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Happy Mother's Day To All

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DOUBLE FIFTIETH FOR LIZ AND JOHN

Liz Zidich and John Vanderlaan celebrated their 50th birthdays in April. They were thrown an "AWESOME 80'S BASH" hosted by John and Wendy Vanderlaan. They celebrated with friends and family, some from interstate and overseas, and were entertained late into the night by the band NEW VINTAGE. It was a magic night! The theme was an 80's night because Liz moved to Australia in 1980!

Pictured from top left: the cake. Top right: Karen, Ghost Buster Oliver, Liz and her Husband Ghost buster George, Wendy, and Ghost buster and birthday boy 50 year old John.

At left: the real Liz Zidich.

May Cover: Mother's Day Celebration

The cover of the May Courier is a portrait of some wonderful local mothers taken in front of a liquid ambar showing first autumnal foliage at Borello Park.

Jocelyn Jones is shown with her daughter Louise Nicolls and her four children. At the front Kiara and Eila-Jo with the two new twins Mya Louise and Kohen Bryce Archibald.

Jocelyn is also mother to Sam and has had the tragedy of losing her other son Joe to an untimely early death.

The family are proud of their indigenous heritage. They have been willing to offer an Aboriginal perspective and this has enriched our community.

Jocelyn Jones has been strongly involved in community activities over many years. The family has had strong involvement with the Roleystone Tigers Football Club – giving countless hours of service.

In the inset photo Jocelyn and Louise are shown with Norma Jones, matriarch of the Jones family. Happy Mother's Day to these mums and to all mothers across our area.



& Celebrating Our Volunteers

In the May Edition we recognise volunteers across our community (see pages 22 and 23).

Pictured above left: Faye and Patsy relax 'with a cuppa' after supporting Lesley Choules in running the Children's Activity days at Araluen over the school holidays.

Left: Chris Bloomer who volunteers at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre, The Roleystone Anglican Church and takes her dog to visit elderly people in seniors residential homes.

Well done to all volunteers - you make the community happen.



HISTORIC HOMESTEAD DARJEELING RECOGNISED WITH CITY PLAQUE

On the 11th April Patrick Weir and Maggie Burke, current owners of 'Darjeeling' an historic homestead in Roleystone, received their Heritage Plaque from Mayor Henry Zelones of the City of Armadale.

Henry Zelones, said the plaque recognised the cultural value of Darjeeling and is a token of the City's appreciation for Patrick and Maggie and the many previous owners of this majestic home, in preserving the City's heritage. Yvonne Geneve and Ron Facius, a Roleystone couple who have been instrumental in setting up the Art Deco Society of Western Australia and have worked tirelessly for the restoration of heritage buildings reflecting this era of architecture, were also present at the awarding of the plaque.

Darjeeling is a large weather board and iron home, off Brookton Highway, with a commanding view of the Canning Valley. It is believed to be the largest fully jarrah built structure in the world. The homestead was built over the period 1925 - 29 for Mrs Dargen and was originally used as a guest house. Over the Second World War it was used as a children's home for Sister Kate's (for part aboriginal children). Many important guests have resided in the beautiful residence and the accompanying self contained apartments, including author Ernestine Hill who wrote 'My Love Must Wait' the fictionalised biography of Mathew Flinders.

Patrick Weir gave an interesting account of some of



Above: pictured at the presentation: Ron Facius and Yvonne Geneve from the Art Deco Society with City of Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones and owner of Darjeeling Patrick Weir.

the past owners and locals who have lived in the home.

Heritage Plaques commemorate properties that are important to the community and have been recognised in the City's Municipal Heritage Inventory.

Another Heritage site chosen to receive plaques in 2012 is Illawarra Orchard, home to the Price family, where clearing and planting began in 1893. This is the site of the first apple cool store in WA built in 1899 and still in use today. Previous recipients in our area include Araluen Botanical Park and the Roleystone Theatre.



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Black Cockies Decimate Apple Crop



Roleystone residents will have heard the loud report of gas guns recently. This has been a feeble attempt to protect apple crops as flocks of black Cockatoos have decimated this year's Hill's Apple crops. Orchardists have lived in harmony with these majestic creatures for many decades but for some inexplicable reason this year the cockies have developed a taste for apple seeds. And the best seeds lie inside the developing Pink Lady apples. The following is an article published in this Month's Countryman and reproduced with their permission:

Orchardists in the Perth Hills region are expecting a crop loss of up to \$1 million this season because of damage caused by black cockatoos.

Hills Orchard Improvement Group president Bruno Delsimone said up to 30 orchardists had been affected. 'One small six hectare orchard lost \$60,000 worth of apples, another lost 150 bins,' he said. 'We don't mind losing a few apples (to birds) but this is destructive. The birds are being forced out here because there's food for them.'

Sally Rainoldi runs Roleystone Orchard and is estimating a loss this season of \$60,000. Although she doesn't want to see the flock of 100-200 birds hurt, she would like the Government to provide assistance to orchardists.

'It's a disaster, I've got nothing,' Ms Rainoldi said. 'I don't know how orchards are going to be able to sustain this. It's never been this bad in 20 years. I don't think there's been enough research. The Government needs to step in and supply the growers with some sort of deterrent. It's getting to the point where the consumer will be affected.'

Ms Rainoldi said the birds, both the long (Baudin) and short (Carnaby) bill types, had been seen in the area for the past six

years but problems only began four years ago.

'They're magnificent birds, we're fortunate to have them in WA. It would be a shame to see them eradicated but we need to survive. They've eaten all the Pink Ladies, now they're eating the Granny Smiths. I'm done.' The damage has caused Ms Rainoldi to pick Granny Smiths now when they usually wait until May.

'It's crazy for us to pick now,' she said. 'We'll be flat out getting 20 bins when last year we had 140. We've forgotten about the Pink Ladies, we're just going to try to salvage the Grannies.'

Ms Rainoldi doesn't endorse shooting the birds, which is also illegal, and has come up with a deterrent method of her own - a 'flapper', simply a bin liner attached to a broom handle.

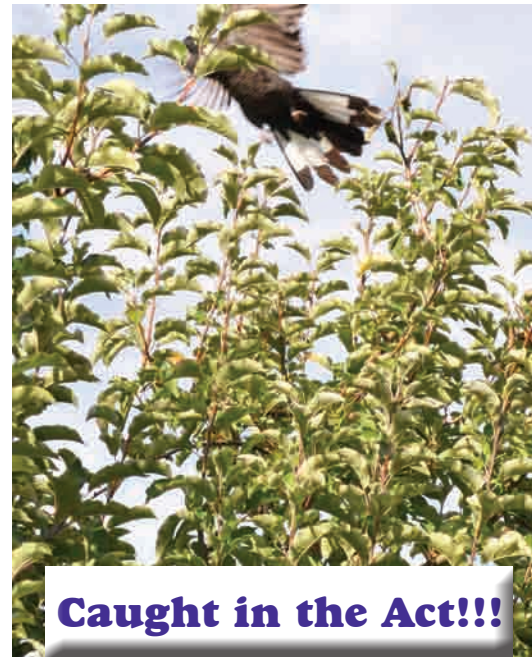
'It must sound like an injured bird,' she said. 'But because they're intelligent they get used to it. At the beginning of the season they were easier to scare away.'

Fruit West is looking at what to do next.

'There's a real issue with birds again this year,' executive manager Gavin Foord said. 'Their

habitat is being destroyed everywhere - food sources for these birds are being taken away. Growers can't take responsibility at the expense of their livelihood.'

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Caught in the Act!!!

Mr Foord said there were several options but no simple overnight solution.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) said it was monitoring the birds and recommended orchardists use scaring devices such as Bird Frite.

DEC senior investigator Rick Dawson said the birds were listed as a threatened species under State and Federal legislation and killing or harming them was illegal.

'During autumn and winter, the cockatoos tend to congregate in the Perth metropolitan area and the surrounding hills in search of food and this can give a misleading impression of the abundance of these birds,' he said.

Mr Dawson said numbers had declined drastically over the past 50 years and the remaining birds had adapted their feeding habits to include orchard produce.

'This has resulted in damage being caused to some crops,' he said.

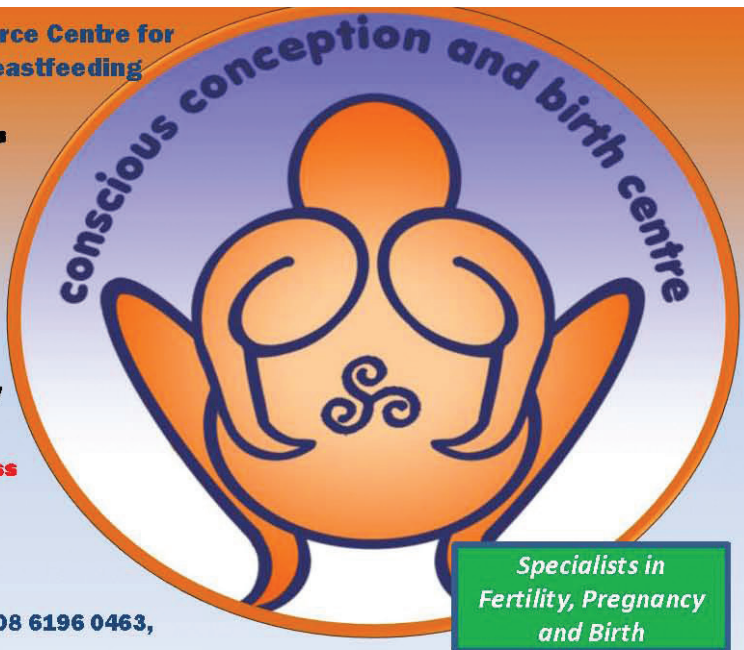


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ROLEYSTONE'S FUTURE LEADERS

The Annual District Leadership camp was again held at the Kelmscott Senior High School farm, on the 23 and 24 March.

Once again students from years 6 and 7 from schools across the area were invited to attend, and this year 42 students participated in the challenge.

The course ran for two days and involved students becoming involved in a wide range of activities including cooking, raft building and construction of shelters. Completion of these activities earned points for the student.

From all reports it was great fun with just a little bit of pain (from bee stings to stubbed toes and even the odd splinter) and loads of pleasure.

Students from Roleystone Community College did very well being awarded the best team and displaying some outstanding individual performances.

Erin Hight finished overall top student, Ashleigh Griffiths second and Emma Truffet third place. Franke Agenbag, Eleni Arotis and Sarah Nickels all finished in the top eight. Roleystone Community College teacher Mrs Jenny Aramini also attended the camp.

Acknowledgement to Norm Hammond of KSHS for the information and the photos.



Top: Sarah Nickels, Franke Agenbag and Ashleigh Griffiths about to go canoeing.

Above: Emma Truffet, Sarah Nickels and Erin Hight near their tent.

LOCAL FLUTIST STUDIES STATESIDE

Roleystone Musician/flutist Jemma Armstrong has been accepted into a short music course in Michigan, USA. The camp is part of the Bay View music festival in Michigan, and is being run by Project Trio.

The focus of the camp is on Chamber Music, with an emphasis on ensemble, improvisation, memorization, performance and extended techniques.

Jemma has been invited to study with world renowned flute beat boxer Greg Patillo. Greg Patillo a very talented flute player from New York, is the founder of this group and is famous for being a YouTube sensation with his incredible flute beat boxing.

'I am going to the camp to branch out from classical music, and try contemporary techniques on the flute, as well as writing my own music. Greg is a huge inspiration

of mine, and I'm very excited to have the chance to work with him one on one.' said Jemma.

'Studying in the USA is going to be wonderful!' Well done Jemma and have fun.





Vale Keith Rinaldi
9/12/49 – 6/4/2012

Keith Rinaldi died in early April after a long battle with cancer. Many across Roleystone knew Keith as a former Principal of Roleystone Primary School, a passionate member of the Roleystone Bowling Club, an involved community member or just as a keen walker around the streets of our town. Few appreciated how widely known Keith was outside of our locality, largely through his participation in education across the state and his strong sporting contacts

Keith was born 9th December 1949 to Peter & Gwenyth Rinaldi. He was the second eldest and only boy in a family of four children with his sisters being Carmel, Frances and Heather.

Keith had a fun filled childhood in Scarborough roaming the scrublands and dunes that led to the beach. He trained as a teacher and his first country posting to Derby led to a long and passionate involvement in country education particularly in the North West of WA. At Derby DHS in 1971 he met and married Leonie and they almost made it to 40 years of marriage.

Keith loved sport, particularly cricket and football. He was a loyal and devoted follower of the Sharks and the Dockers!

Francine was born while Keith was at Kulumburu and she didn't meet her Dad 'til she was 1 month old – no such thing as paternity leave in those days. He later worked across WA in Derby School of the Air, Bindi Bindi, Marble Bar, Jigalong, Hollywood, South Newman, Kalumunda and lastly at Roleystone PS.

Francine grew into a young woman and like father, like daughter she followed Keith into

teaching! After 8 years in WA schools, she went overseas and 12 years later she still hadn't come home!

Here are Francine's thoughts about her Dad. *'Isn't it funny that we don't realise how special our parents are until we become parents ourselves? Of course it's true and so now, when I think of my Dad, I understand and appreciate all the gifts he gave me – even the ones that felt like hard lessons at the time.'*

After all, not every girl has had the opportunity and satisfaction of navigating a ute through the Pentecost River, changing a tyre on her car, catching and cooking a mud crab, landing a barra or driving her car up a vertical sand dune ... So, thanks Dad for sharing so many wonderful adventures and teaching me how to face the challenges that life inevitably throws at us – hopefully with as much courage as you did.

My only regret is that you won't be there to share in more adventures with Jack, guiding and encouraging him – just like you did me. We all love you and miss you terribly, Dad – Pappy Keith.'

Keith was a very successful cricket umpire and the highlights were his outings at Lilac Hill and the international one-day games he presided over. His services to cricket were recognised in the Alan Border Medal presentations of 2010.

Sport and travel continued to be his favourite occupations after he retired from teaching in 2005.

The Dockers had a loyal follower in Keith who was a Harbour Master. He gathered a group of like minded supporters around him and they could be found at the Irish Club before each home game. Once a year they all decamped to a democratically chosen away game to cheer their team on...they only saw one away victory!

It was a source of great excitement and pleasure for him when the Dockers won the first game of the season against Geelong.

Lawn bowls at Roleystone was his next project. He first played to 'make up the numbers' but became increasingly active in the club.

Keith was never happier than when he was packing his bag to catch a plane or packing the camper to head off up the track. He surely had gypsy blood in him. He went to England to see Francine married and to be around for his grandson Jack's birth.

This last visit, two years ago, saw his illness return. He is ever grateful that he had two years of the greatest pleasure with Jack, albeit via Skype.

He fought a valiant and uncomplaining battle with cancer and never gave up hope until the medical people told him the treatment wasn't successful. There were to be 10 weeks in which he spent the days doing normal things such as having a coffee at morning tea, enjoying visits from friends & family, reminiscing with Leonie and making sure all was in order for his ultimate departure.

Keith can be remembered for his integrity, loyalty, sense of fun, and for being visionary. Overall he was a wonderful dad and a loving husband.

Over 40 years, I found in Keith - first, young love; then a loyal, loving and forgiving husband; next, a wonderful father to Francine and; finally, a fun loving, adventurous best friend.

'Now he is gone I will forever miss his big, gentle bear hugs and twinkling blue eyes, more than words can say.'

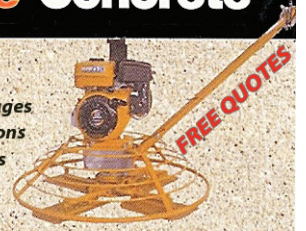
Keith has been taken too young from us all, but he has found release and rest from the cruel illness he endured so bravely to the end. May his gypsy spirit roam free and at peace as we cherish his memory in our hearts, with love.

Leonie.

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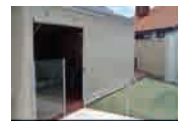
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NB Three big events coming up this month at Your Club: The Old Time Music Hall on May 4th, Cabaret Night with the Drifters Wednesday 16th May and Mother's Day lunch Sunday 13th. Book soon!

Call Lester North on 9397 5645 for details and tickets.

Harry goes to Purple Haze Game

Dear Reader

The day of Saturday 31st March had finally arrived and excitement was in the air as we all waited.

Finally, the shining stretch hummer limousine slowly and majestically wound its way down the drive towards the house. Gloria at Executive Limousines had done us proud. Nothing was too much for her to organise and make this afternoon a special time for Harry. As a proud godfather, along with my wife Marianne, we were delighted to see a broad smile appear on his face as we all clambered aboard bound for Patterson Stadium at Subiaco.

William our chauffeur could not have been more accommodating as he help load wheelchairs, bags and a good supply of drinks on board. Then

we were off, all ten of us, in high spirits and looking forward to seeing the 10th Purple Haze game courtesy of Starlight and the Fremantle Dockers. They were up against a formidable team, Geelong Cats. After a wonderful smooth and luxurious ride we arrived, found our seats, settled down and cheered on the Dockers. Harry could be heard screaming his delight as the game progressed. All too soon it was over, Fremantle the final victors in an exciting and intense game. Back to the limousine which was waiting with William as helpful as ever (if I had a Rolls he would be my choice of chauffeur).

All aboard! More drinks all round, and Harry still in fine form and vocal enjoying every minute of his special day. We have wonderful memories of that special day and we enjoyed the company of children with disabilities and friends, what more could you ask for? Thankyou our very dear friend for making this all possible.

Lester North

Below: Harry gets into the stretch limo with Mum and brother Lloyd as they go to the Dockers Purple Haze Starlight Game.





ANZAC Heritage

On Anzac day, 25th April, The Pickering Brook Heritage Group officially opened the new War Memorial in Heritage Park. An enthusiastic group of people joined in the dawn service at 6.00 a.m. and most stayed for refreshments. Over 150 people braved the chilly morning and were treated to a spectacular sunrise.

Many Roleystone Courier readers have been frequent visitors to the website for

the Pickering Brook Heritage Group. This has recently been updated with a lot of interesting new material.

An activities calendar has now been included, notifying every one of our opening times and coming events. So we invite you all to log in and see the new improved site.

www.pickeringbrook.com.au

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to make our website even better. We always appreciate your feedback.

The members of the Pickering Brook Heritage Group encourage everyone to 'enjoy your trip into our past history and thank everyone for their support.'

Gordon Freegard

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Top left: Stephanie O'Meagher wearing her dad Jack's medals at the Pickering Brook War Memorial at Heritage Park.

Right top: The Pickering Brook Heritage Group Committee at the war memorial.

Right: A picture of Canning Mills circa 1890 from the website.



Pickering Brook Heritage Society will have a stand at the Pickering Brook Show on Saturday 12th May.



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Bendigo Bank Celebrates Five Years In Roleystone

On the 31st March 2012 the staff and Directors of the Roleystone Karragullen Community Bank invited everyone to celebrate with them as they ticked off the great milestone – five years of service to the community.

This time period has also seen extensive funds flow through to a wide variety of Roleystone Karragullen organisations and causes.

The birthday party had a great photo display, Piggy the mascot posed for photos with the children plus local face painter Wendy Vanderlaan created some wonderful facial masterpieces.

The wonderful birthday cake, cooked and iced by Margaret Agar was cut and distributed.

Competitions like the ‘Guess the amount of coins in the piggy bank’ proved popular and the \$50 bank account was won by local resident and customer Jack Rigby.

So well done to all concerned on a very successful five years.



Bendigo Bank



Pictured at the Bendigo Bank Celebrations.

1. The Bendigo Bank family, Staff and Directors, cut the cake.
2. Liam O'Neill, Debbie Wagstaff and Sarah O'Neill.
3. Face painter Wendy Vanderlaan with Megan Ford.
4. Hadassah, John and Abigail Bennett with Bendigo Bank Piggy.
5. Marian Meharry has her face painted
6. Brett Moore, Violet and Piggy.
7. Liz Dunn and Margaret Agar with the cake Margaret made.





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On Monday 16th April we had to make the agonizing decision that the time had come for our most loyal, faithful and much loved best friend to leave us as she was very ill. We decided Judith was the best person to help us through this awful time as we had experienced

her caring manner before. She did not let us down, she spent nearly 2 hours with Sasha & us caring for us all. Her approach is much different from other vets as even at the end of life her aim is that leaving this world should be as painless and pleasant as possible.

This was one of the worst days of our lives thank you for helping us through it Judith.
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Roleystone Community College was chosen, along with 3 other schools, to have the Greenfingers team, through Guru Productions, create a sustainable garden.

The show was filmed and was shown on Sunday 22nd and Sunday 29th of April on Channel 7, between 5.30pm-6pm.

After a few hiccups we convinced Guru Productions that Roleystone Community College was a great place to build a sustainable outdoor classroom/garden. Once the final decision had been made it was 'all hands on deck' to prepare the site in a very short time frame.

WA Treeworks donated their time and expertise in clearing the trees and leaving the mulch. With time being of the essence I put an SOS out on Facebook to the Roleystone Mothers Rock site and the next morning I had three mothers ready to help. Kylie Smyth contacted Dean Adams, from Tingledale Building Company who donated his time in preparing the site. Sadly the last stand of trees had to come down as they had termites, root rot and weren't very stable. They were cut into three metre lengths for Mr Tarnow to use in his classroom.

Mr Thatcher, Mr Cotter and several Yr 9 boys picked up, carted and laid lots and lots of concrete slabs and rocks. The men prepared the slab for the outdoor kitchen and shed, whilst Mrs Cotter supervised!

The shed was erected very quickly, then the water tank was rolled in, the veggie, herb and spice beds were dug in and before we knew it plants appeared, worm farms begun, a palace for chickens constructed, as well as a pergola and outdoor kitchen. Theo Kalogeracos cooked a delicious fish and veggie kebab on our new BBQ, Mr Thatcher, Mr Blaker and Mrs Cotter relished the idea of a taste test!

The children have been very eager to participate where they can. They have had the opportunity to go on an excursion to a nursery, make worm farms and plant many trees, vegies, herbs and spices. This is a wonderful opportunity for the school and the community. Thankyou to Channel 7, the Water Corporation, Guru Productions and Greenfingers.

Helen Cotter
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ROB REFLECTS ON THE YEAR

Rob Tomeo and the crew at Karradale Meats opened their retail store in the Kelmscott Plaza Shopping Centre one year ago in April. Here Rob reflects on his first year of operation.

The move to retail has been great! Being able to offer our 'WA's Finest Lamb' range to the public is a real honour and one that we have been working hard on for the last

6 years. We have combined this with offering a great range of beef, pork, chicken and smallgoods, all sourced from our local farmers.

It's also been fantastic to have the support from farms across Beverley, Brookton, Pingelly and Hyden. We buy a lot of our lambs throughout the year for our wholesale division; this gives the farmers a chance to see where their hard work is going and even enjoy some on their plate. We have managed to be very competitive in all of our products and we do a lot of bulk orders for customers. This gives people the opportunity to eat some of the finer foods even in today's tough economic climate. Our bulk packs are on display at the shop and people seem to love this option as the bulk packs are considerably cheaper.

The major challenge has been getting people to come back to their 'local butcher' rather than shopping at the big chain stores. Our service and quality is tenfold that offered by the big chains. Supporting your local butcher can be a good way to save for example, you only have to buy what you need and you aren't limited to buying whatever size tray the supermarkets have. Our one on one service can give you exactly the amount of kilo's or pieces you want for your meal and eliminate any extra costs.

I would also like to thank the Roleystone Tigers Senior Football club and the Kelmscott Football Club for the opportunity to sponsor them in 2012. I wish both clubs all the best for the season. So come on down to Kelmscott Plaza and support your local butcher.



Easter Lillies

As long as I've been connected with Roleystone (I first came here in 1956 and have lived here since 1975) at this time of the year I have gazed in wonder at the beautiful flowers that arise in Autumn.

They seem to grow anywhere, in rows, solo long the roads and in great masses especially on steep hill slopes along our highways.

After the long hot scorching days of summer, the appearance of the Easter lilies shows that Sol is finally losing its power.

They come from the dry parched soil and they resurrect themselves. Long straight stems with no sight of leaves, they finally burst into bloom; white, pink and deep pink almost red. Their flower life is only about a month and then they appear to go back into their crypt to await another resurrection day.

Their name is *Amaryllis Belladonna*, the Easter lily or Belladonna lily. They grow in the older sections of the community, so it must have been a flower much cherished by our early pioneers. When I see them flowering I know that our battle with sol is over for a while and Easter is on its way. To me they are as symbol of the crucifixion and resurrection. They are a very welcome sight to me.

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Editorial

LINDA MOORE

MAY 2012

May, with the change of seasons, will be welcomed by many. I love the approach of winter and late autumn when we can light our fires and dress in warmer clothes. I like the nip in the air and frosty mornings.

I feel that Roleystone becomes even more beautiful as the orchard trees change colours as they enter their winter dormancy.

This year I counsel locals to look long and hard at these trees, their presence in our location may be quite transitory. For many orchardists the last few years have been very challenging. Drought, lack of water, poor farm gate returns and spiralling prices have proved difficult for our neighbouring orchardists. But this season has thrown up even more challenges. As a child growing up on an orchard our family often quoted 'We'll all be ruined said Hanrahan' to our Dad as he complained about the difficulties of farming. But in this modern era, I wonder if these difficulties are surmountable?

This year's poor harvest for most crops was compounded by the usual spate of diseases with brown rot and fruit fly in particular exceptionally rampant. Shortage of produce however didn't lead to high fruit returns. The buyers and supermarket chains are just too good at anticipating this and all shortages were overcome with high interstate imports, so local consumers didn't notice any shortages or price hikes. But local growers certainly did!

Now our wondrous Black Cockatoos, beloved by nearly all, have turned ravenously to our local apple crop. Many orchardists will hardly pick an apple this year. Sally Rainoldi of Roleystone Orchard is typical of farmers in our area. (See story page 4.)

So what can they do when they are up against a protected and well loved enemy? This must be a problem that we all need to sort out as no-one wants the destruction of this already at risk bird but what can local orchardists do when their livelihood is threatened?

However an even greater threat to our orchardists is looming. Next summer sees the banning of the major sprays used to protect fruit crops from Mediterranean Fruit Fly.

Our Hills area has proved a

very suitable environment for this pest. Hills growers are extraordinarily fearful of the potential to lose all of their stone fruit crops and a large proportion of their pome fruit crops, without some intervention.

We are all aware that we need to be vigilant about protecting the public from consuming anything that may have health risks attached. For many years responsible orchardists only used cover spraying as a last resort and always aligned to the withholding periods and safety margins. From next summer, cover spraying is now not allowed at all. This challenge just may prove too much for many orchardists.

I realise that the general public may be unaware or even support the phasing out of these chemicals, but I feel passionately that this situation should be known about.

I also feel that this industry is in crisis and our government should 'care' and offer support or even transition out of the industry for those who need it. This doesn't seem to be happening at present.

Again I counsel all who live here to look at our orchards while they remain.

In the May edition I have broken a rule, 'not to publish any really long letters'. On page 20 and 21 a local mother has written an impassioned letter about her son's suffering. The poignancy of this letter, particularly as we all think of mothers with Mothers Day approaching, is stark. Her story is heartfelt and I wish her luck with finding a solution.

Lastly this month I would like to send my deepest sympathy to three families. To the family of Roy Bettenay, born in Roleystone in 1924, a memory of a well lived, long life.

To Gary and Wendy Smith and all at the Manse Restaurant, Dave lived life to the full and will be missed.

Lastly my heartfelt sympathy to Leonie, Francine and all the Mitchells on the death, far too early, of Keith Rinaldi. Keith was a wonderful man and his contributions to the Courier, to the community and his friendship over many years has been appreciated. Vale.

So, please enjoy reading our May Courier. Linda

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We are very new and only started 10 weeks ago, so are still evolving. For the first hour we just sing in unison, with perhaps the odd round for variety. The second hour we are learning how to sing in parts.

If this applies to you – give us a go. We'd love to see new members, with any ideas you may have .

Come along and try us out.

Bushwalking

Are you interested in being out in the bush?

Bushwalking is a great way to spend a Sunday morning! The Kelmscott bushwalking group has room for new members on its fortnightly walks.

On Sunday 20th May our walk will be up to the top of Mt Solus. While this is not as high as Everest it affords wonderful views and is not as cold. Because we start early (7 am) the afternoon is available for other activities.

The walks are child and dog free, and the group is welcoming and friendly. For further information contact 9397 5225 (ah).

Response to Dog Fine

I read the 'Big Fine for Dog Breach' article with some disbelief. How can people be annoyed that they are fined when they are doing something they know they can get fined for?

Whatever excuse they give, the responsibility for their dogs is there's and there's alone. We do not have a dog as we are not able to give a dog the time, care and attention it would need. We are however surrounded by dogs some who bark day and night, I still have the scars of a dog bite on my leg resulting in spending the afternoon at the hospital, injections, antibiotics etc.

I am a pretty easy going person and did not report the dog. I have never reported anyone for anything but that could change. We have our house on the market, prospective buyers arrived pulled into the drive, stepped out of car straight into ...you've guessed it dog excreta!!

So to the people who do not clean up/care for/keep on a lead/put the public and their neighbours before their dog, I would like to say that you have only yourselves to blame when the fines arrive and my days of not reporting anyone are, thanks to you, well and truly over.

Dogs are great, some owners are not. This is the first time I have written about anything in the Courier (which is the best local magazine) but I feel quite strongly about the above and I have spoken to others who are dismayed at the way dogs are being put before the public interest.

Name and address withheld on request

SLEEP DISTURBED By SHOPS RUBBISH COLLECTION

I would like to ask if any other locals in the vicinity of the Roleystone Shopping Centre are sick and tired of being woken up on Monday mornings at 4:30 am listening to the sounds of the huge metal bins being lifted and then emptied into the truck. Surely there is no sane reason why this event should take place so damn early (and at similar times during the week)!

If we have other residents who feel the same then I will press the issue further with the Shire and the Shopping Centre. If I am a lone voice then I guess I will just start the week earlier than most or else wear ear plugs to bed.

Mike

DISTURBING VIOLENT ATTACK REPORTED

Recently my friends and I were on the oval in Roleystone when we were abused and pushed by a group of '20 somethings' drunk and high by the smell and look. On the second occasion this happened, we withdrew to my home.

They followed us and a can filled with rocks was thrown at us as we sat in the garden. We chased them away and about 20 of them arrived with knives and machetes damaging cars and being abusive. The police were called but took a long time to respond.

If you see a 20 year old in orange shorts with a rat's tail haircut you know it was him. I am now not sure I want to live in this area after only being here 4 months. If I am dead in the morning you will know why.

Chris Colyer

RKCC Windup

Pictured left: Greg James and Todd Bendall. Below right: Jon Stokey and Jenna Lippert. Below left: Kevin Williams who taught at Roleystone Primary School in the 1960's and has had a long association with the RKCC.

More pictures centre pages.



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Above: *Hovea chorizemifolia* one year after fire. Below: Full length impressive balga at Karragullen.



pictures, and I am sure the species names have been carefully checked, but labelling is not the same as ecology.

Those interested in some facts about bushfire should read Dr Sylvia Hallam's scholarly book, 'Fire & Hearth', available from the State Library. Other reliable books are by Professor Steve Pyne, and Professor Bill Gammage.

David Ward

Chris Gairns has described (letters April 2012) how some people tried to discourage the Fire Brigade from prescribed burning near the High School. I am sure the Fireys, who give their time and sweat to defend us from bushfires, have serious views on the matter.

Parents, concerned about their children's safety next summer, may also have views. The need for prescribed burning to protect buildings and lives is well known, and need not be discussed further. The science on that matter is settled.

However, our passionate objectors may have been misled by some publications, such as the recent 'Local Flora & Bushlands' by Cliff and Sharron Burns, who claim that frequent, mild fire is harmful to plants.

The book has been widely circulated, and contains many photos of Darling Range wildflowers. It is recommended, in the foreword, by Associate Professor Kevin Thiele, a botanist at the WA Herbarium, who describes it as 'scientifically rigorous'. It depends on what science you are talking about.

As an example, on p.114 the authors refer to a paper (Lamont & Downes 1979), which used grasstree flowering as an indicator of fire events, and concluded that pre-European fires were at 80 year intervals. In fact, grasstree flowering is an unreliable indicator, as explained in a later paper by me and Professor Lamont (Ward & Lamont 2000). They also claim that fire frequency has 'increased dramatically by a factor of between 12 and 22 times' since European settlement. I am unaware of any scientific grounds for this strange claim.

There is overwhelming evidence that fire frequency has decreased since European arrival, litter has increased, and that is the main cause of the uncontrollable bushfires we have all seen recently. There are, in the book, other misleading claims about bushfire effect on plants, which I will leave readers to disentangle.

With such misinformation, it is no wonder that some people are confused about the need for prescribed burning, and local government has, on occasions, been reluctant to carry it out. Those promoting misinformation, or trying to prevent prescribed burning, must bear some responsibility for the loss, in uncontrollable fires, of homes, and the deaths of many mature trees, and native animals.

Botany has been described as 'stamp collecting'. The book is a beautiful album of coloured

Thanks from the Henricksons

Ken and Jean Henrickson would like to thank all our wonderful friends in Roleystone who have been so loving and supportive over the tragic death of our daughter Claire. We have been overwhelmed by gifts of food, flowers, condolence cards and the huge Roleystone attendance at Claire's funeral. Thank you all for your kindness.

It proves what we have always known – Roleystone is the best place on earth to live due to its wonderful people.

Ken and Jean



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Left: Local Swim Stars Winona and Alysha are joined by another local, Robert Edmunds, who managed second place in the Open 50m Breastroke Division 2.

Lumen Christi Swimming Team Gives their All

The recent 2012 ACC (Association of Catholic Schools and Colleges) D Division Swimming Carnival proved a real battle from start to finish. Lumen Christi students opened the account with some strong 100-metre events. Led by the solid performances of team captains Katie Squires (Thornlie) and Joel Johansen, (Martin) the Lumen team were placed 2nd at the first score check of the day. Despite their best efforts the team were unable to maintain this position, but finished one place higher than last year. This and the closeness of the scores between all eight competing schools was adequate consolation for the group.

The age division relays were the final events of the carnival. The year 7 & 8 teams placed very highly, with a 2nd and 1st respectively. Each participating

student is congratulated on the effort and sportsmanship displayed on the day. Special acknowledgement is given to four students whose individual performances placed them amongst the top scoring competitors in their age group. Competing in a number of races the effort and achievement of these students is highly commendable.

Jason DJAFFARSAH
Under 13 - 1st
Winona JOACHIM
Under 15 - 4th
Alysha MITCHELL
Under 16 - 1st
Carmela ZAGARI
Under 17 - 4th
*Anne Kennedy
Publicity Officer
Lumen Christi College*

ROLEYSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD FAMILY CENTRE RECEIVES EXCELLENT RECOGNITION

The Roleystone Family Centre has been informally recognised as one of the best performing Neighbourhood Family Centres in Western Australia.

The focus of this outstanding community organisation is a focus for people getting together for friendship, exchange of information and mutual growth in learning.

This success is due to the commitment of the staff Sue Spry, Deanna White, the committees past and present and all the many volunteers over the past twenty two years. The overall broad community involvement has been highlighted this year with the large increase in the first term of numbers of people attending the many varied courses offered and the increase in the number of men participating. This broad community involvement with the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre continues to grow with the affiliation of the Men's Shed Group and the Community Garden Group into the organisation.

The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre in the coming months will be holding an awareness stall at the Roleystone Shopping Centre. This will be an opportunity for those who do not know what the Centre offers for the broader community to learn of the many options. There will also be the opportunity to put forward your suggestions of what additional type of courses you would like to see being held at the Centre.

The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre is located at 19 Wygonda Road just past the Roleystone Hall and is open every week day between 9am and 3pm. Rooms are available for hire for meetings and for birthdays. Phone 9496 1115. Please check out the excellent website

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*Pat Hart
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RIP Dave Smith

Nearly all locals will remember Dave Smith, a short, Dockers supporter always complete with the uniform hat and scarf, with a wicked but ready smile and a broad Southern English accent.

Over 400 people flocked to pay their last respects to this gentleman who touched so many people from across the community. Dave Smith left his mark on many: community leaders, politicians, members of sporting and community groups; the mourners ranged from young children to senior citizens.

Dave had worked tirelessly assisting son Gary Smith at the Manse Restaurant. He left with a cheerful 'I'm not here' at the end of the night. Dave was a popular member of the Manse team and co workers and clients of the popular restaurant were united in saying farewell to a linchpin of the Manse family.

His final moments were played out on the Armadale Oval travelling between a guard of honour releasing Dockers balloons and then passing through the goal posts just as the siren rang to announce another Dockers win. *Vale Dave.*

He was born David Thomas George Smith on 15th November 1933 in Exeter, Devon England. In 1959 David met Wendy (on a blind date) and they were married in 1962. Eventually they had 3 children, Richard, Danny and Gary. Last year Dave and Wendy celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

David worked in the printing industry for many years and continued this work when he moved to Australia. Once he retired, he then actively helped Gary at The Manse Restaurant.

David was very active in many community sporting events and organisations.

For many years he was involved with Little Athletics – where he became a life member. He devoted many hours to Athletics and was known for always being ready with a helping hand and supporting all the children. He was a foundation member of Thornlie Bowling Club, a member of Thornlie Football Club, Gosnells Soccer Club and a member of Armadale Lawn Bowls.

In the words of his son Gary: 'To him it wasn't 'my way or the highway' it was 'My way'.

He loved his three sons Richard, Danny and me equally and always ensured we never went without, always putting our needs and feelings first.

I never quite understood why he worked so much, coming home late, but I now realise he did this for his family. I became strong because of him and



the way I was able to press through challenges, able to be alone and able to find myself.

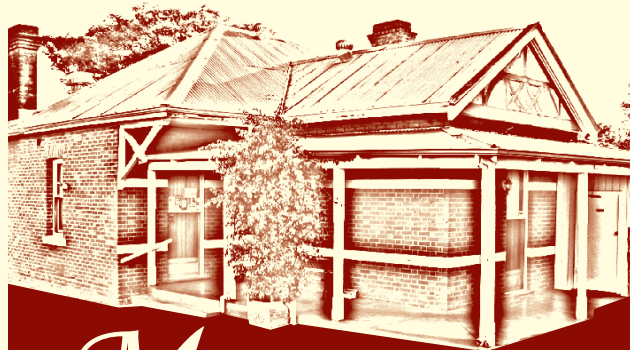
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No, My Father was not perfect, but who in this world is? He was, however I am happy to say, perfectly himself. Dave was a warrior, a teacher, a man of integrity and I am forever grateful. He was a caring, strong and irreplaceable man, who we all loved dearly. You will be missed greatly Dad.

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There were many types of hats, most had lots of eggs and tinsel, a giant sombrero hid one student (see above), at far left Conna Smyth is happy and close left Aydee Bull wears a cat bonnet.

The students paraded their creations to the tunes of yesteryear! It was a wonderful way to start the day and thanks go out to students, teachers and parents for their support (and creativity).

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A Local Mum asks: Can You Help Relieve Chronic Pain in Children in Hospital?

Dear Reader,

Having a child who suffers chronic pain I wanted to draw your attention to an area of PMH which I believe is lacking in services, and to the children, parents and caregivers who are in desperate need of support.

I feel very strongly about the chronic pain suffered by our children and the need for a dedicated pain unit at PMH but I'm not really certain how to tell you, and moreover, not allow too much of my emotion creep in and diminish the importance of what I would like to say to you.

I could try and start at the beginning but I'm not sure where that is anymore, so perhaps I should introduce you to my son James, invite you into his world, and ask you to form your own opinion of the need for a paediatric chronic pain specialist and dedicated pain management service at PMH. Here goes...

My son looks like he is resting comfortably, but its 10am and he's 9 years old. No, he's not resting, he has withdrawn into his own world, and lying in a foetal position his eyes are open, glassy. His face is white, with a pale tinge of blue around his mouth as his breathing is shallow and there he lies very, very still as he tries to manage the pain he is suffering. Try to get him up? Wanting to comply, he struggles to get out of bed unable to stand independently. He's hunched over, can't eat or drink, unable to focus on what's happening around him. Worse, he starts to lose control of that pain. He hits, scratches, bites himself and others, tears his skin until it bleeds and starts sobbing uncontrollably.

This is bad enough but imagine, James already takes 80mg of MS Contin a day, 12.5mg up to 2 hourly for breakthrough pain and there is no pain service to call. He will need to present at PMH ED for a fentanyl infusion but we know how that course of events will unfold so we hesitate, sometimes this may only last for 48 hours until the pain becomes controlled again...will we, won't we? We juggle the drugs (we have had to learn by ourselves), use alternative therapies but we aren't winning. With tears in our eyes we make the call, please expect James in approximately 1 hour, they know he is coming.

PMH should be his sanctuary; there are qualified people there who can help him, the necessary drugs, ability to control the pain and give James some relief. However, at hospital he can't access the pain team without first having a referral made by a medical team, which needs to be requested by the doctor, which needs James to have an initial assessment by a nurse who can't get near to him because by this time he is thrashing around wildly, sobbing and tearing himself and anyone close by to pieces. The process seems to take such a long time, perhaps because James doesn't have a diagnosis. Who is he being admitted under? Is the pain related to a new specific cause? Please, please ask the pain team to come; even then we appreciate their dilemma.

It gets worse; the pain is one of his triggers for seizure. He's treated immediately and recovers but it happens again, his eyes show the fear as he desperately tries to cling on to some form of contact with us. This time he can't stop fitting, he loses consciousness, and he goes into status. Several hours later and after a myriad of drugs it is decided that James should be intubated. We've been here before, and I'm relieved he will finally be asleep and comfortable but we also know that this isn't the end..... 48 hours later on waking after intubation, James can't move, he has tears in his eyes and makes little whimpering sounds. His MS Contin (80mg a day) was stopped two days earlier and we plead with intensive care staff to contact the pain team...

Reader, I need to stop a moment, there is something I didn't tell you at the beginning, it shouldn't make a difference but it does. James can't talk, he can't verbally tell us the pain he is suffering or the fear he is feeling worse, he can't be reassured that "it will be ok" - Perhaps you could re-read the above knowing James doesn't have the ability to tell us what he's experiencing.

I could go on with stories about incidents of suffering that would make you cringe with horror and bring tears to your eyes. This isn't however intended as a criticism of the care given rather, a reflection of the current systems and lack of services in place to prevent children suffering unnecessarily. I understand that paediatric chronic pain is not a well-researched area and especially so in those children who can't verbally describe what they are experiencing. Moreover with such limited research and the very nature of the opiate treatment there are bound to be many different and conflicting opinions on how the pain is assessed and treated.

I have been very fortunate with my dealings with the pain team at PMH and found them very helpful however, they don't specialise in chronic pain and, as purely a consulting team, (as I see it) weren't in a position to manage James's medication and care.



Seen above 'The Once Roley Primary School Mums': Steph, Melissa, Janet, Lynn and Karen. Happy Mother's Day to you all.



At left: Jeff and Margaret Munns at the Bowling Windup. Margaret had suffered a heart attack in early April and this was her first outing. She announced that she was 'feeling wonderful'. Keep well Margaret.

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Ultimately, as James's tolerance to opiates grew so did my ability to find a doctor who could treat him. He had "outgrown" the service that was offered at PMH yet he was only 8 years old.

I consider myself one of the lucky ones, I am fortunate enough to have the means to explore other alternatives and eventually came in contact with David Champion from the Eastern States who supplied me with some valuable information and resource tools. Moreover, he helped me realise that what I was asking for, pain relief for my child, was not unreasonable and that there were people out there with experience in this field who would understand the difficulties we were experiencing and could help us.

I did find somebody, a great doctor with paediatric chronic pain experience who is currently in Perth. However, James can't see this doctor at PMH and therefore his care is compromised; should he need to be admitted to hospital for pain, who is he admitted under and who oversees pain management?

Moreover, perhaps a paediatric chronic pain specialist and dedicated department could help identify those children who are non-verbal thus treating and alleviating the considerable pain they go through - James was believed to have behavioural issues until a routine blood test enabled a diagnosis of pancreatitis to be made - It still makes me cry thinking of the pain and suffering he must have gone through.

Pain specialists might disagree but I believe paediatric chronic pain, as opposed to acute pain (even paediatric acute pain) brings a whole new range of variables to the concept of pain management and whilst, as a civilised society, we like to think we are doing the best for our children, without a paediatric pain specialist who can pass on their knowledge to caregivers and develop individual, appropriate care plans, our children are isolated in that their pain is not always recognised or treated appropriately. Again, I would like to stress that this letter is not intended to criticise in any way the fantastic work carried out every day in PMH by its dedicated staff. Rather it is to draw to your attention an area of care that surely should be considered a priority and ask your help, as stated in Children's & Adolescent Health Service's vision statement to "improve and protect" the lives of our children who suffer chronic pain.

Dear reader, thank you for taking the time to read this letter and if you would like to help us, here is a link for full details.

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Penny, Christine and Ken

Often we find volunteers who give over and above the norm. This is often when they are passionate or when they just really want something to succeed. The photo above shows three such members of the Roleystone Community College P&C.

nominated for the Citizen of the Year at the recent City of Armadale Awards for her services to the school.

She was registrar for the Gumnut Playgroup for two years whilst her children attended the playgroup, then as they moved into the primary school she became involved with the P&C.

Penny has served as the President of the Parents & Citizens and was a Member of the Parent Consultative Group – formed to oversee the amalgamation of the Roleystone Primary & High Schools into the Roleystone Community College. She is again President of the P&C in 2012 and helps out refereeing for her son's soccer team.

'Really valuable organisations like the playgroup, sports clubs and the P&C wouldn't exist without volunteers and that is why I put my hand up to help.'

'I feel it's important to give something back. In actual fact in doing so we all benefit - my kids have the opportunity to participate in clubs and I also learn some great new skills!'

They are joined by Christine Heavey. She attended school in this location and is now one of the dedicated staff. She is a committee member on the Roleystone Community College P&C, she is also a Director at the local Bendigo Banka and she is also working with the markets and community garden/men's shed groups.

Christine said: 'I am quite new to volunteering and I think the biggest benefit for me is meeting so many new people who are passionate about their community.'

Well done to these individuals and to the many people who give unselfishly to 'Make our Community Work.'

Ken Walker has given many years of selfless service both locally and to the broader parent movement. He first joined the Roleystone Primary P&C in 2002 and was elected treasurer.

In 2005 he joined the Roleystone DHS P&C and was elected treasurer, and carried the treasurer's position for both schools.

In 2009 he was elected State Councillor for Canning South district of WACSSO. This covers P&Cs from Roleystone to Serpentine basically along the Darling Scarp. In 2011 as a WACSSO councillor he became their nominee on the Children's Crossing & Road Safety Committee. With the amalgamation of the schools he remains the treasurer of the new P&C.

'For me, volunteering is a 'win-win' situation. I really enjoy what I do as a volunteer. My hope is that the P&C, the school community and all the P&Cs in my WACSSO electorate gain some benefit from what I do.' said Ken. Penny Walmsley was

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Over the years the family centre has relied very heavily on the support of volunteers throughout the community to make our centre one of the best in the state. We thank all of our volunteers both past and present for all their dedication and tireless effort put in to make our centre the very best possible. *Sue and Deanna*

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Local sport clubs and organisations only run because of the good will of volunteers so with Volunteering week upon us why don't you consider giving some time to a good cause.

And a comment from Tim: 'I originally volunteered to coach the under 10's cricket team during the 2008/2009 season after helping out with the In2cricket for a few years. All three of my kids have played cricket from about the age of 5 and I wanted them to be able to continue playing cricket within Roleystone. To me, not just my involvement, but the involvement and assistance of all parents allows this to happen.'

'For Footy, once again, after helping out as a Team Manager a few years ago, I was nominated and accepted the position of club secretary at the end of the 2010 season.'

I volunteer because I like to be actively involved with my kids and help out where I can.'

'It's a great opportunity to have some fun with, and have a positive impact on the kids and youth of Roleystone (including my own). I also get the opportunity to meet and socialise with some wonderful people within the community.'

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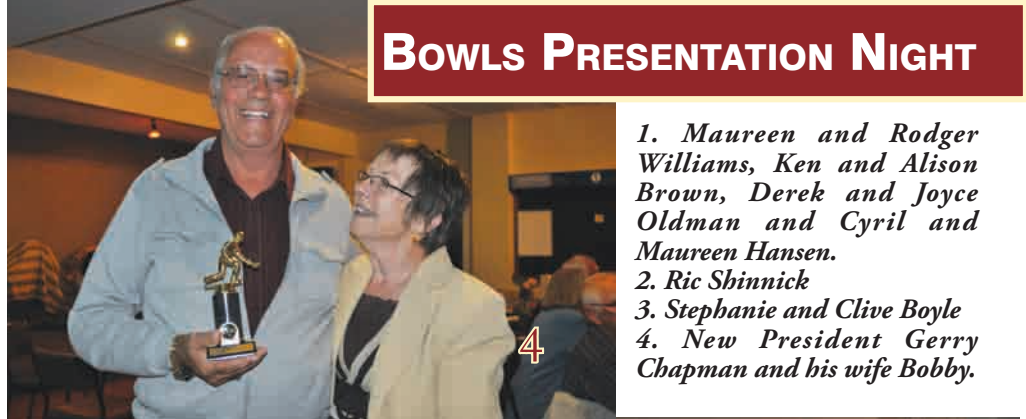


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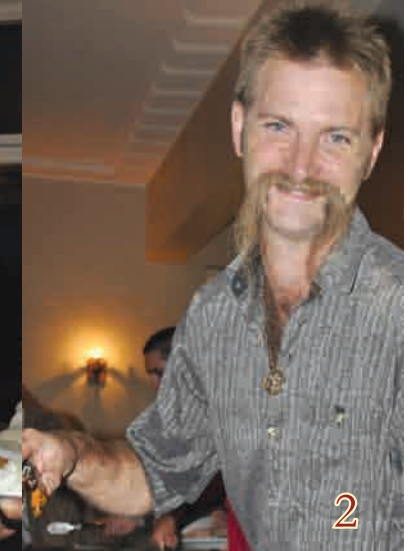
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Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup

We hope everyone has had a wonderful Easter holiday and you are refreshed and looking forward to term two.

Last term we decided to do an Easter raffle to raise money for new outside toys like a roller coaster toy. We were very lucky to have support from: Supa IGA, Roleystone Community Chemist and Blanche Mateljan supplied two baskets. There were quite a lot of chocolate eggs and bunnies and stuffed toys, which members from each playgroup donated. Our four winners are: 4th went to Allison Taylor, 3rd went to Diane Horgan, 2nd went to Paula Henderson and 1st went to Katy Cornroth. Congratulation everyone.

For Mothers Day, our craft coordinators are having lots of fun this year. They are doing Hand and Foot print moulds.

Craft Coordinator Annie has been travelling between playgroup sessions to make the moulds. The choices we have are gold and silver and they look amazing with our kid's names in them. Thanks, Annie for doing a wonderful job, we appreciate it very much.

The Biggest Moring Tea will be held on Thursday 24th of May. We are having a Biggest Morning Tea Week starting on Monday the 21 and finishing on Friday the 25.

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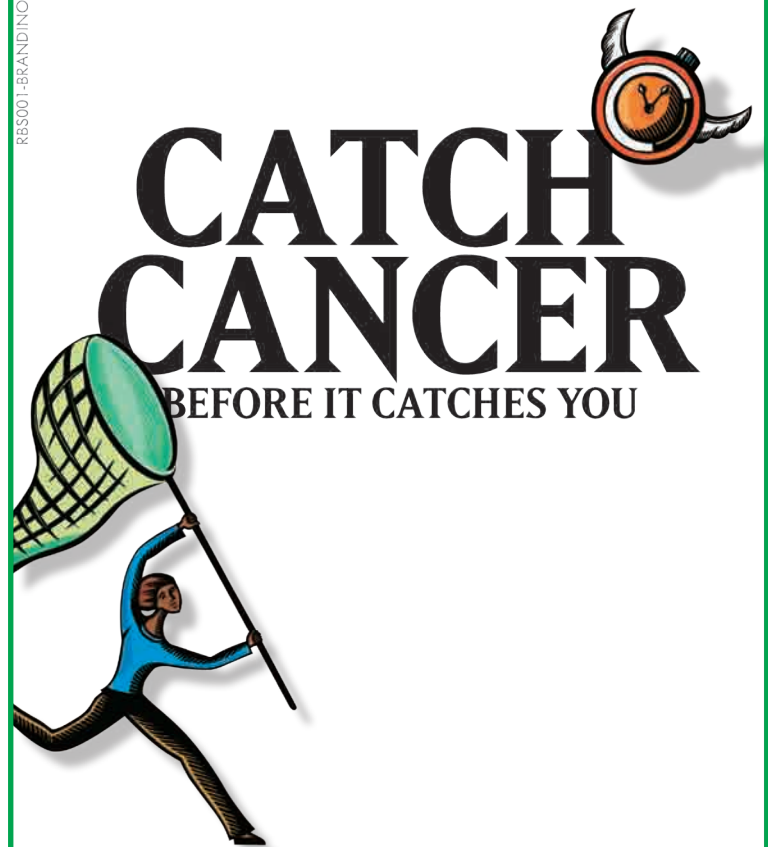
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Elli raised over \$800 dollars to fund vital blood cancer research and support for people with leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. Well done Ellie.

There are still positions available. We are looking for a Secretary (mainly taking notes at our committee meetings and maintain and updating the contact list for the committee and some administrative work). If you think you have some time and would like to be a part of a group of women who are interested in helping our kids have fun, then please feel free to contact us either through our email account or phone our President, Janice McLean on 0410025019 roleystone.gumnut.president@live.com.au

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Our committee also has grown this year and we welcome our new members and appreciate all our committee members for volunteering their time to keep our great club functioning.

Once again our coaching staff is enthusiastic and busy putting the teams through their paces, but as always they can always use an extra hand here and there, so please give them your support and ask if you can be of any assistance, as on game days there is a lot to organise and they would appreciate the offer.

As for all current team volunteers, thank you for already putting your hand up to assist the Coaches, we as a club really appreciate the support you show towards the team.



Also great news is that the canteen will be again providing delicious game day food. So please give the canteen staff a big 'thanks' when you pop your head through the window while ordering.

We have also gained a NEW major sponsor 'Howell Builders', who have contributed a fantastic donation to the club and puts us on our way to gaining the funds for the additional lighting required for Roleystone to host night games.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our sponsors and urge all club patrons to utilise the services of these great companies who

always show our club their support.

If you have any fundraising ideas or know of any companies to approach for sponsor packages, please let the committee know.

The South Fremantle district this season will be running with the 'game day behaviour' points system as per previous years, and as President I am proud to say we as a club had no points removed last season from spectator behaviour issues.

Great work everybody; let's keep the record going this year.

Season 2012 fixtures are now on our website at rjfc.org.au so Parents and Spectators let's get behind them all and show our support on game days and make this another great season for the Roleystone Junior Football Club.

Look forward to seeing you around the club.

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Roleystone Tigers

The Butcher/Darbyshire Memorial match marked the start of the 2012 season with Roleystone playing Osborne Park at home. As usual the Memorial game brings enormous support from the community, with a record attendance at the opening game.

League

Osborne Park started in a whirlwind with four goals before the Tigers posted their first goal from the boot of Steven Abbot on a 35 degree angle 45 metres out. This sparked a comeback; the Tigers were relentless in their quest to up the anti and fought their way back into the game with good defence by veteran Glen Weaver and his charges in the backline. By half time the Tigers were well in the game with Steven Abbott gathering kicks all over the ground.

The third quarter saw the game seesaw with both teams showing spirit. Roleystone had good contributors with the ruckman Tim Anderson getting on top. Players started lifting everywhere and noted players like: Trent Stuart (Turbo), Adam Casotti (Adsy), Michael Chmielewski (Chimma), and Mobs with new players Marlin

Hart and James Kelly adding a touch of good things to come. By the fourth quarter the Tigers were 2 points in front. Osborne Park come out fighting and quickly gained a three goal lead until new recruit Kieran Hansen took a screamer of mark with the crowd showing their delight by letting everybody in Roleystone know.

Veteran stalwart Sean Kenworthy (Bug) started to add his influence to the Tigers with a surge with toughness and brilliance when he started playing as a loose man drifting through centre and across the halfback to thwart and repel Osborne Parks attacks. By the time the final siren sounded the Tigers had the winning margin of 19 points, 15.18 – 108 to 13.11 – 89, and all players contributed. Their fitness proving a major factor in their resurgence. Full credit to Lisa Casotti who implemented and oversaw the pre-season fitness routine.

The Player of the day went to Steven Abbott taking out the Butcher/Darbyshire medal with a best on ground and 8 majors to prove it.

Reserves

The boys played a hard game fought with plenty of new players in the side. Ed Foulds led in his first game as captain with deputies John Lewis and



Anthony Foulds. The Tigers took charge and had a great win 14.16 – 100 to 10.6 – 66. James Tobias' tackling was a highlight as was Lee Pearce around goals.

Leon Wynne, Robbie Pearce & Jocelyn Jones

Top: Medal winner Steve Abbot flying high.

Above: Keith Darbyshire congratulates Steve with Tania Butcher and Colleen Darbyshire.



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RECENT EVENTS

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAYS

Children of all ages made the most of the beautiful autumn weather to enjoy the 'Emu' – themed Children's Activity Days that were held on the Thursdays of 12 and 19 April. Children were guided through a series of popular activities designed to explore their creativity. These included Discovery Walks, Crafts and Clay modeling. The success of this event is attributed to the amazing talent and dedication of the volunteer organizers. Our thanks must go to Lesley Choules and her support team, including Patsy Roche and Fay Clay (pictured inside front cover). We also wish to acknowledge the support of Roleystone-Karragullen Financial Services (Bendigo Bank) in providing their marquee.

AUSTIN 7 CLUB DISPLAY

On the 18th March the passionate members of the Austin 7 Club made a pilgrimage to Araluen to indulge in their pride and joy Austin 7 machines and share their beauty with the Park visitors. The organisers were delighted with the weather conditions and the interest shown by the public. They even recruited a new club member from the experience!

AUTUMN COLOUR

The unmistakable signs of autumn have arrived at Araluen. Crispy mornings, beautiful mild sunny days and magnificent autumn colour... it doesn't get any better than this. Come on down to enjoy it and don't forget your camera!

ROUNDHOUSE GIFT SHOP NEW MANAGEMENT

The Roundhouse Gift Shop is about to awaken from its current hiatus with the appointment of a new manager and refurbishment. We are pleased to announce that local resident Patricia Derrett will take up her new responsibilities in early May. Patricia is keen to infuse her special touch with exciting new merchandise and a whole new look. In the meantime, visitors are being attracted to the substantial range of giftware that is now available 7 days from a new display at the Chalet Healy tearooms.

TULIP PLANTING DAYS

The traditional volunteer tulip planting days return with a vengeance this year, with the number of bulbs to be planted doubling to around 100,000. This year's weekend bulb-planting days are on 26/27th May and 9/10th June from 9.00am to around 12pm. We are inviting even more volunteer support this year in view of the extra tulips. Volunteers are encouraged to bring suitable gardening clothes, gloves and kneepads. Planting tools are provided and simple instructions are demonstrated on site. Participants also get to enjoy free entry, a legendary complimentary morning tea and a special invitation to return in spring to experience their handiwork in full bloom.

International Camellia Garden of Excellence Award presented to Araluen: Grant Nixon, Rod Ross, Jean Evans and Lyn Mathews.





The 1st of June 1829 is historically recognised as the day when European Settlers, on the merchant vessel Parmelia, first sighted the coast of the land which was to become the Swan River Colony. Since 1832, when Stirling decided to commemorate the date as an annual celebration, we have celebrated this day as "Foundation Day", with the public holiday falling on the first Monday of June.

Governor Stirling's decision to celebrate Foundation Day, was based on the desire to unite the settlers, masters, servants and Indigenous Australian who lived in and around the Colony. It is with that same inclusive vision, that Premier Colin Barnett introduced the "Western Australia Day (Renaming) Bill 2011" to change the name of Foundation Day to "Western Australia Day". As the Premier mentioned in his speech on the Bill, it was in fact the second bill he had introduced on the matter, having introduced a private member's bill to the same effect in May 2008.

There can be no argument of the importance of 1 June 1829 for our state;

however, by naming its respective holiday as "Foundation Day", our celebrations have been inherently focused on the singular historical event of European colonisation. By renaming this day as Western Australia day, our scope for celebration can extend to unite all Western Australians who have come together over all periods of time to make W.A. their home, and a home they can be proud of.

There are many elements of contemporary Western Australian that will ensure our state always carries a legacy of British heritage, most notably our legal and government structures, but a rich indigenous history prior to colonisation and a diverse tapestry of immigration after, means that renaming our state's special day to Western Australia Day will give us a better way of bringing ourselves together as one, just as Governor Stirling aspired in 1832.

Information on Western Australia Day, or how you can celebrate it, is available on www.celebratewa.com.au, or alternatively you can contact my office on 9452 8311, for assistance on this, or any other matter.



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John Christmass' Last Performance

This year will see the 21st Annual 'Best of British' concert at the Concert Hall on Saturday 12th May at 7.30pm and local conductor John Christmass has prepared a very special program.

John feels that this may well be his final presentation in the series. He has not lost interest, but says there are many other things he wishes to do (including writing a book). Whilst he is still fit and well and since he recently celebrated his 88th birthday he thinks this might be the right time for a change!

A huge program will feature: Alexandra Bak (soprano), Mark Alderson (baritone), Justin Friend (tenor) Alasdair Kent (tenor), Matthew Reardon (tenor), Josephine Christmass (alto) David Grace (George Formby impersonator), David Murray (piper). Andrew Gardner (organist), the Perth Pops Orchestra and I Voci Singers. Around 80 performers will turn on a fantastic celebratory concert. New works have been specially imported from the USA, including a Beatles selection for orchestra, some favourite songs (and some previously not presented) along with the mandatory 'Jerusalem', 'Rule Britannia' and 'Land of Hope and Glory. Not to mention some great sing-a-longs for audience participation. Never before have there been so many soloists and they are all talented performers!

This promises to be an event long to be remembered and already selling fast. Bookings are at all BOCS outlets or phone 9484 1133.

Thanks for your many years of entertaining Perth audiences John.

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I have been busy updating the Toy Catalogue folder so new and prospective members can flick through a photo archive and see what is available to borrow. We are open during the school term on Wednesday 11.30 – 12.15pm and

Saturday 9.30 - 10.30am at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre and encourage interested people to come and have a look for themselves, you won't be disappointed. Please don't hesitate to email us at roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au or phone 9496 1115.

Linda Schaudin

Seadragonz All for the Kids

Being an active part of their community is an integral part of Seadragonz Swim School's business practice and philosophy. Since the business began five years ago they have regularly participated in over 40 community events every year.

Recently they participated in two community fundraisers helping raise money for SIDS Swim for the Kids and for the Cerebral Palsy Association's Wheelie Big Day Out.

Teachers and their families participated in a swim-a-thon for SIDS and raised nearly \$2000. They swam in 20 minute relays and some of the children simply enjoyed spending fun family time in the pool.

Seadragonz have been community sponsors of the Wheelie Big Day Out for the last three years. The event held on the Burswood foreshore is always loaded with fun activities and Seadragonz had participants in the 1km & 6km charity walks and the corporate challenge. This year they won the perpetual trophy for the corporate challenge. This challenge involves a run, pushing someone in a wheelchair and completing an obstacle course in an electric wheelchair.



If you are holding an event or know of another great community event Seadragonz can be involved in, call them on 9397 1100 or drop them an email at seadragonz@seadragonz.com.au.

Pictured above: Seadragonz Staff compete at Cerebral Palsy Association's Wheelie Big Day Out.

Public Notice Roleystone Community Church Parking

Please note that as the Uniting Church has sold their portion of the Church land into private ownership, the car parking facility at the Community Church is now more limited and care is needed to make the best use of the space available particularly on Sunday mornings when upwards of 100 people attend. Visitors are of course very welcome but if you arrive and find that the car park is full, please also note that we have permission to use the Theatre car park on the opposite side of Brookton Highway as an overflow facility. The general public should be aware that the Church car park is a private facility maintained by the Church and members of the public using it as a turning circle are damaging the surface. Please could folk respect this place and find somewhere on public roads to turn round. Thank you for your consideration.

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The meeting is on Wednesday May

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Best not rest on my laurels, or whatever my excuse was to not write the garden notes last month! Yes the weather is beautiful and makes one glad to live in the paradise of Roleystone; clear air, with a bit of rain and gentle sunshine.

I recently attended the Perry Lakes Garden Show and enjoyed catching up with many lovely friends. The area was not crowded and all the displays were clean and fresh with lots of bulbs to choose from. There were many new types of softer varieties of plants with not too many of the prickly strappy leaved varieties. There were many different frangipanis, and some new roses with wonderful perfume from Landsdale Nursery, bred by Peter and Lyn Nosow.

Challenger TAFE under lecturer Kathy Hore had done an excellent job with their display. Dr Margy Clema had a wonderfully impressive display of tubed herb and vegetable plants, but the Clematis with a wide range of colours really caught my attention.

Sadly it has become very expensive for Garden Clubs and Societies to have stalls and with the ageing population and the unwillingness of younger people to commit to this task, many groups were not represented. Still those that were there, were well patronised.

The usual stands of associated garden needs were well represented. I couldn't resist the wine tasting and nearly purchased a new head for the whipper snipper and wanted a metal cutting head for a drill attachment.

The Roleystone Garden Group will meet again in the third Thursday in May, when Joyce and I should have our photos of our amazing tour of China sorted. We were treated as VIPs from the time we arrived in Kunming until we left

two weeks later. All traffic was halted each time our convoy went anywhere and we only had to intimate that we wanted to cross a road and the police stopped the traffic for us. The Camellias were stunning. Come to 24 Orana Way at 10 am and we will walk through the camellias to my neighbour's home.

Don't forget that with the change of seasons now is the time to buy those deciduous trees - you can see them this month in full autumn colour.

For now I will be trying to get back into gardener mode, eliminating weeds and tidying up and getting my Cottage ready for sale.

Good Gardening. Jean

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I was first elected to the City of Armadale Council in 1989. I was elected Deputy Mayor in 1990 and serviced as Chairman of Planning and Development Committee for 18 years. Living, working and raising a family in Kelmscott brought me in close contact with the local Council in many ways. From working with youth sport, parent and citizens committees, I came into contact with the Local Council on a continual basis. During my time with the local business association, I had frequent meetings and dealings with the City as we tried to bring to their attention to many local issues. It occurred to me that I might be able to support community organisations more effectively if I were a member of the local Council so I sought and won election in 1989.

I suppose it was a natural progression to stand for Mayor and with the retirement of the then Mayor, I decided I would give it a go. I was encouraged to stand by a number of my colleagues and by many members of the public who thought I would do a good job.

I have always been of the view that if we are to achieve any success it would be with the support of all councillors working together as a team and I feel that I am fortunate in having a strong team of talented people who share that view. There is always a danger when you have significant change of councillors that the new team becomes unstable however I have been lucky in that we seemed to have rebuilt quickly and successfully.

The 2 Roleystone Councillors, although relatively new to local government have bonded well and are working cohesively to the benefit of the Roleystone community and for that I thank them both.

I think that the changes that have occurred in Armadale in recent times reflect the years of hard work that have gone into the planning for the future of our community. The redevelopment of our City Centre into a strategic regional centre and the establishment of the Forrestdale Business Park are 2 important projects that will enhance the sustainability of our City. The building of the Tonkin Highway and the Champion Lakes are also very high on my list of highlights. The City is now set to grow from a population of around 50,000 people when I was first elected to over 100,000. That growth can and will cause some growing pains but I am sure that we will manage that growth to the benefit of our residents.

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Cross Park Protected Against Dieback

Wow, what a fantastic turnout of people at our last field day around the Park. Over 27 volunteers treated the trees with Phosphite to protect them from the soil-borne plant pathogen *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. Many more children came along and watched their parents perform this very important community task. Lovely people and gorgeous families. We are very lucky to have them in our community. Everyone was treated to a delicious morning tea prepared by Faye Clay.

We treated all the Jarrahs, Banksias, She-Oaks and Persoonias around the Roleystone Hall, the car park next to the Hall, around the skate board park and up behind the football pavilion. The trees around and in the Family Centre were also done. We also finished off the last of the trees in Attunga Reserve. We will come back in spring and complete the end of Madew Street and around the Tennis Club and Cricket Club. So look out for a notice around September if you want to help.

Note: There will be no field day in May.

Annual Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale at the Roleystone Shopping Centre has been scheduled for Saturday 9th June between 9.00am and noon. The plants are

the same type of species that we plant into our local Reserves. Ian Colquhoun will also be available to talk to residents about Dieback Disease so if you have any queries then this is your opportunity to get an expert opinion.

Next Field Day

This will be a planting field day in the Hall Road Bushland Reserve on Sunday 10th June. Meet in Lockyer Rise. Between 9.00am and noon. Remember to check our website at 8.00am that morning in



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Welcome Josie Violet Milne

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RECENT EVENTS

Well done to our SSTA Pennants Team for winning the Grand Final on 24th March. The team was Lois Swaddle, Wendy Tucker, Judy Smith, Julie Moyce, Jim Brayshaw, Graham Shearwood, Martin Atley and Bob Hay. Congratulations to Lois Swaddle on winning the Most Valuable Women Player for Division 4. Great Job.

Our Club Championships have now been completed and thank you to all members who participated. All events were a great success. The Mixed Doubles Results were: Winners: Jim Brayshaw & Judy Smith, Runners Up: Graham Shearwood & Wendy Tucker, Plate: Graham & Taryn Boase and Saucer: Rob Hunt & Shelley Quartermaine. The Ladies and Men's Singles Results were Ladies Singles: Winner - Lois Swaddle, Runner Up: Wendy Tucker and Plate :Tracey Backhouse. Men's Singles Winner: Jim Brayshaw, Runner Up: Simon Blackmore and Plate: Peter Tucker.

COMING EVENTS

BUSY BEE

We are having a busy bee on Sunday 6th May and we would appreciate any help that you can give us. We will have a sausage sizzle lunch and will start about 8am. We will be doing some paving as well as our usual tidying up, so if you can spare an hour or so please come along and help.

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

We will be holding an Autumn Doubles Tournament on Sunday 20 May. Signup sheets will be at the Club soon so please put your name down or contact Wendy: 93976620.

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(IF CLUB EVENTS ARE NOT SCHEDULED)

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Another Successful Easter Classic

The Easter Classic is a traditional Golf Day hosted annually by the Anile family on Good Friday and held at the Araluen Golf resort. This year it can be clearly stated that 'a great day had by all'. The weather was overcast and cool, so those that wore footy shorts, (that would be Joe Anile), had more than just bad swings to contend with. The day raised \$1000.00 for the cancer foundation.

Most came dressed in their footy colours so the golf course was lit up with colour.

This year's results: 1st Manassen Foods, 2nd Mark's Team Supa IGA and 3rd The Morley Wog Boys.

The 'best dressed prizes' went to Harry Newell, Megan and David.

This year Joe had great pleasure in announcing that the Nagar Award went to Ross Anile's Team.

Joe and Ross would like to thank the many sponsors including: Manassen Foods, Amici Foods, Roleystone Supa IGA, BWS, and Araluen Golf Resort for allowing us to hold the day at their course.

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Welcome Shahid

There is a new Doctor at the Roleystone Family Medical Centre. Dr Mohammed Shahid (who prefers to be called Shahid) has settled in well to the Practice and is very keen to provide medical services to locals.

Shahid was born in Bangladesh and qualified in 1992 after training in South Africa. He moved to Western Australia in 2003 and trained as a registrar in Bunbury. In 2005 he decided that he like rural medicine and started a solo practice in Pingelly.

He really enjoyed this phase of his career but with his children's education becoming a concern, the family opted to move closer to Perth and the family built a new home in Byford. The family had always liked Roleystone. On their travels into the city from Pingelly this area had impressed them so when old friend Dr Job Ojo indicated that a position had become available in his Family Medical practice Shahid leapt at the chance.

'I've known Job for a long time and I admire his work. This is great. It has the feel of a rural location but also has the advantages of being close to the city. The people in this practice are very friendly and I have been very impressed with the welcoming nature of the patients I have met so far. I am really looking forward to my time in Roleystone.' Dr Shahid said.



Local Occupational Therapist Sonya Horsman Starts in Roleystone

Sonya Horsman is an occupational therapist who has joined the Roleystone Family Medical Centre on Wednesday afternoons. Her focus is on soft tissue treatment working on muscles, tendons, ligaments and fascia to relieve pain, muscle tension and restricted movement.

Sonya brings together many years of experience working with a wide range of medical conditions. She helps people to understand how their posture, lifestyle, daily stresses and everyday activities such as sport, work, leisure and daily home tasks impact on their body.

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BOWLING ALONG WITH GERRY CHAPMAN

The pennant season is over and we enjoyed mixed success. The ladies in 3rd division (Saturday) not only won the pennant but also won an 8 badge - bowlers will know the significance of this!

We have now had our AGM and the club is looking confidently to the future.

Our trophy night and dinner saw the club confer life membership to Wandie Mitchell, a stalwart member of many years.

Why don't you join? Just come down on Wednesday afternoon or Saturday afternoon (weather permitting) to The Roleystone Country Club where a group

of lovely people will welcome you. Our club needs members and once you try this great game, you will be hooked. Call me on 93975730 or our club captain, Malcolm, on 93975789.

See you on the green.

Gerry

Pictured below: Winners of the pennants flag for the Saturday 3rd Division: Alison Brown, Linda Mellors, Norma Smith and Shirley Thomas. At right: first ever Life Member, Wandie Mitchell with President, Gerry Chapman. Wandie has been bowling in Roleystone since 1976!



VALE Keith Rinaldi

Keith was a stalwart member of Roleystone Country Club, Bowls Division. He gave generous and unstinting service as a player and a member of the committee. Keith was unswerving in his efforts to promote the club and to garner sponsorship - and he played an excellent game of bowls.

Others will tell of his devotion to his family, his service to education, his love of his homebrew, his legendary hospitality, his service to cricket as a first class umpire and his loyalty to the Dockers. I will just say that he was a friend who shared his knowledge, skill and work ethic in the service of his community. He will be missed around the club but will always be fondly remembered.

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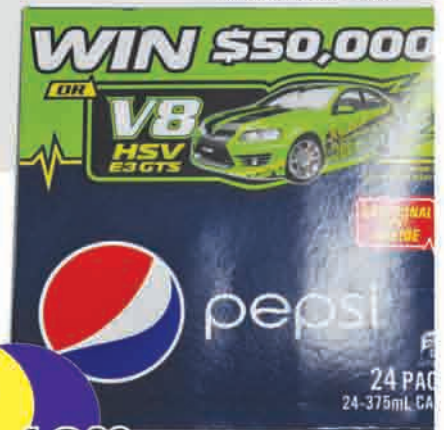


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issued 127 infringements for failing to comply with the firebreak notice. The rangers are currently conducting random dog registration inspections. If you are unsure if your dog is registered ring the ranger services to check. All dogs over 3 months old must be registered and a can be registered for 1 year or 3 year periods. The City is also commencing its Local Planning Strategy review, which precedes the Town Planning Scheme review, both of the current documents are available on the website (http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/Home/Publications/Public_Documents). Councillors have been asked for feedback and comment on issues such as the Housing Strategy, planning of the Activity Centres, Landscape Protection, Bushfire Protection & Local Biodiversity Areas. The review process is seemingly quite involved as it is scheduled to take several years to complete. The Local Planning Strategy & the Town Planning Scheme are the highest level documents that a Local Government administers and can greatly influence residents - any questions or comments please contact us or the City (info@armadale.wa.gov.au).

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With such a diverse area and people the City is conducting a community survey "Ask Armadale" from May – June to find out what you want for the future of our region. These will be available through the libraries, the City Views publication, a random mail out and email distribution. The information will also be available on the website (<http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/>) and residents will be able to complete the survey online. If you get your answers back to the City before the end of May you will be in the draw to win one of 4 prizes of \$500.

The Executive Director of the Agriculture Resource Risk Management has responded to the question regarding Cotton Bush problems in the hills. His recommendation is to pursue this weed's gazettal as a Pest Plant under section 10 of the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act. This part of the act empowers local governments to make local laws prescribing a plant as a Pest Plant within their municipality. We will be talking to the officers at the City in regard to seeking this declaration.

Now is the time to start preparing your property for next year's fire season. A fire permit is required up until the 31st of May. These can be obtained from the City office Mon/Wed/Fri between 3–4 pm, or by fax or email if a ranger is available. Between Dec 1 and Mar 14 the rangers inspected 5212 properties and

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS & PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS INFORMATION SESSION - FREE EVENT

WHEN: Monday 14th May

TIME: 11:30am to 1:30pm (crèche available)

WHERE: Roleystone Family Centre

COST: Free event. Bookings are Essential - info@roleystonfamilycentre.com.au

CONTENT: This is just some of the content that will be covered:

Internet & mobile phone safety, How sex offenders groom children, Stranger Danger and why this phrase should be avoided, How do you know if a child has been abused and possible indicators of abuse.

Teaching parents ways to talk to children about safety, their bodies and how to protect themselves from an early age and how it is an important part of keeping children safe, Secrets and how this word is used by offenders.

Disclosure: what to do if a child discloses to you, Role-play: get active with your children. You show them how to cross the road safely, this is even more important. Code words, 89% of abuse happens to our children by someone they know. Helpful resources, books & fact sheets will be provided.

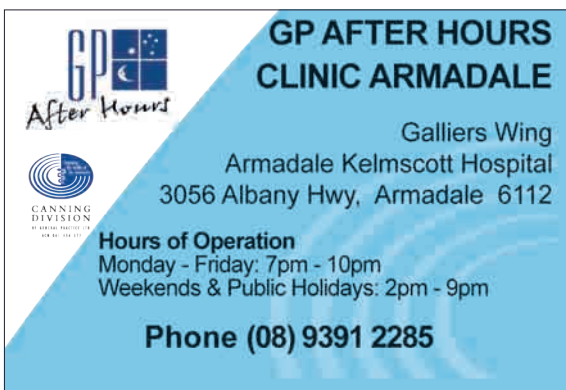
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DECEMBER	21 November	1 December

Socks the Cat went missing from Welch Rd on 7th April. A REWARD is offered \$\$\$ He is 8 yrs old, with long grey fur, a white blaze on his chest and four white socks. He is very friendly. Family missing him terribly. Ph 9496 2992.

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April Weather

Weather Statistics provided by David Elliott:
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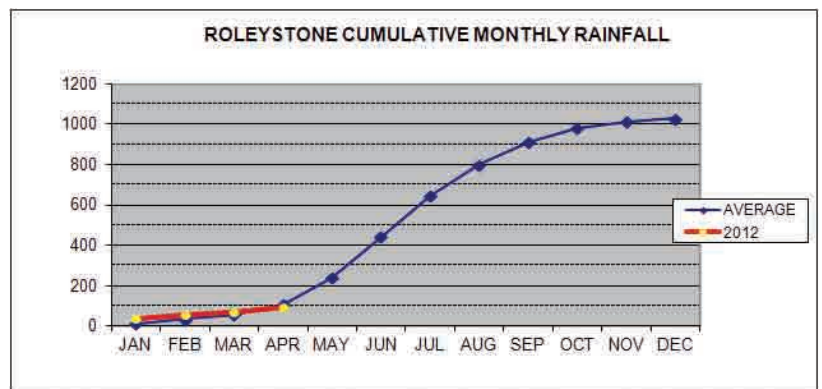
Rainfall Stats

March 2012, 20.8 on 5 days (until April 27)
March Average 23.3 on 4 days
Total Jan 1 to April 27 2012, 91.4 on 15 days
Average to 1st Jan to 30 April, 106.0 on 18 days

Temperature Stats Temp Averages April

	Year	Av Min	Av max
Lowest Min	2008	10.2	22.8
Highest Min	2009	11.8	27.6
Lowest Max	2010	11.3	24.5
Highest Max	2011	11	27.1
	2012	11.2	24.1

Nice rains over late April have helped the total. 32.6mm was recorded on Saturday night!



Roleystone Community Church Easter Services

Easter is a very special time in the life of any Church and it was a wonderful time of reflection and celebration this year at the Community Church.

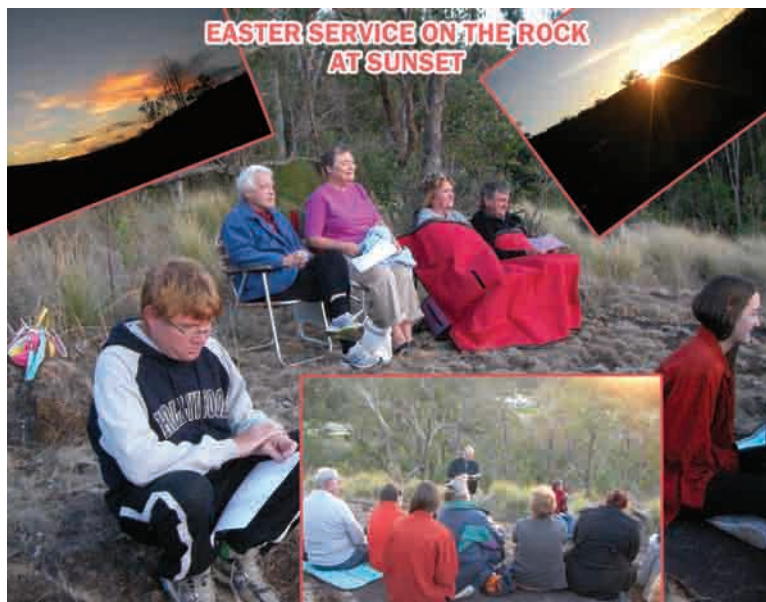
The lead up to Easter begins with the Palm Sunday service the week before Easter weekend when we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem and his majesty being acknowledged. We joined with the people from St Christopher's again this year and held an open air service in the old Primary School grounds. Some of us next met on Thursday evening in the home of a church member, sharing a meal during which we explored aspects of the final Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples, commonly known as the Last Supper.

On Good Friday morning we all came together at the Community Church for a quiet and reflective service as we considered the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, all the while looking forward to the celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. That day started

dawn on the rocks adjacent to the Church property overlooking the Canning River valley. The land is now in private ownership and we are so grateful that the new owners are happy for us to continue meeting there as we have done for many years. This year the weather was incredibly kind to us and the sun's bright rays dazzled us as we raised our voices to declare that "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!" After a community breakfast, we returned to Church for Easter Day morning worship. There was something of a party atmosphere and the Church was decorated as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus in song and word. To round off the season, later that day we had the delightful experience of baptising a new Church member. Easter really is the high point of the Church calendar and this year as always it was an uplifting time for all, regular members and visitors alike, as we celebrated together.

*David Bardsley
 Roleystone Community Church*

EASTER SERVICE ON THE ROCK AT SUNSET



Pro Bono: Things to come

David Bardsley, Minister Community Church



I am writing this on the balcony of our house in Bridgetown, the place where we plan to be based when our term here is finished.

In many ways, we wish we wouldn't have to relocate but several practical issues have influenced our decision. Even so the plans we are currently holding may change. There have been a few events recently which have illustrated a phrase from the Bible - "in his heart a man plans his course but the Lord determines his steps."

Our near neighbour, a man of my own age, has just had a significant stroke on the eve of his retirement date. Another friend's relative, who had accumulated a healthy Superfund with a view to travelling extensively, suffered a heart attack. Travel is now out of the question.

A colleague who is a Chaplain in an aged care facility fell off the rocks at the Dawesville Cut whilst fishing with his grandchildren. His ankle is now pretty well destroyed and walking itself is going to be an issue for him. On his imminent retirement he was planning to have an itinerant country ministry. He and his wife have had to rethink how that might work out. Incidentally when I visited him recently he expressed the thought that he could return to work fairly soon if his "clients" could shuffle their way round to him instead of vice versa. It seems to me the only shuffling most of his clients could consider involved their "mortal coil" so it sort of defeats the objective. The last I heard was that they had adapted their plans and are not at all disappointed by the outcome,

except of course for the Meccano set which is currently stopping the bottom of his leg falling off.

And so we're very open minded when we consider what's really around the corner for us. Over the years we have learned to hold on to our own plans lightly. We have been prepared to change direction if we believe God is opening up a different road ahead of us. That's how we ended up back in Roleystone five years ago. We were happily pursuing life in the UK when we received an email asking us to consider returning to this beloved part of the world to minister in the Community Church here. Although it came right out of left field we never doubted God's hand in the move and it has been a wonderful episode for us.

In fact our personal horizons have always been pretty close and we have learned to revel in the journey as much as the destination. For sure there have been times of tears but overall it has been an amazing adventure, one which I would dearly love others to share. I guess we have proved the premise that God always has our best interest at heart. The key to it all seems to be how we determine our priorities. Whose agenda is it anyway? The old Sinatra song "My Way", an anthem of my generation, might sound fine but the words reflect a stiff necked and self-centred approach which discards God's influence completely. If we are not malleable in God's hands we're going to miss out on the good things he has in store for us. There's another phrase in the Bible - "Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare." I'll stand on that, thank you very much. How about you?

Yours in Christ, David

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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

ROLEYSTONE/KARRAGULLEN WHITE UPSET MAYLANDS IN E GRADE

The E grade Grand Final was the upset of the year when Roleystone White beat the hot favourites Maylands. Roleystone batted first and after an early collapse, the two veterans Steve Reeves (48) and Graham Fuller (39) put on a 100 run partnership that got their team to 165.

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The best of the bowlers were Dave Cox and Steve Cox who took 5-20 and 5-29 respectively.

In the Maylands innings of 127, Dave Cox scored 40 and Gavin Hodge claimed 4-25, Vince Baeli took 3-23, Dan Feranda 3-26.

That is 3 premierships in 3 years – well done boys!

We had a good turnout for the old buffers days considering the heat and everyone enjoyed themselves. A special thanks to our Brian Weir for the spit roast and Ross Leipold from U-Brew it Canning Vale for the beer keg once again.

There was plenty of skill on show and the youngsters were amazed how well the old buffers equipped themselves. Amongst others the Jones brothers, Geoff Savage, Len Dudley, Les Anison and Arthur Littlely all showed plenty, it was just like watching a match from the seventies.

But the stand out was new recruit and debutant Captain Ian Gadd who flew in from Karratha for the weekend and still has all the shots in the book



RKCCE E GRADE WHITE PREMIERS

and produced a Man of the Match performance.

The Old buffers made 147 off their 20+ overs and the Young guns were cruising until a late collapse saw them needing 3 runs off the last over but lost the wicket on the penultimate ball to create history of the second tie in seven years.

Finals

The C Grade bowled out in the 1st Semi, but the two E grades made it through to the Prelim final last Saturday with the 'whites' raining supreme over the younger 'greens'. Score card here <http://shdca.wa.cricket.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/match.aspx?locx=MATCH&matchID=1223585>

Going Forward

There will be a few changes going forward with the some of the younger guys stepping into take important committee position at the AGM on April 15.

Graham 'Buzz' Fuller is stepping down after 8 years in the job making him the longest serving President of the RKCC. Buzz's contribution has been remarkable and with wife Jude by his side they have pretty much taken the cricket club a decade ago to be the most vibrant, financial and successful in the association.

Well done Buzz, the cricket club could not be in a better place right now!

John Lewis, President RKCC

Men's Shed and Community Garden Update

It's a reality!

After many months of planning we are able to open the gate to the garden and the doors to the shed. Things are very much in the formation stage but we have a home, thanks to the State Education Department, and are commencing work to set up and develop our respective operations in Robin Road at the old Primary School site.

Cleanup of the facilities has commenced, equipment hunts (scrounging) and donations have seen equipment and materials start coming through the garden gate and the shed door. Much more is still needed and your donations of shed and garden tools and equipment would be invaluable in helping us to get going. We are also actively seeking funds and sponsorship from various government and private companies for our major requirements.

During May we will be having information stalls at the shopping centre and seeking your involvement as members.

If you would like to learn more or become involved in the initial establishment phases, you can get information for the:

Community Garden: Laurie 0419 929 367, Nissa 08 9397 9012 or Chris Johnston 0427 462 921

Men's Shed: Phil 0429 688 844 or Chris Johnston 0427 462 921

Or visit our websites www.roleygarden.com.au and www.roleymensshed.com.au for information on busy bees, opening times and membership.

Chris Johnston

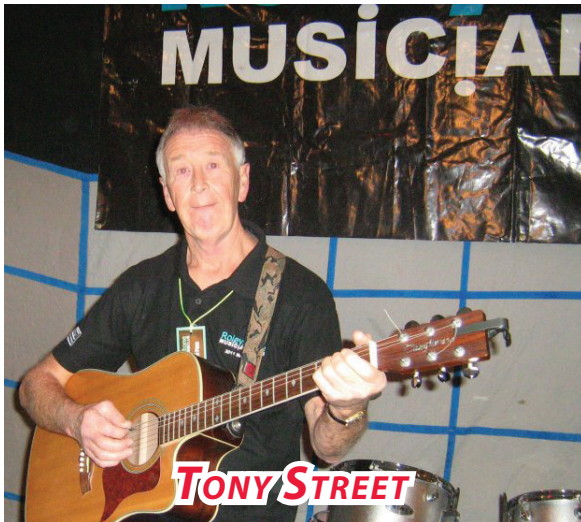


Shedders Phil, Steve, Bill and Ken in the shed inspecting donated equipment on the first of our benches (isn't it a beauty) made by Bill and Ron from recycled mine equipment crates.

Roleystone MUSICIANS CLUB

YOUNG TALENT TAKES TO THE STAGE

Last Saturday's Club Night saw two new acts, Caitlyn McFadyn and Nadia Shaw with both girls playing original compositions!



TONY STREET



CAITLYN MCFADYN

ERHARD

I've invited them back next month to play with a backing band of our younger members. It's exciting to watch the younger ones hone their skills and the Roleystone Musicians Club is a great place for them to start! We had a few problems with the mics and PA this month so the boys spent Sunday testing and repairing and the PA is fully operational and sounding remarkably good. Hopefully we'll have our new mics by the next Club Night. We never know what surprises the second half of the night will bring and this month I really enjoyed Gary and Tim's impromptu four song set and the requisite end of night Roley Jamm is always a nice surprise. I think we need to investigate the possibility of recording these sessions.....Come Along to our next Club Night, a lively audience is what drives us! Saturday 19 May 2012 from 7pm at the Country Club Wygonda Road Roleystone. Public Bar and Bistro Style Meals available.

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Bev and Sharon have worked together as the local team from Finance Corp for two years now. Together they have over 45 years of experience in the finance industry. Bev is the Finance Broker, with both a Diploma of Finance and a Cert IV in Finance and Broking, providing one on one advice to customers and taking their case to the bank to get them the best deals.

Sharon provides the follow through service, keeping the customers informed and aware at all stages in the process. And Sharon



also has a Cert IV in Finance and Broking so is able to provide informed feedback on the process to customers.

Bev and Sharon have worked together in the past at the Bank of NSW (later Westpac), the NAB and at HBF financial services. They have even shared the experience of being bank tellers while the branch was held up by balaclava wearing bank robbers. Although they were afraid while the holdup occurred they both look back on the incident with some amusement as the departing bandit farewelled the staff and petrified customers with the comment – ‘see you round like a rissole’.

The crooks were caught a week after this event! Bev and Sharon invite any locals to make contact if they want advice on any area of lending and refinancing.

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Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
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Friday	Bowls	1.00pm	

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Wild Gossip: Identification is Important

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Correct identification of wildlife is a major issue and for an inexperienced person this can be very difficult and often end badly. Pictures in books and online can be useful provided there is a clear weight & size shown, otherwise they add confusion.

Anyone who has worked with wildlife will be familiar with the "baby kookaburra", as we have encountered it so many times, we now expect a dove though very occasionally (bit like winning lotto) we actually do end up with a kookaburra! We also receive many calls about mice or rats thought to be bandicoots and some about chickens thought to be ducklings. I actually was given 3 ducklings that were silky bantam chicks, despite advertising they remained unclaimed and grew up to provide me with a few years of delicious eggs.

When I receive a wildlife call I ask lots of questions in an attempt to correctly I.D., possibly ask if a photo can be emailed or that the wildlife can be brought over to me for viewing, all to enable me to offer the best possible advice and care. Some people tend to get frustrated and angry with me, as they feel that they already know the I.D., but as incorrect I.D., handling, feeding, care and treatment will kill, I persist, though sometimes I can be wrong.

With a young "kookaburra" I will usually ask questions about size of the

bird, beak shape & colour, feather colour, tail shape etc. A young kookaburra is smaller than an adult but not by that much though it is fluffier which makes it look bigger than it is, the upper beak is large, blackish in colour and has a hooked end, the lower beak is large and cream coloured and there are distinctive brown coloured blushes going from mouth to ear. If a feathered bird fits into the palm of your hand it most certainly is not a kookaburra.

With all bird enquiries I ask the caller to gently fan out the bird's wing and look on the underside to tell me the plume to quill ratio (how much feather bit & how much stick bit) to enable me to know if this is a baby, young or adult bird and offer the correct advice.

Bandicoots have a short tail, about 2/3 of the length of its body and are welcomed. Rats and mice have tails much longer than their body and are unwelcome.

Correct I.D. is really essential for appropriate care and handling so even if you feel sure of an I.D. please be patient and answer some relevant questions to confirm this, as the future of wildlife you have may depend on this. Please listen to any advice offered as incorrect handling, feeding & care kills our wildlife.

I have added my email address as an addition to my mobile & home phone numbers and hope we can work together to help and preserve our precious wildlife.

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



GET WELL SOON BRIAN

Much admired local sports identity Brian McCormack has recently undergone heart surgery. He is now recovering and we all wish him all the best and hope to see him out on the cricket and footy fields (albeit only checking the state of the grounds) again soon.

ST AIDENS CHURCH FAIR

St Aidan's Church and Community Centre is holding an Arts and Crafts Fair on May 5th.

The Fair is a great opportunity to find a unique and beautiful Mother's Day gift from among the items created by the wonderful variety of talented local artisans. We are having a sausage sizzle in the morning, there will be lunch available along with coffee and gourmet cakes. Kids can enjoy making a mother's day card or having their face painted by resident fairies. We are a not for profit

community centre, with facilities available for hire. The craft fair is to raise funds for our community centre and church, as well as to increase our visibility in the community. Our church is in between priests at the moment, Father David Bradbury moved on in February and we are yet to appoint someone new. Reverend Gillian Rookyard is locum for our parish in the meantime.

The fair will be held at Clifton St Byford from 9am - 4 pm on Saturday May 5th.

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The waxing gibbous moon dominates the evening skies for the first week or so of the month. "Gibbous" means hunchbacked: it's the half moon with a hump. The hump grows day by day, heading for full moon on the 6th when moonrise comes just a few minutes after sunset. After full moon comes the waning gibbous moon, with the hump diminishing day by day. Last quarter, the morning half moon, is on the 13th. New moon's on the 21st and first quarter's on the 29th.

In the last days of May we'll lose Venus from the western evening sky as it disappears into the glare of the Sun. On June 6th Venus will pass directly between Earth and the Sun: the last transit of Venus in this lifetime, and then some. There'll be no more Venusian transits until 2117 and 2125. More about that in the Highlights article in June.

No other planet attains anything like the brightness of Venus; the second brightest is Jupiter but it's out of sight behind the Sun (conjunction on the 13th). The only other objects with comparable brightness are the International Space Station and the Iridium satellites. You can check on their visibility using the satellite prediction website www.heavens-above.com. The Space Station sometimes is brighter than Jupiter, though not quite as bright as Venus. The occasional Iridium "flares" can be many times brighter than Venus! Note that the "magnitude" (brightness) scale is peculiar: negative magnitudes are bright. Venus is -4.5, Jupiter -2.0 but not in view now, Mars +0.2, Saturn +0.4. The brightest stars are Sirius at -1.4 and Canopus at -0.7. At nightfall Sirius is high up in the west and Canopus is equally high

in the south-west.

Mars is in Leo, well up in the NNE at nightfall. The slight orange hue aids identification. It's been near to the star Regulus for weeks, but will move steadily away to the east of Regulus this month. Mars culminates in the north at about 8pm in early May, 7:30pm mid-month, and 6:45pm by month's end. "Culmination" is when a star or planet is at its highest and can be best observed, with the least atmospheric shimmer.

Saturn begins the month in the eastern sky at dusk, below and just to the right of the star Spica in Virgo. The distance between Saturn and Spica will remain much the same all month. Saturn's the furthest visible planet and moves much more slowly than Mars, so its motion relative to the stars isn't nearly as obvious. As the weeks pass, Saturn and Spica will be higher in the sky at dusk. Saturn's culmination time ranges from about 11pm in early May to 10pm mid-month and 9pm by month's end.

Rob Zielinski Returns

On Saturday the 12th of May Robert Zielinski is returning with his violin to Roleystone Community Church. Robert has previously played twice in the Roleystone church, and once in the Roleystone Theatre as part of a benefit concert for Pam Story. At both concerts his haunting repertoire of traditional airs, strathspeys, reels, and jigs has attracted full houses and created a more than memorable evening. This particular concert celebrates the launch of his debut album "Out West" with Mick Doherty. The album was released at Fairbridge Music Festival this year, to an audience with standing room only. Mick Doherty is the nephew of Donegal's infamous fiddler Johnny Doherty, and this is his first release at the age of 88. The album features 29 traditional tracks from Mick's Donegal lineage, and a 12 page booklet surrounding his life and family. It was produced by the National Archive of Australia as a celebration of Mick's life of music and the duo's 25 years of playing together. More details and sample tracks can be found at www.robert-zielinski.com. "Out West" is also available for purchase on this website.

Roleystone Community Church is on the corner of Araluen Rd and Brookton Hwy. Doors will open for the concert at 7:30pm, for an 8pm start. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 each.

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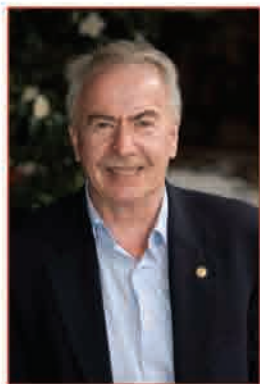
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