

Roleystone Courier

Merry Christmas



December 2012

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Everyone across the Roleystone Karragullen Community

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Darren's & Emma's Union is Celebrated

On the 27th October 2012 Darren Weaver married Emma Nightingale at the beautiful Araluen Botanic Park followed by a cocktail reception at the Roleystone Country Club.

It was such a wonderful day, the weather was a warm 34 degrees. Our wedding was everything we wanted it to be, it was relaxed and very funny at times. All of our children were part of the bridal party as well, which made it even more special.

A special thank you to Darren's groom's party: Glen Weaver, Daniel Stoakes, Steven Patterson, Andrew Wall and Michael Perry (son). Emma's bridal party consisted of Brooke Perry (daughter) Leesa Weaver (sister in law), Abbie Nightingale (sister), Kelly Nightingale (sister) and Karissa de Glanville. Darren and Emma also had their two youngest children Dylan as the ring bearer and Matilda as the flower girl. We would like to thank everyone for sharing our special day and Annette Elkins our wonderful photographer from Just Kids Photography.

Darren and Emma Weaver



Violet Is 2!

DECEMBER COVER

This month we celebrate the start of the festive season. The ladies pictured in our celebration compilation belong to the Yummy Mummies group at the Roleystone Country Club celebrating the Melbourne Cup and they are all dressed up in Op Shop Finery. From l - r: Kathy Miller, Lou Mitir, Natalie Hale, Emily Primrose, Teneal Webb. In front Sue Hamilton, Sarah Cheers and Rebecca Graham. Merry Christmas to all.

DAVID DELSIMONE MARRIES HOLLY SMAILES



David DelSimone and Holly Smailes were married on September 15th at our Lady of Lourdes Church in Lesmurdie. Afterwards they celebrated with 150 family and friends at Mulberry on Swan at Caversham.

The happy couple along with their guests enjoyed a wonderful meal, great music and dancing. To top it off there was a surprise fireworks display.

Parents Jim and Louise and Phillip and Dianne wish the couple a long and happy life together.



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Justin Parker showed wonderful promise as a junior in the area of Motor Cycle Endurance. This early promise has been fulfilled as he has had some wonderful results since entering the senior ranks.

Here is Justin's story:

Justin has just won his Third State title in Motor Cycle Endurance since joining the senior ranks 4 years ago. He has retained his number one place from 2011 and won the season outright.

He has just returned from Victoria where he completed the A4DE (Australian Four Day Endurance Race). Justin also won the Des Noble two day memorial race.

The national titles will be held in Western Australia in 2013 and he will be training hard for those. He will also be helping some of the Western Australian up and coming junior riders to improve their skills as he is a qualified M.A.W.A. coach.

Justin would like to say thanks to Grumma Racing for their ongoing support. Especially with the large number of tyres he has used up over the season. His employer, Drill Rigs Australia have been wonderful with both sponsorship and letting him have time off work for the events. Special thanks to Brad too, for everything 'you do' and also to Prestige Car Upholstery. Without the support of these sponsors it would be very hard for Justin to achieve these wonderful results.

Remembrance Day at Araluen



The Grove of the Unforgotten at Araluen Botanic Park looked beautiful for this year's Remembrance service held on November 9.

The surrounds of the pool had been planted with poppies and white iceberg roses. The tall cypress pines planted for the fallen YAL boys and the wonderful jarrah tree that stands central to the shrine, again provided a wonderful backdrop for the service.

This year's soloist, well known across Roleystone, was Katherine John, just back from studying in Los Angeles. Her hauntingly beautiful voice so poignant in this wondrous setting.

Soloist Katherine is pictured at left.

The service was conducted by Rev Susan Thorpe Gudgeon and the highlight was our own amazing choir from Roleystone Community College and conducted by Karen West.

The wreath laying has particular significance in this location and most of our local schools sent student representatives to place their floral tributes into the lily pond. The beauty of the scenery and the poignancy of the service become even more relevant as the centenary of the beginning of the first world war is fast approaching.

Thank you to all of the Araluen staff, particularly Liz Dunn the event organiser, and the wonderful gardeners for getting everything just right. Well done to all concerned.

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David and Hilary have left Roleystone to enjoy their retirement in Bridgetown.

Many people in Roleystone are aware of David - the pastor of Roleystone Community Church for the last 5 years. He and his talented wife, Hilary, have been 'sometime residents' of Roleystone for over 25 years.

David and Hilary have had a diverse life that has seen them working in England, Hong Kong, China, Korea and various countries in Africa, as well as being heavily involved with a mission group in Rumania. Since becoming a committed Christian and completing studies at the Bible College, David has revelled in the Glory of God and his Christian walk has enabled him to counsel many people, throughout the community, in need of practical and spiritual guidance.

David is an accomplished musician, a sometime



rally driver, yachtsman, mountain climber and hiker. Both he and Hilary have hiked the length of Britain and parts of the Bibbulman track. In his Pro Bono columns in this periodical, he tells us love of the outdoors has deepened his love of the Lord - and given him many experiences on which to call when he prepares sermons or his monthly column.

The Roleystone Community Church will miss the Bardsleys: their work ethic, companionship, humour and willingness to explore new ideas. Plus I will miss two great dining companions when I take people to the Indian restaurant!

The church family wish you great happiness in your future endeavours, and wish to warn you that there will be visitors to Bridgetown!

Gerry Chapman,

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“And in conclusion...”

Change has been a feature of life in the Bardsley household since Hilary and I got married. We have never lived more than five years in any one place in one go but since 1985 Roleystone has been as close to being home as it gets for us. I guess it always will be, even though we might find ourselves domiciled elsewhere.

We were attracted by the community when we first looked for a home in the Perth metro region and it has indeed proved to be a special place for us. The Community Church in particular has been instrumental in the most radical change in our lives you could imagine. Hilary and I, separately but within months of each other, both experienced a spiritual transformation in that wonderful fellowship and becoming devoted followers of Jesus Christ in 1986 resulted in us stepping out into a most amazing adventure. The peak of that adventure came when we answered the call to lead the Community Church - it has been an honour and a privilege to serve both the church and the wider Roleystone Community over the last five years.

But seasons do come and go and with very mixed feelings we felt it appropriate to hand over leadership of the Church around about

the time I reached retirement age.

We are excited at the prospect of spending time with our family, particularly our grandchildren in Scotland. But we are understandably sad at the prospect of moving out of the Roleystone community. As we do, we would like to thank everybody here who has touched our lives in any way.

We have shared many laughs and shed some tears together. We have smiled often at the quiet beauty of the environment here and we have screamed in frustration when real but far from ideal behaviour has damaged lives around us. Wherever we go we will take these memories with us. Wherever we find ourselves, there will always be a part of us still here in Roleystone. We love this place and the people who live here. This sort of community doesn't develop by accident, but without care and concern it can be lost.

As we move on we can think of no better way of signing off than by encouraging you all to follow God's simple formula for a successful community, "Love one another!"

Thank you one and all; may God bless you richly.

Love from David and Hilary.

Thanks David for your many years of writing the Pro Bono articles for the Courier. We, like many across our community, will miss you greatly. Linda and Mike Moore

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Twisted Grass Tree Spikes

Many residents who have driven down Brookton Highway over the last month have been impressed by the very twisted grasstree spikes near the entry to the Roleystone Theatre. One of the grasstrees has five twisted spikes - the others have their flower spikes tall and unbent. So why has this occurred? Neighbour John McSweeney of Creative Driveways is impressed but has not provided any special treatment to the grasstrees. Local wild flower expert Kim Fletcher suspected that the spike was damaged in its development and he thought it might be native wasp damage.

This has been supported by Lesley Hammersley The Director, Horticulture & Conservation at the Botanic Gardens & Parks Authority. 'The bending of grass trees spikes can be caused by a range of factors but generally it is in response to an injury. The two main factors are insect damage such as sap sucking wasps or other insects, and environmental factors such as a falling branch or strong winds and hail during the flower spike's development stage. Although an injury may only appear minor while the spike is in its juvenile stage, it is generally magnified as the spike grows to maturity, and often results in a curled spike.'

So how many spikes can a grasstree have? In favourable conditions (especially after fire) apparently they can have at least two spikes per head. Vern Bettenay, using his 90 years of knowledge of the local bush, recalls that the biggest in the district was a 12 spiker - called the Twelve Apostles - it was sited near the bridge below Araluen. Sadly this grand plant was destroyed in a very hot bushfire in the 1960's. Does anyone know of any other fine examples of this ancient and spectacular species?

Some wag has obviously been collecting hub caps over many years.

The artwork 'Hub Cap Alley', is on the corner of Knuckey Dr and Peet Rd. Perhaps the message is to drive slowly or lose bits of your car - or your person!



Hub Cap Alley



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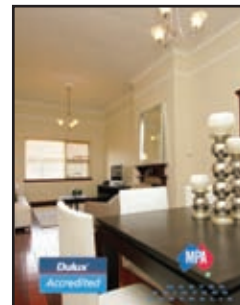
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Due to the diligent and well conducted fight led by local Hills orchardists from the Hills Orchard Improvement Group, Western Australian orchardists will be allowed to use Fenthion (commercially sold as Lebaycid) to combat Medfly for the 2012/2013 season. There will be a separate label attached to this product for use on commercial orchards in Western Australia only.

This permit has been granted for 12 months and over this time orchardists will need to strictly align with the spray conditions. The industry has a system of random and independent measurements of chemical residue in the fruit provided for sale and if this is shown to be exceeded in any circumstance, this extension will be seriously jeopardised. All orchardists have been made aware of the importance to align strictly to the labelling instructions. Use of the spray in WA on apricots, peaches, nectarines and cherries is limited to a maximum of two sprays only and with a withholding period of 7 days before sale.

The AVPMA (the government agency determining the safe use of chemicals in the Australia) was only convinced to review this after strong evidence was presented about the comparative safety of this chemical and the self regulation and strict adherence to regulations shown by the WA industry. The Western Australian growers clearly established their controlled and lower use of Fenthion compared to the use by Eastern States growers.

THANK YOU ROLEYSTONE

- BUT PLEASE BE VIGILANT

We would like to express our appreciation to the Roleystone Courier for bringing the issue of the orchardists battle with fruit fly to the attention of the community.

We really need the assistance of everyone in the fight against this pest and as the stonefruit season begins in earnest, we plead with all of you who have any type of fruit tree, to manage this for fruit fly. Information for how to do this can be found on the DAFWA website.

Already indications are that the fruit fly pest pressure will be high this season, as we began our first pick of peaches with the discovery of fly infestation. It is baffling where these flies have come from, as traps were not showing their presence and many components of area wide management, including sterile fly releases, were being carried out.

We plead with you to help us to keep fly numbers low and prevent them from having hosts in which to breed and increase in numbers. We really are relying on the community to assist us with this, so that we can continue to grow the delicious stonefruit the hills is known for.

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Jeff's and Margaret's 50th Anniversary

Margaret and Jeff Munn will be celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary on December 22nd. Here is a potted history of the couple provided by their daughter.

Margaret was working for a Chartered Surveyor in Swansea UK as a secretary when Jeff, a former employee of the Surveyor, came to visit. He lost no time in asking her out.

They married on a freezing cold winter's day – 22nd December 1962, in a village called Penclawdd in Wales. It was mid-winter and so it was the off-season but it must have been very cold at the holiday resort in Tenby. They still have the receipt from their honeymoon hotel.

Their 2 daughters were born in the UK (Cathryn in Wales and Debrah in England). In November 1971 they set sail from Southampton on the SS Australis, arriving in Fremantle on 13th December 1971 arriving on a scorching 40 degree Perth day. Margaret thought she had arrived in hell.

They have lived within the City of Armadale since August 1972 and now they live at Harrisdale.

Jeff is known for his more than 30 years on the City of Armadale Council, also having served several terms as Deputy Mayor. Jeff worked for the Water Authority for 25 years, then at TAFE but his favourite job has been his work as a Marriage Celebrant, which he has been doing for over 25 years!

Margaret is also well known for involvement in various sporting clubs over the years- Badminton, Bowls and Tennis. Many Roleystone Courier readers know Margaret from her long involvement with the Roleystone Bowling Club, one year taking out the Champion Ladies Bowler award.

Together, the couple have been active members of the Roleystone Country Club for many years.

They were involved in several fundraising events to raise funds to build the Armadale Aquatic Centre, including concerts featuring: John Paul Young, Ted Mulry Gang and Kamahl (all held at the Kelmscott Hall in the 70's).

Our family also campaigned for the referendum the Council held for the swimming pool. I clearly remember having to wear a 'Vote 1 for Pool' T-shirt, which was only slightly less embarrassing than wearing a 'Vote 1 Jeff Munn' T-shirt



at Council Election time. Margaret and Jeff also started a Table Tennis Club in Armadale, which operated for several years.

Jeff is still busy as a Lake Ward Councillor assisting local ratepayers with their concerns. The couple have had a full and happy life together, working for the betterment of their community and their family.

Everyone knows them as a devoted couple and we wish them all the best as they celebrate their 50 years of married bliss.

Cathryn Julius



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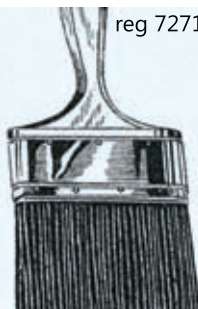
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SHCC Graduates Travel to Manila

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A number of Roleystone and Bedforddale residents (students) are currently in the city of Manila in the Philippines. This is the fourth group from Southern Hills to travel to the Philippines to work with the underprivileged.

Principal of Southern Hills Christian College Scott Puzey said:

'This trip has been set up to counter 'leavers week' (schoolies) enabling the young people to connect with the global community and experience life in a third world instead of participating in Leavers where many young people take high risks and expose themselves to hazards.

In Manila our students complete a series of rotations in groups including:

- Building construction – usually a home of community facility
- Teaching – at the local school
- Managing youngsters at the local orphanage



Roleystone/Bedforddale students on the trip: Dean Hansen, Matthew Hansen, Jessie List, Emily Kerr and Emily Adams from Southern Hills Christian College.

- Distributing food and medical assistance throughout the local poor community.'

'The program is the end point of an ambition we have to encourage our students to be able to put the needs of others first.'

The students pay their own way in full. They also fundraise extensively, with funds raised assisting to purchase building materials and materials consumed in the program. This year fundraising and donations exceeds 14K. In 2012 nearly all graduating students will be attending with the total tour group from the college above forty.

Scot Puzey

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Community members and visitors soaked up the Celtic atmosphere with medieval jousts, blokes in kilts with sporrans and the haunting sounds of bagpipes helping to create the highland ambience.

This year there was tons of free fun: children gathered to 'throw the rat', engage in combat with swords, have their face painted or get a stencil of a sword on their leg. There were loads of passionate folk in 'full kit' ready to perform - some in full armour looked very hot! There were displays of highland dancing, pipe bands and traditional heavy events included the tossing of the caber. Roleystone's Celtic folk group 'The Ferryman' were a popular attraction.

Once again spectators were able to watch the athleticism of the riders in the thrilling Armadale Cycle Classic weaving their way through the streets of the town. This is always a popular event and provided a great slant, allowing the attendees to watch some of the state's best riders in action. Plus it gives an opportunity for 'up and coming' riders to perform in front of a large crowd. The results in the A grade were: 1st Aaron Slavi, 2nd Stephen Hall, 3rd William Heath. Thanks to coordinator Henk Vogels for the results and photos of the bike action. Well done to the organising committee on this entertaining event.



Pictures: Top: The Cycling Classic A Grade Action.

Middle: Benita Piesse at her stall 'Flowers and Fairies' at the Highland Festival.

Bottom: Armadale Classic Master Division Mathew Upton (who placed second) leading eventual winner Southern Districts President Scott Sanders.

ROLEYSTONE ART EXHIBITION SHOWCASES LOCAL TALENT

Come along and support local talent at this wonderful exhibition at the Roleystone Family Centre on Saturday 8th Dec from 9am to 5pm.

Participants from the centre's art classes will be displaying & selling some of their amazing work. *Bec Sheldon's picture is shown.*

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Karradale Meats



Scottish Birthday Bash

In May, Geoff and Joan Moor's eldest, Simone Cornelius-Moor, celebrated her 40th birthday in the Gate House of Edinburgh Castle. Simone was brought up in Roleystone and went to Roleystone Primary and Roleystone District High School before attending Penrhos College.

There was no special reason for going to Edinburgh apart from Simone liking the City when visiting there three years ago and saying: 'I'm coming back here for my 40th!'

And indeed, back we went.

Simone, husband Harry Cornelius and daughter Aislinn together with another 20 family and friends (from Australia, UK and USA) descended on Edinburgh and had fun.

When friends and family heard about the plans, they arranged their holidays to coincide.

Simone's cousin Nicole Atkinson (as she was when brought up in Roleystone) even altered her honeymoon arrangements so that she and husband Blair could be there. One of the curious sidelights

was spotting Nicole & Blair on top of a sightseeing bus in London a couple of days before they went up to Edinburgh. They spotted Simone and parents and family walking along a London street and as the bus drew to a stop nearby, had a conversation from the top deck down to the pavement.

Simone's bridesmaids and their husbands also made the journey to Scotland – one couple from Queensland and the other from London.

The Gate House is a delightful place for a party and overlooks the venue for the Edinburgh Tattoo with wonderful views over the old city.

Scottish attire was the order of the day with those with Scottish in their ancestry wearing clan colours and those, like Geoff, without any Scottish ancestry opting for the Royal Stewart – a tartan that is entitled to be worn by any resident of the Commonwealth. A Roleystone touch as this design was the uniform of the old Roleystone Primary School.

The piper played as guests arrived and later at the appropriate moment, piped in the whisky and proposed the toasts to Simone in Gaelic. Needless to say, all present also proposed toasts, but in English, and made sure that Simone was toasted in style.

After the party the Cornelius-Moor's and the Moor's went on a motoring holiday through Scotland up to the Orkney Islands and back down into England before winding up in London for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend celebrations.

Proud Dad, Geoff Moor

Sarah's off to Work with Mission Children in India

A love of languages and fascination with other cultures has placed travel high on Roleystone's Sarah Linnegar's 'to do' list. She therefore jumped at the opportunity to be amongst the Lumen Christi College group visiting the Matrix Mission, in Southern India, over November.

The group will be housed in the section of the boarding school which was built with the help of finances raised by the Lumen community. Sarah is well aware that the lifestyle she will experience is a world away from her own in affluent WA. Sarah admits to feeling slightly nervous about the culture shock, but feels the students are ready and willing to adapt to the lifestyles and customs of the locals.

"I am looking forward to talking to the boys and witnessing the smiles that our visit will bring. I know the visit to this new, unfamiliar culture will be an incredible, life changing, experience." said Sarah.

Sarah will be sharing her experiences with us in the New Year. Accompanying the 5 students on the trip are staff members, Barbara Bolding, (Lesmurdie), Sister Stella and Anne Kennedy.

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Locals Celebrate Births & Birthdays

Welcome Jenna Baylee

Below: Andrew and Michelle Baylee would like to announce their lovely new addition to the family, Jenna Louise Baylee, born on 8.11.12. She was born at 7:50pm in Armadale Hospital weighing 6lb 8oz. Jenna's grandparents Gerry and Sharon Baylee are proud as punch and the whole Baylee family are looking forward to the exciting times ahead.



LUCAS JAMES BAYLEE ARRIVES

HAMISH JOHN BERRY

Above: Welcome to "Lucas James" Baylee. Born October 15th 2012, at 11:36pm. Lucas came in at 50cm & 3.305kg. Both mother (Ioanna Baylee) & baby are doing well. James and Ionna Baylee

Above left: Hamish John Berry was born on 3/10/2012 to Jean and Ken Henrickson's daughter Anne and her husband Matt in Sydney. Jean hopped on the first available aeroplane and 'fell in love' immediately.



Butch Hits 60

Butch, alias Ian Spry, celebrated his 60th birthday on 13th October at the Roleystone Family Centre with lots of family and friends. They came from far and wide to help celebrate this momentous event. Happy Birthday Butch and welcome to the swinging 60's. Butch is holding Mia.

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A Pioneer Passes Away Shirley Brown (11/2/1926 – 3/11/2012)

Shirley Elaine Brown was born the oldest child of Albert & Laurel Winstanley, sister to Val, Laurel and Don.

Albert spent his early years living in Canning Mills attending school there while his mother worked as a cook for the Mills. He began his married life with Laurel in Victoria Park where Shirley and Val were born, however they lost their home in the depression, and moved to Roleystone looking for work. They lived in various homes in Roleystone, and while Albert was employed as a stone mason in 1933 - 1936 working on the building of the Canning Dam, he built the family home on Brookton Hwy, cycling home from Canning Dam with the leftover scrapings of concrete to make the bricks. His final job was working for the Water Supply, where part of his job was walking the channel keeping it clear of debris.

Shirley attended Roleystone Primary School up until the age of 12, then left to help her mother in the home. In 1943 she got a job with Selfridges in the City, boarding with a family in Nedlands and coming home on weekends to go dancing in Kelmscott and to play tennis. She fondly recounted her days back then walking to Kelmscott to dance, and then walking back up the hill to Roleystone afterwards, sometimes catching a lift on the back of Colin Hatfield's truck.

Shirley wanted to learn the violin, so she made an arrangement with Mrs Knuckey to do housework in return for music lessons. Mrs Knuckey eventually presented her with a violin which became a treasured possession. She became a part of a group called the 'Hilarions' (see below).

After working in the city for 6 years Shirley got a job working at the Roleystone Co-op, this is where she met the love of her life Hal Brown. Hal had purchased approximately 75 acres of land in Roleystone after returning from the war, with ideas of turning it into an orchard. Coming up every weekend from South Perth to work on building a small cottage and later a much larger house which still stands on Gilmour Road. Hal was a well respected member of the Roleystone Community, throughout the years acting as Accountant to many of the orchardists in the area. He never did develop an orchard, as there was not enough water to sustain it. He dabbled briefly in raising turkey's, but mostly he just loved doing little projects and pottering around the land inventing useful gadgets. He eventually subdivided the block, which now encompasses Gilmour, Winstanley down to Welsh, up to Raeburn Roads. Hal and Shirley had four children: Margaret, Christine, Stephen and Barbara, they have 11 Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren.

Shirley became a life member of the tennis club in 1977, in her later years playing with a group of friends at a private residence right up until she was nearly eighty. She also loved gardening becoming a life member of the Bergonia Society.

Unfortunately Hal passed away in 2003, Shirley never really recovered from the loss of her lifetime companion. Last year ill health finally caused her to have to leave her beloved Roleystone to be cared for at Thomas Scott Hostel Camillo, where she passed away at the age of 86 years. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Barbara Mason (daughter)

Pictured 'The Hilarions' the musical group formed in 1947 in Roleystone.

l-r: Phil Martin, Curnow Knuckey, Shirley Winstanley (later Brown), Joan Richards, Lloyd Knuckey, Mal Standing in front Mavis Fuller (later Martin) and Mary Knuckey.



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Editorial

LINDA MOORE DECEMBER 2012

Here I am just completing my December Courier and it has certainly set some records. At 60 pages it is brimming full of stories and information - there is something in it for everyone. Thanks again to all of the contributors - your submissions are very welcome. And particular thanks to all of our wonderful advertisers, I wish you all joy, good health and prosperity in the New Year ahead.



Firstly this month, I would like to congratulate everyone who has been involved in the Cross Park/Springdale Park Master Planning process.

Now we are all being invited to have our say on the proposals - either by attending the scheduled meetings or by putting in submissions based on the master planning options. The preliminary work to get it to this stage has been amazing.

Getting the public recreation spaces right is vital towards the growth of our area. Our councillors (present and past) have worked tirelessly to communicate with stakeholders over this topic. I am particularly impressed with the stance Councillors Wielinga and Nixon have taken - interested readers should read their take on it, in the Council Notes on page 51.

The three Cross Park options are very similar - and they all encapsulate the main requirements of **all** stakeholders. Those who have developed it have really listened to the Clubs and attempted to incorporate their major wishes into the model.

If you haven't seen the concept maps yet I encourage you to do so. To me they have nailed it. They have retained what is important - and slotted in loads of future improvements. It all looks great!

The concept maps show a long term view - with some aspects, where finance has already been earmarked, able to go ahead as soon as the plan is endorsed. This should please those who have been keenly anticipating the revamped skate park. The proponents of the skate park had been forced to wait, which must have been frustrating, but hopefully the new location will prove far better in the long run.

Our sincere thanks also to the City of Armadale for already addressing the water and surface issues that have plagued Cross Park over many years. Over the last two months council employees have replaced the reticulation.

Other aspects on the plan will need to follow later, when funding is located. But space has been allocated.

The co-location of the sports already with a presence at Cross Park, plus allowing recreation and special interest groups to also having a stake, will be very positively perceived by many. Plus this planning will go a long way to create a hub for Roleystone. With the relocation of the Primary School, and the threat that some of our senior sporting clubs (specifically football and cricket) were being encouraged to shift to Springdale, we could have lost the community centre. This plan will make sure that doesn't happen. So once again, well done to all concerned.

So 2013 beckons. This year will mark 80 years of the Roleystone Theatre. This has great significance to me as many of my relatives were instrumental in its establishment and some in my family still have strong ties with the current Roleystone Theatre. I am sure this creative group will have special plans for their anniversary.

Just reminding all readers that we do not produce a Roleystone Courier in January. The next edition will be delivered to you in the first weekend in February.

So as we head into Christmas, I would like to wish everyone the joy of the season. My thanks once again to everyone who helps with the Courier production, particularly the staff from our Printers - Printsmart on line, our wonderful deliverers and my long suffering husband Mike.

Happy reading everyone and see you in 2013.
Linda

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Once again the Med Fly season is upon the stonefruit growers of the Perth Hills, early varieties have already shown small but dangerous numbers of infestation and this scenario could snowball to critical levels if control is not regained quickly.

It looks to be a season of high fruit fly population pressure, which would have been disastrous if HOIG and their supporters had not fought to keep our only effective Med Fly control, Fenthion.

The temporary reprieve for commercial growers in Western Australia regarding the use of Fenthion to treat Med Fly does not include home gardeners. They now cannot access the most effective cover spray for Med Fly, but can use trapping and bait spray. Cera Traps are an extremely effective method of trapping Med Fly, they are used in orchards and are also available to the home gardener. These traps are in stock for an extremely reasonable price from local retailers such as Roleystone Hardware and Giumellis in Pickering Brook.

Over time the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) hopes that if home gardeners are vigilant it will assist in ridding an area of Med Fly by reducing the population that makes its way into the properties of commercial growers.

Home gardeners should seek help and advice from the DAFWA and their local councils, via their websites and direct communication. If households are having trouble controlling Med Fly, please use these sources of information.

Send pictures of any Med Fly infested fruit along with a short description of the methods used in attempting to control this voracious pest to their State and Federal representatives, as well as to the State and Federal Ministers for Agriculture. As growers of quality local fruit we need our community's support in convincing our politicians that we need a chemical cover spray to protect against crop annihilation.

Brett DelSimone
Fruit Fly Action Group (HOIG)

THANK YOU

Thank you for your recent support of the Bungendore Park Management Committee, in publishing details of our two community events in the Roleystone Courier in November. Due to the wonderful publicity from your magazine and other media outlets we've had a terrific response, with at least 150 people expected to attend our astronomy evening.

Thank you for your support.

Miriam Stanborough
Bungendore Park Management Committee

STOLEN POULTRY

I live in Simons Drive, and I want to warn other Roleystone residents of a poultry thief in our area, and hopefully find out if anybody else has been hit by this person/s.

For the last 4 years we have had our Chinese geese stolen. It is always in early November and always during stormy weather.

The latest theft was earlier this month, on a rainy Saturday night they stole our male breeder and then next night they came back for the rest, 2 females and a remaining male. Sometime earlier in the week our eggs and a 2 week old gosling were stolen.

I heard my dog barking aggressively at approx 11.45pm that night. Sure enough, when I awoke this morning, the rest of my geese were gone. Each time the circumstances have been the same, early November, on a stormy night. I have seen a white 2wd Hilux trayback ute sitting outside our property twice within the last 2 weeks before the theft. Interestingly, a vehicle of the same was seen parked in the area for 2 of the past 4 thefts.

I have called the police each time, only to have them laugh at me, when I have told them what has been stolen. They inferred that it's not worth a report. They think it's a joke, however I do not.

These geese sell for \$100 each. This time they got 4. That's \$400 worth of poultry. In the past raids they have stolen many more, with one theft being worth \$2300.

They took all of our breeding stock plus a clutch of 23 fertile eggs. As a result of these thefts, I have incurred losses worth over \$4000.

I am most upset, as I treat these birds like members of my family. I feed and care for these birds and to have this happen so many times is devastating. Originally they were an Easter gift to my husband, from me. I have now replaced these birds 4 times, only to have them stolen each time.

Has anybody else experienced the same thing?

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The High Ropes Course compliments the 29M high abseil facility opened a number of years ago.

The course comprises twenty one elements, all around seven metres off the ground. There is a full safety system to compliment each element and the course requires tremendous teamwork between participants for success.

School Principal Scott Puzey is very excited about the completion of the project: 'The school is highly indebted to David Pleysier for his wonderful efforts in bringing this project together. It is outstanding.'

The course was formally opened on the 21st of November by the Minister for Youth Ms Robyn McSweeney and to celebrate, graduating students from the College used it for the first time.

The course is available for use by external groups and corporate functions. Highly qualified supervision is required.

For further enquiries of any details contact the school on 94971751.

Pictured above right: High Ropes Manager and builder David Pleysier and Southern Hills Christian College Cadet Josh Rawlings preparing for the Super Swing activity.



Tania Everett Celebrates Her Fiftieth

On the 27th October family & friends gathered to surprise Tania Everett on her 50th birthday with a 'Casino' themed party held at her home.

The party was taken to 'Las Vegas' with guests dressing up with plenty of top hats and feather boas! The night involved poker, blackjack, two up, roulette & even a chocolate wheel! It was great for both sides of the family to come together and also to catch up with old friends. Happy 50th Tania!

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Tawny Frogmouths



We wanted to share with the Roleystone Community our great photo of a family of tawny frogmouths - mopoke owls. Terry was the spotter, he's pretty good at it. We don't know how long they've been around - we saw them first on Tuesday, then Wednesday they'd moved to a tree about 50 metres away but, when this picture was taken they had moved back to where we first saw them.
Janice Dawson (an intrepid wildlife photographer)

Vale Doug McPherson

Doug McPherson of Croyden Rd Roleystone, passed away at the age of 93 on Sunday evening 18 November. (Doug created the 'little area of paradise' on the corner of Heritage Dr and Croyden Rd.)

A resident in the valley for over 50 years, Doug and his wife Margaret, who passed away 7 years ago, created an iconic property on the Canning River. For several years he participated in the Open Gardens scheme, helping to bring avid gardeners to Roleystone. He has hosted some 34 weddings at the property over the years. Both he and Margaret were active in volunteer work at Araluen Botanic Park up until about 10 years ago, helping out in the shop and the gardens.

Some 30 years ago when the pumps failed at the State Trout Hatchery in Pemberton with the resultant loss of almost all fish stocks, trout eggs and sperm were taken from the fish in Doug's trout pond on the property to restock. This was a significant contribution from Roleystone at the time.

Doug's work on landscaping around the restricted and vegetation tangled river course in the 1960s significantly reduced the flooding that was a regular phenomenon in those days, with floodwaters sometimes covering the road and stopping traffic access.

RIP Dad
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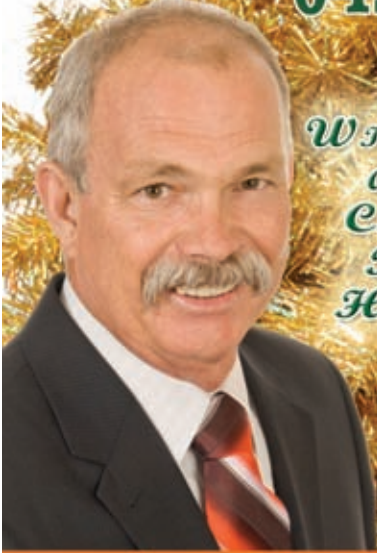
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Also, the Roleystone Greenwaste Site has six drop off days per year which includes electronic waste (this is done to cater for hills residents). The Commonwealth Government is setting up a scheme supported by manufacturers and importers to dispose of electronic waste. This scheme is being rolled out in WA next year and Armadale is likely to be a collection point.

When electronic goods are dropped off at the Landfill facility, the Drop n Shop does test and recycle saleable electrical and electronic goods.

Why not have 'electronic waste' included in the verge pickups? Well, screens were collected during the verge collection two years ago but many were being vandalised or smashed to take the copper coil from the back of the tube. Broken glass became a problem to clear from the verge and the screens could no longer be recycled. Instead of dumping electronic goods at verge collections residents are encouraged to do the right thing and dispose of these items at the landfill through the year. Nearly 4,500 TVs and computers were deposited at the landfill by responsible people last year. 3,000 of these used tip passes, whilst the remaining 1,500 were happy to pay \$14 per screen.

I look forward to the proposed collection points or drop off centres in the near future so until then I encourage everyone to utilise the services we have here in the City and to help keep our area beautiful.

Mike Moore

**FROM SEREAGLIO PARK
.....TO AVOCADOS**

Last month in the November Roleystone Courier I mentioned the passing of the old 'Seraglio' Park but apparently I was mistaken. June Copley contacted me to tell me that I had misspelt the name - the Park was named Sereaglio after Serpent, Eagle and Lion. So I thought it would be good to set the record straight. Thanks June.

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Studio One will be open right up until 24th December at the Albany Highway location and then re-opening on 8th January at our new premises!

I'd just like say a big Merry Christmas to everyone and thank you to all my clients who have supported me over the past year!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year and at the New Salon!! I am very excited!

Jane Mathews

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Merry Christmas everyone!
Studio One will be moving premises to a new beautiful location - 2 Mount Street Kelmscott (next to Avocados Restaurant) on the 8th January. Thank you to all my clients that have supported me over the past year. Stay updated with the move and join me on my journey at my facebook page - facebook.com/Studio.one.skinhealth

BOWEN THERAPY NOW AT AVOCADOS TOO

After 13 years of offering Bowen Therapy and other healing modalities to the Roleystone and surrounding Community, Laura Bird & Maya Zeneth are launching a fabulous new clinic location at the picturesque setting of Avocados at 2 Mount St Kelmscott on the corner of Brookton Highway.



This is in addition to the Monday clinic run over the last 13 years or more from the Roleystone Body & Skin Care premises.

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Seniors Morning Tea

Once again Seniors Week in Roleystone saw the Roleystone Karragullen Bendigo Bank serve up a wonderful Morning Tea for our seniors at the Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Centre on November 14th.

The Roleystone Seniors Centre was packed and everyone had a lovely morning. They were entertained by Mel Young and the Older Women's Network - with a particular risqué joke provided at the end by the MC - Gerry Chapman (acknowledgements to Pauline Peacock!) A large range of prizes were awarded - thanks so much for the many donations from a wide variety of Roleystone businesses. The food was courtesy of the Roleystone Bendigo Bank staff so particular thanks goes to Tania and Shelley with help from Fran and Sherry. Thanks to the Bendigo Bank staff and the directors. All had a wonderful time.

Pictured 1. Bank staff: Shelley, Tania and Tony. 2. Jean and Albert Chambers. 3. Jean Davies and Joan Bowman.



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The Great Adventurers Hit Flores!

A story of a family's adventure in Flores, Indonesia.

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We caught a boat that soaked water over the top of it, and went to Komodo Island. You should watch out for the male komodo dragons running across the path

and the baby dragons on the side of the path.

When we got back to Flores, our boat to Lombok had been cancelled so The Great Adventurers had to stay on Flores for 2 weeks without any Malaria tablets, but we were glad we did.

In Flores some ladies gave us apples on a disco bus. We stayed a night in a convent. We saw spider web shaped rice paddies and I had my first piece of chewing gum. We went to a traditional Stone Age village and swam in natural hot springs. One day we had to get up at 4 o'clock and I climbed my first volcano called Kelimutu. It is famous because it has three different coloured crater lakes. The food was delicious mainly rice, noodles, fish and chocolate cheese cookies.

We went to some tiny islands off the coast. We snorkelled and speared a cuttlefish. Our leaky fishing boat got stuck on the beach so we had to stay there a few extra hours, not a bad thing! We also hired scooters to go to a remote waterfall. In the jungle I got caught in an animal trap.

We left Flores on a propeller plane that nearly blew the fence down. The pilot waved at me when the plane landed. After the doughnuts on the plane, The Great Adventurers had a safe trip home and are ready for their next adventure!

Pictured: Top Tallulah landing at Flores. Below: Tallulah and Jake on a mountain in Flores.

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BUSINESS ARMADALE COMES TO BRACKENRIDGE

On Tuesday 21st November, over 30 people from the Armadale business community travelled to Roleystone to a Business Armadale: 'Showcasing Local Business' event held at Brackenridge Village. The guests were treated to some great food, drinks and loads of information about what is available in this undiscovered little gem.

It was a fabulous night and enjoyed by all who attended. The main organiser for the evening, Anita Renna from Earthbound Organics provided a range of sumptuous finger foods for the guests. Joel Sheard from Roleystone School of Violin Making - sited at Araluen Botanic Park, entertained the guests with his violin playing.

'We were so excited to be able to show off our businesses and leapt at the opportunity to participate in this event. It has given us the opportunity to network and exchange our ideas. We just really need people to know about the wonderful businesses we have here in our unique and charming location. Thanks to Business Armadale for providing us with this wonderful opportunity,' said Anita.

A Business Armadale spokesperson added, 'Business Armadale recognises the importance of promoting local business and networking. These 'Showcase your Business' opportunities occur monthly and have proved to be an excellent way of achieving this'. Other hosts for the evening included: Maria from Pure Indulgence and Jennifer from Pillow Talk.

Anita is pictured above in her shop framed by some of the wonderful photos taken by local photographer Melyssa Parker. Melyssa works at Earthbound Organics and her prints are available from the shop.

Melyssa's photographic artwork was chosen and voted 'Delegate's Choice' at the Inaugural National NEIS Association Art Display in Coolangatta in October 2012.

The close-up photograph behind Anita features a flower cluster of "Streptosolen jamesonii", commonly called Marmalade Bush, a popular garden plant native to South America.

This piece of art was chosen to be exhibited at Parliament House in Canberra. There is lots of talent in this shop!



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Successful Ride for Your Life 2012

As featured in last month's Courier, Roleystone resident Jason Kelly-Pages has been aiding Movember's fund-raising efforts for the past 6 years. He recently organised a charity motorcycle ride through the hills, ably assisted by his Mo-Bro's Adam Stevenson and Kirk Knapman.

The event took place on Sunday the 18th of Movember, starting in Mundaring and riding south through Kalamunda, Karragullen, and Bedfordale. After 100km they finished at the Jarrahdale Tavern Kitchen.

There was a total of 41 bikes plus 5 pillion passengers that participated. This included 16 from Roleystone and the surrounding areas. They all helped us to raise over \$1000 on the day which brings the team's efforts so far to nearly \$2000.

BJ Steel Fabricators in Midvale again provided a breakdown towing service following the ride, which fortunately was not needed.

Mundaring Artisan Bakery Café got into the spirit of the day and raffled off a breakfast for 2 at their café for the ride members. This was won by one of the dozen Joondalup Ulysses

club members who joined us.

Local businesses, Roleystone Supa IGA and WJ & KS Automotives, provided prizes of hampers and car servicing vouchers respectively, to be drawn at the end of the month to 'random lucky donators to the Ride For Your Life team'.

Other prizes to be won include: a hand-made Stirling Silver necklace and ladies beauty products by Iyashi Luxe.

One of the ride's attendees was recently diagnosed with Prostate Cancer, and will be starting his treatment shortly, which added an even greater emphasis to the cause. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

So remember, it's not too late to donate, and every contribution helps, no matter how small.

If you'd like to learn more about the team and the prizes available, please visit facebook.com/rfyl.mo

You can help Movember Australia by donating through team Ride For Your Life. Please log on to au.movember.com/team/425461

Jason Kelly-Pages

Wednesday Wonders on Tuesday

The Wednesday Wonders gather at Araluen Botanic Park every Wednesday morning to prune, weed and plant and generally provide a wonderful volunteer support service to the gardeners. This group gathers rain, hail and shine, united by their common love of gardens and this garden in particular. The gardening is always interspersed with lots of hilarity, happy conversations and a scrumptious morning tea. New garden lovers are always very welcome. Recently the Wednesday Wonders met on Tuesday at Marg's new house to inspect her fledgling garden - and of course to have one of their very famous afternoon teas.



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JOYCE ARNOTT WORKS TOWARDS SUICIDE PREVENTION ACROSS OUR DISTRICT

Joyce was invited to join the Roleystone Community Alive Group, in her role as Roleystone Community Youth Worker, by coordinator Evie Molson.

For many years Evie worked tirelessly in Roleystone to bring about awareness on suicide. Her role included bringing together community members across Roleystone in the Roleystone Community Alive Group.

Late in 2011 Evie Molson was appointed One Life Community Coordinator for the Armadale region, which was an extension of her Roleystone work.

Once employed with One Life, Evie started researching the needs of the Armadale community. She met with community organizations in Armadale and put together a Community Action Plan for the Armadale Community.

Evie resigned as Community Coordinator in April 2012. A huge, somewhat belated, thank you Evie for your wonderful efforts.

Evie suggested they employ Joyce Arnott to carry on her role.

Since then Joyce has been busy. In her words she has been: 'holding parent workshops in Armadale primary schools and running resilience programs (with Paul Hasleby) at local schools. I have also been applying for grants and assisting with the formation of the Roleystone Men's Shed and Community Garden.'

One Life is the name of the WA suicide prevention strategy. There are six action areas to guide suicide prevention activities:

- Improve the evidence base and understanding of suicide prevention
- Build individual resilience and capacity for self-help
- Improve community strength, resilience and capacity in suicide prevention
- Take a coordinated approach to suicide prevention
- Provide a targeted suicide prevention activities



- Implement standards and quality measures in suicide prevention

Joyce is one of the many Community Coordinators employed in WA. In her words: 'Everyone of us has a role to play in suicide prevention.'

'Whether you are a mother, a father, an auntie, uncle, teacher, nurse, youth worker, grand parent, government worker, social worker, councillor, Chaplain, community member or neighbour.'

'We all have the capacity for building resilience in ourselves, our children, our youth, our family and our peers.'

'We have the ability to build strong relationships and develop social connectedness through trust, cooperation and mutual understanding.' Well said Joyce.

Keep up the great work Joyce - and all who are involved in this vital area.

25TH ANNUAL VIENNA POPS CONCERT

As the 25th annual Vienna Pops Concert comes around it is interesting to note a few facts and figures:

- John Christmass has been heavily involved as chorus master, organizer and Artistic Director throughout the life of this popular production.
- The Rotary Club of Perth charities have benefitted to the tune of over \$350,000,
- Around 42,000 patrons have attended and loved these shows,
- Over 1900 performers - soloists, orchestral players and choristers, have been involved.
- Hundreds of solo, orchestral and vocal items have been performed and most of these added to the extensive library.
- Sourcing the music, often with difficulty, engaging the best soloists and presenting

an item can cost more than \$200 per minute!

So no wonder this is a unique attraction.

This year's show will feature twenty items with three singers (a soprano, a tenor and a baritone), a solo violinist and an instrumental duet - plus of course the I Voci singers.

The I Voci singers have been especially augmented for this concert. They will be accompanied by the 50 piece Perth Pops Orchestra with conductor Jessica Gethin. David Hawkes will again be the Master of Ceremonies.

Short of travelling to Vienna you will not see the likes of this now famous presentation. Bookings are through Ticketek and intending patrons are advised to lose no time in making their reservations.

John Christmass



Araluen Thanks Their Volunteers

On Sunday 11th November Araluen said thank you to the volunteers, the board, staff and the many friends of the Park. On a balmy evening underneath the Mary Hargreaves pergola, around 80 people were treated to pizzas, wine and conviviality. Araluen Park Foundation President Mike Nelson welcomed the guests and declared that the Park keeps improving every year. 'Araluen Park is lucky to have a range of volunteers who assist in the gardens, volunteer as train drivers, organise and manage

the Children's Holiday activities, help out with the shop and a wide range of other tasks. They are all very much appreciated.' Mike said. The culmination of the evening was the awarding of Life Membership to Grant Nixon.

Grant has been involved with the Park in many capacities and now holds the position of Garden Development Manager. Everyone present was unanimous in bestowing this honour onto Grant - a well loved and respected member of the Araluen family.

Our thanks to our hosts, and particular thanks to organisers Liz and Sue for another great evening.



Pictured Top: Life Member Grant Nixon. Well done Grant!

At left: Araluen General Manager Rod Ross, volunteer Train Driver Peter Stocker and Robbie Campbell from DEC

Below left: Araluen Volunteers Les and Heather Baskerville with John Dunn.



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Melbourne Cup Antics

Melbourne Cup was again celebrated across town. Down at the Roleystone Country Club merriment and fun (and a fair bit of bubbly) was the order of the day.

1. The Team from Aura Alisa, Ashleigh, Belinda, Karina, Anna, Joel and Baby Riley.

At the Roleystone Seniors Club the 'young at heart' celebrated with the return of the great cooks Ruth and Doris.

2. Judy, Margaret, Ken, Alan, Jean and Brian race 'their old nags'.

The salubrious set headed out to Views 101 at Araluen Golf Resort where the hospitality and food was terrific.

3. Mel Hall and Gina Cumine

4. Lauren and Pam Hunter.

And the Elizabethan Village once again showed why patrons keep on coming back to this venue with a guarantee that every visit will provide value for money.



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- 2. Angus Schaefer
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Pictured at left: Charlene O'Brien owner of Tierra Ecologica and winner of the Tourism Award at the Business Armadale Awards. Charlene is on the Artistic Reference Group promoting tourism in the City of Armadale. Charlene is showing two of her Tee Shirts with designs reflecting the spring tulip theme. These are available from the Armadale Tourist Centre. Far left: The Summer advertising campaign developed by Roleystone's Andrew Rooke of Blackrooke Designs.

Armadale Recognized for Tourism Excellence

Armadale's push to increase tourism to the region has really been boosted with the City taking out a bronze in the 2012 Perth Airport West Australian Tourism Awards for Visitor Information and Services. This is yet another accolade for the City with the Visitor Centre now receiving four major state-wide tourism awards in the last two years. This group has worked very hard to create a positive image of the region; framed by undulating hills, serene valleys, fantastic orchards, award-winning restaurants and some of the most breathtaking views in Perth. It is thrilling to see Armadale on par with iconic, international tourist destinations such as Margaret River and Denmark. For more information on tourism in the region call 9399 0410 or search www.visitarmadale.com.au or visit 40 Jull Street, Armadale.

Real Estate Secrets Exposed THE MYSTERIOUS AND VITAL FIRST HOME BUYER'S MARKET

Of the First Home Buyers (FHB's) who plan to purchase over the next two years – only 39% of them will be aged between 18-29 years old says a recent Mortgage Choice Future Homebuyer survey. (41% of FHB's will be aged 30 to 39 years, 14% will be 40 to 49 years old and 6 % will be over 50 years old).

These FHB's are more attracted to mining boom states such as WA due to strong employment opportunities as their greatest concern is job security - overshadowing rising house prices and impact of interest rates on their ability to purchase.

There is absolutely no doubt in the current market that FHB's are instrumental to the strength and stabilisation of WA real estate with FHB's now accounting for 30% of all Western Australian property purchases as they eagerly purchase the more affordable properties.

So – when renovating or building for resale it is imperative to recognise, based upon the above data, that the majority of FHB's in years to come are going to be in their 30's and early 40's, ready to start a family and not living the lifestyle of a 20 year old.

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WATER RELEASES INTO THE CANNING UNDERWAY

The Department of Water commenced water releases into the Canning River in early November.

Declining rainfall has resulted in lower natural flow levels. This year there is to be a 10% reduction below current usage.

As the majority of the Canning's summer flow is from scheme water, all non-commercial users (riparian) have been requested to observe the current sprinkler restrictions for scheme water users. All licensees and riparian users have been encouraged to implement water efficiency measures.

This 'Middle Canning River Surface Water Allocation Plan' (report 37-September 2012) sits under the Rights in Water Irrigation Act 1914 and is subject to enforcement provisions. This includes a \$10,000 fine and an additional \$1,000 for each day of continued non-compliance.

For more information on the plan contact the Department of Water – Swan Avon Region-6250 8000

Pat Hart

Chair SERCUL

GEORGIA'S A TOP SCOUT



Georgia Matthiesen has been awarded her Scout Medallion Award after 4 years in Scouts. (She was also in Cub Scouts before that).

The Scout Medallion is the highest award that a Scout can receive and the Scout has to do a great deal of work to gain it. Not only has Georgia done a great deal of camping and hiking, but she's done community service, got her Senior First Aid Certificate and attained a great range of proficiency badges from Astronomer to Music to Caving.

Pictured below: Georgia with Jordan, Pixie and Tilly at the Ghost House trail in Yanchep where we did her 30km hike.

Georgia has been a Patrol Leader, setting a wonderful example to the other Scouts in her Troop, showing great leadership skills and passing on her knowledge. To finish her Scouting days Georgia is off to Queensland for the Australian Jamboree in January. She hopes to move on to Venturers after that.

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The lengths locals will go to to get a Men's Shed.
Below: George Kostanski took the opportunity to 'chew the ear' of Tony Abbott just in case he had a spare shed in the back of his limosine.
Read about the Master Plan progress (to include the Men's Shed) on p51.



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ELAINE MAKES HER HOME BUSHFIRE READY

Local Hills resident Elaine De Ruyter has recently had Ash Screens attached to her evaporative air conditioner. Elaine has lived in the area all of her life and has always been aware of fires.

Two years ago she watched the devastating Kelmscott fires destroy homes not far from her and she resolved that she would not like her home to suffer the same fate.

‘Where I live there is a bush reserve adjacent and there is only one access road in and out of the area. This makes it even more important that I do all that I can to make sure my home is as safe as possible.’

‘Last year I read the story of Ashley Swarts and his invention of the Ash Screens. I was really impressed with his ingenuity and his dedication. In particular I was impressed that a young student would be willing to put in this effort to create the screens, allowing householders to retrofit them and make our homes safer. I looked at the FESA website and was impressed at their recommendation and I liked the play on words ‘Ash Screens developed by Ash Swarts.’

‘So I went ahead and made contact with him. There was no waiting, he was prompt and it was fitted while I was out.’ Well done Ashley.



WA GREENS WANT PERTH HILLS RESIDENTS TO ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR FIRE COMPENSATION

WA Greens East Metro MLC Alison Xamon WA believes that residents of the Perth Hills whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the Roleystone area fires of February 2011, deserve compensation from the State Government.

‘More than 100 homes were burnt or destroyed in these fires yet the Government claims no-one is entitled to any compensation because Government agencies were not liable,’ Ms Xamon said.

‘The Government compensated people in Margaret River and Toodyay for their properties with ex-gratia payments because of the failings of Government agencies such as the DEC and Western Power.’

‘How the Government can now say they have no responsibility to the people of Roleystone-Kelmscott is hard to comprehend. It is true that the initial spark was not the Government’s fault.’

‘However, the Keelty report, which examined how the fires got so out of control, exposed a staggering litany of failures by Government agencies that resulted in a scathing indictment of FESA.’

‘Keelty particularly raised concerns about

the way the fire was managed on the day and the many ways in which the procedures, particularly the Westplan-Bushfire, were not followed.’

‘The report made 55 recommendations, and concluded that resources were not deployed in an optimum way because of “a series of shortcomings on the part of senior FESA management.’

‘The Keelty report asserts, residents assert, and I assert, that had Government agencies done their job properly, the scale of this disaster could have been mitigated. The residents of Perth Hills have been left high and dry.’

‘I am calling on Government to show some compassion by acknowledging that its agencies seriously mishandled the situation, and by reconsidering its position not to provide compensation.’



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We all know too well and a lot of you sadly from personal experience, that bushfires do destroy homes and they are a reality when we live in a timbered area.

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Junior Cricket Season Begins

Mike Cirillo

With the dedicated support of the junior committee, Junior Cricket continues to go from strength to strength in Roleystone. This season we have been able to put 3 junior teams on the park.

The U 10's under the tutelage of their coach Mike Cirillo are coming together well as a team. They are playing well individually and are supporting one another as a team. They have won three of their last four matches against quality opposition.

The more experienced U 13's under the guidance of their coach Dale Mason put in a dogged batting effort to chase down 150 runs for a victory in their first match of the season. Unfortunately they lost their last wicket when the scores were tied. In the following match they came home strongly to defeat Willetton by 43 runs.

The U 12's who began the season short of players continue to do well. Tim Clarke has got the perfect blend of youth and experience with half his team graduating from the U10's last season and the others playing cricket for the first time. They were victorious in their opening match against Canning Vale and won their match against Willetton last weekend.

The In2CRICKET program is in good hands with coach Julian Gonzalez. He has his hands full with 27 pre-school aged children each and every Saturday morning. These young cricketers are busy developing their batting, bowling and fielding skills by playing small cricket games on the old primary school oval.

All of this is made possible by the tireless and clinically efficient organisational skills of Katie Ross. Our Junior Club President has spent her nights ironing names on playing shirts. Her days have been devoted to purchasing cricket equipment and meeting with the competitions officials, in addition to whipping grown men into shape so as they can coach our junior cricket teams. Well done KT.

Thank you to all of our parents. Not one of our junior cricket teams would achieve if it were not for the generous help of those parents who have chosen to leave Saturday's West or the Sunday Times at home and help our coaches with scoring matches, assistance as square leg umpires and team managers.

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COMMUNITY BOWLS
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there will be another community competition from February 13th, 2013.

SOCIAL BOWLS
 This will start on Friday evening December 7th. This has proved to be a great evening's entertainment and can be combined with a meal at our Country Club.

PENNANT BOWLS
 Our pennant teams are having mixed results and we need more players. It is not too late to join us in this great game - come on down to the Country Club on Wednesday or Friday evenings.

We thank all of our sponsors - especially Fidock and Co and Jarrah Settlements.

Gerry

Pictured: Pennant Bowls on a sunny November day.

Photo by Melissa Rickman

TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER



SPRING TOURNAMENT
 We had a great turnout of 20 people for the Spring Tournament.

JUNIOR SOCIAL TENNIS
 Our Junior Social Tennis has started on Monday afternoons. We have had a good numbers and everyone is having fun. Thanks to Josh Smailes, Catherine Monaghan, Tracey Backhouse and Taryn Boase for helping.

2012 FULLER CUP
 The 2012 Fuller Cup is well underway and we have had 30 people participating. We have had six teams all playing three sets each Monday night. They all enjoy a supper afterwards.

COMING EVENTS
FAMILY TENNIS MORNING ON SUNDAYS
 We are hoping to start Family Tennis on Sunday mornings from 10 -11.30. We want to encourage families to come together for a fun morning of tennis. For more information please contact Graham on 9496 3220.

CHRISTMAS BBQ
 Our Annual Christmas BBQ will be held on Sunday 2nd December. We will have social tennis from 3pm and BYO BBQ Meat and a salad to share. There will be \$2.00 Lucky Dip with wonderful presents so please bring along some change.

ROLEYSTONE OPEN
 This Event will be held on the 27th January. If you are interested please contact Wendy 93976620 or email roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au Merry Christmas everyone.



Redbacks Roundup

The Little Athletics season is now well into the summer competition. All of our athletes are competing well, showing great sportsmanship and looking fantastic in our new sunsmart Roleystone Redbacks club shirts.

Last weekend saw some great individual performances with the Redbacks winning the march past.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank: Roleystone IGA, Roleystone Community Chemist, Genesis Health Club and The City of Armadale for their generous donations towards our fundraising raffles. Between all of them they have provided us with enough prizes for all 3 raffles throughout the season. The proceeds from these raffles will be used to purchase new equipment to assist the kids with training.

Lainey Holroyd

Pictured at right: Redbacks win the march past. Kayla Holroyd & Hayley Jackson lead them out.



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Roleystone Country Club Ramblings

The month of November has been a busy one for the Club.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon
 We had a really great day with an enjoyable lunch, great music and fashion display by Veducci Fashions. There were lots of lovely ladies who were beautifully dressed on this special day. Many patrons wore some fascinating hats - and some of the ladies tried to influence my judgement (I was one of the judges). There are some incriminating photos out there somewhere. The lovely voice of Rhoda and a 'Touch of Blue' provided great music to top off a fantastic day.

The Fab Four
 This was another great night at our club. The Fab Four are an excellent tribute group and they had the place rocking with their repartee of fabulous Beatles Songs.

ABBA & the Blues Brothers.
 The ABBA band took me back to those heady days - beautiful girls in colourful costumes singing those famous Swedish songs.

The crowd was very appreciative dancing and singing along. The Blues Brothers' finished off another



SUE HAMILTON WITH LESTER

fun night with their famous songs.

All in all, another success in the entertainment the Club is providing.

Children's Christmas Party

This will be on the 8th December starting at midday. There will be face painting, bouncy castle and a visit by Santa. It's all here so come on down and join in the fun. We have had to cancel the planned Italian night due to catering problems but hope to hold this in early 2013.

Friday Night Catering

Unfortunately Friday night meals are currently not available due to catering problems.

The Committee has decided not to run a New Year's Function this year due to poor attendance last year.

Chase the Joker

The Jackpot is increasing! Come up and have a drink on a Monday/Wednesday for a chance to draw the winning Joker. It's currently worth about \$500.

Membership Fees

If you have not yet paid your membership fees, now is the time. Fees have been reduced to take you through to June 2013. The club is going from strength to strength and it is a great place to hold functions. The staff and members are friendly and the views are amazing.

Join us soon.

See you at the Club

Lester North.



OLIVE AND RHONDA AT THE CLUB



Normally people who care for, or support, older Australians can be relied upon to provide quality service and act in the best interests of those they care for. When this is not the case, people need to know they do have rights, that those rights are protected and that help is available.

Often people are reluctant to speak out and assert their rights against the very people they rely upon for care. Furthermore, people may also worry about the loss of care or companionship and are embarrassed to tell others about their concerns. With this in mind, everyone needs to be reminded that care providers have obligations to those they care for, and that under no circumstances is elder abuse acceptable.

Unfortunately, around 1 in 25 people over 65 years of age experiences abuse or is mistreated by someone they trust.

Although abuse is traditionally recognised as physical in nature, it can take many forms, which include, but are not limited to: financial or material abuse (using property or money without permission), emotional abuse (verbal threats of punishment or abandonment and intimidation), sexual (sex without consent, interference and harassment), social abuse (restricting social freedom and isolation from family and friends), and neglect (failure to provide essentials, including food, shelter, care and emotional support).

If you live in an aged care facility or in the community with the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program, are eligible for either service, or are being, or at risk of being, abused by someone with whom you are in a relationship of trust (e.g. family and friends), then state-wide support is available through "Advocare".

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If you would like any further information regarding Advocare, aged care advocacy, older peoples' right, or any other matter, please contact my office on 9452 8311

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Photo above: Helen chatting with aged care residents.

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At 7:00pm, popular gardening media personality, John Colwill, will introduce the evening's performers commencing with the Town of Victoria Park Brass, which will set the mood with a medley of Christmas music. The community singing of carols will be led by the beautiful voices of the Roleystone Community College Choir and accompanied by violinist Joel Sheard. A special guest appearance by the talented Glitter Girls will add to the evening's enjoyment.

Fruit mince pies, soft drinks, sausage sizzle and the full range of tea and coffee will be on sale.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our principal sponsor the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank.

SUNSET MEDITATION

Friday 21 December 6pm
Robert Boyd will be conducting an inspired healing and meditational music at sunset in the Amphitheatre at Araluen Botanic Park. This event, though spiritual by nature, has no religious themes, neither does it have any connections with any group, cult or sect. There are no lectures, talks or sermons.

The only common thread is that we are all human beings coming together connected by the magic for a time to share a common but vital objective.

Bring a comfortable chair, rug or cushions and sit back and let Robert's meditational music wash away the stresses of life.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Service on Friday 9 November was very well attended by school students, veterans and the general public in perfect weather conditions. Thank you to the Reverend Susan Thorp-Gudgeon who conducted the special service.

Our thanks must also go to Karen West and the students from the Roleystone Community College who sung so beautifully and to Len Copley for reciting the 'Ode'.

VOLUNTEERS' EVENING

Araluen is very fortunate to have a great team of dedicated, hard working volunteers who help in the garden, drive the train and help in the Roundhouse Gift Shop. As a small token of our appreciation we hosted a cocktail evening at the Mary Hargreaves Pergola on the Centenary Lawn on Sunday 11 November. Judging by the amount of laughter and chatter going it was obvious everyone had a great time.

Liz Dunn

GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

It's nice that the creek is still flowing and hopefully if we have some rain, it will continue to do so throughout the summer. I love seeing the little waterfall along Brookton Highway, as it shows the water flow.

The garden is very spring-like at present with so many blossoms out. We have sweet-peas, nasturtiums, woodbine, lilacs, Hippeastrums, Philadelphus, lots of different day-lilies, geraniums and carnations. Plus so far, I have no aphids on the roses.

The lovely Princess Lillies (Alstroemerias) are a treat and my neighbour has a lovely hedge of these in their yard. Most times when I buy them I forget the colours, so I got the grand-children to write out the names and colours. Camellia is a soft creamy colour, Sara is pink, Anouska is purple, Diana is apricot, Louise (not flowering but I think rich red) and Elaine is a pale orange/red.

What I like with these, is that you can cut through the roots, separate and get extra plants from each pot, making them a pretty good buy.

The tomatoes and strawberries I planted a month or so back, are starting to produce fruit. Also the bulbs I bought in Bunbury

have given lovely Sprekelia flowers (these are Jacobean Lilies). Last year's Larkspurs have self-seeded, so there is a section where these have come up again, close to the roses, so that is also looking good. Behind this section is the Dais (Cotinus Cogryia) not as big yet as the one at Araluen but very attractive with its feathery, brown/purple plumes.

I went to Araluen yesterday for a picnic luncheon. This is a wonderful spot but I think every bush-fly from the district wanted to join our chicken feast. Hopefully we distracted them from the two weddings that were being held there.

I know I have said it before but we are so lucky to have Araluen Botanic Park on our doorstep. It's a real credit to all. I'm sure you can all find an excuse to have a day out, it is lovely all year and the Snapdragons are a feast for the eyes. The roses are still wonderful at the moment and well worth a special visit.

I hope you all enjoy the festive break. Rejoice in the company of family and friends and relax sufficiently to move into 2013 totally refreshed.

Good Gardening

Jean



Cricket Club News

Runs Runs Runs *John Lewis*

What a magnificent start to the season at the RKCC.

In season 2011/12, the club won on average less than 50% of the games played.

So far this season, we are boasting an average win ratio of over 63% of the 22 games where a result has been determined. This is without a doubt down to flurry of runs we've seen so far this season with 2 centurions and an increase of around 60 runs on average per game. The bowlers have done their part as well with 210 wickets already!

The great results are reflected in the tables with 5 of the 6 sides in top 4 positions including a 1, 2 RKCC placing in E-Grade:

- A Grade: 3rd
- B Grade: 4th
- C Grade: 2nd
- D Grade: 6th
- E Grade: 1st (Whites), 2nd (Greens)

Some recent individual highlights are shown below but no doubt the team highlight of the month was B-Grade's victory over Swan View in round 2 where we dismissed Swan View for 77, having only made 91!

Mitchell Stuart	(A Grade Rnd 2) 4/18 & 50
Michael Mobilia	3/30 & 30
Michael Chmielewski	55
Patrick Jackson	49
Michael Mobilia	(A Grade Rnd 3) 3/23 & 31
Stuart Wright	(B Grade Rnd 2) 5/9
Glen Hickinbotham	4/24
Greg James	(B Grade Rnd 4) 53 & 3/39
Greg James	(C Grade Rnd 3) 4/50 & 52
Liam Rigby	(C Grade Rnd 4) 71*
Justin Conn	(D Grade Rnd 4) 6/11
Michael Anderton	(D Grade Rnd 5) 3/28 & 32
Richard Allen	52
Matthew Faranda	(E Grade Rnd 2) 51
Brad Stewart	(E Grade Rnd 3) 122*
Wade Maxwell	52
Scott O'Brien	53
Gary Bird	(E Grade Rnd 4) 50*
Jayden Norris	(E Grade Rnd 6) 85 & 3/15
Wade Maxwell	4/28
Matthew Faranda	50

If you'd like to join in our success, visit www.roleystonekarragullencr.com.au and register! Training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5pm on Cross Park.

Not quite 17 yet? We've already seen some players join the senior ranks this year having come up from the junior ranks. Players like Sam Jerino, Scott Rigby, James Leeder and many more are putting in some scintillating performances already this season and there's no reason why anyone with an interest in cricket can't have a go! Contact Mike Cirillo on 9397 7604 or visit www.rkjcc.org today!



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Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup

It is hard to believe we are at the end of term 4 already. We have had a very busy fourth term so far.

We would like to thank the businesses in Roleystone for their wonderful support in helping us to achieve a amazing Family Fun Day. As you can see from the photos, that were taken by Julie Stack-Horgan, there was fun for everyone. Pictured at left: Playgroup mums: Lorraine (back) Saskia and Jade. Other pictures of the Fun Day are on page 31.

I would like to thank all the Mums and Dads who came along to make our fun day a great success.

Some grandparents came along and enjoyed a coffee and doughnuts; we also had apples and pears from Raeburn Orchards - they went down very well.

The Howrie family have a new addition to their family; a beautiful baby girl called Ellie Miranda who was born on November 2. She weight 7lb 9oz and height was 50 cm. Congratulation to Anita and Ben and Ellie's big brother Owen.

There are some positions available in our committee for next year: the vice president and treasurer positions are vacant. If you feel you want to help make our playgroup better and feel you can give some advice and help, please feel free to contact me or Julie Stack-Horgan.

We want to wish everyone at playgroup a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. If you would like to join our playgroup, please feel free to contact our register Ellan Southgate on 9393 4271 or Maire Hoffman on 61962236.

Lorraine Hine

Roleystone Toy Library Report



idea for the prize giveaway: guessing the right number of transparent balls in a jar. Kids and adults alike loved this guessing game.

Julie Stack-Horgan was the lucky winner and went home with a tent full of toys plus two tickets to Scitech. Congratulations also to Mrs Jane Thundercliffe who won our red roses raffle. Thank you to all the members who donated their time, toys and the beautiful red roses for our raffles.

I would like to remind all members that the Toy Library will close for the year on Saturday 15th of December and all toys will need to be returned by this date.

On behalf of the Toy Library I would like to wish all members and the broader Roleystone community a safe, peaceful and happy Holiday Season.

Also, remember that we are still offering a great, green Christmas gift idea for you: A Toy Library membership voucher, an ideal Christmas stocking filler! For more information, please contact us by email at roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au or by phone [0438 884 601](tel:0438884601).

Merry Christmas and happy playing!

Lina Uribe Rivero

Pictured above left: Nico Uribe Rivero painting and below Lina Uribe Rivero and Belinda Blossome at the Fun Day.



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Over 30 volunteers participated on the day. Cathy Page, a representative from DEC, joined us and was pleased with our efforts. Areas in the Reserve badly needed our help so we will need to go back there next year and protect more areas. We now have a foot-cleaning brush in our kit to help us prevent spreading the dieback pathogen.

NEXT FIELD DAY

Stinton Cascade Nature Reserve on Sunday 9th December 9.00am till noon.

NOTE: This is a different meeting place.

We were working in this Reserve last month and need to complete a section. There are many ways to enter this Reserve but this time we will be meeting in Irymple Road (Irymple Road comes off Brookton Hwy in 2 places but please use the one further up the highway.) A sign will be on the Brookton Hwy. After Irymple Rd, turn left into Civa Heights and travel right to the end of the bitumen road. A map is on our website. A delicious morning tea is provided for helpers.

If the weather is looking very stormy, then check our website at 8.00am on the morning of the field day for any cancellation notice.

Pictured above and central left: Joel Hoefs and Matthew Roshkov learning how to inject trees.

Bottom left: Roleybushcare volunteers at Stinton Cascade Reserve.



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Building in Fire Prone Areas

With the bushfire season upon us, we posed some questions to the City of Armadale about what had changed in regard to building regulations. Here are some responses from the Mayor Henry Zelones:

What are the changes to the building code (released in April 2012) for those people living in bushfire prone regions and what ramifications does this have for building a home in Roleystone?

The Building Act 2011, introduced in April this year had many changes but these did not relate specifically to bushfire prone areas or to the enquiry into bushfires. Building Codes of Australia change over time as new developments and standards are introduced. National legislation requires replacement buildings to address current standards. Some of the homes affected by the fire were decades old and naturally there have been changes between building standards in 1979 and those now in place.

Neither of the new versions of the Building Act or Building Code introduced additional requirements specific to people living in bushfire prone areas.

Do any of these changes need to be implemented on pre-existing homes before sale?

No, approvals are only required for new structures.

What areas of Roleystone, Karragullen and Bedforddale are bushfire prone areas?

Roleystone, Karragullen and Bedforddale are considered to be at risk of bushfires, to various degrees ranging through low, medium, high and extreme.

How has planning altered its procedures to ensure that those rebuilding after the bushfires are able to do so with a minimum of paperwork and administrative holdups.

The City recognised the importance of the rebuilding process and the necessity for minimal disruption to the issuing of approvals. Fees were waived in the immediate rebuilding period and applications for rebuilding given priority attention. Building and planning applications from fire affected properties continue to be dealt with efficiently, with approvals issued in a timely manner.

The City's Building and Planning Departments have been working with residents and offering expert advice and assistance, especially in offering advice regarding rebuilding in bushfire areas.

The City has recently become a one-stop-shop for residential and commercial building approvals. The City is now able to coordinate both stages of a building approval, making the process more efficient and organised for applicants.

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Date: Thursday 6th December 2012

Time: 7pm start

Place: Council Chambers at Council's Administration Building,
7 Orchard Avenue Armadale

Published copies of the 2011-2012 Annual Report will be available to the public on the City's website and at the following locations:

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- Armadale Library – Orchard Avenue Armadale
- Kelmscott Library – Albany Highway Kelmscott
- Seville Grove Library – Champion Drive Westfield

Cr Caroline Wielinga

Welcome to Dr Irene Tan

There is a new Dentist starting at the Roleystone Dental Centre.

Dr Irene Tan is really happy to be here and is very keen to provide dental services to locals.

Irene trained in Perth at UWA, graduating in 2008. Over the last few years she has worked in a number of private practices situated at Armadale and Myaree. She is now keen to take over her own practice.

Irene has a real interest in dealing with children's

dental health and her quiet and gentle manner indicates that she will be excellent at this aspect of the work.

Initially Irene will work at Roleystone on Thursdays and Dr Graham Wheeler will continue to do Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays. Irene is keen to increase her hours in Roleystone as client demand increases.

'I am looking forward to joining this close knit community. The place has the feel of a rural location but also has the advantages of being close to the city. The people in the 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 Irene Tan said.

Welcome to you Irene.



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There's no Club Night Report this month due to our date change and the Courier deadline, however I will take the time to tell you what a terrific year we've had at the Roleystone Country Club.

A Big THANK YOU to Lester and the Committee for the faith they've bestowed in our Club this year. We're very pleased to have proven our worth and hope that we have many more years residency. Keep an eye out for our new sign at the front of the Club on Wygonda Road.

We've had a wide variety of performers this year and over 500 people through the doors!

Mel and Tony have settled in to opening each Club Night and Mel has been our MC for the better part of the year; we especially love his snippets of music trivia and gossip.

Our regular bands, The Redeemers, Hawkstone, Blue Mana and Never2Late have entertained us each month and are developing a loyal audience.

Our June Quiz Night raised over \$1400 and introduced our Club to new friends and members.

We've hosted a melodian player from Gloucestershire, an Uhru player from China and a South Australian Long Haul Trucker who arrived in his prime mover and wowed us on a borrowed guitar.

We've said goodbye to our Secretary Chris Atkinson and his band Beatz

Unplugged Night Mel Young

Although numbers were down this month probably due to two close meetings, enthusiasm was sky high for The Unplugged Acoustic Folk, Roots & Blues held on the 11th of this month.

The day was marked with several songs honouring the fallen who gave so much to our country. On a lighter note an impromptu acoustic jam session had the small but mustard keen audience jumping in their seats. This was sparked off when we were joined by Erhard;

founder of the Roleystone based 'Rolling B. B. Blues Band' supported by Mr Jim Dick vocals and guitar, Mel vocals, harmonica and slide guitar, Mr Tony Street on rhythm guitar and the amazing maestro Erhard leading on the harmonica. The next U.A.F.R. & B. will be held at the Roleystone Country Club on December 9th. For more details call Mel on 9399 8493 or 0406 190 822, mgyoung@westnet.com.au



Workin' who are now performing paid gigs most weekends; Congratulations guys! Founding member Dave Nolan visited in September with Pat O'Connor. Pat brought his "Novax" 8 string fanned-fret guitar and they delivered a wonderful set of funky lounge jazz.

We've even had a few members get together on the Club Nights and rehearse in the back room before performing on the night!

We've had some fantastic end of night jam sessions with Chris, Dale, Dave, Enno, Erhard, Jason, Jeff, John, Kim, Mike, Neil, Nick, Rob and Stig.

And much to the delight of Enno and myself, Jasper, our 13 year old keyboard playing son, has led the jam on quite a few occasions. Jasper's involvement in the Club inspired us to start a separate night for young people.

The five kids who've been meeting once a month since June, will be playing at our Christmas Event on Saturday 15 December.

Finally, we'd like to thank Linda at the Roleystone Courier for her unwavering support throughout the year.

Whether you play an instrument or just love listening to live music, come down to the Country Club on Wygonda Road. Grab a Burger and Beer from the Bar and Hear what We're Playing. We'd love to see you there!

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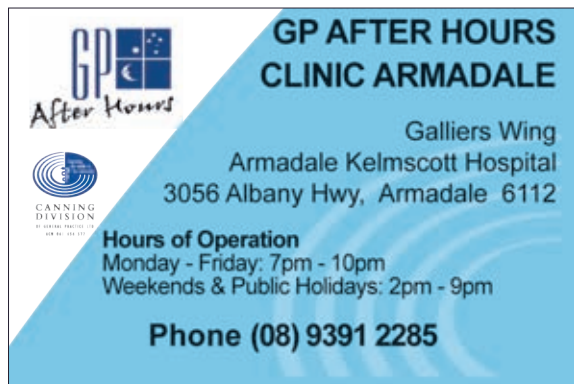
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SPRINGDALE AND CROSS PARK MASTER PLAN

What's it all about? Well you actually! It's all about YOU.

Making a "Master-Plan" for an area just means making a good plan that takes into account what YOU the community need now and what YOU the community may need in the future.

Cross Park currently has an assortment of sporting & community facilities. It started in the 1950's with the cricket club and has grown to include football, tennis, netball, karate, Pilates, Community Hall, Guide Hall, Family Centre, Seniors' Centre, Volunteer Fire Service, Skate park & playground.

There is already a lot at Cross Park.

So why do we need a "Master-Plan" now?

Several things have been happening over the last few years that have led to a need to rethink Cross Park.

1) The turf has been getting worse.

There is insufficient water & drainage to sustain the heavy use. Springdale, with more water & better drainage, was built for the heavy use of the senior football club but was taken up by the junior football club and tee-ball/baseball clubs. The Master-Plan was to investigate swapping senior & junior football clubs, but neither club wants to move from their current grounds. As a short-term measure the reticulation at Cross Park has been upgraded to a more efficient system but fixing the drainage would apparently require replacing the oval and several feet below it.

2) The antisocial activity around the skate park.

Although funding has been secured for a new skate park, the sustained antisocial activity around the existing skate park, that has often reduced the community's access to the area, has meant the location of the current skate park has come under scrutiny. Planning principles dictate that youth spaces should be provided, but they must be in highly visible locations. The new Armadale skate park, along a road & opposite a shopping centre, has been a celebrated social success due to its well planned location and the Master-Plan aimed to copy that achievement here.

3) The new Men's Shed & Community Garden Groups want a home at Cross Park.

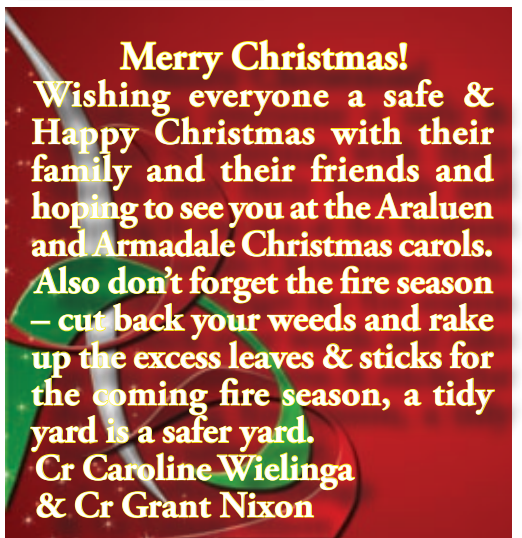
Recent community workshops & surveys have shown great interest for the ever more popular activities of a Men's Shed & Community Garden. The two groups are now formed and taking new members. For those that thought Cross Park had it all, these new types of activity were overlooked. They suit community involvement for the less sport-focused community members and provide for an interactive heart to Cross Park with the year round almost daily activity they bring. Other proposals



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Merry Christmas!
Wishing everyone a safe & Happy Christmas with their family and their friends and hoping to see you at the Araduen and Armadale Christmas carols. Also don't forget the fire season - cut back your weeds and rake up the excess leaves & sticks for the coming fire season, a tidy yard is a safer yard.
Cr Caroline Wielinga & Cr Grant Nixon

include youth activities in the Men's Shed and regular markets for Cross Park.

So why did we need a Master-Plan? To make sure YOU the community are happy with OUR community park. Are you?

The Master-Plan report will be before Council in the December round of meetings - check the agenda on the web site (<http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au>). It will then go out for public comment over Christmas and back to Council for final endorsement in February. If you want to have a say - **MAKE SURE YOU WRITE IT DOWN** and send it in.....

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This will be held at the Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Centre 46 Jarrah Rd. All bay proceeds will go to the R.K.S.C. This is to be held every 2nd Sunday of the month. For any enquiries and to book a bay please call 93975047.

Christine Kent
 Roleystone Karragullen Seniors

November Weather

Weather Statistics

David Elliott:

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November Rainfall

year	mm	# days
2002	21.8	3
2003	71.2	6
2004	67.2	9
2005	22.8	8
2006	21.6	7
2007	0.4	1
2008	75.0	10
2009	61.0	5
2010	14.2	4
2011	57.2	10
2012	46.8	6

November Average

34.0 on 7 days

Total

Jan 1 to Nov 24th

753.8 on 94 days

Average to Nov 30th

999.0 on 111 days



Christmas Services

Merry Christmas

St Christophers Anglican Church

- 9 December, 9.00am Service of Lessons and Carols
- 24 December, 11.30pm, Christmas Eve Eucharist service
- 25 December, 9.00am Christmas Day Eucharist service

Roleystone Community Church

- Sunday 16th December, 9.30am Children's Christmas play
- Sunday 23rd December 9:30am Morning Service & Fellowship
- Tuesday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Morning Celebration

Combined Churches Community Carol Service,

Saturday morning, 15th December,

Carols at IGA Roleystone Shopping Centre 10am - 12 noon

Please join us!

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Karragullen

- Christmas Mass 9.30 am

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DAVID IS SET TO GO



Pro Bono: Baggage David Bardsley

Dear Friends

With very mixed feelings we have just about completed another home move, this time to Bridgetown. Each time the same questions arise as we try to reduce the amount of packing we have to do.

Do we really need this or that? Some answers are relatively easy but ornaments and pictures...? Some are lovely, genuine works of art - others are less so but given to us to remind us of people, occasions or places. Our Romanian friends over the years have been especially generous but our tastes diverge somewhat. Sadly, we have ended up discarding some things.

Much of the stuff we consider essential is also quite unnecessary. If we have to, we can do without it. We discovered this when we went to live in a tiny apartment in Hong Kong. We arrived with two suitcases and four small boxes and we still struggled to squeeze them into our unit. But we lived there very happily indeed for two years. It made us realise just how much "extra baggage" surrounds our lives. This extra baggage becomes a real physical burden when we are on the move, on a journey to somewhere.

Spiritually we are always on a journey – the journey of life itself. And sometimes we carry round a whole truck load of extra baggage which gets in the way of proper progress. In the Bible, one writer refers to this journey as a race and we are encouraged to "throw off everything that hinders ... and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." The race he refers to is the spiritual movement in this life towards the goal of eternal fellowship with God which, broadly speaking, is the objective of all the World's religions. He goes on to say that some things "entangle us" and it's a great picture of a runner trying to win a marathon but wearing all the wrong gear and stumbling through barbed wire, stuff which the runner himself acquired. Not the best way to win Olympic Gold!

In fact that particular runner isn't even going to finish the course never mind win the race. But it's so much like what we all do spiritually.

The problem is that this spiritual baggage is not something we can sort out for ourselves. As in our physical lives it seems we can't help accumulating stuff. But this stuff is serious – it separates us from God, even though we might not want it that way. We don't "love God with all our heart", we don't "love our neighbour as ourselves". And when we don't, we end up doing things which separate us from God – the Bible calls it "sin". We all do it, without exception, and there's not a thing we ourselves can do about it. God knows that and the solution is found in Jesus, the one and only Son of God. When he died and rose from the dead, he dealt with the sins of all people for all time. The cross wasn't a nasty accident – it was God's way of removing the extra baggage and the barbed wire from our lives. All we have to do is accept that and believe it, following God's guide book – Biblical truth - to help us walk in the right direction on life's journey. It's actually quite simple no matter how complicated some Christians have managed to make it. At least it's a darn sight simpler than reducing the pile of boxes we've had to shift down here. Why not give it a go?

Yours in Christ,
David ex-Minister, Roleystone Community Church.

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The Staff at SUPA IGA in Roleystone get into the festivities before the Melbourne Cup. Pictured above: Roberta, Sean, Lisa, Michelle, Julie, Nicki and Karen.

Tony Abbott Visits with shoppers at Roleystone Supa IGA

On Tuesday November 20 the news was released that the leader of the opposition Tony Abbott MHR would be visiting Roleystone Supa IGA. Our sleepy little centre was abuzz with news crews keen to capture sound bites and video footage. Mr Abbott was accompanied by Don Randall MHR, the Federal Minister for Canning and his hosts the Anile family, owners of our Supa IGA.

Tony took the opportunity to meet with some of the early morning shoppers, discussing with Ross and Joe Anile how they felt prices had been affected since the introduction of the Carbon Tax and tackled a range of other topics including productivity, solar panels and renewable energy targets, refugees and the royal commission into child abuse.

Ross and Joe Anile were keen to talk to Mr Abbott about the rising prices of many items in their store and wanted to talk about rising costs - particular utilities.

'We are aiming to keep prices down for our clients as much as we can. It was wonderful that Mr Abbott came to visit us. This is evidence of him keeping in contact with local people,' said Ross Anile.

'It's good to be here in Roleystone. I want to thank the Anile family, particularly Ross and Joe, for making me and Don Randall so welcome here today. This is a great local business. It's been serving the community for decades and it's my intention, and it's Don Randall's intention, to try to make it easier for businesses like this to continue serving the community,' said Tony in his introduction.



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Astronomical Highlights December

*Greg Lowe,
Perth Observatory*

Are you even the slightest bit apprehensive about the purported ending of the Mayan calendar cycle on the solstice this month? I'm not. Time and time again, when you're involved in astronomy, you encounter insecure people who ask for confirmation of some or other prophesied disaster; and when you say that nothing's going to happen, you get accused of covering up secrets that "they" are hiding from ordinary people. Who are "they"? Beats me.

Any self-respecting calendar ought to be based around the repeating seasonal markers, the solstices and equinoxes. Otherwise the seasons get out of whack with the calendar months. The summer solstice here, this year, occurs on Friday December 21st. That's when we have our longest day: officially 14 hours and 15 minutes from sunrise to sunset.

The dominant planet this month and next is Jupiter. It's at opposition on the 3rd: closest, brightest, and visible all night. Opposition is the alignment of Sun, Earth and Jupiter, in that order. Jupiter's the best planet to observe with your new Christmas telescope: it's the biggest planet and you can see cloud bands on it that look like the rows of stitching around the middle of a cricket ball. As well, its four biggest moons are visible as small, restless dots of light that change position

day by day. The closest of the four is Io, which whizzes around Jupiter in about 42 hours. The next, called Europa, does a lap in about 85 hours. Compare this with our sedate moon which tootles around Earth in a month.

You'll find the giant planet in the north-eastern sky at nightfall. It culminates (comes to its highest) in the north around midnight in early December, then progressively earlier: 11pm in mid-month, and 10pm by month's end. Culmination is the best time to observe because when you're viewing an object at its highest, you're looking through the least atmosphere. You get the clearest view. An alternative astronomical expression is crossing the meridian which means the object of interest is in line with the imaginary north-south line on which you're standing, the observer's meridian.

The other bright planet that's visible, but not at a very convenient time, is Venus which rises about an hour and a half ahead of the sun all month. You can see it low in the eastern sky in the morning twilight (say around 4:30am).

The major moon phases are last quarter on the night of the 6th, new moon on the 13th, first quarter on the 20th, and full moon on the 28th. On New Year's Eve the waning gibbous moon will rise at about 9:25pm and be 90% illuminated.

RKSC SENIOR'S UPDATE

November has been busy. Along with the normal scheduled events, two major events saw a large number of seniors coming into the centre: the Melbourne Cup and the Bendigo Bank Seniors Morning Tea.

In December The Xmas feast will be held on the 17th of December. Bookings are essential (and interested people are advised to get in early as this is always very popular and will be booked out). The cost is \$22 per head. The cooks Ruth and Doris always put on a wonderful spread. Ring the centre to book your place.

The Roleystone Seniors Centre will be closed for 4 weeks over the summer opening with a BBQ celebration on the 14th January. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing and healthy New Year. See you in 2013.

Christine Kent

Seniors Club Summer Calendar

Christmas Feast 17th December, \$22 per head.

The Seniors Club will be closed 15/12/2012 - 14/1/2013

BBQ Celebration 14th January

Every Tuesday	Mahjong	12.30 pm	\$1.00
Every Tuesday	Pilates	6.30pm	
Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Last Wednesday	Book Club	1pm	
Wednesday evening	Relaxation	6.30pm	\$8
Every Thursday	Yoga	9.30 am	\$10/\$12
Friday	Bowls	1.00pm	
1st Friday	Cards & Games	3.30pm	

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Wild Gossip: Bobtails

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Over the past few weeks I have been really distressed at the number of badly injured bobtails that have come into care to die or to be euthanized. I am also really concerned about the bobtail carnage on the roads and that nobody stops after running over one of these delightful creatures to get assistance.

Bobtails are a part of our community and they deserve to be respected. They eat bugs and all sorts of other nasty things that you don't want around but otherwise are relatively harmless, unless you grow strawberries which they do like to nibble. Bobtails mate for life in a weird relationship where they meet up for a month or so every year and then go separate ways. The last recorded survey of a pair of tagged Bobtails has them meeting up yearly for nine years. If you are unfortunate to run over one of these delightful creatures please stop and get assistance for it – as with all our precious wildlife.

With summer here and the festive season it is time to think about all our wildlife which can suffer badly from water and food shortages. It is really easy to deploy a few water stations around your property using low lying ones (a small dish or plant pot tray) at ground level and bigger ones higher up. Bird baths of any kind are always welcome. Mine have continual usage and provide great viewing from my kitchen and the family room. You don't need anything fancy, one of mine is an old wok sitting on a



crate, another is an old fry pan. I do have a proper one but they all seem popular.

People tend to get busy over the festive season and forget our wildlife so if you normally put out water or food, please don't forget to do so as the wildlife is probably depending on it to survive. Please also remember that most professional services will be closed over the festive season so the only help you will be likely to get for wildlife issues will be from volunteers. Please contact me for help for or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.

Photo above: Laura Triner at Darling Range Wildlife Centre.

Snakes are Out and About

Thanks to the Martins for sending in the photo below of a dugite killed on the road outside their home last weekend. They asked that readers be alerted to the increased chance of finding snakes around the outside of Roleystone homes over the early summer.

The most common snakes seen across the Perth hills area are Tiger Snakes and Dugites. They can often be found sheltering around homes and sheds or basking in the sun in the cooler part of the day. The warm weather over recent weeks is drawing snakes out of hibernation in search of food and of course the males are also out looking to breed. It

is the males that you will probably see the most. Snakes are most active when the temperature hits about 25 – 32 - very common temperatures over early summer. They are also attracted to their main food source - mice. Please do not be too hasty in killing the reptiles because dugite's are protected under the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and to kill or injure one attracts a fine of up to \$4000. If you see a snake stand still, back away and leave the snake to make its escape. Only when people are at risk ie the snake is 'inside the home' should they be killed and only by people who have had experience in this area.



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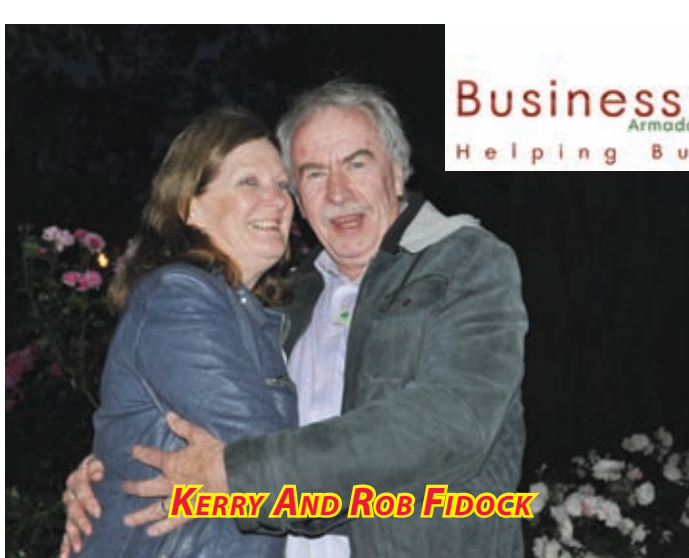
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At the recent Business Armadale Awards local company Fidock and Co Real Estate were awarded the Community Service Award. The company had previously won the Business Armadale Business of the Month award in February. Rob and Kerry Fidock are very community minded.

The company provides sponsorship for the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club, the Roleystone Bowling Club and has recently accepted responsibility for the Roleystone Theatre.

The Fidock team are also very active in the local community by engaging in fundraising activities for the Bushfire Appeal, Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade, Bendigo

Bank Community Fund and the Salvation Army. Additionally, Rob freely offers his services as a JP, he is Vice President of the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation and served on the steering committee and as Vice president for the Roleystone-Karragullen (Bendigo) Community Bank.

Well done to Rob, Kerry and the team for this well deserved award.

For more information about the Business Armadale Business Awards Program and how to nominate a local business for recognition, visit www.businessarmadale.com.au



Roleystone Theatre News

Our most recent production Avenue Q, a humorous musical using puppets, completed our year and was a resounding success.

Thanks to a young and talented cast and a brilliant orchestra. The audience responded positively to the show even though the content was controversial. Our website and online ticketing system has proved to be popular.

On January 16th, we will be hosting a film night at the Armadale Cinemas. The film is Les Miserables, one of the truly great musicals. The cost is \$15 and tickets are available from Paul (pauljtreasure@gmail.com).

Bring your family to our Christmas BBQ Bash: pop into the theatre on Saturday 15th December from 4.30pm and we'll fire up the barbecues early so the kidlets can be fed. Then the rest of us can party on as late as we like. Families of all ages welcome.

Please bring a special salad OR dessert to share, your own drinks, plus \$10 per person (12 years and under are free). We will supply meat, bread and some nibblyies.

Next year will be another packed season of good quality drama/ humour/musicals.

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Gerry Chapman

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