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## Hazel Marshall is 50!

*On January 12th around 60 close friends and family gathered together to celebrate the 50th birthday of Hazel Marshall. They partied on until around 4 o'clock next day which meant that they all saw Hazel's real birthday arrive (this was the 13th January). Two cocktail waiters kept them plied with their choice of cocktails all night. It was a fabulous night and enjoyed by all - Especially Hazel!*

## ANGELO ZITO MARRIES REBBECA WHITTINGTON

*Roleystone residents Angelo Zito and Rebecca Whittington, daughter of Sally Rainoldi from Roleystone Orchard, got married on the 3rd of November 2012, at St Micheal's the Archangel in Leederville. After photographs at Kings Park the couple had their reception at The Duxton, Perth.*

*Although it rained part of the day, it didn't dampen the married couple's spirits. Many local hills residents also attended the wedding. Angelo and Rebecca met at the annual Karragullen Field Day 4 years ago, where it was love at first sight. Well done to you both.*



*Pictured above: Roleystone's Kenneth Vance is congratulated by his wife Gemma after receiving his citizenship on Australia Day in Armadale. See more details of the ceremony and the Awards on pages 4, 5 and 51.*

## FEBRUARY COVER

*This month's cover features top student, Alexandra Brindley who completed her year 12 studies in 2012. Alex was awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority plus she earned a Certificate of Distinction in Human Biological Science. Alex did well across her subjects with an ATAR score of 98.1. Congratulations Alex.*



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# Life Membership for Zyg

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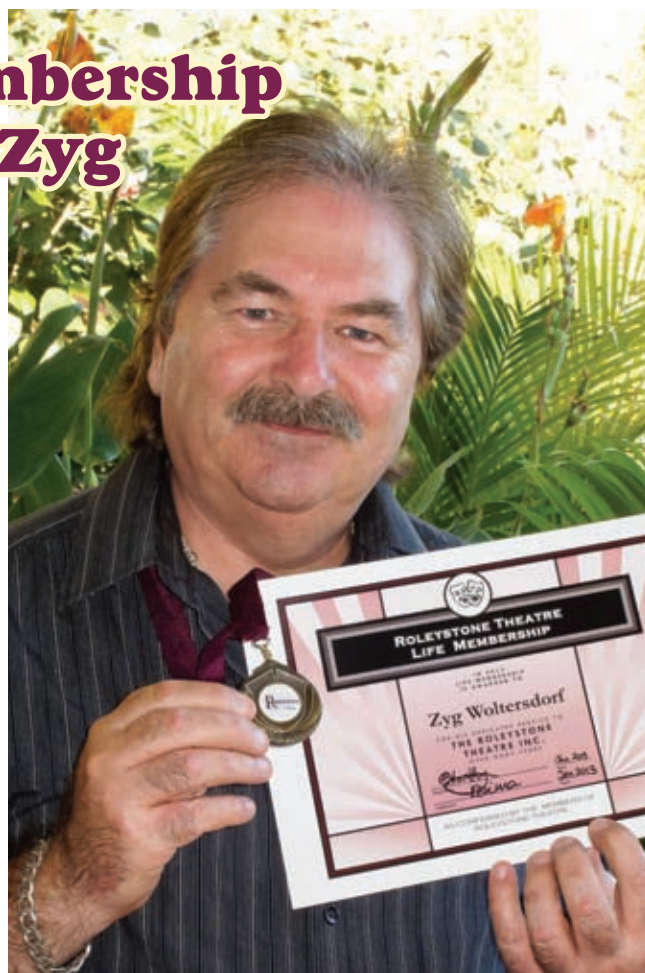
In the Roleystone Theatre's 80th anniversary year, theatre stalwart Zyg Woltersdorf was awarded Life Membership to the organisation he has devoted so much energy and devotion to.

Most recently Zyg served as President of the theatre, occupying this demanding role for 6 years. Prior to this he served as a committeeman and member over many years.

Zyg's wonderful skills as an organiser, photographer par excellence, his wonderful sense of humour and eagerness for hard work have been appreciated by many over the years.

President Bree Hartley commented:

*Congratulations Zyg, this honour is well deserved.*





## The Australia Day Awards

On Australia Day Saturday 26th January a range of local individual and clubs were successful this year's 2013 Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards. The awards night was held at the City of Armadale Hall.

The Orchardists from the Hills were well represented with the Fruit Fly Action Group and the Hills Orchard Improvement Group both shortlisted in the community group category. The winner was the Hills Orchard Improvement group for raising the profile of orchardists and the orcharding industry through the Karragullen Expo. The fruit fly action group, a subgroup of HOIG, were also nominated for uniting orchardists in their successful campaign regarding the ban on Fenthion. The award was collected on behalf of HOIG by Brett DelSimone. **Brett is pictured at left: with local politicians Don Randall (left) and Tony Simpson (right) who were both exceptionally supportive over the recent campaign.** In accepting the award Brett said: I am honoured to accept this award on behalf of HOIG. It is justified recognition for the huge amount of voluntary time that has gone into the annual expo. It is a full year commitment. Each year the Karragullen expo showcases our industry and raises its profile. There is a growing awareness amongst the general public about where fresh fruit comes from and this is encouraging for growers. Thanks again.

The winner of the Citizen of the Year (25 years and over) was well known local Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade member Chris Cairns. Chris has worked tirelessly over many years to improve education across the district about bushfire awareness and safety. Chris indicated that she has worked as part of a team and recognised the huge contribution of others in the brigade. Chris gave special recognition and thanks to her offside Bob Littman for helping her with the Bushfire Ready program. There are now 40 Bushfire Ready Groups across our area. **Chris Cairns and Bob Littman are pictured above.**

Chloe Hoffman won the Junior Citizen of the Year award for her years as a dedicated member of the Armadale Police Rangers and Michael Morecombe won the environmental award for his many years as a member of the Armadale Wildflower Society.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and our community's thanks for your passion and commitment to your various causes. (See more page 51)

**Left hand page below: Multicultural Australia - some of the young people accepting Australian Citizenship at this year's Ceremony.**

## Australia Day In Armadale

The City of Armadale once again celebrated Australia Day with a spectacular fireworks display at Minnowarra Park on Saturday 26 January. Over the last few years this has become the City's largest community event with over 40,000 people attending.

This year's entertainment started late afternoon with local youth band Splinta, followed by eclectic blues and roots musicians Gerard Maunick and Tina Simone with their indigenous rock band. The Bartlett Bros also provided their own brand of quirky entertainment.

Following the Fireworks the festivities continued as a range of musicians provided an 'All Aussie Tribute Show'. Guests were provided with carnival rides, a side show alley, roving entertainers and children's activities.

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## The Heat Affects Local Fruit Crops

*Early in this year's stone fruit season we were all alerted to the very real threats facing the fruit industry with the threat of Mediterranean Fruit Fly. This has not been the only threat.*

In early January a representative for the Hills Orchard Improvement Group, Brett DelSimone was interviewed by Graham Mabury from 6PRs Nightline on some of the other threats this summer. For those who missed it, here is an abridged account of the interview:

Brett firstly responded to

Graham's questioning about the increased warming and the effect on fruit with the high temperatures orchardists have faced this year.

Brett responded: 'When the temp gets above 35 degrees the sap stops flowing in deciduous trees and the tree shuts down. The fruit loses its natural protection and the fruit gets sunburnt.'

'Fruit can handle a day or two of 40 degrees. Long extended periods leave the exposed fruit, especially those on the top, very vulnerable.'

'The fruit shrivels and turns brown, basically the fruit has been cooked and its flavour has been changed. Pears, Apples and Plums are most susceptible. This can pose a significant risk to orchardists with many reporting losing over 10% of their crop this year.'

Graham then went on to ask about the increased rainfall over the summer months and questioned Brett about whether this had helped.

'There is a small window of optimum growing conditions and rarely do growers get this. Small amounts of rain can help. Up to 10ml of rain can revitalise the trees and doesn't cause too much damage. However heavy rain during the growing period can be a source of major problems'

'Also there is the added problem of an increase in diseases. The moisture promotes a fungus called brown rot which loves humidity. The opening of the WA borders to imported fruit led to the importation of the fungus from South Australia when they started importing cherries.'

'This is extremely devastating and left untreated can take out 90% of the crop.'

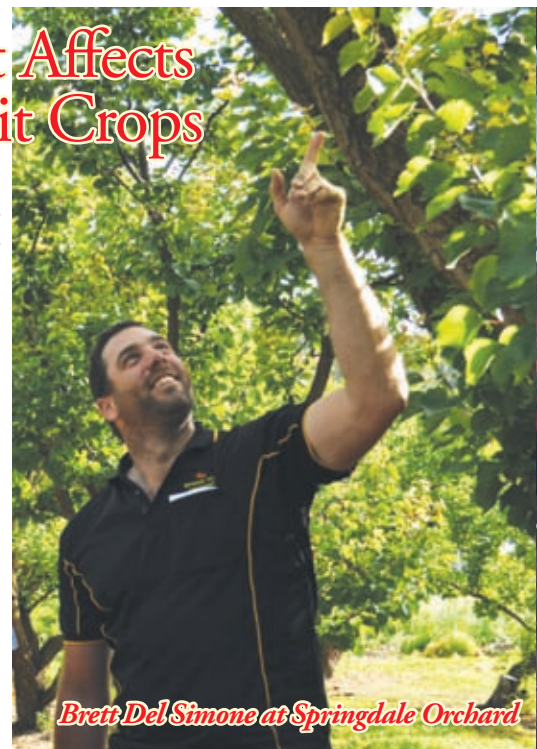
Brett reflected that it: 'Has been a challenging season but Hills growers are pretty adaptable and will overcome our challenges.'

Graham asked about where all the good quality peaches have gone?

Brett responded: 'Some of this is based on changed varieties and some is about correct picking. If growers have not harvested correctly it may not be as tasty. The customers have a role here and can question their retailers.'

'Once things were only eaten seasonally. Supermarkets are increasing the fruit availability and with improved storage under controlled atmospheric conditions this has allowed for fruit to be available through the year. A lot of people have lost contact with the reality that if it is not in season then it will not taste as good.'

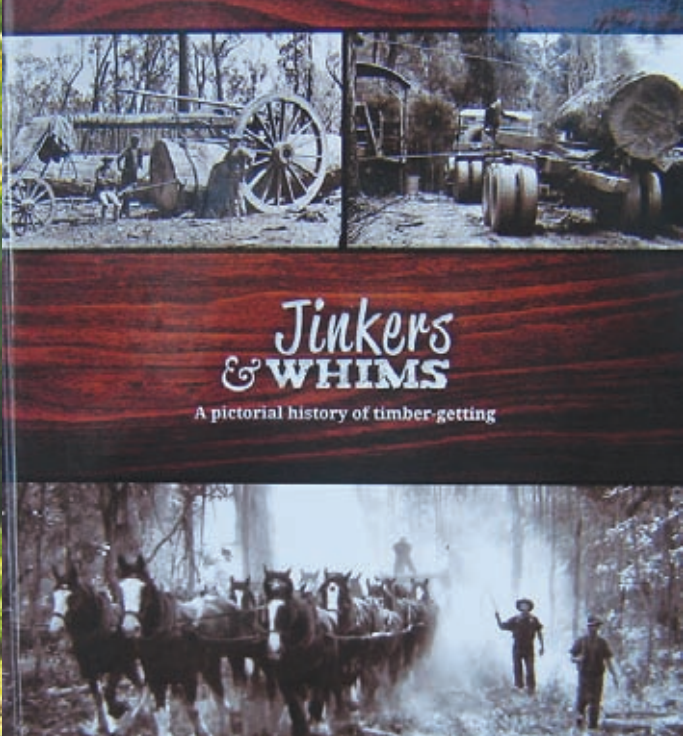
So the most important thing for consumers is: 'Support your local growers, buy fresh, buy in season and buy Western Australian wherever you possibly can.'



*Brett DelSimone at Springdale Orchard*

*Med fly in a cherry*





covers mainly the equipment used and how it was used, from the pit sawing and axes right through to the modern day powered machinery.' 'It includes 120 photos including some local photos supplied by the Pickering Brook Heritage Group.'



His pre-ambule on the back of the book reads.

*'Jinkers and Whims' traces the development of the methods and machines used to harvest the forests of Western Australia over the last 150 years, from first settlement to the present day, from horse and steam power to modern mechanical harvesters. It describes the bush workings and logging operations that underpinned W.A.'s sawmilling industry - once the third largest industry in the state behind wheat and wool. It is also a tribute to the skill and innovation of the bushmen and engineers who brought about the changes and who designed and built those weird and wonderful machines that were unique to the industry and to this part of the world.'*

*'This book contains many historical photographs and provides a timely record of the developments that took place before the details of their existence and their operation fade from memory.'*

The cost of this wonderful hardback book is \$35.00 with postage of \$10. and is available from Gordon Freegard, 263 Pickering Brook Rd, Pickering Brook 6076.


For more information interested readers can email Gordon [flortona@iinet.net.au](mailto:flortona@iinet.net.au) or phone 9293 8338.

## JINKERS AND WHIMS

**HOT OF THE PRESS FROM THE PICKERING BROOK HERITAGE SOCIETY.**

Jack Bradshaw has been working on a book about the history of forestry in the jarrah forests of WA for a number of years and has finally completed it.

Gordon Freegard from the Pickering Brook Heritage society believes he has done an exceptional job. 'It



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# MASTER PLAN - PLEA FOR GATHERING PLACE

After the disposal of Robin Road Green (Old primary School Oval), we will lose a valuable outdoor place in our township for small gatherings such as ceremonies, markets, fundraising and concerts.

During the public comment period more than 160 residents sent in submissions to plea for saving the green. Shortly we will not have an adequate place with power and water near the town centre to accommodate a small gathering of 100-400 people.

Although Cross Park is a fantastic oval for sport, it is too large for small community events - we have indeed tried in the past. Roleystone is brimming with artistic and musical people, if we had such a place, we can continue to encourage their activities for all of us to enjoy. Unfortunately, the need for such a Gathering Place has been omitted in the Cross Park Master plan. But public comment is open until the 8th Feb.

If you share this vision, we have to keep reminding the Council that there is something special going on here in Roleystone, and that it is worth more consideration.

One possible place worth considering as a gathering place could be the disused tennis courts. It overlooks Cross Park and the Shopping Centre. With a little effort, the loose fill could be removed and a natural rock amphitheatre could be dug in. The rock would also buffer sound for the nearby Hillendale residents. Just an idea for anyone listening, obviously needing discussion with Tennis and Netball clubs. If you feel that we need a place (somewhere) on the plan for a small gathering place for Concerts, Ceremonies and township events, please visit [www.Roleystone.net.au](http://www.Roleystone.net.au) and submit the online form. It only takes a minute to do so.

*Chris Horgan*



## RIDE FOR YOUR LIFE 2012

Thank you to everyone who donated and sponsored this year.

We had another very successful Movember, setting a new record of \$3598 for our team. Thank you again!

Our raffle has ben drawn, thanks to our lovely assistant, and I can announce the prizes and winners are as follows:

- 4th Iyashu Luxe body care basket Sue Benson
- 3rd Handmade Stirling Silver Necklace Andrew Rodger
- 2nd Small Goods Hamper Terrance Tay
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Congratulations to all of our winners, and thanks again to our prize contributors including Roleystone Supa IGA, WJ & KS Automotives, Boyd Parry Artisan Jewellery, & BJ Steel.

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*Jason Kelly-Pages*

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## Michelle Edmead's Travelling Passion



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Michelle's family have lived in Martin since 1990 and about 10 years ago, Michelle moved away to sunny Port Hedland and discovered the wonderful, unpredictable, crazy world of aviation. She started in reservations, booking passengers on local flights and steadily moved through Port Hedland International airport until she was second in charge of Ground Handling.

'I thought there was nothing better than to touch the nose of an aircraft you had prepared for flight! I was an aeroplane addict - hook, line and sinker!! The best part was being able to make a difference in people's lives by trying to make the start or end of their journey as stress free and enjoyable as possible.' Michelle recalled. Then Michelle moved on to become a Travel Agent! She soon found that she 'was a natural' instead of helping people in one small part of their journey, she was able to help in the whole experience. And she loved it.

'The more I learned, the more I wanted to help

people, and the more I wanted to travel myself, and so began my own adventures.

With my family, we have been lucky enough to travel to many parts of the world, including UK and Europe, USA and New Zealand.

We have also travelled extensively through Tasmania, South Australia and the Barossa, and Western Australia.

Our favourite place is Bali, and have been there enough to nearly be called a local.....nearly? I might need to work on my language skills more first....' she said.

And now she has returned to Roleystone and has become a mobile Personal Travel Manager with TravelManagers Australia.

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*'If your bucket list is getting longer and longer, or you simply need a quick getaway to recharge the batteries, give me a call and we can start to cross a few of those off.'*

**Pictured top of the page : Michelle won a competition run by Qantas and now has her 'name on a plane'. Michelle with a wax Picasso in London.**



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*Alexandra Brindley from John Wollaston Anglican Community College was recently notified that she has been awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority (this has meant that she has earned at least 20 A's over her last two years of schooling) plus she earned a Certificate of Distinction in Human Biological Science. She earned an ATAR score of 98.1.*

These results round off a wonderful final year of schooling for Alex as she was awarded the following at the end of Year 12 graduation ceremony: an Academic Excellence Award and the Mary Wollaston Award.

Alex is very pleased with her results. 'I couldn't be happier. It was such a gratifying experience to see my final score and know that it will enable me to pursue my chosen course of study.'

She attributes her great success to: the incredible support of my family and the dedication of the teachers at John Wollaston.

Alex would like to pursue a career in neurology and so she has applied to do neuropsychology at the University of Western Australia in 2013.

'I found myself really passionate about understanding the workings of the nervous system during my studies in Human Biology.'

No one achieves such admirable results without a team of people working behind them. Alex would like to acknowledge the unwavering support of her family and the teaching staff at John Wollaston.

In Alex's words: 'I would especially like to acknowledge my Science teachers, Mr Stephan Fox and Ms Joan Osbourne. Their incredible passion for the science they teach has inspired me to pursue a career in it.'

*Well done Alex.*



## Top Performing Student Alexandra Brindley

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# Academic Success



## Rachael's Success

*Roleystone student Rachael O'Toole of Lumen Christi College certainly capped off a brilliant year with an ATAR score of 90.85 plus she was awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority.*

(A certificate of commendation is awarded to a student who, over their last years of senior secondary schooling scores at least 20 A grades!)

This year her school recognised her excellence and awarded her: Course award for Accounting and Finance, Design, Literature and Visual Arts. As well as a High Achievement in Accounting and Finance, Design, Mathematics and Religion & Life

She is very pleased with her results. 'I'm really very happy with my results in the WACE and in school. It just makes every minute of drawing or writing essays all that more worth it, and it makes me feel really proud for all the work I've done over the years.'

Rachael is keen to explore the area of literature and publishing, as well as travelling.

'I'm waiting to see if I get an offer from Curtin to study Mass Communications and Japanese as a second language. This is based on a trip to Japan I did in 2010. I went for two weeks and the experience was amazing. It truly is another world and the culture is so inviting and rich that I've always wanted to expand my knowledge of the language and be able

to hopefully live, or at least visit there.'

'I think my great results are due to a lot of hard work. I was focused for the year because I knew where I wanted to be and that was my goal. This really helped me a lot; I had something to look forward to and I wanted to make sure I got there. I also believe I got the results I did because I had a really supportive family and outstanding teachers who really would go out of their way to make sure I was getting everything that I needed to make this possible.'

'I'd really like to thank all the teachers I had over the years; they really helped me whenever I needed a hand and were so willing to do so. That kindness really went a long way in helping me achieve well in school. 'A special thanks to all my friends; without them I don't know if I would have been able to get through the past two years of high school. You really helped me get through it all by making me laugh and have fun.'

'And to my family, I don't know what I would do without you. You have been guiding me and supporting me whenever I needed, even when I didn't think I did, and I love you all so much for it. I couldn't have done any of this without you behind me.'

*Well done Rachael.*



## HAMISH JOHN BERRY

*Hamish John Berry, our fifth grandson was christened on Sunday 13th January at Lane Cove in Sydney.*

*Ken and I flew across for the event and everyone had a great time!*

*(Jean iced the cake and Ken piped the plaque with chocolate!)*

*Pictured: proud parents: Son in law Matthew Berry and our daughter Anne with Hamish aged three months, cutting the cake together.*

*Jean Henricksen*

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## Lumen Christi College has Kicked off the New Year with a New Principal.

Former Principal Geoff Mills, has recently taken on the position of Principal at Ursula Frayne Catholic College in Victoria Park. Geoff was Principal at Lumen Christi from 2006-2012.

New Principal Darren O'Neill, comes to Lumen Christi from his former position as Deputy Principal at CBC Fremantle.

Darren brings to Lumen Christi a strong background in the pastoral care of students and experience of innovative student leadership programs.

Having spent time at the College at the end of last year, Darren is looking forward to getting to know the students and staff in the months ahead.

Alyce DelSimone former student and current staff member, was one of the first to greet Darren on his arrival at the College.

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## Araluen's Annual Carols Event Was Well Attended

*The annual carols events held on the hillside overlooking the pool at Araluen Park on the 16 December was a packed affair.*

This has become a real family favourite with many locals coming along to watch the annual performance of the Roleystone Community College Choir. This year the event was anchored by former media personality and ardent Araluen supporter John Colwill.

The musical accompaniment was provided once again by the Town of Victoria Park Brass Band. This year a series of numbers were provided by 'The Glitter Girls' who proved to be real crowd favourites.

Thanks once again to the sponsorship of the Bendigo Bank and Araluen Park for the delightful venue.

*Pictured above right: Seen at Carols By Torch light Natalie Hodge and Sinaid. At right: The Glitter Girls with the RCC choir behind.*





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## Dumper Caught

At approximately 9.30am on Sunday 6th January I was out on my mountain bike when I stumbled across a male person dumping rubbish in bushland on a Churchman Brook Dam service track. This person works for a local company and both the man's clothes and the vehicle carried the name of the company. The track is located approx 400m south of the Churchman Brook Dam entrance and is a dirt track on the left hand side.

We discussed the inappropriateness of the action with the perpetrator and we took photos of the vehicle and the person involved. The one published does not show the company name and the driver but the ones that did, have been passed on to the relevant authorities.

I was in the company of another adult (mountain bike rider) and we were both able to supply witness statements and showed the authorities where the offence took place.

This is our location and we do not need folk rubbishing our area.

*Name and address supplied.*



*NB Other photos were supplied that showed the culprit and the company logo and these were passed onto the relevant authorities.*

## City praises bushfire ready residents

The City of Armadale would like to praise residents who have prepared their properties and families for the bushfire season. Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones said the City's Ranger Services have been impressed by how many residents have taken responsibility and prepared their properties for bushfire season.

"We have seen an increased number of residents implement firebreaks, carry out hazard reduction programs and prepare their homes for summer."

"In December 2012 an impressive 94% of the properties inspected complied with the provisions of the Firebreak Notice."

"We are very pleased to see so many residents take responsibility and do the right thing. Proper preparation not only assists in keeping homes safe during a bushfire but it also saves lives."

"The City regularly reminds residents of their responsibilities, both as homeowners and members of our community, and we are pleased to see so many people taking action."

"The results from inspections thus far have been very positive and we are expecting similar results as we continue to inspect properties throughout the district," said Mayor Zelones.

The City of Armadale's Ranger Services will continue to inspect properties to ensure all residents are complying with the provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

For information on bushfire preparedness visit [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au) or call the City of Armadale on 9399 0111.



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## Concert In The Park Coming 3/3/2013



*The City of Armadale, The Roleystone Musicians Club and the new Roleystone Markets are teaming up this year to give you a whopper Concert in the Park. CONCERT IN THE PARK IS A FREE, FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT.*

Bring your camping chairs and picnic blankets and get your spot early at the Robin Road Green (old school oval). 4pm-7pm, Sunday 3rd March. Thanks to the new Roleystone Markets group there will be high quality craft stalls, Hot Spuds, Donuts, P&C burger and sausage sizzle tent, Malaysian food plus an ice-cream van and coffee van. The Concert features three Roleystone bands. Locals Gary Kemp, Tim Sims and Albert Della Franca will be playing in their band 'The Redeemers'. Hawkstone will be making another appearance this year with Mike Bayley, Enno DeBoer, Mike Godfrey and Alex Cook. The Ferrymen are playing this year with Ian Walker, Grant Black, Chris Horgan and Stig Lambert. See [www.Roleystone.net.au](http://www.Roleystone.net.au) for last minute updates. Looking forward to seeing you there!

*Thanks Chris Horgan for your hard work in organising this event!*  
*Pictured Top left: The Redeemers play as the sun sets in in 2012.*  
*Middle left: Pauline and John Wilson watching the action in 2012.*

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# Editorial

LINDA MOORE

FEBRUARY 2013

***Ginger beer. On Australia Day I had a glass of ginger beer (not the canned stuff, the real stuff!) and I was transported back many years. Tastes and smells can sometimes do that.***



I was back at Roleystone Primary School in summertime going on the annual picnic. At this stage in history we always went to the same place - Coogee Beach. We drove down on the bus (singing songs as we went), went for a swim on the boring no surf beach, came up to the oval and had lunch. Now as you were not allowed to swim after lunch, we had supervised games before getting on the bus and coming home. Two events stand out from this activity - we were given a drink of real ginger beer from a keg after lunch and we were brought an ice cream. (We had to eat it **before** we were allowed on the bus to come home.) Now I think I am getting to be a bit of a grumpy old woman but the taste of the ginger beer brought back a time when things were special, gifts were valued and junk food was a treat to be savoured and enjoyed - it would be a long time before it came again.

So on that note I reflect on the crazy season we have just been through, where gifts flowed and we were all exposed to far too much of everything. We cannot turn the clock back but we can value things a lot more and think about the effort that has gone into providing the lifestyle we Aussies take for granted.

On Australia Day evening I went to the Armadale Australia Day Citizenship Awards. Looking into the faces of the many people taking citizenship I was humbled. So many of these new citizens had a look of rapture on their faces. Citizenship to them was like

ginger beer and ice-cream when such things have not been available to them before.

Many of these people know what it is like to live in places without democratic freedoms. I cannot begin to contemplate how hard it must have been for some of these people to get here. But what I am sure of is that most of them fully intend to value their new country. Most immigrants work hard, assimilate and also enrich the society they come to by bringing the best of the culture they leave behind. Perhaps we all need to take stock and reflect on what it means to be Australian and give thanks for what we have. Particularly those of us who live in Roleystone - our own little piece of heaven.

Speaking of valuing things, this edition celebrates some individuals who have definitely enriched our region. To all of the nominees at the Australia Day Awards 'well done'. These awards celebrate community participation. To see the Armadale Citizen of the Year Award go to Chris Cairns of the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade was wonderful. Chris embodies the best aspects of a selfless, enthusiastic and driven volunteer and the organisation she works with, keeps us protected and safe. Thanks to you all.

Running the Roleystone Courier gives me a rare insight into the machinations of many of our clubs and organisations and I see the contributions made by 'the workers'. These are the folk who make things happen. The people on the committee, the volunteers the sponsors - the people we need to value just a little bit more.

Next month we will all be treated to the Concert in the Park on our wonderful Robin Road Green. (Value it while we have it - it may not be with us for much longer!) Many of us will just go and sit and watch and appreciate the wonderful music and ambience but spare a thought for the organisers (top marks here to Chris Horgan) and the wonderful musicians who are practising hard to give us a good night out. Thanks to everybody who contributes across our town and if you have a bit of spare time perhaps volunteering a few hours to your 'club of choice' could be a great thing to do in 2013.

So Happy New Year to you all and I wish you all happy reading.  
Linda Moore

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This will mean that grain will have to be transported from across the Wheat belt to Forrestfield and the Kwinana Grain Terminal and one of the roads with increased traffic may well be Brookton Highway.

WA Labor will allocate \$30million over the next three years to keep Tier 3 grain rail lines open and trucks off our roads.

The Wheatbelt Rail Retention Alliance has estimated the rail closure will put between 57,000 and 85,000 extra truck movements on our roads annually. There is significant community concern about the impact of closing the train lines. This issue will be of major concern to people across the Darling Range electorate.

WA Labor has consulted widely with stakeholders involved in this issue to determine the State Government contribution necessary to keep the lines operating. \$30 million over three years will help the rail network operator and users of the lines to reach a commercial agreement to keep the Tier 3 rail lines open.

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**MESS NEAR GOOD SAMMIES BINS**

I am disgusted at the mess near the Good Samaritan bins at the bottom of the car park at the Roleystone Shopping Centre. Over Christmas it was obscene the amount of junk that had gathered and it was spread all over the vacant block behind by weather and vandals. Every day when I go past it gets worse. Donating goods to these locations is a great thing to do and honourable but if the bins are full why leave the stuff on the outside to get vandalised and wet? If items cannot fit into the bin then donors should arrange some other way to get them to these locations. I suspect that this is being used as an easy rubbish disposal area - but guess what, it just messes up our town. So please do 'the right thing' and dispose of things in the right way.

*Name withheld.*

**WHAT'S IN A NAME**

We hear that people often resemble - and reflect - their pets. You have probably seen them walking their dog. But what about names? Do people reflect their names?

Does Bob float in the sea? Does Eileen (and her Japanese sister, Irene) walk with a limp?

Does every Warren have a place in their heart for rabbits? Does Doug enjoy gardening?

Is Brenda a Japanese cook who enjoys mixing and mashing ingredients into culinary masterpieces?

Is Neil happy to be near the ground - is Gerry more comfortable under the bed....does John prefer enclosed spaces, with water.....does Seymour need special glasses, or none at all?

Names are fascinating and the correlation between people and their names is an enthralling study.

Russell has trouble being quiet, Frank finds it hard to dissimulate, is Phil frequently empty? Does Derrick have a long neck? Does Peg enjoy hanging out the washing?

I will say nothing about Justin.

*A musing (or amusing)*  
*from Gerry Chapman*

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## Sterile Fruit Fly Release Trial Complete

THE STERILE FRUIT FLY TRIAL PROVIDED VALUABLE INSIGHTS FOR FUTURE MEDFLY CONTROL.

The Department of Agriculture and Food's trial release of sterile fruit flies around Roleystone has finished and has provided some useful lessons.

Department senior research officer Bill Woods said the trial examined whether treating a small buffer area of the town with sterile male flies would give some protection to adjacent orchards from fruit fly incursions. Sterile fruit flies are reared at department facilities in South Perth and irradiated so they become sterile. These sterile males are then released into known populations of fruit fly. The wild females who mate with the sterile males will lay only sterile eggs. This is known as the 'sterile insect technique' which can be used to help control fruit fly. "The trial was designed to run for 10 weeks with the last release on 13 December," Mr Woods said.

"Initial results were promising, though by the trial's end, sterile flies were over-run by wild flies. Many of these were moving in from outside the release area where numbers had bred up on loquats, apricots and citrus."

Mr Woods said unseasonal summer rain had provided favourable conditions for an increase in fruit fly numbers. The recent extreme temperatures had some temporary impact in lowering fly numbers.

"As evidenced by our monitoring trap catches, sterile flies move up to one kilometre and were often found in traps on the adjacent orchards," Mr Woods said. "These flies are indistinguishable from wild flies unless looked at under ultraviolet light where fluorescent dye markers can be seen."

To control fruit flies in Roleystone next season, Mr Woods suggested that industry, in conjunction with householders, needed to apply an area-wide baiting scheme in September and October to reduce flies emerging from the ground to very low levels, before sterile release could be effective.

Such baiting schemes have been successfully managed by local governments in other shires.

"Sterile flies are just one weapon for use against the Mediterranean fruit fly," Mr Woods said. "It is not a silver bullet.

Sustained baiting by commercial growers and surrounding residential areas, plus scrupulous orchard hygiene to remove breeding sites, are essential.

"Trials will begin in Jarrahdale soon, testing different fly release techniques, spacing and density. Once we are happy with a technique we can begin releases on larger orchard blocks."



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## HOIG responds to DAFWA Sterile MedFly Release Trial

*The Fruit Fly Action Group commends DAFWA for initiating sterile Mediterranean fruit fly release trials, but have grave concerns with the process implementation, effectiveness of equipment used and the lack of consultation with the Hills Orchard Improvement Group.*

Action Group spokesman, Brett DelSimone, said "This is only one tiny piece of a system to reduce fruit fly population pressure, it will not eradicate the pest or provide a viable solution on its own. The entire Area Wide Management system, of which sterile release is a component, will take years to be fully functional, DAFWA have admitted that to us. Local fruit growers do not have that kind of time to spare when their businesses are under immediate threat."

Mr DelSimone disputed the results of the DAFWA trial (as published in some media outlets earlier in January). "Our own Cera Traps are catching 5 to 10 times the number of fruit fly that DAFWA is reporting, bringing into question the validity of the traps used by the Department" he said.

Mr DelSimone added "A Hills orchardist who conducted a trial using fruit fly baits as recommended by DAFWA, was advised by the Department to apply cover sprays of the pesticide fenthion to avoid further damage to fruit when he suffered serious fruit fly stings. Even with the cover spray, the grower suffered substantial losses to fruit fly maggots. Baiting alone is not an effective fruit fly control."

"It is undermining the good work home gardeners are doing with garden hygiene to give them a false sense of security that the release of sterile fruit fly on its own is an effective control measure," Mr DelSimone said.

"Government departments are well versed in advising growers and home owners how to act, but important government responsibilities such as removal of abandoned orchards are at a near standstill," he concluded.

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There were lots of activities that we could participate in, both onsite and offsite. Onsite activities included Climb It, Tag It, Challenge it and offsite activities included Explore it, Splash It and Love It. All activities proved to be challenging and fun at the same time.

Challenge: It was probably the most "challenging" of all the onsite activities. It was basically a giant obstacle course entirely through mud, and not forgetting the giant wooden rope bridge that we had to crawl through at the start. It was put together entirely by the Rovers, and you could tell that they definitely wanted to give us scouts a challenge, and they certainly did.

Offsite activities proved to be equally fun, like 'Explore'. It was a day-out with your patrol, exploring the town of Maryborough on a giant "Where's Wally" hunt, and doing many activities along the way.

During free time, usually after activities had finished for the day, scouts could wander through the giant campsite swapping badges,

buying frozen cokes, relaxing in contingent tents, giving free hugs and high fives, but making sure that they returned to camp in time for dinner!

After dinner there was always something going on in the Main Arena, and who could forget the show that was put on for us at the Opening Ceremony, after all the speeches we had Timomatic perform for us. During the days that followed we had many exciting performances, including: Reece Mastin, Jessica Mauboy, Cosentino, Justice Crew and many more. All of us made sure we were back at camp for curfew which was 10pm. If you didn't want to go to the main arena you could always relax at camp and play cards, or get an early night, because it was an early start in the morning, 6am.

We had some of our leaders come along with us: Maali, Helga, Navman, Trigger and Akela. Thanks for coming and helping! They took many of the photographs and updated our facebook page.

Overall, AJ2013 was amazing, we all met lots of new people, from different states and territories, and some from other countries! And of course, made many new friends within our Troop. It was an unforgettable experience, from learning how to ride a unicycle at Clown It, or queuing for the lovely, um, clean toilets and showers. We all had a great time! (See pictures centre page.)

*Georgia Matthiesen.*



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## ADELE BENTLEY SAYS GOODBYE

To my former neighbours and all my friends in Roleystone who have assisted me in the past. A big 'Thank You.' I want you to know it was very much appreciated, as most of you are probably aware I was finding it hard to maintain my property on Wymond Road. It had to go. Yes I'll miss the fruit trees and the scenery together with the native animals, but the decision I have made is the right one for me. I am now happily settled in my lovely Villa and I intend to start up a community garden with vegetables and keep up with my writing. You are all

welcome to drop in for a cup of tea and or scones should you be in the area doing some shopping.

My love to you all.  
**Adele Bentley**  
 Parkland Villas  
 24/510 Marmion St  
 Booragoon

*NB Adele and her husband Bob lived in the area for much of their life. While living in their home in Armadale, Adele had served as a local councillor for 6 years. They moved to their property in Roleystone in the late 1970s and the couple lived here until Bob died 5 years ago. All the best Adele and thank you for your contribution to our area.*

## Road Improvements Improve Access to Roleystone CC

The City of Armadale is working towards redeveloping the road network around Roleystone District College to provide roads which have greater connectivity, increase driver safety and better manage local traffic. Roleystone District College now has additional parking on Brooks and Raeburn Roads and new footpaths to accommodate the pedestrian traffic stemming from the school. The total upgrade cost of \$315,000 has been funded by the City of Armadale and the Department of Education.

To accommodate the increased traffic flow around the College, roundabouts at the Caprea Street/Brooks Road and Brooks Road/Raeburn Road/Hassett Road intersections will be constructed this year. These costs are anticipated to total \$310,000.

The Caprea Street/Brooks Road roundabout is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by the start of the school year in February.

Design plans for Brooks Road/Raeburn Road/Hassett Road have been approved by Main Roads WA, subject to the conversion of Hassett Road into a left-in only access road off Raeburn Road.

Property owners on Hassett Road will be consulted prior to construction. All works are expected to be completed three months after designs are finalised and Hassett Road residents are consulted.

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## ROLEYSTONE COMMUNITY GARDEN – ROLEYSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROBIN ROAD

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It was our most abundant harvest yet which was shared amongst us all for bruschetta, pesto, garden salads etc. Seeing the transformation from bare earth to productive garden beds in just a few months has made us all very proud.

We are steadily 'growing' as our membership increases and with more participants at our fortnightly Busy Bees. Our Facebook page now has over 70 likes which has expanded our profile enormously.

Our page is updated regularly with photos, garden tips and points of interest. It is also a forum for garden advice from our horticulturist. Check it out some time!

Our membership ranges from those who have very little garden experience and are keen to learn to qualified horticulturists and members of the community who hold a wealth of knowledge and experience from a lifetime of gardening.

We have a fully functional worm farm, set up by Lisa Porter at our Open Day in October and now lovingly tended by Henry William. It provides nutritious castings, worms and juice for our garden and is a disposal unit for food scraps.

Our sense of community is very strong as we work together for a common cause.

For more information about the Roleystone Community Garden, please contact us at [membership@roleygarden.com.au](mailto:membership@roleygarden.com.au) or at [chairman@roleygarden.com.au](mailto:chairman@roleygarden.com.au) or visit our website [www.roleygarden.com.au](http://www.roleygarden.com.au)

You could also contact Laurie Scidone on 0419 929 367 or Chris Johnston on 0427 462 921. Deanna or Sue at the Roleystone Family Neighbourhood Centre would also be able to help you with any enquiries. So if you're interested in the Community Garden, or just curious, pop along



to our next Busy Bee on Sunday 10th February at 4pm or call into the old Primary School on Robin Road and have a look around. We're pretty chuffed to have our work on display.

**Kathy Moore**  
Membership Coordinator

*Pictured below: Kathy Moore with produce from Roleystone's Community garden.*

*Bottom: Christine Heavey and some carrots from Roleystone's Community garden.*



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On Saturday, 15 Dec our cat Florence sought refuge on a thin branch on one of our trees after being chased by a dog. There she was, swaying in the wind about 12 meters above the ground, obviously terrified. Nothing could persuade her to try and come down. With the sun climbing higher on what was to be a very hot day, I frantically tried to contact some rescue places without success. Eventually, I rang Jean of JMC Tree Services who had worked at our place a few months earlier. Although he was fully booked on this Saturday, an hour later he came to the house and assessed the situation. His decision was quickly made, climbing gear retrieved and we couldn't believe our eyes when he made his way up the tree. Florence was watching the approach without moving. Eventually, secured by ropes attached to a neighbouring tree, Jean had to lean over backwards to get a firm hold of her and put her under his T-shirt. He came down carefully and handed Florence over to us. We are very grateful to Jean for coming to the rescue. As it says on JMC's letterhead "HERE TO HELP YOU!" Jean has truly proven this and deserves our heartfelt thank you.

Renate, Karl and Florence

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# Tony Marchetti Recognised

At the Christmas party held in late December, the Hills Orchard Improvement Group awarded life membership to Tony Marchetti.

Tom Price, past president and founder of the Hills Orchard Improvement Group, made the speech honouring Tony for his long involvement. Tony (and now his sons) have run the Marchetti's Orchard on Heath Road Roleystone since the 1950's.

Tony went on the tour to South Africa in 1980 and hosted the first meeting in his home where interested orchardists made plans to set up HOIG. Tony has been a strong supporter of both HOIG and the Karagullen field day/Expo over many years. Congratulations Tony Marchetti. *Tony is pictured accepting his life membership with current President Bruno DelSimone looking on.*



## RAINBOW LORIKEETS CAUSE FRUIT DAMAGE ACROSS HILLS ORCHARDS

*The Rainbow Lorikeet, a parrot endemic to the east coast of Australian, has now arrived in mass in Roleystone and the surrounding areas this year and is doing extensive damage to local fruit crops.*

Although the Lorikeet arrived in Perth as early as the 1960's their numbers only rose to plague proportions in the past ten years and have only recently entered the fruit growing areas in the Perth Hills. The birds are smaller than any native parrot, very brightly coloured and travel in large flocks. They compete for nesting spaces in Western Australia with the native parrot the Western Ringneck or 28. Because of the danger they pose to our native bird populations and the economic impact they pose to orchards and grape production, they are a declared pest and can be destroyed. (Applications must be made.) Paul Casotti of Raeburn Orchard in Roleystone, believes this is the worst year he has seen for damage to his crops by



these pests.

'Once they take a bite of a piece of fruit it is useless and it will start to rot.' Paul said.

The Department of Agriculture and Food will soon meet with the WA Local Government Association to discuss how to lower bird numbers.

## CLARIFICATION RE-JOYCE ARNOTT ARTICLE DEC COURIER

*In the article introducing Joyce Arnett to the Roleystone community it stated that Joyce had been: 'holding parent workshops in Armadale primary schools and running resilience programs (with Paul Hasleby) at local schools.' and that she had 'been applying for grants and assisting with the formation of the Roleystone Men's shed and Community Garden.' Joyce would like it clarified that she did not run the resilience programs and that she assisted others in the development of the grants for the Roleystone Men's shed and Community Garden. Our apologies for any misunderstandings that may have arisen. Ed.*



# Things Are Changing at Avocados

Joe the manager at Avocados would like to apologise to any disappointed customers over the Christmas period for the unavoidable closure of the restaurant.

'It was most unfortunate that we needed to close the restaurant part of the business at this time. At this stage we do not have any intention of reopening the restaurant but the other parts of the business are still going strong.'

'We are still offering quality accommodation facilities and our function room is still available for hire and we can provide full catering for these events.'

Joe also wanted to let people know who have shown concern that he is pleased to see the new bridge being built. The bridge works are progressing at a rapid rate and hopefully will be completed in a few months.

'Slight temporary inconvenience for us will lead to much better outcomes for everyone,' he said. 'The new bridge will be safer and last for many years to come.'

'The bridge work is having little impact on Avocados. There is very little noise and hardly any dust. The new bridge will be higher but nearly parallel and quite close to the current temporary bridge. Most of the disturbed area is for heavy truck movement

and will be revegetated on completion of the roadworks.

Jane from Studio One Skin Health and Beauty who has only recently moved to the location is also optimistic:

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So drop in or phone for an appointment soon.

*Pictured: top photos show how little road work can be seen from within the complex.*

*Below: Jane has moved into her new rooms at Studioone, 2 Mount St Kelmscott. Jane Mathews is pictured along with client Sharni Taylor in the new massage room.*



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**Taj Bennett**

## Rebecca Starts At MTC

*New Coordinator at Roleystone's Mulberry Tree Childcare Centre Rebecca Zito wants to invite interested parents and friends to come and visit the centre and experience the welcoming friendly environment.*

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## DRUMMING WORKSHOP - MULBERRY TREE

Petra White is planning a series of drumming workshops at an orphanage in Thailand for children with special needs to be run over two weeks in July this year. Petra is intending to donate the drums to the orphanage when her visit is complete.

To raise funds for this she will be fundraising across Roleystone over the next few months. The Roleystone Community are invited to attend her fundraiser drumming workshop to be held at Roleystone Mulberry Tree on Tuesday 19/2/13. This will be a 'hands on' workshop, even young children can be involved in this activity. So if you want to be involved or donate to this worthy cause, please contact Rebecca at Mulberry Tree Childcare Centre on 9496 1665.

This activity is proudly supported by Mulberry Tree Childcare Centre.

Day Care to see how their child fits in, with their FREE, no obligation two day trial.

Rebecca was born and raised in Roleystone (she is Sally Rainoldi's daughter) and she has a young child of her own so she is aware of what Roleystone Mums are looking for when they seek care for their young children.

'We want to make the centre a wonderful place for young people. We want to take the concern away for working parents and make sure the Centre is welcoming, safe and the building blocks for early learning occur' she said.

Rebecca is keen to meet as many parents as she can in her new role.

'We are enthusiastic about teaching the children so we have a curriculum that follows the Early Years Learning Framework. It looks at areas of numeracy, literacy & movement and socialisation. We try to get the children out into the community as often as we can.'

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# ROLEYSTONE MARKETS ARE BACK AND BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!!



*The stallholders at the Brand New Roleystone Markets have been handpicked to ensure a great range of excellent quality home grown and home made products to suit a variety of tastes. Why not come down, have a browse, grab your dinner and stay for the show?*

We have Stuffed Spuds, Asian Food, Donuts, Icecreams, Coffee, Drinks and the Roleystone Community College will be making their famous burgers and sausage sizzles.

The Roleystone Markets will be held quarterly at the Robin Road Green, with the first of the markets being a twilight market on Sunday 3rd March from 3pm – 7pm, followed by a concert with the City of Armadale's Music in the Park, featuring the members of the Roleystone Musicians Club. The Concert last year was a huge success, with many community members enjoying the night.

Formed as a sub-committee of the Roleystone Community Garden and with sponsorship and support of Our Community Bank – Bendigo Bank the new Roleystone Market Committee have hit the ground running, coordinating what promises to be a fantastic year of markets.

We have had an overwhelming response from interested stall holders, both local to Roleystone and beyond. The priority is being given to high quality locally crafted products and produce. We hope the Roleystone Markets will become a fixture in the Perth market scene and a can't miss destination for not only the local community but the Perth community as a whole.

Like Roleystone Markets on Facebook and get regular updates on new stallholders, entertainment, food and upcoming market dates. Information is also available on the page regarding stall holder terms and conditions and costs. Alternatively if you are interested in having a stall call Catherine Schaefer the Stallholder Coordinator on 0439 499 545.

**Caren Dorman – PR & Marketing – 0421 363 220 – [dorman75@inet.net.au](mailto:dorman75@inet.net.au)**

## HBF outdoor fitness is back

HBF will be coordinating outdoor fitness sessions at Minnowarra Park in Armadale over the summer.

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## Karragullen Literary Society

On March 31<sup>st</sup> 1915 a Meeting of Members and Friends of the "Canning Hills Fruit Growers Association", who took part in the play "Our Nelly", was held at Mcawcesona Karragullen, the residence of Mr. B. Saltmer Jobson.

Mr Jobson suggested, that they should form themselves into a Society for the purpose of Mutual Improvement and pleasure.

Present

Mr Jobson (in the chair) Mr Jobson,  
Misses Hanbury, Stinton, Parker, Ferguson,  
J. Bettenay, Misses A. Bettenay, W. Bettenay  
& Mr. Caskill.

Proposed by Miss Parker, seconded by Miss Hanbury, that an Association be formed on lines suggested by Mr Jobson. Carried Unanimously

Proposed by Mr W. Bettenay, seconded by Mr M. Caskill, that the Association be called the Karragullen Literary Society Carried Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Jobson, seconded by Mr A. Bettenay, that the Society be open to all persons over the age of 10 yrs., each member to be proposed and seconded and elected by a majority of 2/3. Carried Unanimously

Proposed by Mr A. Bettenay, seconded by Miss Stinton, that the membership fee be 1/- per v. yr.

## ORIGINS OF THE ROLEYSTONE THEATRE

With the Roleystone Theatre celebrating its 80th year in 2013, (it was established in 1933) the Roleystone Courier will supply some snippets of the history of this wonderful theatre over this year.

This month we are looking at the genesis of Musical and Theatrical entertainment within our community.

Its genesis may be traced back to 1915 when the Karragullen Literary Society came into existence. **Pictured above is the first page of the minutes of this group.**

In 1914 Members and friends of the Canning Hills Fruit Growers Association put on the play 'Our Nelly' at the home of the Jobsons. The Jobsons were a 'literary couple' who owned an orchard opposite the current site of Mia Flora Garden. The meeting in 1915 after this successful event, had members who were mainly early Karragullen residents (Arthur, Wilfred and Doris Bettenay, Misses Stinton and Haskill and Rod McCaskill). The Roleystone members of the group included the amazingly musically talented family of the Parkers. The Parkers included Mary Parker (later Knuckey, who was the school teacher at the Roleystone PS at the time) along with her sisters Mabel and Lillian and brother Ted.

The Karragullen Literary Society was dedicated to the 'mutual improvement and pleasure' of local residents.

The Roleystone Musical and Dramatic Choral Society was born however lapsed over the next few years. 20 years later, Mary Parker (by then Mary Knuckey) established the The Roleystone Musical and Dramatic Choral Society which was to evolve over the next eighty years into the present Roleystone Theatre (Inc).

The demise of the Literary Society in the early 1920s didn't see the end of cultural activities in the district. These were kept alive by informal evenings at the homes of various local people. It is more than probable that the idea to form a more

formal organisation for the expression of musical, literary and dramatic art had its beginnings in these private homes, particularly that of the Parker's at Hillandale'. (This homestead was located within Raeburn orchard.)

When in 1932, the South Suburban Musical and Elocutionary Society was established, Mary Knuckey sensed the challenge these competitions could provide.

Mary was a woman of exceptional musical talent and versatility with a keen desire to see cultural activities promoted and encouraged. Certainly it would have seemed to her that this competitive festival would be the ideal vehicle by which the considerable talents and capabilities of Roleystone residents could be fostered and developed. The formation of the Roleystone Choral and Dramatic Society was unquestionably due to the efforts, interest and enthusiasm of Mrs Knuckey. In October, 1933 the recently formed Roleystone Musical and Dramatic Society enthusiastically competed for the first time in the annual festival at the Public Hall at Gosnells. The young society's efforts were to meet with outstanding success despite its inexperience, much to the surprise of competitors from other participating districts.

The initial success the Society had in 1933, where members managed to win 12 sections of the competition, was to be maintained throughout the remainder of that decade.

### THE FORMATIVE YEARS

During the 1930's the activities of the Roleystone Choral and Dramatic Society were to be determined in the main by the requirements of these annual festival competitions.

In 1934 the Society competed at the festival, which took place on 6 nights during the period between the 19th and 27th of October. They achieved considerable success.

A highlight of this particular festival was winning the section "Selection from Light Opera", with a rather ambitious production of excerpts from 'H.M.S. Pinafore'. In 1937, after winning the District Choir competition for 3 consecutive years at these festivals, Roleystone was awarded permanent ownership of the prestigious R. S. Sampson cup. The Choir's training and conducting was carried out by Mary Knuckey but on occasions this duty was ably taken over by her husband Richard, a considerable musical talent too. The running of the Society and the programmes and activities carried out were in the capable hands of Mary Knuckey but she received considerable support from her brother and sister-in-law Ted and Ivy Parker.

Mary was in charge of the musical content while Ivy's contribution was to see that the drama content was not overlooked. Details of this era are rather limited and sketchy, as no records of formal meetings survive. Ted Parker held the position of President and it seems he continued in this role until 1960. He was also an accomplished singer and actor and at the annual musical festivals participated in quartette and mixed choir ensembles, as well as playing Captain Corcoran in the 1934 'HMS Pinafore' excerpts.

During this period no full scale/full length musicals were attempted, not because of lack of talent, but rather the limited facilities that the hall possessed. The stage for instance was an improvised affair and there was a high cost of producing a play or musical. Copyright fees cut far too deeply into the limited funds and beside, there was quite a hefty entertainment tax that had to be paid based on the admission prices and number of patrons attending. The staging of such large scale productions had to be left to a much later era.

As Lillian Munday, Mary Knuckey's sister pointed out in 1979 in her reminiscences of those earlier times. 'The Gilbert & Sullivan operas were unfortunately under copyright and could only be staged by the Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Society. As soon as copyright was lifted scenes from G & S were included in concerts.

This is now no longer the case. Although the musical element was significant in the clubs earliest repertoire, drama was not neglected.

In the first year Roleystone entered the festival competitions (Oct 1933) both the Under 16 and Over 16 'dramatic section' was won by Roleystone the

under 16 group being referred to as the 'Roleystone juniors'.

The winning play in the over 16 section was 'Aunt Pricilla' and this was represented as part of the programme of the 'Grand Concert' held at Gosnells on the 17th November, 1933. The following year Roleystone presented two plays in the adult section 'Among the Tea Leaves' and 'A Midsummer jest'. These entries were awarded 2nd and 3rd respectively. In the same year the Roleystone junior Dramatic Club performed 'The Matchmakers' and was awarded 1st place.

The varied talents of Mary Knuckey became very evident at these festivals, not only was she the conductor of the mixed and ladies choir, she was an accomplished accompanist for solo and small ensemble singers and participated as a soloist in the soprano and mezzo sections, in duets, trios and quartettes and prose readings, recitation, impromptu and stump speeches as well. In these early years the society had the good fortune to possess a talented and strongly developing younger generation within its ranks.

The existence of a Roleystone Junior Drama group is evident of this. The eisteddfods were an ideal outlet for these young members to demonstrate their abilities, often with great success. The 3 boys of Mary and Richard Knuckey, Curnow, Lloyd and Ken competed continuously throughout this period in various capacities.

In the 1933 festival, Lloyd played the violin while he and his older brother, Curnow teamed with their parents in a quartette for 4 wind instruments. In 1934 Curnow competed in at least 6 sections including recitation, solo singing, the instrumental ensemble and piano solo and duet. In the instrumental ensemble, for under sixteens, Cumow and Lloyd were joined by youngest brother, Ken and cousin Neil Parker, to play 'Good Morrow' - all the boys were under 12 years old.

An indication of the enthusiasm and dedication shown in those times was the formation of a performing party of young people 'The Orange Pierrots; made up almost entirely of the offspring of the original Parker family - the young members of the Parker, Knuckey, Munday and Bettenay families. They presented a well rehearsed and received public concert in 1933 in the Roleystone Hall, much to the delight of their admiring parents. A play from the programme, 'Mr & Mrs Pepper', was later performed as an entry in the 1933 South Suburban Musical and Elocutionary Society's annual festival. The cast was entered under the title of Roleystone juniors and came first in the one-act play Under 16 section.

In this way the foundations of the Roleystone Choral and Dramatic Society were fashioned and set, strong foundations which were to withstand the foibles and follies of the next 60 years.

*Pictured below left: Mary and Dick Knuckey and their three sons Lloyd, Ken and Curnow.*

*The above is an extract from the 'History of the Roleystone Theatre' produced for its 60th anniversary.*

*This is currently being revamped for this year's anniversary and will be available, in full, to interested people later in the year.*



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# AUSTRALIA DAY QUIZ

Each year our family and assorted friends gather together for the ultimate AUSSIE DAY feed. Then we compete (aggressively and with great hilarity) to do an Australian Day quiz before watching a quintessential Australian Movie. This year the Movie was Breaker Morant - a hum dinger. Readers may like to test themselves on our family's Australia Day Quiz. See next page for answers. These may be open to interpretation (you can bet the family questioned just a few.)

1. What was illegal to do on Public beaches from 1832 - 1902.
2. Where is the tallest tower or building in Western Australia
3. In April 1933 - 68% of Western Australians voted to do what?
4. What is the most venomous marine creature in the world?  
(based on the number of deaths)
5. Which is the only one of these animals that can walk backwards? Kangaroo, Wombat or Emu.
6. A derivation of the Aboriginal Game of Mangrook is believed to be what modern game.
7. Western Australians are called sandgroppers what do we call Queenslanders and South Australians?
8. Which Western Australian town is the highest above sea level?
9. What nick names are carried by these sport teams
  - a) Australian Women's netball
  - b) Men's Basketball
  - c) Women's Field Hockey
  - d) Men's Wheelchair Basketball
  - e) Women's water polo
10. Fill in the following bits of Aussie slang
  - a) She goes like the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Flat out like a lizard \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) A few \_\_\_\_\_ short of a barbie
11. What Australian government advert was banned in the UK

and Canada in 2007.

12. Who was the 'apple of his mother's eye' but was 'bad, mean and mighty unclean'? What happened to him in the end and which Australian Author created him?

13. What was the first million selling record by an Australian band (hint it was produced by Tom Springfield).

14. What programs were the following characters in

- a) Maggie Beare
- b) B1 and B2
- c) Ted Bullpit
- d) Thin Arthur, and the Farrelly Brothers

15. Which Prime Ministers of Australia Died in Office?

16. Where is the Ophthalmia Dam

17. The tradition of having Australia Day on the 26th of January over the whole of Australia was established in 1935. Prior to this in Western Australai it was held on 31st January. What was the day called?

18) Who is this Year's Australian of the year and the Young Australian of the year?


19) In early 1915 all members (male) of the Australian Imperial Forces were instructed to do what?

20) Who are/were these famous Australians:

- a) The crocodile hunter
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- d) Pup

Good Luck - answers next page





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## Answers to Australia Day Quiz

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- 2) Tower zero in Exmouth 387 metres
- 3) Secede from the Commonwealth of Australia
- 4) Box Jelly fish
- 5) Wombat
- 6) AFL
- 7) Queenslanders: Banana Benders South  
Australians: Crow Eaters.
- 8) Tom Price
- 9)
  - a. Australian Women's Netball (Diamonds)
  - b. Men's Basketball (Boomers)
  - c. Women's Field Hockey (Hockeyroos)
  - d. Men's Wheelchair Basketball (Rollers)
  - e. Women's Water Polo (Stingers)
- 10)
  - a She goes like the clappers
  - b Flat out like a lizard drinking
  - c A few snags (or snaggers) short of a barbie
- 11) 'Where the Bloody Hell Are You' advert.
- 12) Louis the Fly, he was killed by the Man with the can of Mortein, Bryce Courtney
- 13) 'I'll Never Find Another You' by the Seekers
- 14)
  - a Maggie Beare - Mother and Son
  - b B1 and B2 - Bananas in Pyjamas (Play school)
  - c Ted Bullpit - Kingswood Country
  - d Thin Arthur, and the Farrelly Brothers - Aunty Jack
- 15) [Joseph Lyons](#) (1939), [John Curtin](#) (1945) and [Harold Holt](#) (1967).
- 16) Newman
- 17) Anniversary Day
- 18) Australian of the Year: Ita Buttrose, Young Australian of the Year: Akram Azimi.
- 19) Grow Moustaches
- 20) a) The crocodile hunter- Steve Irwin b) The Big Australian - BHP  
c) The Missile - James Magnussen d) Pup - Michael Clarke



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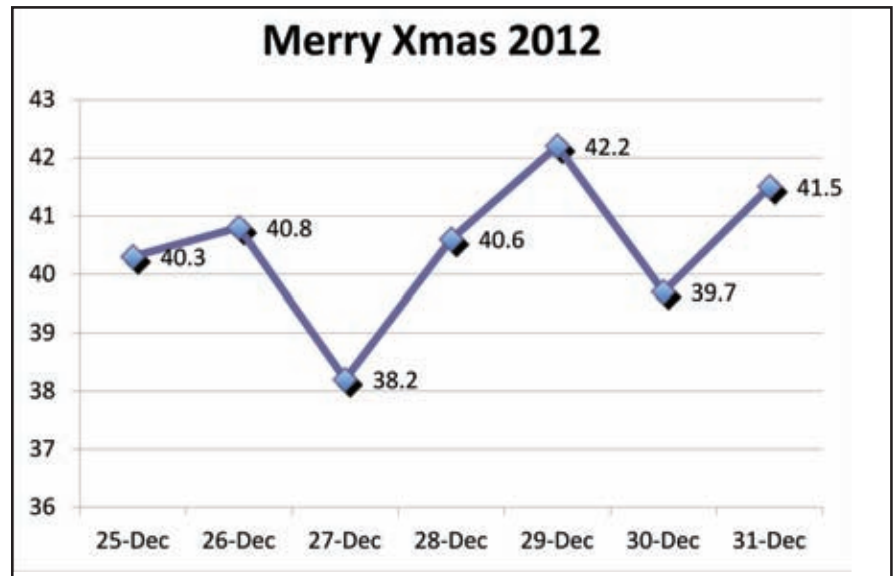
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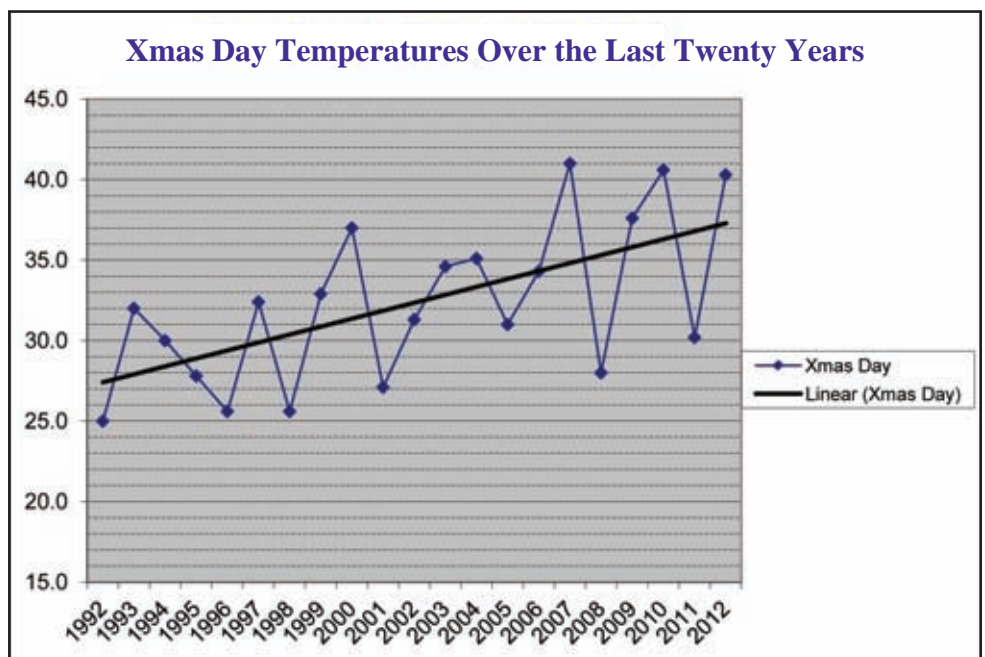
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## CHRISTMAS'S ARE HEATING UP IN ROLEY

January Weather	January Rainfall		January Temperature
	year	mm # days	
Weather Statistics David Elliott: Your Official Roley Weather Site.	2007	21.6 4	Lowest Min 11.1 (18th)
	2008	0 0	Highest Min 25.9 (15th)
	2009	6.6 2	Lowest Max 25.2 (16th)
	2010	1.4 1	Highest Max 39.9 (8th)
	2011	26.8 6	
	2012	34 4	<b>Yearly Average Rainfall</b>
	2013	13.4 6	1029.8 on 115 wet days



# How Is ROLEYSTONE'S CLIMATE CHANGING?

*This extract below was written by Bruce Buckley and published in the Roleystone Courier in 2008. The graphs on this page show that five years later things are indeed heating up and our rainfall is decreasing.*

*Bruce was then Senior Meteorologist at the Bureau of Meteorology.*

There is little doubt from the historical records that there has been a marked change in the climate of the southwest region of Western Australia. There have been very large decreases over the southwest of the state with almost as dramatic increase over the north.

Temperatures have also changed from 1910 to present based upon temperatures measured at weather stations across the southwest of the state. All of these stations have long periods of recording and are regarded as being quite accurate. Any location (such as the official city records) that may have temperature changes caused by urbanisation or site changes are excluded so that the trends identified are realistic.

Although there are temperature oscillations from year to year and decade to decade, there is a temperature increase evident in this record that is consistent with the predictions of climate change that have been widely covered by the media for several years now. The chances of this being pure chance is now extremely slim.

Some of this change can be attributed to natural climate variability but there is increasing evidence from around the world that human influences are accelerating these changes.'

**This data bears out his 2008 summary.....**

*Some interesting context: Bruce was a former Head Boy of Armadale SHS and spent a lot of his childhood in this area. His mother Edna Buckley was born in Roleystone. He now predicts the weather for international sporting events. He was the meteorologist assigned to the Olympic Games London team and helped steer our sailors to Gold medals. He knows his weather!*

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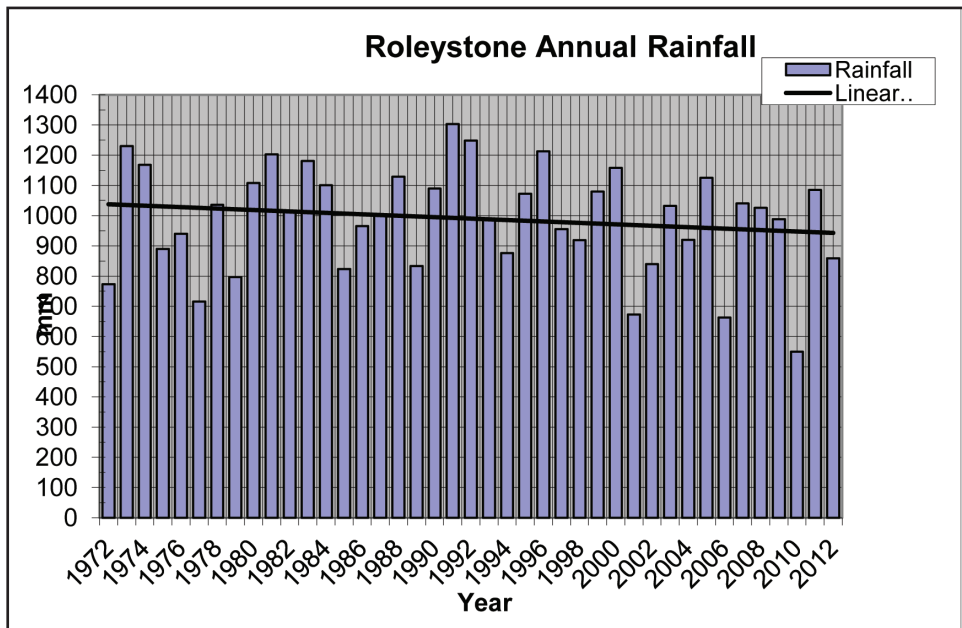
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1975	890	1989	833	2003	1032
1976	940	1990	1090	2004	919.6
1977	716	1991	1303	2005	1125.6
1978	1036	1992	1248	2006	663
1979	797	1993	988	2007	1040
1980	1108	1994	876	2008	1026.2
1981	1203	1995	1072	2009	988.2
1982	1015	1996	1213	2010	550
1983	1181	1997	956	2011	1085.2
1984	1101	1998	919	2012	859
1985	823	1999	1080		

**A BALANCE**  
*Local ex-scientist Terry Edmett refutes the suggestion that any warming trends are caused by human activities. He has provided the Roleystone Courier with some articles that refute these claims. He refers readers to a U.S. site run by a meteorologist watsupwiththat.com and an article from a web site run by an Australian scientist who lives in Perth: joannenova.com.au Readers may like to contact Terry if they are interested.*

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Well done and thank you to everyone who participated.

**CHRISTMAS BBQ**

We had a great turn out and it was a very enjoyable night.

**COMING EVENTS**

**ROLEYSTONE OPEN**

This Event will be held on the 3rd February. This will be a Team of 4

Event with a sausage sizzle for Supper and Pavlovas for dessert commencing at 3pm and supper should be about 7pm. If you are interested there are a couple of places left so please contact Wendy 93976620 or email [roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au)

**TREK TO AUGUSTA**

Last year 14 people made the Trek down to Augusta on invitation from the Augusta Tennis Club. We are once again heading down on the Long Weekend on March 1 - 4. We are playing tennis on Saturday afternoon with a BBQ Dinner and then enjoying the Augusta River Festival on Sunday with Chinese Dinner on Sunday night. Accommodation is very limited because of the Festival, so if you are interested in coming down please email through to [roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au) for more information.

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Pre-season training has started and the numbers on the training track have been low. February will see the boys training 2 days a week. Nominations for teams are to be put into the league soon so please get down to training so that we know the numbers for potential teams.

This year will see the return of a colts team. The colts boys have also been training hard but we require more on the training track to nominate a team. Round 1 for the season begins on the 13th

April 2013. Player selection will be based on attendance at pre-season training. New uniforms have been purchased for the season, with early payers of fees to receive a new training singlet. Hopefully I will see you all on the track soon.

**Lisa Casotti**  
Secretary  
Roleystone Senior Football Club





# Cricket Club News

A SUMMER OF CRICKET

John Lewis

Bettenay who drove all the way from Donnybrook and RKCC Club Patron Les Cook. Nine Life Members were also able to make it.

The day really showed how the cricket club is running smoothly with a new young committee and a very well behaved group of 'Generation Y' cricketers. On the day The Young Guns were all out for 146 (Jayden Norris 40, Brad Stewart 30, Jayke Della Franca 21, Alan Taylor 3/6) defeated by the Old Buffers 9/152 (Scott Wilkinson 34, Mike Knuckey 30, Paul Hitch 27, Brad Stewart 2/11).

### BENDIGO BANK JUNIOR XMAS PARTY

A massive thank you to Bendigo Bank and all the RKCC members who put this year's event together. The evening saw Santa fly in via helicopter in front of over 350 attendees and more than 150 children. Those who attended enjoyed face painting, fairy floss, sausage sizzle & bouncy castles.

### SHDCA DOGTAINERS T20 TOURNAMENT

This season saw the launch of the first ever SHDCA T20 tournament. Held on Tuesday evenings RKCC entered two sides, who kicked off the tournament with a hard fought derby at Cross Park in round 1.

Since then the RKCC Green side has all but secured the inaugural T20 GRAND FINAL as a home game at Cross Park on Tuesday, 5th Feb (4-7.30 PM) with a big win against Lesmurdie Mazenod's Younguns last week. The Music will be pumping, the bar will be open and the cricket will be fierce! Enjoy an action packed T20 GRAND FINAL at the home of cricket in Roleystone. Bring your plastic whistles and cheer on the boys as they look to bring home the first ever T20 flag for the mighty Green and Gold!

(See pictures of the Big Bash on p 54).



Old Buffers Day



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## Roleystone Theatre News - A Month Of Sundays

*We have survived the Mayan prophecies and so we plan the new year. It will be an entertaining and exciting year as we look to our first production: A Month of Sundays.*

The play is set in a rest home and revolves around two residents: Cooper, who has voluntarily left his family to avoid the indignity of depending on them, and his friend Aylott, both on the verge of some geriatric embarrassment. To the painful ritual of Sunday family visits and empty condescension the two inmates reply with humour and wit, aware that life can only be endured if treated as a comedy.

This play is just that - comedy but at the same time an underlying sadness. The action of the play takes place in Cooper's room on the first Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May. These are the days his daughter and son-in-law do their duty and visit!

Other than the two main characters of Cooper & Aylott there are some lovely cameo roles including Nurse Wilson and the home cleaner Mrs Baker, and of course Cooper's daughter and son-in-law who make the painful ritual of the first Sunday in the month visit all the way from Joondalup.

Auditions will be on the weekend of 2nd/3rd February. Please contact me on 93975730 to arrange a time.

Then we will be talking about our second production - Unwanted Wishes - a pantomime and our end of the year show Peter Pan . See you soon at your local theatre.

*Gerry Chapman*

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## Roleystone Theatre Major Award Winners

*On Sunday 20th January the Roleystone Theatre held their Sundowner and 2012 Awards Night.*

It was a very pleasant evening according to Theatre President Bree Hartley. Below we report some of the major award recipients for the year:

**Life membership to the Roleystone Theatre**

Zyg Woltersdorf (*see page 4 for details*).

**Life Member of the ITA**

Paul Treasure was made a life member of the ITA at the recent Finlay awards.

**Life Members' Achievement Award**

There is a nominee from each production during the year and an overall winner. The award is an achievement award, not just a performance award, and can be for anyone involved in a production: onstage or off. The life members vote during the year and then again after the final production of the year to determine the overall winner from the final nominee for each show.

The winner for 2012:

Bryn Coldrick

**The Roleys** Memorable or funny events during the year, or just recognising good old hard work and dedication.

Nicole George ('Storytime in the Hills' poltergeist moment)

David Wallace (assisting backstage in Avenue Q)

Emma Truffet/Erin Hight/Dinda Hargrave - comic timing as the Members of the Watch in 'Much Ado About Nothing'.

**Gold Roley.** This is like sport's Most Valuable Player award, this award is for someone who has gone above and beyond in their work with the Theatre over the year.

**Nominees for Gold Roley**

Kathryn Ramsell

Gerry Chapman

**The winner of the Gold Roley**

Ben Davis

## Roleystone Theatre 2013 Season

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

- selected readings

March 23

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

- play

April 5, 6, 7 (mat), 12, 13

UNWANTED WISHES

- pantomime

July 5, 6 (mat), 7 (mat), 12, 13 (mat & eve), 14 (mat), 19, 20 (mat)

ONE ACT SEASON

- one acts

September 6, 7

Storytime in the Hills

- children's theatre

October 9, 11, 12 (all matinees)

PETER PAN

- play

November 22, 23 (mat), 27, 29, 30 (mat),

December 4, 6, 7



**Zyg recognised**



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Any questions or seeking more information, please phone 9394 0233 or e-mail [mcfarhouse@netspace.net.au](mailto:mcfarhouse@netspace.net.au)

### WANTED

#### Treasurer Roleystone Theatre

#### Voluntary Position Vacant

Our esteemed Treasurer of many (20) years will not be continuing in the role in 2013. Yes, Jack Barker is going to be handing over the theatre ledger books. (WELL COMPUTER RECORDS ACTUALLY).

We are seeking expressions of interest from a person willing to be a replacement. We would like this to be filled NOW so a suitable handover period can occur (i.e. ASAP). The Theatre Annual General Meeting is on February 19th and ideally we need to have someone lined up by then, ready to be finalised at the meeting.

The commitment would be one evening a month to attend a committee meeting (the Treasurer is a committee position) plus ongoing book keeping, reimbursements to members (by cheque or internet transfer) and paying bills etc. Computer skills are a must.

If you would like to discuss what the role would require, please contact Jack Barker on 9497 3501 or email him on [jbarker@inet.com.au](mailto:jbarker@inet.com.au)

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*Bree Hartley*

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**Barry Urban**

## The State Election The Fight For Darling Range

*Roleystone Courier readers may soon be seeking information on candidates running for the Seat of Darling range for the election being held at the beginning of March.*

**Tony Simpson is the MLA for Darling Range. He is standing for the Liberal Party.**

Tony Simpson was the owner and operator of the Byford Bakery for 13 years prior to his election as MLA for Serpentine-Jarrahdale in 2005. After the redistribution of his former seat, Tony contested and won the re-drawn electorate of Darling Range at the 2008 election.

Before entering parliament Tony was elected to Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire Council in 2001, and also served on the committee to get a local community bank and is an active Board member of the WA Deaf Society where he recently served 4 years as President. Tony has been Government Whip since July 2011 and has been a very proactive and approachable local member over the last four years.

**Barry Urban is standing for the Australian Labor Party.**

Barry Urban was born in a mining village in the North East of England. After leaving school at 16, he joined the British Army where he obtained several qualifications as well as seeing service in Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Namibia. In 1989 he joined the UK police and worked in front line duties and as a detective on the Regional Crime Squad.

Barry Urban retired from the police after a period of duty as a war crimes investigator in Bosnia. After a year travelling the world he found himself in Rockingham at the turn of the century and decided to stay in Australia. He has since spent five years working in the construction industry before joining the WA Police in 2005. In 2011 he was elected to Serpentine Jarrahdale Council.

**Madeleine Goiran is standing for the seat representing the Australian Christians (formerly known as Christian Democratic Party).**

Madeleine was born in France but calls Australia home as she has lived, studied, worked and raised children in her adoptive country for more than 40 years. Madeleine holds a Master of Education and has taught in Christian high schools for 25 years. She has taken an active part in the development of the Christian party since its WA beginnings in 1992.

Madeleine is presently a councillor and party secretary of the WA Australian Christians. Over the years, she has been an active member of community groups such as the Family Council of WA, Drug-Free Australia and Christian groups which represent the interests of families, young people and the protection of human life.



**Tony Simpson MLA**



**Madeleine Goiran**

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# Fly The Aussie Flag Proudly – Get Yours Now!

*With Australia day just gone we have all seen the proud flying of the Australian Flag - on cars, on homes and worn on your shirt. Federal MP Don Randall wants to let local Roleystone residents and organisations know that they can obtain a flag to fly throughout the year simply by contacting his office.*

“It’s important constituents and community groups in the electorate are aware they have the opportunity to mark days of national significance, by proudly flying the Australian Flag,” Mr Randall said.

“However, two other very important flags are also available from my office for commemorations, being the Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag.”

Mr Randall said each financial year, under Commonwealth guidelines, 50 flags could be presented to individuals, while each community group in the electorate was entitled to display one.

“Community groups that are eligible to request a flag include schools, churches and other not-for-profit organisations and associations that display the flag on their premises, or in halls and meeting rooms,” he said.

“Humanitarian aid workers undertaking official visits or duties overseas and family members, or ex-service organisation representatives, are also entitled to obtain a flag for use at the funeral of an Australian war veteran, for example.”

Mr Randall said other items constituents might be interested in, such as booklets of Australia’s national symbols and recordings of the National Anthem were also available on request by contacting his office.

He said the Australian Flag was unique as it was the first ever flag to be chosen in an open public competition.

To arrange your own flag, contact the office of Don Randall on 9390 1211.

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## MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

*Join with our newest citizens on Australia Day and enrol to vote in this election year! The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) will be helping thousands of our newest citizens to enrol to vote on Australia Day and, with a federal election to be held in 2013, is also urging all Australians to make sure they are now correctly enrolled.*

AEC Community Engagement Manager for the divisions of Brand, Canning and Fremantle, Danny Wallace said a federal election must be held in 2013 so now is the time for all eligible voters to make sure they are enrolled to vote or, if they have recently moved, to check that their address on the roll is up-to-date.

“Some people missed out on their vote at previous federal elections because they were not enrolled, or didn’t check, until it was too late. By enrolling or updating your address now you will be ready to vote whenever the election is called,” he said.

“It’s a simple process to enrol to vote, and you are then enrolled for local, state and federal elections.”

To enrol to vote, go online to [www.aec.gov.au/enrol](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol), complete an enrolment form, print and sign it and return it to the AEC.

To update your address on the electoral roll, complete an enrolment form online at [www.aec.gov.au/enrol/change-address](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/change-address)

To check if you’re enrolled to vote, visit [www.aec.gov.au/check](http://www.aec.gov.au/check) or call the AEC on 13 23 26. The AEC website has contact details for people wishing to speak to someone in another language.

Paper enrolment forms are also available at any AEC office, Australia Post outlet, Medicare or Centrelink office.

Danny Wallace said it is compulsory for all Australian citizens 18 years and over to enrol to vote and you must be enrolled for your current address to vote in the federal election. Federal provisional enrolment is also available to 16 and 17 year olds in preparation for being able to vote as soon as they turn eighteen years of age.

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## ARALUEN NOTES



### SUNSET MEDITATION

Around 150 people enjoyed Robert Boyd's unique healing music in the beautiful Amphitheatre at Araluen Botanic Park on Friday 21 December. Robert is returning on Friday 1 February at 6.30 to once again play his healing music. His music will connect you with your inner spiritual self and transport you into an experience way beyond the stress and anxiety of contemporary living. This event though spiritual by nature, has no religious themes, neither does it have any connection with any group, cult or sect. There are no lectures, talks or sermons just relaxing music.

You are welcome to come earlier and enjoy a picnic tea. Entry is by gold coin donation.

### ARALUEN'S FREMANTLE

#### CHILLI FESTIVAL 2013.

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March  
10am to 5pm

Over 80 stallholders will be participating in a celebration of everything Chilli, including fresh foods, plants, pickles, chutneys, olives, cheese, chocolate, wine, beers and much more. This year we have a great mix of stallholders offering a diverse range of interesting and unusual products. In co-operation with the Australian Meat Industry Council the Butcher's beef burger and pie competition will take place on centre stage from 12 to 2pm on both days. Tastings of these products will be on offer for the audience to sample.

Kids in the Kitchen is a new concept to the festival. Children will be invited to take part in

sausage-making and create some interesting fruit and vegetables skewers.

Kids in the Kitchen is open to children from 9 years to 12 attending the festival and a large range of fruit and vegetables will be available so they can test their creative skills. These classes are free to children attending the festival and will take place on centre stage at various times during the day.

Another first for the festival will be the Dance Workshops on Sunday. A number of dancers will perform: Latin, Bollywood, Jazz and Flamenco.

Once again we will have a number of roving acts from stilt walkers to a very colourful Mariachi Band. Tabas Co are a Fremantle based group with no shortage of influences with members from France, Zimbabwe, Australia and the USA. They will be on stage Saturday afternoon at 3pm and Sunday morning at 11am with a great mix of toe tapping and hip swinging music.

For the many people attending the festival that like the cooking demonstrations we will have Chef Dale showing you just how easy it is to cook with fresh produce.

The popular 'Sew-a-seed' by Beyond Gardeners will also be back so kids can plant a seed, take it home and watch it grow.

The 2013 festival will have something for everyone.

Entry Fee: Adults \$15 (children 0 - 16 free when accompanied by an adult)






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## ROLEYBUSHCARE

Our next field day is on Sunday 17th February 9.00am until noon in Winstanley Reserve, Roleystone.

We will meet at 21 Winstanley Road, Roleystone. Corner of Winstanley and Gilmour Roads. Important Note: If the weather is looking very stormy, then check our website at 8.00 am on the morning of the field day for any cancellation notice.

## GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

*Summer is here, plenty of time to keep out of the garden, only doing the necessary work. Early mornings and evenings, are the easiest times when the weather is really pleasant.*

But do take care of snakes that you could walk on in the dark. My neighbours sighted one this year near the creek, and last year I saw one about two metres long near the edge of my property. I think the one I saw was probably a Dugite. I didn't think I had left a hose on the drive-way, when it moved I realised what it was.

I have put in a few Frangipani plants this year, having got the previous year's plants through the winter successfully. If they can survive the winter in Alice Springs, I felt it was worth a try. Some have been in the ground for over four years now. There are so many really pretty colours and the perfume is stunning. They require very little water throughout the year.

My friend from Albany has struck a number of Hydrangea cuttings for me. I definitely will not plant them in the same area as the frangipanis as Hydra means water and they are the garden barometers as they droop when they need watering.

Just prior to Christmas I had the five large conifers removed from along my side fence. A few years ago a very large branch broke from one of the conifers, coming down on the side of the house and breaking its fall on a large Camellia tree. Fortunately the camellia was flexible and no harm was done. They had to go!

I guess they provided about twelve tonne of wood chips which will be great mulch when it breaks down. Unfortunately it is hard to realise just how much shade they provided to my neighbour's garden.

Yes we get a lot more morning light and the breezes blow through well and I can enjoy the beauty of their garden. They have a wonderful garden of hibiscus and roses with hedges of green conifers, kept low and lusciously green. I feel much safer with the conifers gone as the fire risk is

reduced.

During the school holidays, I have played the good grandmother and had the two seven year old grandies to stay. In return they have taken care of the chooks and planted out quite a few seedlings which are looking bright and pretty. I have them the first half of the week and they go home from Wednesday to Sunday. They have really appreciated seeing how the garden grows. Mostly we are putting in sun-hardy plants like vincas and gazanias, plus quite a few calibrachios.

I have a spot that doesn't get any water and this we have planted with aloes. I have used soil solver to turn the sand into a friable loam. Where I couldn't get 'soil solver' I used 'sand to soil' but without good results, it left the ground like clay in a lake. I must be honest and say this was at my brother's property in Albany.

I hope you are all enjoying a lot of summer reading. I received some bulb catalogues from Chambers at Boyup Brook and was pleased to see the variety of hippeastrums available. Crocus, Nerines, tulips, hyacinths (about ten different varieties) daffodils, Dutch iris, scillas, anemones, ranunculus, Muscari and fritillarias, plus dwarf iris. Lachenalias and baby gladiolus. As well as alstroemias and the cottage garden varieties of scilla, ixia eranthis babiana. Then there is a huge selection of day lilies and liliiums. All these plants have been grown in Western Australia and so are acclimatised to our conditions. Along with Allens bulb farms at Parkerville we are well serviced for healthy, happy locally grown bulbs.

During February the garden show, presented by the various garden societies, will once again be presenting their favourite blooms and plants at the Cannington Dog's Arena. This is one to definitely fit into your calendar. This way you get the best varieties and the best advice.

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We are Mums and Dads who want to play with their kids and enjoy adult company also. There are lots of toys to play with and we have wonderful inside toys and lots of outside ones as well. There are swings, water toys, bikes and a large sand pit.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please feel free to call our registrars Ellan Southgate on 6396-2498 or Marie Hoffman on 6196-2236.

*Lorraine Hine*

*Pictured 1: Leone Cottam-Williams face painting at the Gumnut Fun Day.*

*2. Eleanor and Eva*

*3. Bianca Yarran, Julie Stack-Horgan, Lina Uribe and Danette Isgar. Young Mums at the Fun Day.*

*4. Kids can clean toys too!*

*5. Toy Library mums get stuck into the clean up*



## ToyLibrary Cleanup

*Thank you to all the Toy Library members who came to our busy bee sessions on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.*

Indoor and outdoor toys were thoroughly cleaned and counted in preparation for the beginning of the borrowing term.

Our objective was to make sure all of the toys are clean and safe for our little ones to enjoy in 2013.

I would like to remind all members that the Toy Library will be opened on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of February. Our hours are:

Wednesday: 11:30 am to 12:15 pm and Saturday: 9:30 to 10:30 am.

I would also like to invite new members to join this community group and enjoy all the wonderful toys we have to offer. For more information, please contact us by email at [roleystonetoymlibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetoymlibrary@yahoo.com.au) or by phone 0438 884 601. Wishing all Roleystone residents a wonderful New Year full of excitement and happy playing.

*"Play is not a luxury but rather a crucial dynamic of healthy physical, intellectual and social-emotional development at all age levels"* Excerpt from "The Power of Play – Learning what Comes Naturally" by David Elkind, PhD.

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It is guaranteed to be fun with spot prizes, sausage sizzle, conviviality and great competitors. Instruction is available and all equipment will be supplied free of charge.

This event is sponsored by Supa IGA, Roleystone. Register by ringing the club or Gerry on 93975730.

We also run weekly open bowls programs where everyone can come down and enjoy Barefoot Bowls (social) on Friday nights starting at 7.00pm.

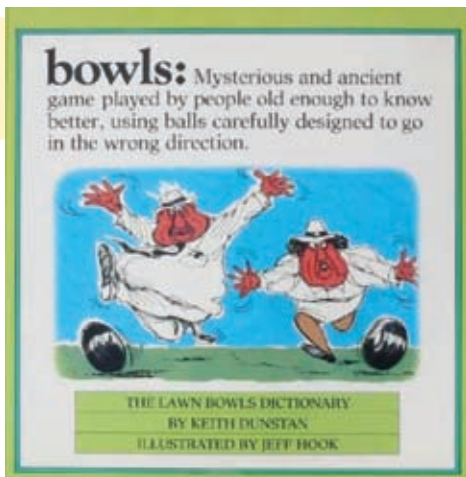
**Sharon Lyster and Melissa Rickman are pictured.** They have represented the club at a number of ladies state events over the past couple of months.

Their results have been very impressive:

- Ladies State Fours (December) our team consisted of Shirley Thomas, Melissa Rickman, Linda Mellors and Sharon Lyster.
- Ladies State Pairs (December) Melissa Rickman and Sharon Lyster.
- Ladies State 100UP Singles (January) Melissa Rickman and Sharon Lyster.
- Ladies State Singles (January) Melissa Rickman.

Although they didn't make it through to the final rounds, they were very pleased with their performance and enjoyed the competition.

*Gerry*



## Bellydance Workshop

*Petra White is travelling to Thailand to run a week of drumming workshops at a Thai Orphanage catering for children with special needs. To raise funds for this she is running a belly dance workshop. Petra wants everyone to come along and share their sense of 'femininity and fun.'*

'Start the year with a sparkle: dress up if you like but make sure the clothes are comfortable. The routine is not onerous, and is suitable for most fitness levels,' Petra said.

To show us how the experts do it the 'Roleystone Hill Bellies' will be performing. There will be raffles and prizes to be won. The Bellydance workshop will be held at the Roleystone Country Club on the 15th February at 6.30 pm. The cost will be \$15.00. To secure your place register by texting your name to 0434 874066 or by email: magill\_petra@yahoo.com For further information contact Petra White on 9496 2551.



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The Xmas Showcase held in December saw our youngest members perform Cold Play's Viva La Vida, Cat Empire's Voodoo Cowboy and Black Sabbath's Planet Caravan to rousing applause! They'll hold an encore performance at this year's Roleystone Autumn Festival at the Roleystone Community College on 13 April.

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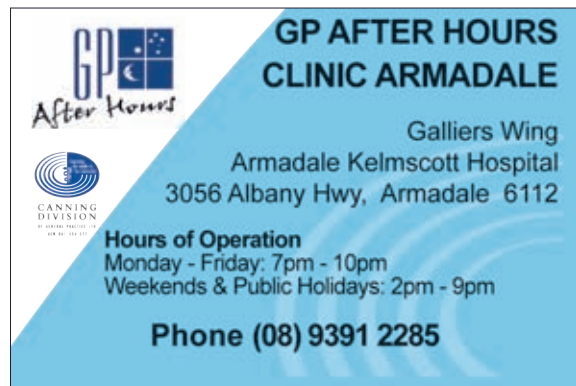
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## BACK TO WORK

*I would say Happy New Year but by the time you get the Courier, one 12th of the year will have gone already.*

With the hot weather we have had, and the examples we should have learnt from the 2011 devastating fire and the bushfires happening in the Eastern States our blocks should be immaculate.

Unfortunately as I travel around Roleystone I see some properties that haven't learnt anything from these fire experiences. Preparation is the key to your survival so decide what you will do if a bushfire threatens.

Have a bushfire survival plan, act on the fire danger ratings and survive by monitoring conditions so if a fire starts you know what you are going to do.

Back in May 2012 the Council recommended an amendment to rezone the Robin Rd Primary School to Seniors Housing. The Council requested the Minister for Planning to grant the final approval for the amendment, which included some conditions that were suggested by our community regarding the protection of the significant trees to the west and south of the oval. The Minister has to my mind, somewhat softened these conditions.

The Council amendment and conditions can be read on the CoA website, Development Services agenda, 14 Jan 2013 pages 126 - 129 with the Ministers modifications on pages 130 - 131.

The CoA is also working to better manage local traffic around the Roleystone District College.

Roundabouts are to be installed to accommodate the extra traffic flows and to increase driver safety.



**Cr Grant Nixon**  
0418449611



**Cr Caroline Wielinga**  
0488 900 307

The draft concept plans for Springdale and Cross Park are out for comment until 8 Feb 2013.

The purpose of this Master Planning Project is to provide an overarching framework to guide the future development of these two parks. These parks will become sporting and community hubs that can be places where the community can come together to have many of their sporting, recreational and community needs met.

Copies of the draft concept Master Plans are available on the CoA website.

**Have your say on this important issue by writing to the Council or provide input via the on-line survey.**

There are still some lovely green blocks around Roleystone but usually when I get up close they are covered in Cotton Bush. It is a great time to either pull or grub out these weeds, as the sun will cook them very quickly. If they are flowering put them in a plastic bag to stop the seeds spreading.

I haven't had Cotton Bush flower in Araluen for a long time but still pull out young plants every time I go for a walk and I know Caroline is doing the same near her house. We can stop this threat if we all work together.

*Grant Nixon*

## Seniors' Housing Update

*We have an update on the rezoning of the Primary School site for "Seniors Housing".*

The Minister for Planning has written to the City of Armadale advising them to modify certain conditions in the rezoning before he can accept the proposal.

The Minister advised this is to ensure that any provisions relating to the development including a public open space contribution is fair, reasonable and in accordance with Commission policy and practice.

The details of the Minister's letter are in the Development Services agenda of 14 January 2013. The variation as requested by the Minister will be placed on Council

web site when finalised. The Council officers first have to contact the Minister's office to seek further understanding of one of the amendments requested.

It is noted in the Executive Director of Development Services report that where the Minister requires changes to a proposed amendment, via Regulation 21(2) within the Town Planning Regulations 1967 the City is obliged to comply with the required changes. We still have a way to go before the site goes out to tender but at least we know that one component of the long process is nearing completion. I will continue to keep you informed.

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**Rev Lesley Borowitzka**

*The second anniversary of the Roleystone-Kelmscott bushfires is upon us, with memories jagged by the news reports of the recent horrific fires in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania.*

I remember at our church service that Sunday morning two years ago, we were praying for people in NSW who were victims of floods. By midafternoon came news that the fire in Roleystone was serious. Trying to find out who was safe in Roleystone and Kelmscott was almost impossible: phone calls went to answering machines, which soon filled up with messages. Mobiles ran out of battery, because there hadn't been time to take the

charger. Some friends were located at the evacuation centre in Armadale, but others had gone to friends and family and couldn't be found for days. I drove around the streets where police would allow access, trying to see whose houses were still standing.

Indeed it was a miracle that no people lost their lives, but the cost in the lives of animals, domestic and native must have been very high.

Gardens tended for many years were lost and long term neighbours relocated.

Relationships were tested hard and some broke under the strain. The sound of helicopters still strikes fear into many hearts.

When the first rains came, laying the ash and washing away the smell of smoke, hope started to return and now the wonderful rejuvenation of the burnt bush is healing our landscape and some of the terrible memories.

Our hearts and prayers go out to bushfire victims everywhere.

*Reverend Dr Lesley Borowitzka is the Anglican priest at St Christophers Roleystone.*

*We welcome her as a new correspondent providing monthly spiritual comment for the Roleystone Courier.*

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John is well known to many across our area having been at Roleystone Primary school for 24 years. With many of these years as a Deputy and occasional stints as Acting Principal, John has established vast connections across the area. John believes that he is not yet ready to retire and still has loads of energy and enthusiasm to embark on his new venture.

'The career change has been great for me - I am really enjoying working with Karenne. It has been wonderful being able to offer our services to our clients - we have been pleased to bring our brand of honesty and reliability to them. We feel that good communication is the key to successful property transactions and we have even been able to establish some great friendships.'

John and Karenne are keen to increase their presence in Roleystone so would like people to ring them and take advantage of their free appraisal offer.

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013

*Are you worried about the increased level of rubbish on our roadsides and in our bush? If so, Clean up Australia Day should be a motivation to get active.*

The next Clean Up Australia Day is scheduled to take place on Sunday 3 March 2013 and if you want to get involved locally there are local events occurring

Narelle Engel is keen to get locals involved in a clean-up of Karragullen on Saturday Feb 23 from 7am-12 noon, meeting on the corner of Dale & Illawarra Rd @ 7am. You can register on the day, contact Narelle on 93975941 or online @ [www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au/cleanupdaleroad](http://www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au/cleanupdaleroad).

Once again the Araluen Estate Progress Association has its annual "Clean Up Araluen" campaign. You can be involved by contacting Phil Aked on 0429688844 or see [www.araluenpa.com](http://www.araluenpa.com) for details.



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This included Irish born Kenneth Vance from Roleystone seen below with Nigerian born Obiora Uzonwanne and his young daughter.

'Australia Day is a special day for all Australians to come together and celebrate our community and what we love about the country we call home,' said Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones. 'I congratulate the newest citizens of the City of Armadale and on behalf of the local community, wish them well as they start their new lives as Australians.'

'I encourage all Australians, whether new or old, by birth or by choice, to join in Armadale's Australia Day events and celebrate this great nation,' said Mayor Zelones.

*The celebrations included the 2012 Premiers Australia Day Active Citizenship awards. Pictured above Michael Morecombe after winning the Environmental Award for his work with the Armadale Wilflower Society.*



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## Astronomical Highlights February

*Greg Lowe,  
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*February - the month that history forgot?* Even little kids can see that something's wonky when all the other months have 30 or 31 days.

Especially when they have to learn, "Thirty days hath September, April, June and November; all the rest have 31 but for February which has 28 days clear and 29 in each leap year." .... or words to that effect.

According to Wikipedia, as good a source as any for your lazy correspondent, February was always an afterthought.

The story as told by Wiki is that the old Roman lunar calendar, hundreds of years BC, had no months in the winter period. Whhaaat?! Presumably because they couldn't see the moon for cloud.

Then, in 713 BC, January and February were added. Apparently the re-organisation of the calendar at the instigation of Pope Gregory in 1582 didn't overcome the bias of a couple of thousand years against February. Plainly, it's just too hard to produce a nice, neat, regular calendar and get everyone to eagerly adopt it.

The sunrise times this month go from 5:42am on the 1st to 5:54am on the 15th and 6:05am on the 28th, with corresponding sunset times of 7:18pm, 7:07pm, and 6:53pm.

Hence the day lengths go from 13 hrs 36 min on the 1st, to 13 hrs 13 min on the 15th, to 12 hrs 48 min on the 28th. Compare this with a day length of 14 hrs 15 min at the summer solstice.

The somewhat shorter days don't necessarily give us much respite from the

heat.

The moon's major phases are last quarter on the 3rd, new moon on the 10th, first quarter on the 18th, and full moon on the 26th.

There's an occultation of Jupiter by the moon in the early evening of the 18th, when the moon will pass between us and Jupiter, obscuring the giant planet (occult means hidden).

This will be a great event to watch with small telescopes, or even with binoculars, as Jupiter and its Galilean moons progressively disappear behind the dark edge of the half moon, to reappear about an hour later as the moon moves along in its orbit.

Jupiter's the dominant evening planet. Early in the month it stands out in the northern sky at dusk and sets in the WNW about half an hour after midnight. By mid-month it's noticeably moved westwards, being NNW at nightfall and setting around 11:30pm.

By the end of the month it's NW at nightfall and setting in the WNW around 11pm.

Saturn's the only other readily visible planet. In early February it's rising around midnight in the ESE and is very high in the NE sky at daybreak. Mid-month it rises around 11pm and is almost directly overhead at first light. By the end of the month it's up by 10pm and is 'way high up in the NW at dawn. Saturn will be the "star of the show" in the Observatory's evening viewing sessions in late March and on through April.

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## Future Events



### Roleystone Country Markets

A great range of good quality homemade and homegrown products and crafts to suit a variety of tastes."

The next market is a twilight market on Sunday 3rd March from 3pm - 7pm at the Robin Road Green.

Followed by a Concert on the Park with the Roleystone Musicians Club.



*Join in with the fun of 'Seniors Events'. Seen at left: Carole Walters was a keen participant at the Bendigo Bank Seniors Morning Tea, now she can go on the Casino Trip.*



## Wild Gossip: Bobtails

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*I hope everyone had an enjoyable festive season. I would like to thank all the lovely people who spared their valuable time to help our wildlife.*

The hot weather has not helped our wildlife as, even with the most minor mishap, heat stress will soon set in and can be fatal.

Please make sure there is plenty of fresh water, in shallow containers, available on your property and if you find injured wildlife try to keep it cool until help can be contacted.

If you have aviary or caged birds they will appreciate a water misting from a spray bottle or the use of misting sprinklers to help them keep cool.

Another major issue that I have had over the past month or so is snail pellet poisoning and lots of our precious wildlife has suffered a horrible death as a result.

Snail pellets kill bandicoots, bobtails, possums etc. and a wide variety of birds – they also kill dogs, cats and potentially people.

Symptoms in wildlife may vary but

usually include blue or green mouth froth or dark runny droppings (blood content) and there is usually lethargy and debilitation, sadly the frequent outcome is death.

There are many natural ways to protect plants from snails that will not kill our wildlife which I have suggested before but will try again in the hope of converting a few people.

- Create a natural barrier with crushed eggs shells or shell grit.
- Create a barrier of wood chips, saw dust, wood shavings, ash or rock salt.
- Use garlic or wormwood spray
- Beer in a shallow dish makes an excellent trap
- Hand pick and crush
- Free range some poultry
- Copper banding or barrier tape is also good.

Sorry to be repeating what I have said in the past but our precious wildlife urgently needs the use of these deadly toxins to stop.

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

Syl

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## Seniors Update

The first month of the year has been very quiet at the Roleystone Seniors.

Our January market was a success and the next market is a twilight market on Sunday 3rd March from 3pm – 7pm at the Robin Road Green followed by the concert in the Park at Robin Rd Green.

Also on the 18th February we are planning a casino trip. All monies must be paid before the 11th of Feb The cost is \$10 pp and there are a few places left.

We also have a new social committee so the New Year looks set to start on a good footing. We wish to hear from any like minded 'not yet oldies' and anyone with fresh ideas.

Chris Kent

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## Seniors Club February Calendar

Casino Visit 18th February, \$10 per head

Twilight Market and Sundowner

Sunday 3rd March 3pm - 7pm

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
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## T20 Comes to Roleystone

*The T20 came to Roleystone over summer with every Tuesday in January seeing a T20 match at the Roleystone Oval.*

The tournament opener on December 18, was the Roleystone Derby with Roleystone Green vs Roleystone Gold.

The players were all decked out in full colour kits, fluoro balls, music, whistles and some lucky folk got to watch the action from the balcony of the RKCC Clubhouse - some say the best view in WA.

Roleystone Karragullen Green Squad, winners on the night:  
 Pat Jackson, John Lewis, Pat Fisher, Trent Stuart, Mitch Stuart, Michael Mobilia, Toby Moore, Jake Della Franca, Rhys Jones, Jacob Johnson, Chris Quayle, Rhett Jones, Pat Wilkinson

Roleystone Karragullen Gold Squad:  
 Jason Hammond, Alex Stockey, Jo Jackson, Ryan Maughan, Jon Stockey, Hayden Taylor, Richard Allen, Michael Anderton, Dave Berrie, Ronnie Maslin, Liam Rigby, Matthew Thomason, Dean McIntyre.

*Left: Who wants sauce with that? The team from Fidock & Co provided a free sausage sizzle for Roleystone residents just before Christmas. Pictured: Rob Fidock, Tim Fidock and Andrew Baylee.*



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