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Are The Tulips Back??

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JAMES BAYLEE MARRIES IOANNA ARIMA

Late in November James Baylee married Ioanna Arima at the Greek Orthodox Church in Northbridge with a reception held at the Royal Fresh Water Bay Yacht Club.

We both had an amazing day & would like to thank all who were involved. We couldn't have asked for more. The weather was perfect & the venue (upstairs at the RFWBYC) was ideal. It was a small gathering of our 60 closest friends and family that made the day a day to remember.

We had the most amazing honeymoon with a 5 week tour of USA. We started in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Toronto celebrating Xmas in New York and finishing with New Year's Eve in Hawaii. We look back on all we have done in the last few months and can't believe it has all happened so fast. We had the most amazing time and wouldn't change anything for the world.

James & Ioanna Baylee

The Bridal Party as pictured above: (left to right) Artemis Navrozidis, Michelle Baylee, Tasha Grieve, Yiota Arima (Maid of Honour), Ioanna Baylee (Bride), James Baylee (Groom), Bruce Stephens (Best Man), Steven Baylee, Andrew Baylee, Grant Boyd.

LOCALS ATTEND LESMURDIE SHS YEAR 12 BALL



The Lesmurdie SHS Ball was held on Friday 2nd March at the Fremantle Esplanade Hotel for the Year 12 students. A number of Roleystone students attended.

Pictured at left: Kirsty Mackenzie, Imogen Kemp, & Brooke Gibbons.

The girls were accompanied by Glenn Maslen, Kian Whitelaw and Jayce Maile.

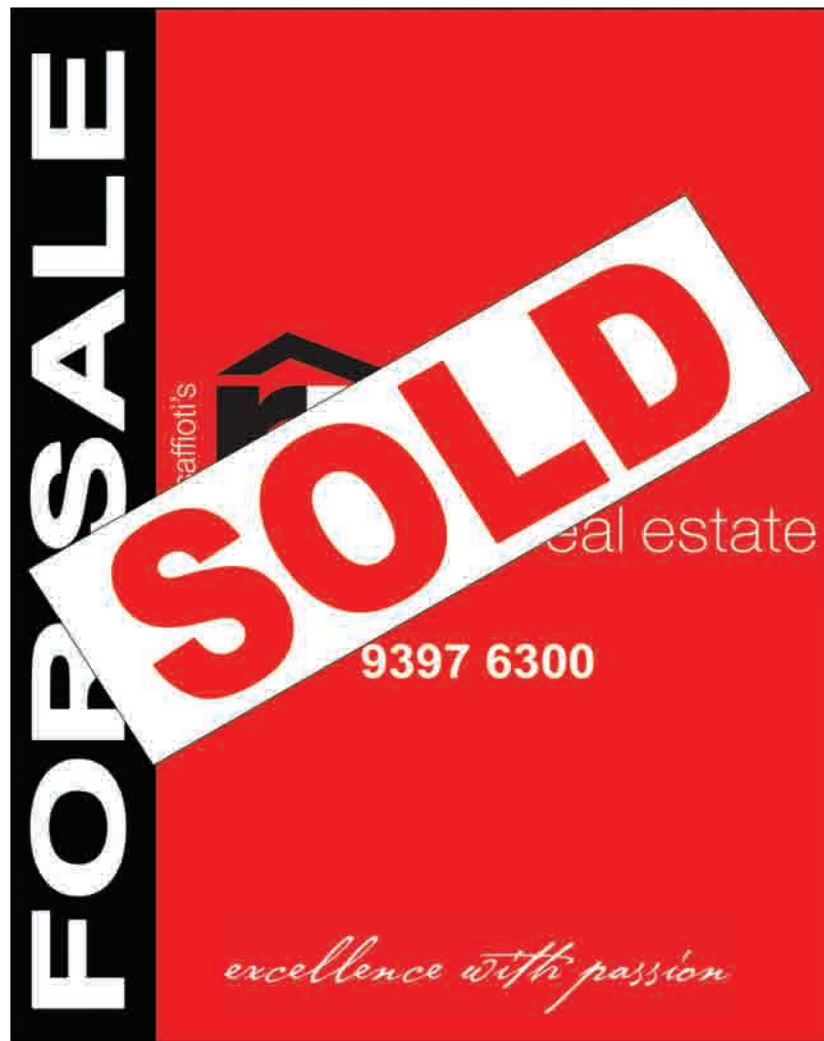
My don't they grow up fast! Thanks to Soozie Mackenzie for the photo.

Our April Cover

Members of Araluen staff and Wednesday Wonders Volunteers are overjoyed about the news that the City of Armadale has approved the traffic management plan leading to the expected re-introduction of the Springtime in Araluen Tulip Festival for 2012. Pictured: Grant Nixon, Blanche Mateljan, Liz Dunn, Barbara Millner, Sue Minson (back hiding), Marg Neilson, Lyn Carruthers, Jacqui Ashford behind, Jane Slobbe, Kim Fletcher, and Margaret Bettenay.



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I received some wonderful comments about the photo on the cover of last month's Courier. Of course I cannot take much of the credit as I am indebted to Ben Rampling for the wonderful image.

See below for amateur photographer Terry Edmett's comment and one of the photos he submitted is above.

'What an excellent photo on the cover of the March Roleystone Courier!!! I've been trying to figure out where it was taken from, it certainly looks magnificent. I am sending you one that I took recently that looks a little more to the east up the valley. The thin patches that were severely burned are recovering well it seems.'
Terry Edmett

Streamcare 2012

April in the hills is the perfect time to start planning a revegetation project and preparing your site ready for planting in winter. If your property includes a waterway, the City of Armadale Streamcare program may be able to help you take care of your local riverside environment. The Streamcare Program aims to revitalise local streams and improve the habitat for native fish and wildlife through the planting of native flora and careful use of weed control, fertilizers and pesticides by landowners. Any Roleystone resident who has a watercourse flowing through their property has the chance to participate in the program. Landholders can receive technical advice regarding weed control, herbicides, property planning and revegetation, all specific to their property from the City's Streamcare Promoter. Landowners may also be eligible for free native plants through the program, to revegetate their waterway and create a healthier environment.

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The program is available to any City of Armadale resident. If you live in the area, have a waterway on your property and would like to be involved in this program, please contact the City of Armadale's Environmental Officer on 9399 0111.

Sandra Byrne

STREAMCARE PROMOTER City of Armadale

Thanks to Paul Mutton for the photos.



Picnic on the Canning



The Canning in Flood

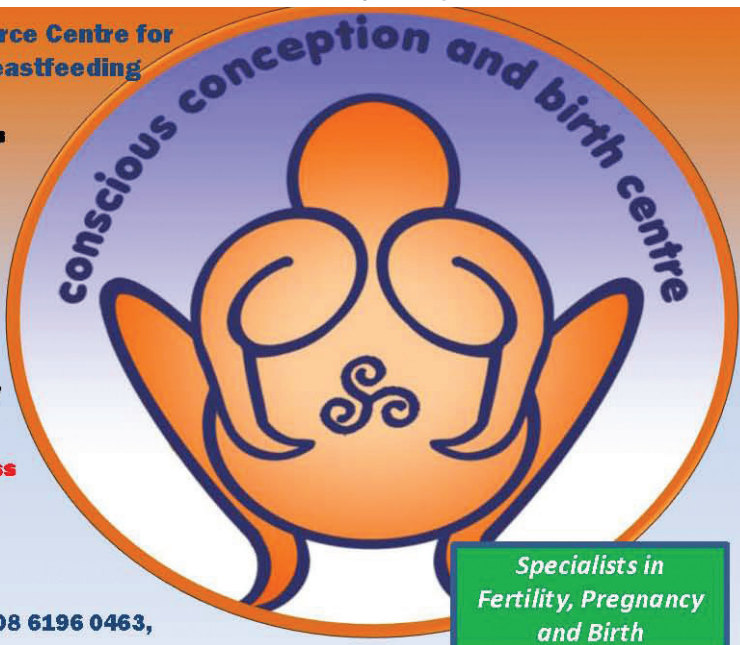


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Sharon and Dwayne

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In the early hours of the morning of September 7th we received the knock on the door that changed our family forever. Two police officers stood there to tell us that our eldest boy Dwayne had had an accident & was being taken to RPH. 'We should head straight there,' they said.

On arriving at RPH we were given the horrific news that our son was unlikely to survive the injuries he sustained in his motor vehicle accident. Apart from breaking nearly every part of his body, his car had also amputated his right leg.

Later that morning we were told that the doctors had to amputate his left leg in an effort to save his life, though they were still doubtful that he would survive. However, after almost six weeks, this amazing department performed miracles beyond our belief & gave us our son back.

For this reason I am dedicating my run this year to raising money for this fantastic organisation. The Intensive Care Foundation is dedicated to improving the care of those who need it most in our community, the critically ill. Over 145,000 people are treated

in Intensive Care in any one year. This means that 16 people every hour of every day, 365 days a year are hoping for a miracle. Unfortunately there is no one reason as to who ends up in Intensive Care: accidents, heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia, asthma & even swine flu are just some of the reasons. So anyone, at any time can find themselves fighting for their lives.

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If you can assist me in this venture by sponsoring me to run the 14km event, I, along with my family & the many other families who experience ICU, will be forever grateful. To sponsor me in this event please register your donation through my hero page:

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Sharon Knapp

Sharon will be running in the hbf Run for a Reason to be held on the 27th May.

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Green light for the Return of the Spring Festival to Araluen

In Early March, a proposal to reconsider the suspension of the Springtime in Araluen event (often referred to as the Tulip Festival) was put to both the Tech Services committee and to full Council. At both meetings the proposal was carried and this means that Roleystone and the City of Armadale will again host this iconic event.

The major reason for suspending the event lay in relation to the lack of parking available for visitors to the Park. This has been partially redressed with the increased availability both within the Park and the use of Camp Simons for overflow parking. Some concern was expressed about traffic congestion and the inconvenience of large volumes of cars on these roads for residents in the immediate area.

Some disquiet was expressed about the lack of consultation with local residents (more specifically the residents of Croyden Road) about the traffic plan. However Cr Wielinga

expressed that she felt that just consulting those in Croyden Rd and surrounding affected roads was too narrow as it is after all 'Roleystone's Park'!

Many Councillors expressed how Roleystone residents and many across the City of Armadale love Araluen and had been saddened by past decisions to remove all events from the Park. Arguments for were obviously that it is a family/community event of positive value, and that it is supported by both Roleystone & Armadale and that the Park needs visitors for viability.

In the City of Armadale's Tourism Strategy 2009, one of the actions was to coordinate with Araluen to promote more events. It is widely recognised that Araluen Botanic Park is the most recognised place/event in the City of Armadale to non-Armadale people.

It is hoped that the new traffic management strategy will prevent much of the traffic congestion.

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'The possibility of a Springtime in Araluen Festival'
Some questions answered by the City of Armadale

The Araluen Botanic Park Springtime Festival is a major drawcard in the Armadale region and entices thousands of people to the Perth Hills each year. It is significant because it is the only tulip festival in Perth and it attracts many people to our region.

The City has never resolved a firm position on the merits or otherwise of the Springtime in Araluen Festival. It has been required to make a decision on the impact of traffic and parking during the festival and any statutory matters relating to the conduct of the event.

The City needs to maximize benefits of any local business or event, particularly where it can bring spin-off benefits to other businesses or enhance the image of the district.

What will the arrangements for parking be?

'Parking will initially be contained within the Park with the overflow into Camp Simons (YAL Campsite). Should these areas become full then parking will be permitted onto Croyden Road on the northern side, between east of the Araluen Lane Bridge and Redtail Lane' said Armadale CEO, Ray Tame.

Will the roads be one way? (Will the 'no parking' along Croyden Road be reviewed?)

'Where crowds attending require it, a one-way system will be engaged in Croyden Road between the park's entrance and Redtail Lane.'

'Arrangements will be different to traffic

management imposed some years ago in that access will be allowed from the Croyden Road end, rather than Gardiner Road. This will be to test the new arrangement. If the new parking and traffic management arrangements do not match the assurances of DEC and the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation, we will be forced to impose further restrictions.'

'The arrangements will be monitored each week with an overall review on completion of the festival' said Ray Tame.

What is the duration of the agreement?

Traffic Management will be in place on the following weekends:

- 25 and 26 August,
- Every weekend between Saturday 1 and Sunday 30 September,
- Monday 1 October (Public Holiday).

'There was healthy discussion for and against the proposal with questioners in public question time both supporting and opposing the festival' said Armadale Mayor, Henry Zelones

Does this arrangement have any bearing on other festivals events to be held in the park e.g. The Chilli Festival.

'Traffic Management is employed through Croyden Road only during the Springtime Festival. The Chilli Festival is now held elsewhere. As a February event there were further concerns about large crowds being attracted at the height of the fire season' said Mayor Henry Zelones.



THE PEDALLING PLUMBER IN AN ICEY RACE

Roleystone's pedalling plumber Henk Vogels, recently visited Holland. His trip coincided with the coldest snap in recent history and his home town of Harlem was spectacular in full, frigid white brilliance.

'The cold weather in Europe and Holland gave Netherlanders the opportunity to participate in The ELF STEDEN TOCHT, a very famous 11 city race that goes for 220 km of canals and lakes. The

Dutch are passionate ice skaters and love the sport and everybody participates.'

'This race needs very cold conditions and has only been held 11 times in 100 years; the last time it was held was in 1997.'

'I did not want to race the whole 220 km but just to be part of it and watch it happen, as a spectator' said Henk.

Henk purchased a 2nd pair of long blade skates and participated in the race on all the canals around Harlem, his birth place.

'It was a fantastic experience, minus 8 degrees, with wonderful blue sky and thick layers of snow. I found it a bit of a struggle to start with as I had not skated for 40 years!!! But I soon got the hang of it; it took me about an hour.'

'I was lucky that not too many people were watching an old man trying to learn how to skate again.'

Pictured: Henk with his skates on and stopping for a warming cup of 'gluwyn'.



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A New Cemetery Site

40 hectares of land has been released to establish a new cemetery for Perth's South East Corridor.

Tony Simpson MLA, the Member for Darling Range announced that progress had been made on establishing a new cemetery in Whitby. Tony said "The development of a new 40-hectare cemetery will cater for people living in our area."

John Castrilli MLA, the Minister for Local Government, had earlier told the State Parliament that "Forty hectares of land at Whitby Falls has been made available with the cooperation of the Minister for Planning and the Western Australian Planning Commission."

The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board will now prepare a master plan for the site in conjunction with local government. Many local people want to bury their loved ones close to where they have lived and this new cemetery will allow that to occur.

The site of the next cemetery has been debated for 30 years.

Well Done Clayton

Clayton is a Lumen Student who was sheared and shorn in the World's Greatest Shave.

Clayton Morfitt hoped to raise \$300 for the Leukaemia Foundation by shaving off his lovely curls. With the locks having grown to 13cm long, care and expertise were required. Mario, hairstylist at the Clip Inn, Kelmscott, undertook this task with diligence and flair, transforming Clayton's curly top to a very sleek short look. Thanks to the support of family members, friends and the Lumen Christi College Community, Clayton well exceeded his goal and has so far raised just over \$500.

A tremendous effort Clayton, you are an inspiration to us all.

Anne Kennedy
Manager of Community Relations
Lumen Christi College



Clayton and Mario



Harry and Josh in Starlight Purple Haze Team

Roleystone's Harry Barker has been battling serious illness since his birth and now Harry has received a wonderful gift. He has been included in The Starlight Purple Haze team of the Decade.

Harry has been named as a ruck playing near Aaron Sandilands. This is an initiative of the Fremantle Dockers who recently announced the honorary Starlight Purple Haze Team of the Decade. This team included both Harry and another Roleystone local Josh Barry.

This is the third time Josh has

been involved with the team and last year he was chosen to run through the club banner alongside Mathew Pavlich. The following is from the Fremantle Dockers Website:

'Ambassador Aaron Sandilands, who has been at the club since the very first Starlight Purple Haze Game back in 2003, announced the squad for which he is also the captain and coach.' 'The team included Starlight wish children from previous seasons as well as the club's other 2012 Starlight player ambassadors: Chris Mayne, Garrick Ibbotson, Matthew de Boer and Alex Silvagni.' Both Harry and Josh and their families travelled to Fremantle for the announcement.

The ambassadors took 'the team' through a special Starlight Purple Haze banner out onto Fremantle Oval.

Both boys appeared on TV and all the starlight children have been invited to the Purple Haze game. Harry's parents are hopeful that Harry can be well enough to attend the big match.

If you want to host a purple haze party to raise funds, log onto <http://www.fremantlefc.com.au/news/newsarticle/tabid/7009/newsid/130949/defa>

Harry's brother Lloyd was given a shirt by the Starlight Foundation for his support of Harry.

Pictured: Top Harry and Lloyd with Aaron Sandilands and left Josh with Aaron Sandilands.



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Bushrangers Learn about Dieback

Roleystone Community College Bushrangers recently joined volunteers from Roleybushcare to save jarrah trees around the school from dieback.

Before the students started treating the trees the chair of Roleybushcare, Dr Ian Colquhoun, taught them about the cause of the disease. He told them that the pathogen came from overseas and the first evidence of its destructive capacity was found in Karragullen. In the practical part of his presentation he showed them how successful 'phosphite' treatment was. Injecting trees with phosphite increased their resistance to dieback for about 5 years. The bushranger group are now looking at purchasing dieback treatment kits so they can save all the jarrah and Banksia trees around their school.

Ian Colquhoun



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Hunter Wins Bronze at the State Trials

Budding Roleystone athlete Hunter Bennett, competed in the WA Little Athletics State Track and Field Championships on the weekend of 17 and 18 March 2012.

After suffering with a virus leading up to the regional zone events (to qualify for the state championships) Hunter withdrew from the 800m and long jump events, but still qualified for the 100m, 200m and 400m. On the Saturday of the State Competition, Hunter ran the 400m heat and made the final. Finishing 8th in a very fast final he still achieved a personal best time of 1min and 13sec.

Next up was the 100m sprint and Hunter came second in his heat, running a time of 14.40 seconds. This time was still not fast enough to make the final though!!!! On Sunday Hunter ran the 200m heat and finished a fast second. It was a nervous wait to see if he would make the final - and he did.

Drawing lane 2 for the final Hunter ran a personal best time of 29.54sec and came in 3rd to take out the bronze! Hunter's 1st State Champs was very successful, but also, his great attitude and sportsmanship over the weekend was a credit to him. Mum, Sarah and Dad, Dan are very proud!

Well done Hunter.....

THE CLEAN UP TEAM AT ARALUEN

Thanks to the efforts of the Committee of the Araluen Estate Progress Association, the annual 'Clean Up Araluen Day' as part of 'Clean Up Australia Day' was held on Sunday 4 March 2012.

Fourteen residents and one junior turned up to help clean up items of litter along the roadside of Heritage Drive from Forest Edge Retreat to Croyden Road. In all 15 sacks of assorted rubbish were collected (approximately half the amount of last year!), the usual items being beer bottles and drinks cans with the most unusual item being a "bong" for smoking cannabis!!



Whilst it's heartening that the amount of rubbish has diminished, it is a shame others can't dispose of their rubbish properly! The morning concluded with a very pleasant morning tea supplied by the AEP. The AEP would like to thank the Araluen Golf Resort for their cooperation in holding this event and in particular, Mark Claes, the Head Grounds-person, for the use of the Maintenance Shed area and it's toilets!!

*Phil Aked,
Chairman, AEP*

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Letters to the Editor

ARALUEN PARK TULIP FESTIVALS

We have concerns about the proposal to overturn the previous decision on traffic control during the upcoming Araluen Botanical Park tulip festivals.

The build-up of traffic along Gardiner and Croyden Roads whilst vehicles are trying to enter the Park or be moved on will eventually lead to a serious accident. Neither of these roads have centre line markings at this location. The current proposal of allowing the public to park along Croyden Road will make it extremely dangerous for all concerned.

We have witnessed families carrying chairs and eskies some 1500 meters along Gardiner and Croyden Roads negotiating traffic and slippery gravel sidings. The Council has made no effort to provide safe access to the Park for pedestrians and therefore would

be open to a serious law suit from anyone who is injured. The Council would have no recourse as they have previously identified the risk by painting yellow "NO PARKING" lines for hundreds of metres each side of the park entry and erected several signs. What has changed to allow this previous policy to be overturned? The previous and sensible decision to ban all parking along Gardiner Road and Croyden Road was the correct one! The Council has put themselves and the public at risk by overturning the previous decision.

Should anyone be injured or worse, I will be contacting the family concerned and offering them a copy of all documentation that has been sent forward on this matter.

*Concerned Ratepayer
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FIRIES ABUSED WHILE DOING REDUCTION BURNS

The Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade wishes to convey its extreme disappointment regarding the verbal abuse that was levelled at some of our volunteers during a hazard reduction burn in early December last year. The property on Chevin Road and the Roleystone High School grounds were considered high risk due to the amount of fuel loading and our priority was to make them safe.

While the majority of Roleystone residents appreciate the work we do, there are a few in the community who obviously do not feel the same way and felt it necessary to hurl abusive comments such as "get a real job" or "are you crazy" (expletives deliberately omitted). I am sure Roleystone residents are well aware that the hills district is one of the highest fire risk areas in the State. Fuel loading in the form of fallen tree branches and leaf litter compounds over time and is responsible for the increased intensity of fire.

The brigade conducts hazard reduction burning wherever possible in an attempt to keep our community safe from the risk of fires during the summer months and the task is not taken lightly. We have a very limited window of

opportunity in which to conduct the hazard reduction burning and safety is our priority.

The majority of our members DO have "real jobs" and endeavour to protect our community from the threat of fire on a VOLUNTARY basis. Our volunteers give up their time unreservedly to protect the community and work in a very physically demanding and hazardous environment without complaint. We have chosen to live in this environment and have made a commitment to protect it where we can.

Unfortunately, the vast majority of our community do not keep the fuel loading minimised on their properties and firebreaks are not always well maintained on larger properties which increase the risk of bush fires.

With the Roleystone/Kelmscott fires of February 2011 and more recently the Margaret River fires still so fresh in everyone's minds, perhaps the community should look at better preparing their own properties against the threat of fire rather than abusing those who do their utmost to try and protect it.

*Chris Gairns
Secretary
Roleystone Volunteer Fire
Brigade*

Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup

Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup is a welcoming and friendly place where children aged 0-5 along with their parents and carers can meet to play and have fun together.

We meet at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre, a fantastic comfortably large venue that is bright and open where children can play with toys, books, and craft activities.

Outside we have a wonderful playground that all the children can enjoy. Parents and carers can enjoy the company and support of others looking after small children, sharing the joys and pains of those early years. Children develop social and communication skills, make new friends and most of all have fun!

In March this year we have been involved in the Shave for a Cure, an annual fundraising event for the Leukaemia Foundation. Parents were invited to colour their children's hair for a donation of five dollars. The Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup communications officer, Ellie Fairweather coordinated the event and shaved her head for this very worthwhile cause. Well done Ellie!

She is still happy to receive donations so please go online to at <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/personalPage.aspx?registrationID=435083> For fundraising this term, Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup have organised an Easter Raffle.

If any local businesses would be generous enough to donate Easter items for the raffle they would be greatly appreciated! Items can be dropped off to playgroup leaders at the Roleystone Family Centre between 9am-11am Monday to Friday. We are also excited about a new fundraiser that we are

going to be instigating this year. It is a "Living" Fundraiser! More details will be released about this soon!

Playgroup will also be coordinating a swap meet next term. This is a great opportunity for playgroup members to buy and sell babies and children's items with other members of playgroup! We are very much looking forward to this!

This year finds us with a vibrant committee who are committed to making sure Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup continues to be a strong, integral part of the community.


The committee is very friendly and approachable. Please do not hesitate to contact us in regards to any inquiries, questions, or suggestions for or about Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup.

We are always interested in becoming involved in community oriented events. We are also very interested in anything that may involve families and young children. If you believe you have information that may benefit our playgroup, please don't hesitate to contact us.

If you would like more information about the Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup, we have a fantastic website <http://roleystonplaygroup.yolasite.com/> and this term we have also joined facebook!! <http://www.facebook.com/groups/331535016898515/>

If you would like to join us, you are more than welcome to come in for a casual visit at any time. Please contact Marie Hoffman or Ellen Southgate for membership enquiries at rregistrat@gmail.com.

Janice Mclean
President
Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup



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Wendy Makes 60

On the 26th of March Wendy Weaver turned 60.

Her family celebrated with a low key affair (just a BBQ) as it fell the same weekend as the Brookton Motor Show and clashed with numerous other family celebrations.

She was also treated to a ladies luncheon at Mia Flora and her work friends from Roleystone Medical Centre took her out to a meal at the Elizabethan.

After Wendy's very trying year, as she battled through rigorous cancer treatment, she is planning a relaxing and super enjoyable decade.

Well done Wendy.



Editorial

LINDA MOORE APRIL 2012

March is nearly done; the tail end of a very hot summer has been made more bearable of late with some chill coming into the nights. I always enjoy the change of seasons and I hope we will soon be experiencing the first rains of April.

I welcome the recent news of the City of Armadale approving the traffic management plan so that a spring festival can again occur in Araluen.

The Tulip Festival is iconic. The Park never looks as good as it does in very early spring and the microclimate that allows the tulips to flourish, is so unusual in our hot dry state, that I think this needs protection at all costs.

I do appreciate that some folk, those who live close to the Park, are inconvenienced when traffic flows increase but I believe this is a small price to pay for increasing the number of visitors to our area. I always believed that a solution was possible and now our challenge is to make it work.

My sincere thanks to the many people who have invested time and effort into this resolution.

Also we need to grasp the opportunity to showcase our community; increased visitor numbers should mean more custom for local businesses. Smart communities utilise such opportunities.

The April edition certainly includes some wonderful stories:

I have known Sharon and Dwayne Knapp (see their story page 5) for some years and the bravery they have shown throughout this period of adversity is astounding. (Some may also recall that at the time of Dwayne's accident, Sharon still agreed to go thorough a life threatening operation to donate one of her kidneys to her good friend Eugene Krebs who was suffering from fatal kidney disease. She is a truly generous human being). (This story was told on page three of the April 2010 edition of the Courier.)

I urge everyone to sponsor Sharon's run - she is running for Dwayne who can't and all of the others who face unfathomable health challenges while they wait for miracles in Intensive Care.

And while speaking of challenges, how about Harry Barker and Josh Barry both being named in the Fremantle Dockers Purple Haze Team (see page 9)? Both of their lives are filled with hospital visits and periods of extreme pain so it is wonderful that they have been recognised.

I know both sets of parents are very grateful to the Dockers and to the Starlight Foundation for granting them this happiness.

It seems that those who go through periods of adversity and suffering often come back from the experience determined to make things better for those who come after them.

In this edition we have Bindi Weir (see story page 18) who lost her brother David to Leukemia many years ago and has now shaved her hair. She raised 4 times as much money as she had planned to. Well done Bindi.

Sadly some who go through adversity do not come through. The gut renching news that Ken and Jean Henrickson's lovely daughter Claire lost her brave fight with Breast Cancer leaves an empty feeling. She was not quite 40 years old. My sincere sympathy goes out to this wonderful family.

Many of our community organisations have had changes of personell recently. In this edition I have caught up with Lester North, the New or is it Old, President of the Country Club. (See page 22). He has some great ideas and is passionate about his Club. Readers are encouraged to come along to some of the events planned - the Drifters on May 16th sounds exciting.

Bree Hartley has taken over as President of the Roleystone Theatre. She has had a long apprenticeship and her story is on page 27.

Her main message to Roleystone residents is to 'utilise their theatre'. The shows are exceptional and it is right on our doorstep. A letter from Janice Mclean, the new President of Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup (see page 13) reveals another person with passion.

Janice and her family are new to Roleystone and already she is heading up the Playgroup and is coordinating the new Roleystone Singing group. Way to go Janice.

Deb de Boer, yes Deb from IGA, has taken over the reigns of the Roleystone Musicians Club. See Deb's write up on page 43.

In the musical area, Roleystone certainly seems to punch above its weight and we have some awesome talent. And I think Deb is just the person to pull all of these talented people into line as President of the Club.

This club has been running for over five years now and with over 60 people going to their last music evening, it seems they are going from strength to strength.

On the business front, some of our locals are doing very well. Fidock & Co were recognised as Armadale Region Business Association (ARBA) Business of the Month for March. The writeup is on page 46. Well done to you all.

So please enjoy your Easter break and the School Holidays. Happy reading.

Linda Moore

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in January 1982 to Roleystone where Claire attended Roleystone Primary School and was a foundation student of Roleystone District High School.

After training as a teacher, Claire displayed her ongoing passion and care for people with disabilities by teaching in various Education Support Centres. Later she was employed as a job seeker and support worker for people with disabilities who had left school and entered the workforce.

Claire married Richard Bianchini in 1976 and the pair bought their first little house in Riverton. After five years Claire and Richard moved to Willetton and shortly after saw the birth of James Michael Bianchini born on 21st April 2002, two other children followed James – Nicholas John Bianchini on 25th August 2005 and Charlie Oliver Bianchini on 12th January 2007. By this time the house in Cambrian Place was too small and NOISY and the family moved to a much bigger house in Willetton.

Within the last year the family have had a sparkling blue swimming pool installed. They have also bought a caravan 'Matilda'. There have been some wonderful happy caravan holidays in recent months despite Claire's ongoing illness.

Claire was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2008 and fought a very brave battle against this relentless disease. She died very peacefully at 10am on 21st March 2012 surrounded by all her loving family.

Jean Henrickson

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Claire was born on 29th March 1972 in the Lady Chancellor Maternity Home in Harare Zimbabwe – just before Easter that year.

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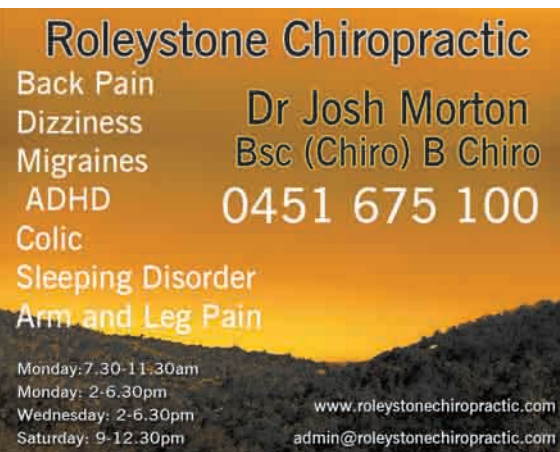
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More Letters to the Editor

Big Fine for Dog Breach

Owning a dog for ten years has been wonderful until recently when my best friend took my dog out for a walk. She took her dog and mine onto the oval letting them off their leads as there was no one around. She is a responsible owner of her dog and picks up the poos the dog do.

Our dogs love to run, they are boxers and they need heaps of exercise, not just walks on leads.

In October last year, while having a run around on the field my friend's dog smelt a couple of other dogs walking on the path. She went to investigate as dogs do, having a sniff of the rear end of the other dogs, that's how they say hello.

The dog owner started shouting at my friend telling her to get her (expletive) dog on the lead. My friend was reported to the City of Armadale Ranger. He referred it to the Magistrate for a hearing. We were accused of 'A DOG ATTACK' and having our dog off a lead in a public place. What we didn't know, and what we want you people out there to know is, that if you are the owner of the dog you will be fined too. Even if you are not with your dog at the time.

The outcome of this saga is, I am the owner of the dog and because she was off the lead I was also fined even though I was not with her. My friend's husband is also getting fined as he is the owner of the other dog. My friend is getting fined too as she was the one with the dogs.



Anyone that knows my dog will know how placid and well trained she is. She has no bottom teeth and is 10 years old. IS THIS HOW OUR LEGAL SYSTEM WORKS? Just a money making scam for our council.

WATCH OUT DOG OWNERS. Name and Address supplied

The author and her dog are pictured above.

Hill's Resident has Continual Problems with Internet Service from Telstra

Over the past couple of years we have suffered ever more problematic internet service from Telstra.

Sometimes there have been line faults and other times issues due to lightning strikes; these are acceptable in our environment. We do live in the hills and these are understandable.

However, we have also experienced speed and drop out issues. Time and time again we go through the rigmarole of having the line tested then they get back to the exchange, sometimes fix a fault there, but we have also taken Telstra's advice and upgraded time and time again until we are on the top plan. Sadly to no avail.

From experience on the fringes of telecommunications, all the issues I have experienced recently lead me to believe that the issue is with the equipment in the exchange not being up to current or even recent technology and also bandwidth capability.

We have teenage kids at home who rely on the internet more and more for university and homework.

The latest round of complaints to Telstra

and the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman has resulted in nothing. I have spoken to a few people in the area who are experiencing the same or similar issues. Telstra agree this may be the case but if we want anything done we should write to our local MP's. This to me seems like a rather glib statement from Telstra's complaints department but we'll give it a try.

So, if anyone is on the Telstra merry-go-round, please contact Telstra complaints and the TIO: www.tio.com.au/making-a-complaint

Also please contact our local members of parliament. Hopefully they will read this article too.

- darlingrange@mp.wa.gov.au
- Don.Randall.MP@aph.gov.au
- helen.morton@mp.wa.gov.au

Finally you can also email me at rpstirling@bigpond.com and we can discuss any success we may have in getting Telstra to resolve these issues.

Robert Stirling

Council Cracks Down on Anti-social Dogs

The City of Armadale is urging dog owners to be vigilant when out in public with their dogs. A strong reminder is being sent to all residents to watch their dog at all times.

Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones is asking residents to be conscious of their pets' behaviour, when out in public, particularly in dog exercise areas.

"Dog exercise areas are places in which dogs are allowed to be off the leash; however this does not sanction anti-social behaviour by dogs who threaten other animals. A recent attack in a dog exercise area has seen a family lose a loved pet.

"It is the responsibility of all dog owners to constantly keep an eye on their pets. If a dog is behaving in a manner that is aggressive or hostile towards another dog, the owner is directly responsible. The City will not tolerate anti-social or aggressive behaviour by any dog.

Owners who do not control their pet's anti-social behaviour may face penalties of up to \$10,000. An **attack**, in relation to the behaviour of a dog includes —

(a) aggressively rushing at or harassing any person or animal; or

(b) biting, or otherwise causing physical injury to, a person or an animal; or

(c) tearing clothing on, or otherwise causing damage to the property of, the person attacked; or

(d) attempting to attack, or behaving in such a manner toward a person as would cause a reasonable person to fear physical injury,

Residents are urged to contact the City Ranger Services on 9399 0111, if they observe dogs acting in a threatening manner.

THE HISTORY OF WYGONDA — A FOLLOW UP

In the March Courier there was reference to the origin of the term Wygonda. The original Parkin homestead and property was called Wygonda Park and all Roleystone residents know the major road now bearing this name.

Some years later when the Zavatteri's took over the orchard, they started to trade as Wygonda Orchard. Dom Zavatteri has the original stencil from Wygonda orchard, dated from the early 1930's. This stencil lives on and has pride of place at his front door. These stencils were used to label fruit boxes with 'butcher's black' applied with a brush to identify the source of the fruit within the crate.

The Zavatteri family has named their home Wygonda and still uses the name in Dom's newly established Fencing business.

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Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow!

Saturday 17th March (St Patrick's Day) 2012 is one I won't soon forget! After two months of fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation's "World's Greatest Shave" campaign, the day finally arrived when my hair had its date with a No.2 hair-clipping blade.

It all came off in about 20 minutes, and suddenly my head felt very drafty and airy (some would say this isn't anything new!) I'm still jumping when I walk past anything reflective, but I'm slowly getting used to it!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of my wonderful sponsors and supporters of this fantastic cause (from Roleystone to Switzerland!).

Two months ago I set my sights at raising \$1000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. As at 8am, 19th March, my fundraising total is sitting at a mind-blowing \$4800. So thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, in memory of my brother David, and on behalf of the Leukaemia Foundation.

It might take another 20 years before my hair is long enough to do this again, but it has been worth every moment!

*Bindi Weir
 Roleystone
 Bindi is pictured top before, during and at right with husband Chris Potts.*



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*Do you just want to connect and spend a few hours with others in your community who have a similar interest in gardening and share a laugh or two!
 Then the new Roleystone Community Garden is just the place to tick all those boxes and provide you with a lot of fun and enjoyment.*

Planning is well underway with development starting in April.

The site is the grassed area at the front of the old Roleystone Primary School in Robin Road where the Education Department have kindly allowed us to establish a garden space. This will be our temporary home until such time as the Primary School Site is redeveloped when we will relocate to a permanent location.

Over the next few months, this area will slowly be developed into a beautiful garden setting with plenty of garden space for people to grow their own vegetables.

So what is a Community Garden Anyway!

A Community Garden is a community space where people come together to grow their own vegetables and fruits and learn about gardening. It is also a place to grow friendships and build a better community.

Some of the key benefits of Community Gardens are they:

- Encourage physical activity & promote healthy living
- Generate a sense of community and place
- Promote sustainability and self sufficiency
- Provide a social hub for people to connect with others in their community and develop friendships
- Provide a centre for learning and sharing of knowledge.

If you would like to learn more or become involved in the initial establishment phases, please contact either Nissa Aked 08 9397 9012 or Chris Johnston 08 6396 0756 or 0427 462 921. Membership details will be promoted within the community through a variety of media in the next month or so.

Chris Johnston

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Our members have various interests and talents. Several of us are interested in tailoring jackets. One of us is a talented textile artist. Another loves to make bags, covered coat hangers and pretty garments. She also loves to dye fabrics. Yet another likes to embellish tee shirts and make beautiful skirts. A couple of us like making up Vogue Designer Label patterns. One of us is a very knowledgeable TAFE teacher in Fashion Design and Garment Construction. Another of us is interested in patchwork. Someone else is innovative with Lycra. We all have an interest in trying out new techniques and

making our garments fit well.

The meetings follow a specific format. We normally start with a particular topic. This year we have already had Extending our sewing knowledge through the use of DVDs and Making the most of closures. Other topics planned for this year include How to maintain your sewing machine, Adjusting commercial patterns, a Creative Workshop, Drafting a personal pattern, Deconstruction and reconstruction how to make new from old.

After the specific topic we break for a cup of tea then move on to 'Show and Tell' where members show their recent creations and comment on what went well and what could have been improved upon.

Two of the sessions this year are all day. One of these is on the Construction of a Handbag Workshop and a later trip in the year is a Field trip.

Our group needs new members and we would love to hear from you if you love to sew. The cost of joining the Guild is \$55 a year – that entitles members to attend any of the divisions around Perth. At each meeting we pay \$5 to cover insurance and refreshments. If you would be interested in joining – and you are allowed to attend twice for free before you commit - please contact Genevieve Armson on Genevieve@realisations.com.au or Elizabeth Roberts elizabeth.roberts@det.wa.edu.au

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Sun Dye Workshop



On the 2nd of March the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre was bouncing as a group of enthusiastic, creative artists learnt the processes to create Sun Dye art. The course was conducted by well known RNFC identities Wendy and Deanna.

Wendy and Deanna introduced the group to the technique which uses transparent, light sensitive paints to create very unusual works of art. They used rich, vibrant colours that are quite unique compared to other types of painting mediums.

From the amazing feedback given, the group enjoyed their time creating what

was a fun and easy process that didn't involve any previous art experience.

From the photo it can be seen that the finished products are diverse and all beautiful.

By popular demand this workshop will be repeated later in the year. For more information contact: 94961115 or check out www.roleyfamilycentre.com.au

Students pictured: (no particular order) Liz Agafonoff, Melissa Cochran, Jo-Ann Collyer, Carol Godwin, Jennifer Harris, Pamela Hollings, Sue Kay, Pauline Marchant, Anita Melton, Linda Schaudin, Melissa Tickner.

WHAT'S ON @RNFC THIS MONTH



Felt Flowers & Handbags

Recently Judy Calderwood, a Felt Designer for over 30 years, came to the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre to run some Felting workshops. A large enthusiastic group attended and allowed their creative juices to flow with these gorgeous art pieces.

In the first workshop, the group made felt flowers. These flowers can now be used in a variety of creative ways and in the second workshop, which was held on Saturday 10th March, the group designed handbags with some amazing coloured felts and other decorations that gave the bags their very own personalized touch.

We are holding two more felting workshops in Term 2, making hats and booties for winter! The dates for the next Felting Workshop are: Felting Bootz & Hatz Saturday 23rd June 12pm to 5pm, Felting Butterflies and Flowers Friday 4th May 11:30am to 2:30pm.

People need to keep an eye on our website www.roleyfamilycentre.com.au or our facebook page (Roleystone Family Centre).

If you want more information or to book a place in the next class please contact the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre on 94961115.



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Lumen Christi College Harmony Day

Harmony Day at Lumen Christi is a celebration of unity and diversity through sharing the wide ranging cultural heritage that exists within the College population.

Amongst the range of activities taking place in the lead up to lunch are quizzes, competitions and online activities. The liturgy includes an African greeting, which Chaplain Fr Cyprian Shikokoti has taught the students. Prayers and hymns in different languages will also be used during the service. During an extended lunch break Nepalese and Belly dancing displays and Irish musicians will help keep toes tapping while food from a range of different countries and a number of heritage activities are sampled. Students and staff are invited to wear clothing which expresses national or cultural identity, with prizes being awarded for the most creative. The events are being co-ordinated by staff from the Society & Environment Learning Area, with Tara Holmes very much the driving force behind this. *(See Roleystone's Tara Holmes centre back, pictured with the S&E staff).*

The event has unleashed a great deal of interest and creative talent within the College. This will contribute to the Lenten fundraising which runs until the end of term, raising funds for



Project Compassion. Money supports our Indian Mission partners and the work of Caritas Australia, the Catholic agency working to improve the lives of people at home and in many countries where poverty exists.

Anne Kennedy

LESTER IS THE NEW COUNTRY CLUB PRESIDENT

Lester North has just taken over the role as President of the Roleystone Country Club. Lester has a huge history with the club; he has been a member since 1979 and has been the President for 8 years (over three separate time periods).

He has also served as secretary and a committee man over many years for the club he loves and believes in.

Over recent years the Country Club went through a difficult period with numbers down and finance tight but they are trading themselves out of this situation and things are on the improve again.

Lester aims to make the Country Club thrive again. He would like to encourage families to come along and is improving the facilities for children. The restaurant has one of the best views in town so if you are after a friendly, relaxed and enjoyable venue come along and join your Country Club.

Lester is keen to revive some of the social aspects of the Country Club. Last year he was responsible for the very successful Melbourne Cup Luncheon and the Children's Christmas Party. And he is now well into planning for two big events coming along in May.

On the 4th May – along with Roleystone stalwart Gerry Chapman, they are bringing together an Old Time Music Hall. Many favourites from the Roleystone Theatre will be performing and it will certainly be a riotous evening packed full of songs to sing-along to.

Then the big event on the 16th May when world renowned group the Drifters will be playing. For only \$60 pp you can have a smorgasbord meal and listen to this band direct from the Rock and Roll Hall of fame belting out their tunes. Remember 'Under the Boardwalk, Save



the Last Dance for Me' and many other tunes from a bygone era. Be sure to be seated for your sumptuous meal by 6 pm.

And a comment from Lester:

'I am very proud to be President of The Roleystone Country Club. There is a wonderful history here and many locals have great memories of enjoyable occasions spent at the Club.'

'I consider being President of the Club is a great privilege and I will work hard to ensure the club grows in strength. I invite all members and people from the community to approach me with any suggestions to improve our Club. And please consider joining with us. The more members we have the better we will become.'

Be Safe on the Roads this Easter

As many residents travel during the Easter long weekend, the City of Armadale will take part in blessing local roads to encourage road safety amongst drivers.

The Blessing of the Roads will see the City of Armadale, Armadale Police, emergency services and the Salvation Army participate in a special ceremony on Saturday 31 March in Memorial Park at 11am. Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones said that Easter was a special time of year, a time to spend with family and friends, including coming home safely every time we travel.

“Road safety is a joint responsibility, and the Blessing of the Roads campaign is one of the many ways by which the City is contributing to reduce the number of people killed or injured on our roads.

“We do not want Easter to be a tragic reminder for our residents so the City is urging residents to take care and travel safely this long weekend.” To find out more about the Blessing of the Roads campaign visit www.roadwise.asn.au or call the City of Armadale on 9399 0111.

Paddies Day

“Paddies Day” at the Elizabethan Village Tavern was a blast. Tables were booked out days in advance so the tavern was packed full of punters.

The crowd got right into the music - pounding the tables to a thunderous beat.

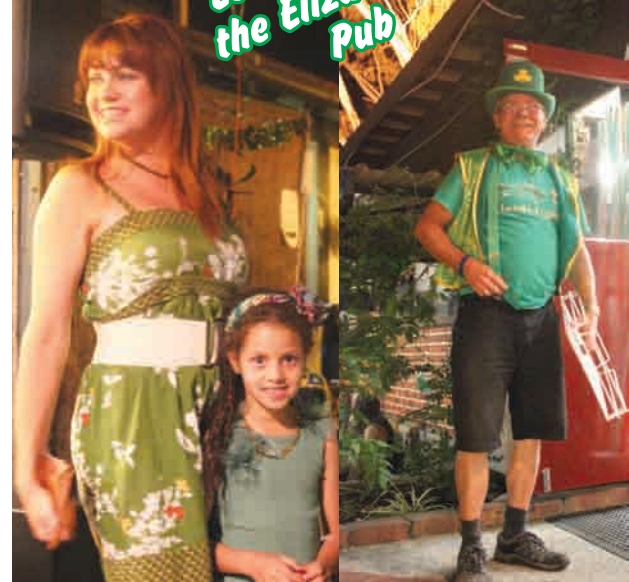
The Ferrymen started off at 7pm and played to 10:30. Special guests were Stig Lamberth on the bass and Ivan O’Conner on the fiddle, playing alongside regulars Ian Walker, Grant Black (banjo, mandolin and accordion) and Chris Horgan (flute, whistles, bodhran and Uilleann pipes). Big thanks to Mat Bazzica (who has just recently become engaged) who helped us as our roadie for the day. Warren, the republican, was in good form dressing up in his favourite Leprechaun outfit. The Staff all got into the spirit donning the green and shamrocks.

Two kegs, 12 bottles of white and 6 bottles of champagne were handed out as prizes for dancing, singing and playing. For more photos check out the Ferrymen on facebook, or visit the website www.theferrymen.com.au. The Ferrymen will next be playing at the Elizabethan Village Pub on 6th April, starting at 7pm.

The Ferrymen are heading to the Mundaring Folk and Blues club (Mundaring Sports Club, Coolgardie Street) for the 20th April. We’ll be playing after a couple of other very talented performers, so it should be a great night of music. There will be cheap grub and a bar available. It will be best to ring ahead for meals so they can prepare in advance. Contact Derek on mfbc_4@bigpond.com or 0402008211
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Locals seen at the Elizabethan Pub



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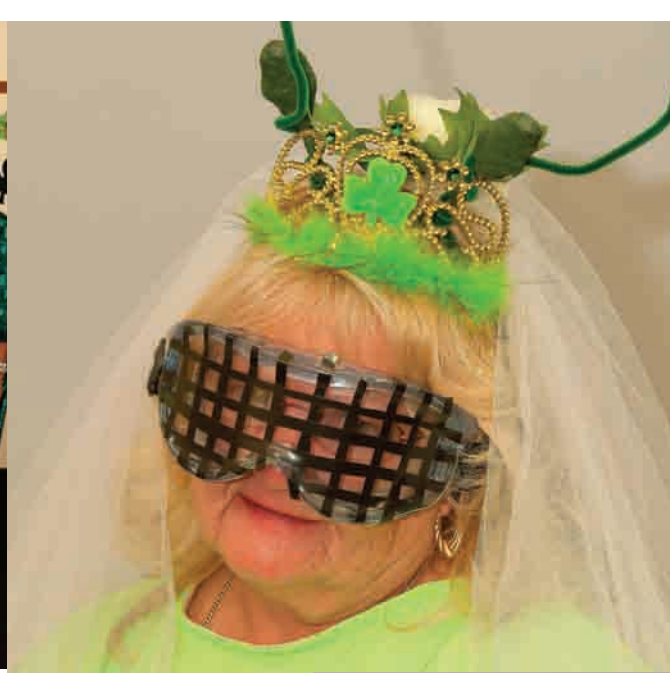
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Maureen Woltersdorf
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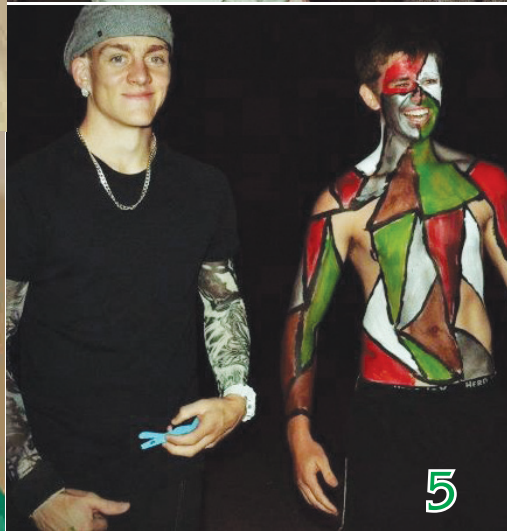
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An interview with 'President Bree'

When did you join the theatre?

I first did a junior workshop in 1997 and my first show was Oklahoma! in the same year (I was 17).

My husband Daniel Ramsell has been involved with Roleystone Theatre since he was 5 and along with his siblings used to sleep in the Green Room during rehearsals and on show nights while his parents trod the boards! Daniel and I met at the Theatre in 2000 and in 2007 we were married.

Funny story there actually... it was April 15th 2007, which some may remember as that April day that the skies opened and drenched us with an immense amount of rain. We were supposed to be married at Araluen Botanic Park but as the day went on it became obvious that this would not be happening! The Theatre was presented as a backup plan, however in the end we were very kindly able to make use of the Church across the road from the Theatre.

Looking back it would have been fitting to have the wedding at the Theatre but on the day, I was under immense stress. It certainly was a day I'll never forget!

My Mum and sisters have been involved with the Roleystone Theatre on and off too and we were all in Calamity Jane, back in 2002.

What have been some of your major roles (acting and back stage)?

My first lead role at Roleystone Theatre was playing the understudy for Dorothy in 'The Wizard of Oz' in 1997. I then went travelling for a couple of years but within a month of my return I was cast as Sally Smith in 'Me and My Girl' (2000). The cockney accent required for the part was helped along by the fact I had been living in the UK.

I have since played a myriad of roles in plays, musicals and one acts. I absolutely love the rehearsal process for a production; the singing, the working on line delivery and memorisation, the

costumes, the laughs and the camaraderie. For the space of time that a show is in production you have a new 'family'. You may not see each other often, or ever again, after the show ends but the bonds made under the intense and focussed situation of a community theatre show make for a link that stays with you forever. Community theatre is a passion I'll admit. If you don't have a passion for it then you may do one show and never again do you feel the need to get back up there.

You are taking over as President but you have been on the committee for a long time. What other roles have you had?

I have been on the Roleystone Theatre Committee since 2005. In that time I have been a general committee member and for the last three years have been Vice President. I have been the Bar Manager for the Theatre since 2006 and have helped run Front of House since 2004, alongside my husband. We have also run three successful junior/teen workshops together. I have also been Musical Director for numerous productions and co-ordinate the Roleystone Theatre Choir. I have been the newsletter editor since 2006 and have had a hand in many other organisational areas of the Theatre.

What are your major aims for the theatre while you are President?

To maintain the good name of the Theatre! Roleystone Theatre is well known in Perth for the quality of our productions, however just as importantly we are known as one of the friendliest, politic-free community theatres. That kind of feeling keeps people coming back to watch our productions and be part of our productions. To be successful we need to put on quality productions that people come to see. Unfortunately, though we are a not-for-profit organisation, if we do not get 'bums on seats' then it is difficult to keep the ball rolling.

We have a marvellous group of people on the Committee who all bring different skills sets and strengths to the table, and this is what will ensure the ongoing success of our Theatre. We need to keep actively reminding local people that they have a quality community theatre on their doorstep.

What, if any, are the main challenges facing the Theatre?

The Theatre has low membership at the moment which means there are never enough volunteers for the things that need doing. It tends to end up being the same group of people doing the majority of the work. Membership fluctuates depending on what type of productions are on and how big the cast requirements of the shows in any given year are, however there is also the issue that these days many people don't have a 'home theatre'. A 'home theatre' is one that traditionally you live near and do most of your shows with.

Many people currently go from club to club depending on which production they would like to be in. This tends to result in a higher quality of performance but has a negative impact on the clubs themselves in the long term as with no stable membership base people do not feel enough of a connection to a club to help out when needed. Being a voluntary organisation can definitely be a challenge when you don't have sufficient volunteers!

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Billy Shears

David Appleton, his son Javier and wife Karen run Billy Shears the Hair Club operating in Brackenridge Village in Roleystone.

So why Billy Shears.....

The idea to use Billy Shears for the salon was from Javier and Karen. He was David's grandfather and his real name was Robert

William Campbell Pemberton. He got the nickname from the salon he trained in.

There was another Robert working there so they called him Billy. Apparently he was a really good haircutter so they started to call him Billy the Shears and then it got shortened to Billy Shears. This information was passed on by David's Mum and Dad who were also both hairdressers. Javier is now fourth generation hairdressing.

**Robert William Pemberton
aka Billy Shears**

So the legend would have it Billy was born in Liverpool in 1895. He began his hairdressing career at 14 years of age and soon showed his talents for expert cutting. Six years later he opened his own salon - client's travelled from miles around to have their haircut by the talented Billy. Soon he was the most famous hairdresser in his hometown of Liverpool but Billy wanted more. He wanted to pass on his creative ideas to others and most of all he wanted to lift his industry and make it respected. He began to travel to show others his talents. Hairdressers everywhere would clamor to see him perform his techniques and he is reputed, by his peers of that time long ago,



JAVIER, DAVID & LAUREN

to have been the first hairdresser to evolve systems of cutting with his now famous shears. As Billy travelled around he began to unite hairdressers in a common cause to make a better industry for all. He became a champion of this cause by the early 1960's.

It is also said that around this time four young Liverpool musicians went to his salon for a new look. After his death a few years later, those same four now famous musicians sang about a Billy Shears on one of their unforgettable albums. Could they have been paying tribute to him? Billy's name will live on forever and in some way we owe it to the legend of Billy Shears to keep his ideals of ethics, education, artistry and creativity alive for future generations of hairdressers.he is said to have died a happy man in the salon he made famous.

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All Saints Anglican Church Big Boost for Community Facilities



Pictured left: Gosnells Anglican Church priest, the Rev Chris Hind (r) discussing improvements to lighting for the stage area of the community hall with project coordinator Barry Horder.

Facilities for community groups in the City of Gosnells will be enhanced shortly thanks to an exciting \$200,000 development by the All Saints Anglican Church.

Parish Priest, the Rev Chris Hind said the church was in the process of making massive improvements to its hall/theatre complex on the corner of Dorothy and Hicks Streets.

He said community groups who use the hall would welcome the installation of air conditioning and storage facilities.

"These were the two major upgrading requirements requested by the community when we surveyed over 50 local groups last year," Rev Hind said.

"Other improvements will include a complete renovation of kitchen facilities to commercial standard and an overhaul of electrical systems – particularly in relation to the stage sound and

lighting systems.

"We are also making great improvements to the adjacent house in Dorothy Street which is being converted to a parish centre with facilities available for wider community use.

"We have already moved our Emergency and Welfare Relief Service to this centre. The service helps over 700 local families each year."

Rev Hind paid tribute to the assistance of Lotterywest, which recently awarded a grant of \$145,517 towards the project, and the City of Gosnells which last year contributed \$8000 towards kitchen equipment.

"We could not have contemplated these improvements without this generous assistance, nor without the \$50,000 donated by church parishioners, who are also contributing hundreds of hours of volunteer labour," Rev Hind said.

"While we have made a start already, we expect the major works to begin within the next month."

Rev Hind said a number of additional community groups had expressed interest in using the hall when improvements were completed. These included Al-Anon Family Groups and Legacy, which helps the widows and dependents of deceased servicemen.

Community groups interested in learning more can contact Rev Hind on 0417 927 877.

Cross Park Skate Park Progress Update

On Thursday the 23 February, a follow-up workshop took place with the residents from Roleystone and a design consultant regarding Cross Park Skate Park.

The discussions included topics of: connectivity, visibility, lighting, complexity and diversity of skate elements, interest factor, railings and safety, drainage, platforms, parking and activation opportunities.

Skate park designers Convic Design will now move forward and create a report and a final design, which will be sent to Council.

Consultation is ongoing and members of the public are encouraged to be involved in the development of this new facility.

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ARALUEN NOTES



ACTIVITY DAYS

Thursday 12 AND 19 April
10am to 2pm

The popular School Holiday Activity Days are on again in autumn. These are designed to suit children from ages 3 to 14 years (accompanied by an adult) to explore their creativity designed to keep them busy for hours. Activities include discovery trails from 10am to 11.30am followed by clay modelling, creative craft activities during the afternoon. The theme will be the Emu.

Cost: Adults \$4.00 Children \$3.00

ARALUEN'S FREMANTLE CHILLI FESTIVAL

The 10th anniversary the Go for 2 & 5 Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival saw 'One Hot Decade' in more ways than one with temperatures souring to 40°C on Sunday.

The move to Fremantle 3 years ago has firmly put this event on the West Australian calendar as a highly successful Wine and Food Festival with a strong emphasis on Chillies.

This year we welcomed new stallholders and products to the already fabulous range of fresh foods, plants, pickles, chutneys, chocolate, wine, beers and the list continues. We also recognised the 13 stallholders that have been with us from the beginning.

Sow-A-Veg by Beyond Gardeners under the Go for 2 & 5 marquee was a great hit with the children with over a 1000 happy smiling faces taking home a seed in a pot to watch it grow.

Healthway provided stickers so that the children could decorate their pot and distributed The Kitchen Whiz Cook Book to help kids become more creative in the kitchen.

The entertainment took on a new look this year with more roving type acts with stilt walkers and a pair of very large seagulls that moved around the site entertaining the large crowd. Music was also part of the weekend with Spanish Guitarists, Latin and South African music and dance.

'Masters of Chilli' cooking demonstrations featured well known Chefs Dale Sniffen and Don Hancey.

Chefs from some of Fremantle's leading restaurants produced some amazing food and were ably assisted by the Hospitality students from Challenger Institute of Technology in Fremantle.

Liz Dunn





Since 2008 the Telethon Speech & Hearing Earbus has been touring the Perth East Metro region to help address the high incidence of middle ear disease amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

During the Earbus' visit to Westminster Junior Primary School in the East Metropolitan Region, I went along to see the Earbus in action.

Equipped with audiological equipment, the Earbus provides a free ear health screening service to Aboriginal children and children at risk of recurring middle ear infections. The Earbus team includes a doctor, nurse, trained ear health screener and Aboriginal Liaison Officer, who work to diagnose children with ear health problems and ensure they receive appropriate treatment.

Unfortunately, middle ear infections (MEIs) occur in Aboriginal children at three times the rate of non-Aboriginal children; currently Aboriginal children have MEIs, on average,

for two and a half years compared to only 3 months for all other Australians.

Having the Earbus identifying problems early on helps an individual's quality of life because hearing loss through middle ear infections (MEIs) can lead to significant life-long challenges, including difficulties with schooling and life-long social isolation.

Given the benefits of screenings and early intervention a visit from the Earbus can be life changing and I am glad to see the Earbus in the electorate and look forward to its continued operation.

The Telethon Speech & Hearing Earbus program has a fleet of mobile children's ear clinics which travel to select primary schools, kindergartens and child care centres in the Perth metropolitan area, South West and Pilbara Regions.

If you would like any further information on the Earbus program, or any other matter, you can contact my office on 9452 8311.

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Cottage Antiques & Collectables has been under the management of Kerry for one year now, and to celebrate the occasion we have decided to offer to our customers a 15% discount off all furniture items in store, if you mention this advertisement in the April Courier.

We have some beautiful vintage and antique furniture items such as an 1890 French Dresser in original condition. We also have a dressing table from the 1920's and a Victorian Cast Iron Pub Table from 1890 - 1910, plus many more beautiful pieces to choose from.

Featured also is the work of local Artist Charles Llewellyn, who has produced a magnificent reproduction Mid Victorian Tilt Table made from Albany Sheok. Charles is an award winning wood turner from the Liddelov's Homestead in Gosnells, so I know you will not be disappointed in his beautiful workmanship. Remember if you wish to get our special discount offer of 15% on all furniture items, *Don't forget to mention the Courier.* *Kerry is pictured with her mum Joy.*




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Katy Exhibits @ Genesis

Katy (Hong Jiang) is an artist, illustrator and author. She lives in the hills of Roleystone, with her husband and two sons Thomas and newborn son Peter. Katy was born and raised in Shanghai, China and became an Australian citizen in 2008. She has been drawing, painting and writing since her early childhood. Her art is a unique mixture of colour and content with an oriental influence arising from her Chinese heritage.

She won awards at several national competitions in China. Her experience in landscapes, still life and figure sketches has given Katy a good background in shape and form.

Katy has experimented with various styles and techniques from watercolour to pastel, acrylic and oil on various media such as rice paper, art paper and canvas. Her enthusiastic use of colour and imagination leads to a wide variety of work that is enjoyed by most tastes.



She is inspired by the wonders of life and the joy it brings, using colour as her personal form of expression.

Katy has won a range of art prizes and has had numerous exhibitions with the latest scheduled for April at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant & Café.

She is also a published author with her first illustrated children's story book 'Sandy and the Magic Chinese Book' attracting widespread praise. See www.sandyandthemagicchinesebook.com for sales and information.

Jean celebrated being 70 on the 22nd March so no Garden notes this month

Lecturers and students alike were delighted with the results achieved in mastering the proportions of the human face in readiness for a portrait session later in the forthcoming ten week term. Commencing on April 14, instructions will be given in the media of choice. Now that the balmy autumn weather has brought some relief from the recent sweltering summer heat, the new term will also include some landscape sessions to capture the change of season in the Stoney Brook Valley and beyond.

See photo: a working image by artist/student, Katharine Woodhams, which sums up the Studio Gen-ius class activities for the past term. Yvonne Geneve

End Of Term at Studio Gen-ius



Astronomical Highlights April

Greg Lowe, Perth Observatory

For years I've been saying that Easter Sunday is the Sunday after the full moon that follows the autumn equinox.

After a bit of Googling on the subject, I find that Easter Sunday is the Sunday after the Paschal full moon that follows the autumn equinox. The term Paschal refers to the Jewish festival of Pesach (pay-sark) which celebrates the Passover.

If I ever knew, I'd forgotten that the Passover was the time when the Angel of Death is said to have passed over and spared the houses of the Hebrew slave families who'd painted their doorposts with lambs' blood.

Not so lucky were the families of the ruling Egyptians. The God of the Hebrews smote them with ten plagues, the last of which was the death of their firstborn children.

Anyway, the ecclesiastical Paschal full moon can differ from the actual full moon by a day or two. Most of the time it doesn't matter. Easter Sunday can be anywhere from March 22nd to April 25th, as reckoned by this method. This year, full moon's on April 7th and Easter Sunday is the very next day.

Speaking of the Moon, the main phases for April are the full moon on the night of the 6th (100% at 3:19am on the 7th), last quarter on the 13th, new moon on the 21st, and first quarter on the 29th.

At dusk on the 3rd, the gibbous Moon will be above Regulus and Mars. At dusk on the 7th, the full moon will form a triangle with Spica and Saturn.

Venus continues its "evening star" impression right through April, looking like a beacon in the NW sky at evening twilight time. Jupiter is slipping away, down to the left of Venus, and will be out of sight by the middle of the month. Mars, easily identified by its reddish colour, is the brightest starlike object in the NE sky at nightfall throughout the month. Its brightness is diminishing as we move away from it on the inside track.

Saturn will be the prime target in the Observatory's public stargazing sessions this month. In early April it's just rising at the end of evening twilight. If you look to the east around 7:45pm you'll see what appears to be two fairly bright stars, one above the other.

The upper one is the star Spica and the lower one is Saturn. The time of rising gets earlier by about 4 minutes per day. By mid-April Saturn's clear of the horizon at nightfall, and by the end of the month it's well up in the east at dusk. It goes through opposition on the 16th: Sun, Earth and Saturn will be in a line, in that order.

Saturn will be on the opposite side of Earth from the Sun, rising as the Sun sets, and will be up all night. It's the most distant of the 5 visible planets, and is closest at opposition time, so this month is ideal for Saturnian observing.

Happy Easter everyone.

Term 1@Roleystone Gymnastics



Roleystone Gymnastics Club has had a great first term with many new and old faces in the gym. The girls and boys have enjoyed a fun start to the year and are now starting their preparations for the 2012 competitive season.

Below: Emelia Pickering and Zak Mazzucchelli enjoy themselves at Roleystone Gymnastics.

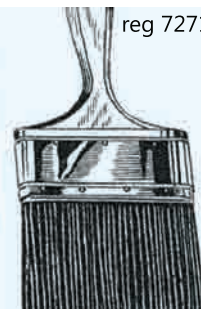


The 'Come and Play' Kindergym kids have also had a very exciting term, with many great circuits and obstacle courses created especially for them every week. Not only have they learnt some new skills, they are also becoming great friends! The club still has openings in several classes and we welcome children of all ages and abilities to come give this great sport a go. For more information about the club, please see our new website www.roleystonegymnastics.myclub.org.au or contact Kiri at roleystonegymnastics@hotmail.com.
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"The fantastic value remains with fees at just \$3 children and \$4 adults. This includes Park entry and all materials," says Rod Ross, general manager, Araluen Botanic Park Foundation.

This popular program features: -

- Between 10am and 11.30am – the opportunity to participate in 3 discovery trails.
- 12.45pm – clay modelling and craft.
- Educational activities to explain important environmental issues.

Children are required to have their own adult supervision and it is strongly recommended that closed shoes, hat and sunscreen be worn.

Little Bakers

Welcome to Little Bakers!

Here's a little bit about what we're cooking up. Little Bakers, in Maddington, is a creation of Perth parents looking for a quality, alternative option for kids' group outings. (After all, how many times can you really go to a jungle gym?)

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These school holidays we are holding cooking workshops where kids can come in and whip up some tasty treats. We also host birthday parties and we are taking bookings for after school Cooking Classes in Term 2. Check out our special Easter workshops to get you started in the kitchen - go to www.littlebakers.com.au or ph 0427 198 121 to find out more and make a booking.

Pictured Above: Megan Whincup, Annabelle Ring and Laura Ring cook up a storm.

Easter Fun At Armadale Central

Head down to Armadale Central for some Easter fun, Saturday March 31 to Saturday April 7 (excludes Good Friday).

A special Easter Activity Centre will be open between 11am and 2pm daily, located outside Armadale Fresh Market.

Kids can:

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- Watch little chicks hatch in the chicken incubator
- Personalise their Easter eggs with free egg writing
- Take a seat at the 'Lorax' colouring-in table and submit their picture for the chance to win a 3Kg, \$200 chocolate rabbit
- PLUS, there will be a special appearance from the Easter Bunny on Saturday April 7.

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Time: 11am and 2pm daily

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Date: Monday April 16 – Friday April 20

Location: Outside Woolworths

Timing: 11am & 2pm daily

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

This year the first school holiday break includes both Easter and Anzac Day. The holiday period extends from Friday 6 April – Wednesday 25 April. This is for students only as teachers will be required to return to school on Monday 23rd April.



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LINA HART MEMORIAL PARK

Last field day most of the trees at Lina Hart Memorial Park were treated against dieback disease. Roleybushcare will go back in Spring and complete the whole reserve. There are quite a few exotics growing wild so these will be pulled out as well as clearing out any dead shrubs that could present a fire hazard. A letter drop will be done around the reserve so please neighbours come out and help. Lowering the fire hazard by raking the leaves on the fire track and removing excess dead growth before the coming summer is important. Check our website for the dates and put these in your diary.

Pictured above left: Lauren Barrett who often helps out and comes with her father Adrian Barrett. Below right: Faye Clay and James Littely serve morning tea and below left: the crew at Lina Hart Reserve.

The area at the front of the Reserve next to the playground is very rich in understorey plants. It is worth going for a walk and having a look.

Some residents attended the field day and went home with some of our equipment which they will use during the month. All provided for free if you help out that morning. If you can't come along and help, then remember Ben and Sue at the Roleystone Hardware at the local shopping centre have a kit available for hire. They perform this important duty for Roleybushcare as their personal contribution to the Group. Thanks Ben and Sue.

DIEBACK VIDEO ON YOUTUBE

The Dieback Working Group has produced a great video about Dieback. Go to our website and read the news item about the Dieback Induction Video.

Next field day

We will be treating the trees around the Roleystone Hall, Family Centre and in Cross Park for dieback disease on Sunday 15th April 2012 starting at 9.00am and finishing at noon. We will meet in Wygonda Road near the Hall. If you participate in our field day, you will be able to borrow our equipment to treat your own bush. Morning tea provided.

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

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On Sunday we enjoyed the Augusta River Festival and then we all went out to dinner. Hopefully this will become an Annual Event. Many thanks to Ann and Bob Rowe for organizing the trip and for their wonderful hospitality.

Our Club Championships got underway on Sunday the 18th March and we held our Ladies and Men's Doubles. The winners of the Ladies Doubles were Elaine Schraven and Judy Smith and the Men's Doubles Winners were Simon Blackmore and Rob Hunt. Thanks to everyone who competed. Our Mixed Doubles Event

will be held on Sunday 25th March and we have 24 competitors which is fantastic. Good Luck to everyone.

Our SSTA Pennants Team is playing the Division 4 Grand Final on Saturday 24th March & we wish them all the best.

**COMING EVENTS
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

We are currently playing our Club Championships. The remaining events are on 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 and can sign up at the Club.

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

We will be holding an Autumn Tournament on Sunday 20 May.

BOWLING ALONG WITH GERRY CHAPMAN

The club is rolling along very comfortably in the pennants competition with the some teams performing well enough to be in the finals. Our AGM will be on the 22nd April at 12.00 noon and we need everyone to attend to discuss next year at our club. Why not come along and find out about us and why our group has a reputation for friendship and fun?

Our Memorial Day was a great success. Congratulations to Alan Mazzucchelli and his team (the winning team) and the bowlers who worked so hard to host such a great event.

Gerry

Above right: A scene from our recent Cancer Day event which raised over \$500 for Cancer Research

Right: Winners of the Ladies' Singles Championship: Shirley Thomas and Linda Mellors.



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NEW SCHOOL STARTS YEAR WITH ROADWORK CONGESTION

Recently merged school, Roleystone Community College, has started the year without a crossing guard and unfinished roadworks, according to Canning MHR Don Randall.

Mr Randall has raised the concerns on behalf of the community and will write to the Minister for Education, Dr Liz Constable MLA, to see if the issues can be quickly rectified for the settling school.

Mr Randall said the school had already undergone major upheaval in combining the primary and high schools into the one site but the school had managed the changes well and he wanted to help get any outstanding concerns sorted.

“With the primary school students now at the original high school site, it is imperative to get a crossing guard for the school straight away,” he said.

“Student safety should never be compromised and I have asked the Minister to look into this as a matter of urgency.”

“There is also unfinished roadworks as part of the schools new car park arrangements and these are extremely important to traffic flow in the area, particularly as the school now has a total student population of more than 700 students.”

Mr Randall said the school will celebrate its formal opening by the Minister for Education on Friday, March 30, 2012 and he hoped to have some progress made for the school by then.

Thanks for your efforts here Don. Ed.




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Funds raised will support development and outreach projects in Mexico, Romania and the Middle East and a Youth Program in Perth. Much of this work is being done by people with strong Roleystone Connections such as Rob Chapman, who is growing coffee on rooftops in Mexico and Matt Fricker, who is training youth leaders.

THE EASTER CLASSIC

The Easter Football Classic 9 Hole Golf Competition will again be held on Good Friday (6th April) at the Araluen Golf Resort.



This is hosted by the Anile family and it will be the 25th time the event has been held. To celebrate the Anile boys opposite Football allegiances they are also playing for 'football team bragging rights' with staunch Docker Joe up against Eagles supporter Ross.

So all participants are asked to dress up in their AFL team get up. 'The Classic' was started by the Anile family and from the initial game with only six players it has now grown to an event with over 100 players. The Anile family is still closely involved in the competition, both as players, caterers and major organisers.

This will be a 9 hole Ambrose competition. Light snacks and beverages are provided on the day.

So if you want to be involved in this year's event, contact Joe or Ross Anile at Supa IGA in Roleystone by the 2nd April 2012.

Email your team of 4 to: roleystonesupaiga@westnet.com.au Players are asked to register at 7 am for a 7.30 start. The cost is \$40 per player.

All profits will be going to the Cancer Council of WA.

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COUNCILLORS COMMENT

It has been a busy month with lots of work being done to set up for the future. The skate park concept plan was presented by Convic, the Melbourne based designers, who came up with a great design that incorporated all the ideas that had been given to them by the young people that use the existing facilities. This will be a great addition to the Cross Park precinct. Caroline & I have been looking at the positioning of the skate park with the existing facilities & the possibility of a Men's Shed & Community Garden. Master planning is being undertaken by the City of Armadale to look at how all the parks, Cross, Springdale & Karragullen Oval & their facilities co relate to the area & each other and this should optimise the organisation of the current & proposed activities.

Roleystone Primary is still being used for the kindergarten children until the facilities are finished at Roleystone Community College.

This has meant that the Men's Shed & Community Gardens, that are temporarily located at the school, have had time to do more planning because the real work won't start in earnest until the children move up the road to the big school. It is very pleasing to see the amount of young people starting their school life at Roleystone and we hope that as they progress the College grows to enable them to finish Year 12 there.

These high student numbers starting at the school appear to be changing the demographics of Roleystone where currently over 50% of the voting population are over 50.

These over 50's are the people that are talking to me about the benefits of having an area zoned for senior's independent living. This rezoning for senior's use has already been initiated by the City of Armadale and Council

Following last month's Councillor Comment the following letter was sent to Mr Rob Delane, Director General, Department of Agriculture and Food.

NARROW LEAF COTTON BUSH IN THE CITY OF ARMADALE

The City of Armadale repeatedly receives expressions of concern from residents in relation to the proliferation of Cotton Bush (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus*). This problem is particularly pronounced in the hills areas (for example, Roleystone). As you are aware, the plant is an extremely efficient coloniser and is to the detriment of native species.

Many members of the community take an active role in removing this noxious weed from their properties. However, their efforts are compromised given that Cotton Bush is not a Declared Weed in the City



Cr Grant Nixon
0418449611



Cr Caroline Wielinga
0488 900 307

is now awaiting the report on the public submissions - which is expected soon.

DEC has requested the rescinding of the parking restrictions on Croyden Rd, which was passed at the full Council last week. This paves the way for Araluen Botanic Park to resume their Springtime Festival with the appropriate traffic management in place.

There have been some mixed messages coming from the results of the Roleystone & Margaret River Keelty reports. DEC report that they are not allowed to burn within 5 km of a township and all burns being carried out by contractors or volunteer brigades must have completed a prescription. These prescriptions are time consuming to fill out so will severely curtail the ability of the volunteer brigades to carry out prescribed burns.

Hopefully the regulations will be adjusted to reflect the intent of carrying out more prescribed burns, not less.

Senior Ranger Brian Watkins has informed me that the fire season will be extended this year for at least 2 weeks or until we get 20 mm of rain. Will let you know when this changes.

Grant Nixon and Caroline Wielinga

NARROW LEAF COTTON BUSH ALERT!

of Armadale. Given the nature of the weed and how aggressively it spreads, the City requests that the Department of Agriculture 'declare' this weed in the area. It is only through this process and with the support of the Department of Agriculture that the prevalence of this species may be reduced.

In addition, the City will actively pursue grant funding opportunities in the future and work with private landowners to control the prevalence of Cotton Bush. Consequently, a letter of support addressed to the City would be appreciated for submission in conjunction with applications.

Ian Macrae
Executive Director Development Services
City of Armadale

Courier Deadline Dates

	Deadline	Delivery
MAY	25 April	5 May
JUNE	23 May	2 June
JULY	20 June	30 June
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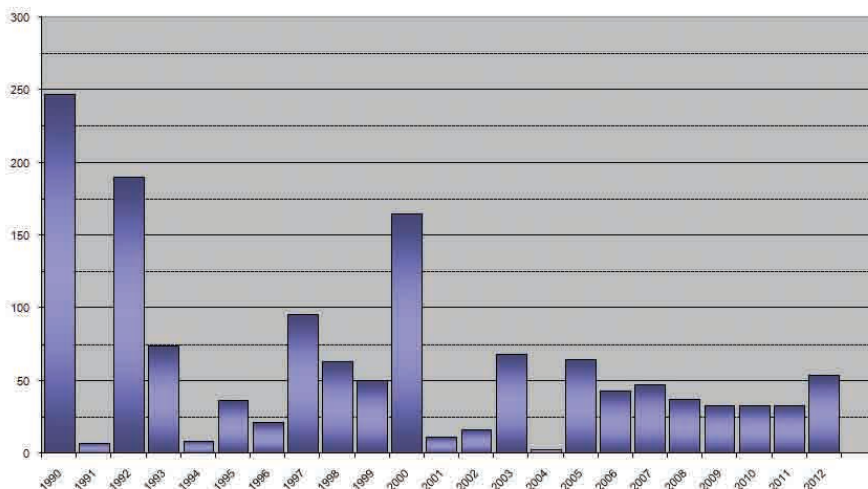
Rainfall Stats

March Average 23.3 on 4 days
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Average to 1st Jan to 31 March, 54. 2 on 10 days

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Three Months Rainfall Statistics



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Combined Churches

Combined churches Palm Sunday Service,

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Good Friday Reflection service 9.00am

Easter Sunday Holy Communion services at 6.00am and 9.00am

Roleystone Community Church

Friday 6th April 9.30am - Good Friday Communion Service

Sunday 8th April 6.30am - Easter Day Sunrise Service

Sunday 8th April 9.30am - Easter Day Family Worship Service

All are welcome!

Pro Bono: Easter.

David Bardsley, Minister Community Church



I remember having all sorts of problems when computers first came into common use.

I was running my own business and acquired what they laughingly called a "portable" computer to take with me to clients. It was so big and heavy "luggable" would have been a better label for it. Its memory was also pretty limited.

I think my car keys today have more bytes in them than that "state of the art" IBM machine. And using it was a nightmare. "Windows" was still a gleam in Bill Gates' eye and ms-dos was hardly the most intuitive of operating systems.

I thought I knew what to do with it but quite often I would feed in a stream of data and get nonsense out, a set of hieroglyphics which meant absolutely nothing to me. I would struggle to sort it out, applying the sort of reasoning I would apply to the use of say a slide rule or a set of log tables – remember those? After wrestling with it for a little while I would admit defeat and have to take it back to the supplier. I often emerged feeling very embarrassed because the fix was so simple. New technology, just like any new idea, can be an embarrassing struggle for the unfamiliar.

But my embarrassment pales into insignificance compared that of a friend who struggled with her new VHS video tape recording machine. It was "new technology" once, believe me. She wanted to record a TV program and had bought

new tapes to use with the new machine. But every time she loaded a tape straight out of the box into the machine, the message came up, "No Tape". She tried several different new tapes with the same result each time. "Of course there's a tape!" she yelled in frustration, "I loaded it. You swallowed it and it's still in there. How can you say, No Tape?" She took machine and tapes back to the shop and laid the offending bits and pieces on the counter. The patient lady in the shop quietly removed the still intact shrink wrapped clear cellophane packaging off one of the new tapes, loaded it in and said gently, "There you are, dear, now it knows there's a tape inside." Simple things really can get in the way of our understanding, much to our embarrassment.

Our minds aren't machines of course, although there are some similarities! But it's surprising how often we load something in – data or a tape – and our mind fails to deal with it properly. For instance, what happens when we feed "Easter" in? We should get a screen reading, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him shall have eternal life,"...or something like that. But I fear that too often the output is a bit of nonsense looking like a small furry animal with big ears and a fluffy tail yet made out of chocolate. Or there's the equivalent of "No Tape". Maybe it's about time to get some help to process that particular input properly as the Maker intended. Or perhaps we simply need to remove the cellophane which is blocking the works. And when we do cut through to the reality of Easter, we see something far more wonderful than we could ever imagine – God's love for us really is that big!

Yours in Christ,
David

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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

John Lewis Seniors

It's exciting times for RKCC with the two E Grade sides battling it out against each other at Cross Park for a spot in the Grand Final! 2012 was the second year in a row that 3 out of our 5 teams have made it into the finals and the 3rd consecutive year that we have had a team playing in a grand final! Fingers crossed the E Boys can bring home the Premiership Flag in a couple of weeks' time!

Congratulations to the C Grade lads for their efforts this season after they were knocked out in the Semi Final last Saturday. The season saw some fantastic individual and team efforts. As a young, developing side it was an impressive effort to finish 3rd and earn a home final. Let's go even further in 2013! Carn C's!

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RKCC SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
'Old Buffers Match' – The traditional Old Buffers match was held on March 18th with past RKCC players coming from all over Western Australia to participate in a 20/20 match against the Young Guns. As always it was fantastic to have former champions of the club return to Cross Park and relive their favourite cricketing moments. With scores tied in the last over of the game Splinter Beurs managed to tickle one through to the keeper and umpire McCormack was more than happy to send him on his way declaring the match a draw! See also 'The Roleys' on page 25.



*Pictures are from the Hightlites from the Old Buffers Day.
Top: Captains John Lewis with Ian Gadd
Above: Part of the action
Left: Arthur Littlely and Buzz Fuller*

Highest Scores: March

A Grade	C Grade	D Grade	E Grade
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P Jackson 52	J Jackson 50	P Manning 46	M Faranda 70
T Stuart 42	G James 47	D Eales 45	S Wright 46
T Stuart 40	G Pound 32	M Garske 42	M Faranda 42
D Kipping 40	J Jackson 30	J Dickenson 39	J Roberts 41
D Kipping 32	G James 4/39	T Rendell 29	S Wright 41
T Stuart 5/28	L Rigby 4/56	L Oleson 3/24	B Stewart 39
M Stuart 5/44	G James 4/60	D Eales 3/33	B Chapman 38
T Stuart 4/28	J Jackson 3/3	J Dickenson 3/42	J Roberts 38
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Roleystone MUSICIANS CLUB



The Musicians Club Rocks the Country Club

Our first Club Night with a new Committee on board and what a turn out it was!

Seventy one people paid through the doors, taking advantage of the tasty St Patrick's Day buffet.

This year we've encouraged the younger members of Roleystone to join our Committee and it was a treat to see everyone working together to set up the system.

A big thankyou to Pat Green's Father-in-Law, Lin Zhong Jiang, who brought along his Erhu (pronounced Arhoo) and performed a Chinese Melody for us. It's wonderful to see & hear traditional instruments.

Newcomers, Regan and Clint, enjoyed their first set while Zennon and Nick assisted with mixing and advice. We're looking forward to watching their band unfold over the next few months. Before the end of the night we had a bass player wanting to join them; fantastic!

This meeting also noted the return of founding member Enno de Boer, who jumped up at the last minute to play bass for Dale's "Crazy Train" set. What a great way to celebrate your 50th birthday, hey Dale!

The night ended with an all-out jam session. Thirteen year old Jasper led the boys on keyboard, with his improvisations on JJ Cale's "Cocaine". Watching them all on stage together, we realised that we had a representative from each decade from 13 to 70!

Roleystone Musicians Club is YOUR Club. So come along and join in the fun. No matter what age you are.

Deb de Boer President

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Dale Cottages Care Foundation

This year the Dale Cottages Foundation Cup will be held on Wednesday 25th April 2012 (ANZAC day) at the Araluen Golf Resort.

Organiser Roy Hamilton is hoping for over 100 players to join in the fun (120 teed off last year). The winners will receive an engraved perpetual trophy.

This year Dale Cottages Inc. is submitting a grant application to LotteryWest for \$106,500 to provide a range of improvements for the residents. Organisers are hoping that the Dale Cottages Foundation Cup will raise \$25,000, which will serve as the contribution from the Dale Cottages Care Foundation.

The Foundation hopes to be able to purchase:

A new emergency Call Bell system for all of the rooms and communal areas in the J.E. Murray Home.

12 new wall mounted flat screen TVs throughout the facility. The larger size and definition of these sets will assist residents, particularly those who have vision impairment.

Replacement of upholstered furnishings and additional occasional furniture within three areas of the Murray Home, particularly within the Dementia Specific Wing.

A new security system (CCTV) for the J.E. Murray Home. This will enable monitoring of corridors and all entry

and exit doors.

Electronic hoists to enable the safe movement of those residents that require assistance.

A chair weighing scale – this piece of equipment has lockable wheels so it can be taken from room to room and enables staff to weigh residents in a sitting position.

If you want to be part of this exciting opportunity or you have completed registration forms please contact:

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TRICIA HAS JOINED ROLEYSTONE SENIORS

Recently at lunch at the Seniors I caught up with new member Patricia Colyer.

Tricia moved to Roleystone on December the first and she is living in a granny flat with her son and daughter in law. And she couldn't be happier with her new living arrangements. As soon as she arrived she joined the Roleystone Seniors.

'They are the friendliest, most loving group of people,' she said. 'I would recommend this to everyone – they have made me feel so welcome.'

'I come to the luncheon or join in with the outings on Mondays, on Tuesday I always come along to Mah-jong and on Wednesday and Friday there is carpet bowls. This fills my week and then on the weekend I have joined St Christopher's Anglican Church so I have the church community family too.'

Tricia, who turned 82 in March reflects on her busy life.

'I was an amateur actress and one of the highlights of my life was being on the Rolf Harris show when it first started in Perth in the channel 7 studios at Tuart Hill. This was so exciting'

Tricia is now a very happy resident of Roleystone.



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Wild Gossip: Possum Magic

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Late one evening last August a young female possum was brought to me after a cat attack had left her with an eye hanging out of its socket.

A lovely friend came over to help me with emergency treatment and medication. The following morning I took the possum to a vet specialising in Ophthalmology but unfortunately the eye could not be saved. I was left to decide whether to have her euthanized or give her a try at life. I chose to try and spent 100's of dollars on surgery to remove the eye, suture the socket etc. and antibiotics.

Everything went well and she seemed able to manage with one eye, so eventually, after consulting with other experienced carers I decided to give her a sheltered release on my property. I bought and painted possum boxes, spent hours looking for suitable placement and had various feeding platforms and shelves put up to make things easy for her.

Early one December morning when she came out of her box in the aviary to greet me and enjoy her morning meal I caught and bagged her. The possum box was moved to the prepared place and I put

her inside. That evening when I took out her supper she had come out of the bag and was peeping out of her box at me, she came out onto the feeding platform to greet me and enjoy her food.

The following morning when I took out her food she had gone from her box and despite searching all around I could not find her. I continued taking food to the area for about a week but it wasn't being eaten so I discontinued. I felt very sad as I had grown quite attached to her and now I didn't know what had become of her. I regretted my decision to release her but couldn't change it.

Last week we heard lots of possum hissing outside so I went to see what was going on and there she was on the patio eating fruit, hissing a warning to a large male to stay away and there was a baby riding on her back! I don't know where she is living as all my possum boxes are empty but she is obviously doing well, which is a great relief. I have seen her and her baby several times and she now seems to be coming to the patio so I can see her from the window.

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

Syl Cooper

SENIORS CLUB NEWS

Our Roleystone Seniors travelled to the Perth Casino on the 19th March. It was a blast and every one had a great time even the ones who lost a little! We had a bus full so it was well attended and now they all want to go again!

Who said you are bored when you retire. We also had a members outing on March 26th to The Pioneer Village, we had a good look around and then had lunch at the Old Narrogin Inne. We all enjoyed the outing and look forward to the next one.

Our Swan River luncheon cruise is on the 30th April and it is filling fast. So if you are over 55 come and join us.

You will be made very welcome.

Christine Kent

Seniors Club APRIL Calendar

1st and 3rd Mondays	Lunch and Dessert	12 Noon	\$9.00
2nd & 4th Mondays	Cards	10am	
Every Tuesday	Mahjong	12.30 pm	\$1.00
Every Tuesday	Pilates	6.30pm	
4th Tuesday	Bendigo Bingo	12 Noon	\$3.50
Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Last Wednesday	Book Club	1pm	
Wednesday evening	Relaxation	6.30pm	\$8
Every Thursday	Yoga	9.30 pm	\$10/\$12
Friday	Bowls	1.00pm	

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FIDOCK & CO RECEIVES BUSINESS OF THE MONTH ACCOLADE

Business Armadale is pleased to announce that Roleystone real estate agent, Fidock & Co has been awarded 'Business of the Month' for February.

"During a particularly difficult period in real estate, Fidock Real Estate realised a 25% growth in the past year," says Bev Krebs, Vice President, Armadale Region Business Association (Business Armadale).

The Business Armadale Business Awards program recognises excellence in the local business community. Monthly award winners automatically qualify for recognition at the annual Gala Business Awards event in November.

Principal of Fidock & Co, Rob Fidock, considers that a number of factors have influenced the success of his business, including disciplined and honest advice; quicker turnover resulting in reduced costs; increased profile through team promotion; engagement in community work and new marketing initiatives.

By changing the way they do business, but still maintaining the values that are so important to their clients, Rob and his team continue to enjoy a solid reputation not just within the Roleystone community, but also within the Armadale region.

Rob and his team are also very active in the local community by engaging in fundraising activities for the Bushfire Appeal, Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade, Bendigo Bank Community Fund and the Salvation Army. Additionally, Rob freely offers his services as a JP, is Vice President of the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation and served on the steering committee and as Vice president for the Roleystone-Karragullen (Bendigo) Community Bank.

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