of help. Gatekeeper is the only nationally recognised suicide prevention training delivered

One Life Gatekeeper Training is a comprehensive and modern approach to reduce suicidal behaviour, which promotes family, school and workplace environments as avenues of social support. Studies reveal that approximately eight out of ten people who take their own lives give definite warning signs of their suicidal intentions. Therefore it makes sense that the more people that are trained to be alert to these signs and have the skills to take appropriate action, the less the chance of a completed suicide.

One Life Gatekeeper Training is based on the premise that individuals at risk of suicide come into contact with a range of people prior to taking action. One Life Gatekeeper Training promotes the acquisition of life skills that enhance individual and community abilities to support people at risk of suicide.

A "Gatekeeper" refers to a worker and community member who is able to identify and support people at risk of suicide. The premise of the Gatekeeper Training is that by developing a strong relationship with an "at risk" person and connecting them with appropriate support, their sense of hopelessness and of being alone in their struggle is lessened. By implementing effective intervention the likelihood of suicide is significantly reduced.

February Weather

Weather Statistics provided by David Elliott: Your Official Rolevstone Weather Site.

Rainfall Stats

February average 14.0 on 3 days Total Jan 1 to February 16 2012 54.2 on 8 days Average to 1st Jan to 28 February 33.1 on 6 days



One Life Gatekeeper Training is a two day workshop designed to provide participants with a wide range of skills and knowledge to improve their ability and confidence to work with suicidal people and make referrals to professional help.

This training is open to the public, please email or call if you would like to attend. The next dates are April 12th & 13th located in Armadale. A special training day has been set for those working in the education department or alongside children. Please advise which course you would be attending. The training is FREE and is funded by the West Australian Suicide Prevention Strategy and promoted by Roleystone Community Alive.

For more information please see below;

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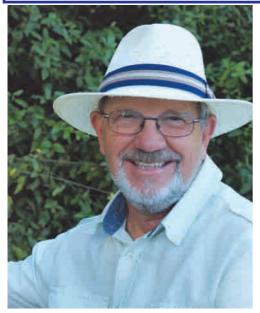
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Dear Friends We used to have a yacht, a cruiser/racer.

Racing boats are designed to go as fast as possible under limited weather conditions and cruising boats are designed to get where they're going under any weather conditions. Ours had a good stab at doing both but actually wasn't very fast and wouldn't stand up to much severe weather. Pure racing boats have always been so specialized that their masts can break and even their hulls might fall apart when the wind gets above specific design limits. Cruising boats on the other hand should stand up to any but the most extreme storm conditions.

Most proper cruising boats can survive being tipped end over end by huge waves as well as being knocked over sideways by the wind. In fact cruising boats can handle bad weather better than most crews. I know, been there, done that, got the T-shirt, up chucked with the best of them! The strength of a boat is only fully demonstrated when it faces a real storm. Similarly in life, our own strength of character is only fully exhibited when we are subjected to some extreme trial. There is a real danger of designing our lives like racing boats, ignoring the fact that life can give us a rough ride. And like racers we can go really well and shine like proverbial stars as long as the "weather" holds good. But when storms hit we either break up or have to run for cover.

What we need is some internal strength. Life is not always going to be plain sailing. Trials and tribulations are all part of our daily existence and we need to be prepared. So often people seem to turn to God for strength at these tough times, even though they have lived as if he wasn't there up to that point. The God they turn to is of course unfamiliar to them and that can be a bit of a problem. If we've got the wrong handle on the living God, our expectations can be dashed and we end up more devastated than before. It's like turning to a life raft and having to read the instructions for using it just as the storm hits. We need to get to know God and design in the strength he can give us before we're buffeted by one of life's storms. Then when we cry out the shortest and most familiar prayer of all - "God, help!" - we know who we're crying out to in our night of torment, bereavement, discouragement or failure. In my experience he can and does indeed provide the strength we need.

In reality, stormy weather is quite common on life's weather chart. I sometimes look around our community and weep because of the buffeting so many people are enduring. Then I praise God because of the love and practical support I know they can receive from those around them in the community.

It's actually amazing how often God's angels look remarkably like some of our special friends and neighbours! We can be God's arms in a broken world, embracing those in bother, supporting them and keeping them afloat. We can sing the song on behalf of those around us too.

May we each get to know God and be made strong enough to sing the song he gives us in the night. And may we be ready to sing the song for others.

Yours in Christ, David

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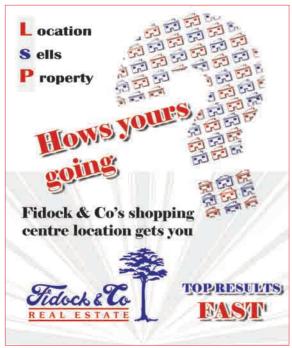
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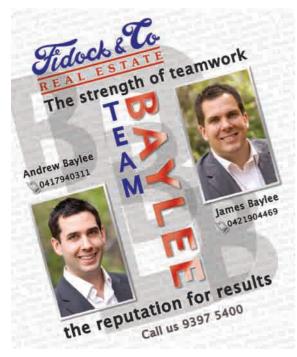
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John Lewis Seniors

It's nearly finals time in the SHDCA and the Roleystone Karragullen C Grade side is close to securing the all important double chance if they can get across the line against Morley this weekend. E whites are still in a strong position heading into the finals series sitting second on the ladder whilst E Greens are just 4 points outside the top four with 3 games remaining.

A Grade	C Grade	D Grade	E Grade
T Stuart 57	G Pound 61	C Dudley 61	M Faranda 69
P Fisher 47	R Allen 43	C Dudley 56	I Conn 66
D Kipping 31	G James Hat-Trick	I Dickenson 36	M Faranda 53
T Stuart 8/34	G James 6/12	J Dickenson 3/38	C Chapman 47
P Fisher 5/14	G Coppin 4/32		D McIntyre 46
T Stuart 3/37	C Stewart 4/42		G Hodge 46
	G Coppin 3/18		D Faranda 41
	11		C Chapman 4/9

RECENT EVENTS Junior Xmas Party

The RKCC ended yet another glorious calendar year with the usual festivities at the home of cricket, Cross Park. With a growing junior cricket intake, kids from all around the community were out in numbers to see Santa arrive in his refurbished sleigh. Together with our sponsors Rob and Kerry Fidock from Fidock & Co Real Estate, Santa touched



down from the North Pole via helicopter to bring a smile to not only every boy and girl but also to a lot of the senior players and parents alike.

When Santa departed the Christmas Party didn't end there. An Aussie barbeque was provided on the day with everyone enjoying a good feed and something to drink on what ended up being a very jovial occasion. The club would like to thank all the parents and kids for making the 2011 Christmas Party a wonderful occasion and encourage the Roleystone community to drop on by when they see activity around our club to give their support to these enjoyable community events.

Australia Day

The annual RKCC Australia day 6-a-side tournament proved to be as popular as ever with 6 teams entered this year.

The day saw some big hitting, 'innovative' stroke play, classic sledging, questionable umpiring and many laughs.

This event continues to grow each year with many former club members and locals joining the club for a day of social cricket.

See you next year!

Upcoming Events

End of Home and Away Season Gala Event
The Roley's!
Date: March 10th
Location: Cross Park
Time: 7.30pm
Tickets: \$15
Dress Code: Fancy Dress
Favourite Musician or Rock Star

Also see writeup for

2012 Old Buffer Match & Reunion invitation page 36 in this Roleystone Courier.



Wild Gossip: Tawny Frogmouths!

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Over the past few months I have had numerous enquiries about Tawny Frogmouths (Podargus

Strigoides). The most common enquiries have been regarding Tawny' caught out in the open during the day and sometimes under attack from day birds.

The usual reason for a nocturnal bird being out during the day is that it is a young bird that has mistimed its return to safety. The best solution is to gently pick up the bird, put it in a box and keep it in a quiet place until dusk when it should be returned as close as possible to where it was found.

Other enquiries involved injured young Tawny's, some were directed to a vet but I did take 6 into care, 5 of which have since been released.

The Tawny Frogmouth is probably the best known nocturnal bird in Australia. During the day they sit upright and motionless on branches heads tilted up and eyes closed to slits.

Their camouflage is so perfect that a Tawny roosting in a tree looks just like a branch, often the only clue to their whereabouts is their humming "ooom-ooom" call.

They resort to aggressive behaviour – feathers fluffed out, large orange eyes wide open and beak in a wide gape showing a startling yellow throat – only when their camouflage is unsuccessful.

At dusk the Tawny's begin hunting for food, from a perch they watch the ground for insects, mice, lizards, frogs, snails etc. planning down in silent flight to capture. Tawny's are not very agile on the ground or in flight and many are killed or injured by vehicles.

Tawny's are spring and summer breeders, pairs form lifelong bonds and stay in the same area throughout the years. Nests are a flimsy platform of sticks in a horizontal tree fork. Normally 2-4 eggs are laid, incubated for about 30 days and the young fledge in 25 -35 days.

After breeding season Tawny families often perch side by side on the same branch though it does take a keen eye to spot them.

Please contact me for help for or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.

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A Note for Friends of Doug McPherson.

Long term resident and avid gardener Doug McPherson has had a period of illness and is currently living with his son and daughter in law Grant and Shelley McPherson in Bunbury. Friends wanting to contact Doug should ring Grant's mobile 0417923269 and they will receive a return phone call. And for those who worry about Doug's wonderful garden, don't panic the family are caring for the house and property in preparation for Doug's return.

SENIORS CLUB NEWS

Last month the Roleystone Seniors had a luncheon on the 20th Feb. This included a practice session with the new WII that Amana Living has installed in our club rooms, as Hillandale Village does not have any recreation facilities. Amana Living is often involved in our club as many of our members live in the village. After lunch we held our general meeting.

Sadly we had to cancel the Southern Escape tour as there were not enough takers. However on March the 19th we have the Casino Bus trip which has always proved very popular. On the 26th of March we are planning an outing to the Pioneer Village for a look around then onto lunch at the Narrogin Inn.

Seniors Club MARCH Calendar

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1st and 3rd Mondays	Lunch and Dessert	12 Noon	\$9.00		
(Due to Public Holiday Meal in March is on Tuesday 6th)					
2nd & 4th Mondays	Cards	10am			
Every Tuesday	Mahjong	12.30 pm	\$1.00		
Every Tuesday	Pilates	6.30pm			
4th Tuesday	Bendigo Bingo	12 Noon	\$3.50		
Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00		
Last Wednesday	Book Club	1pm			
Wednesday evening	Relaxation	6.30pm	\$8		
Every Thursday	Yoga	9.30 pm	\$10/\$12		
Friday	Bowls	1.00pm			
Special Events: 19th Casino Bus trip & 26th Pioneer Village and Narrogin Inne					

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Astronomical Highlights March

At this time last year, there was only one evening planet: Saturn. Now we have four. This serves to illustrate the fact that the planets are capricious, "wandering stars".

They can't be used in any straightforward way to mark set points in the calendar, such as the equinox later this month. At dusk the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, dominate the western sky. In mid-month they'll be within a few degrees of each other for several nights. Note the changes in their relative positions - most of this will be due to Venus shifting, not Jupiter.

Venus is much nearer to us, so its motion is more obvious. In early March Venus is setting well ahead of Jupiter. Mid-month they set at about the same time. By the end of the month Jupiter is setting first.

On the opposite side of the sky at nightfall, bright orange-coloured Mars is coming up. It's at opposition on the 4th. That's the time when Mars, Earth and the Sun are all in line. Mars and the Sun are on opposite sides of the Earth. Only outer planets can go through opposition (not Venus, not Mercury). Opposition generally is the time when a planet's nearest to Earth, but the wonky elliptical orbit of Mars causes a

variation of opposition distance from about 56 million km to 100 million km. In 2003 it was 56 million, now it's over 100 million km. Saturn comes into the picture later in the evening. In early March it's rising in the ESE around 9:20pm. The star Spica, Alpha Virginis, is directly above it. In mid-month, Saturn rises around 8:20pm. By late March it's rising at the end of evening twilight, about 7:20pm. It'll be the "star of the show" in the Observatory's public viewing sessions from mid-March onwards.

Please note that if you want to attend one of these stargazing sessions, you'd better book now! March is already booked out. Phone 9293-8255, 8:30am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

The major phases of the Moon are first quarter on March 1st, full moon on the 8th, last quarter on the 15th, new moon on the 22nd, and first quarter again on the 31st. Watch for the waxing crescent moon slipping by Jupiter and Venus at dusk on the 26th and

The autumn equinox this year is on the 20th at 1pm. That's when the Sun crosses the plane of the Earth's equator, heading north. It signals the end of the summer season for us, and the end of a bitter winter for people at the higher latitudes in the northern hemisphere. Not that the weather must abruptly change. There's usually a bit of a lag. It's still possible

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Greg Lowe Perth Observatory

to have a heat wave in March, but with the days being progressively shorter, the solar heating effect is reduced. Around equinox time you find that the Sun rises due east and sets due west. Only around equinox time. As well, you should have noticed by now that the Sun's shining more and more on the north side of your house. The noonday sun's not as high as it was weeks ago. Autumn's upon us. Not a day too soon.





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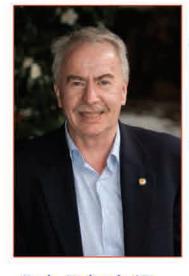


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