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Laura Nass recently was invited to go on a picnic to Millbrook Winery where her boyfriend, Trent Behrendt proposed to her in front of the lake. The couple have been together for just over 7 years and met during high school. They both grew up and lived in Roleystone until their recent move to their new home 'down the hill'. They are planning to be married in November

Trent Pops

The Question

EARTHBOUND ORGANICS SOIREE Sunday 3rd of February Earthbound Organics

On Sunday 3rd of February Earthbound Organics hosted another evening soiree. It was again fully booked. On the evening they had great music provided by: singer Rochelle accompanied by instrumentalist Gordon (guitar - vocals) and singer/instrumentalist Sparkles who was accompanied by 2 other musicians. The enormously talented Jeremy Zwick above, gave another amazing juggling demonstration. This time he was even more daring, juggling with fire! He had us all gasping. Especially me, I thought he was going to burn my overhead shade. Another wonderful event at Earthbound Organics.

Anita Renna

MARCH COVER

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On Valentine's
Day, Steve Melville
treated his lady Kerry
Mcdonald to a walk
after work on a hot
summer evening with
their dog Foxy. They
were treated to a
stunning sunset.

The picture was taken at Roleystone Village where they both run businesses. For this last month of summer, enjoy the beautiful March sky.



LUCY NASS WEDS LYNDON NILSSON

Lucy Nass and Lyndon Nilsson were married on January 12th at Riverside at Woodbridge. The couple have been together for just over 2 years. Their honeymoon was in Thailand. Parents Gill and Luke Nass and Diane and Lindsay Nilsson were ecstatic with the wedding. The Photo was taken by Anna Rose Photography.





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The Great Debate

Business Armadale hosted the 'Great Debate' on Wednesday 20th February at Avocados Restaurant. A packed house gathered to hear the two Tonys': Mr Tony Simpson MLA for Darling Range

(Liberal) and Dr Tony Buti MLA for Armadale (Labor), answer questions and outline their party's policies on various topics of relevance to this area. The chair for the discussion was Joe Kalazich, former principal of Roleystone District High and Armadale Senior High School. Below is a short summary of some of the topics discussed:

Shire Amalgamations

Dr Tony Buti

The Labour Party is for amalgamations of Shires if the local community wants it. Dr Buti's personal view is that if the local residents in this area were keen on amalgamation he would support it. If amalgamation did occur, he would like to see Armadale amalgamate with some areas that bring an increase in business rates.

Mr Tony Simpson

The Liberal Party does not support forced amalgamations of Shires - their party commissioned the Robson Review. Mr Simpson's preferred model would be for Armadale to be expanded to include half of Gosnells, the top half of Serpentine Jarrahdale and all of Armadale. For Shires to be viable and to be able to provide the necessary infrastructure, they need to increase the amount of business revenue to keep personal household rates reasonable.

Main Issues Confronting Small Business in the Local Area Mr Tony Simpson

Mr Simpson has previous and current experience in running small business in this area and he had great sympathy with small businesses trying to survive in difficult economic times. He spoke about the pressures of technology. On a local level he spoke of the increasing pressure exorbitant rental rates were having on small business owners. Dr Tony Buti

Acknowledged that the retail sector is going through a very difficult time. Dr Buti wants to look at the possibility of placing a Government Department or a University in this area. This could create increased employment opportunities, increased income and increased purchasing power, which will help small businesses in the region.

Dr Buti spoke on the need to continue the good work already established by the





Tony vrs Tony

former Member for Armadale, Alannah MacTiernan with regard to improved infrastructure in the area. This includes a good rail system and good road system. Labor supports the extension of the Tonkin Highway and the Metronet system will be of great benefit to the Armadale region.

Main Issues Confronting Armadale Dr Tony Buti

Dr Buti spoke of the loss to Armadale that had come after the ARA merged into the MRA. Dr Buti spoke highly of the MRA management and staff but the current MRA priorities are not supportive of Armadale. The transfer of Champion Lakes to Venues West had not resulted in local promotion. The Old Post Office is languishing.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Cr Matt Norman asked about the closure of the three tier rail line and the resultant shift of heavy haulage onto trucks moving though our area. Dr Tony Buti responded: Dr Buti spoke of the Labor Party's resistance to this move and that its closure would result in increased heavy haulage traffic in the Armadale region.

Ross Anile (Supa IGA Roleystone) asked both politicians about their party's stance on payroll tax. This is now proving to be an impost on small and medium sized businesses. Both Dr Buti and Mr Simpson acknowledged this was a problem. While acknowledging that this tax provides the state with valuable revenue, both agreed it is a huge disincentive to employment. Mr Simpson indicated that the present Barnett government had already provided important temporary measures to relive this impost. Both committed to support measures to reduce increase impost on small businesses.

Jack Barker asked about the empty ATC building in Armadale. Mr Tony Simpson responded: The ATC is a federal initiative and the decision had been made to consolidate this to the premises in Maddington. The plan is for the ATC building in Armadale to house the electrical apprentices from Thornlie TAFE.

Dr Henry Zelones Mayor of the City of Armadale spoke about the 'perception of Armadale' and policing in the local area. Both politicians responded that the rebranding of Armadale is important and that the social and community needs are high in some areas and with some families. This needs continued funding and must remain a priority. Both acknowledged that the Cannington Hub model of policing was not working for Armadale. Dr Tony Buti is pushing for the Armadale Police Station to be open to the public 24/7.

Rod Ross, General Manager of Araluen Park, asked about ensuring the long term viability of Araluen Botanic Park to ensure continuity of water supply, access to a parking and exit in case of fire by purchasing land to the north of the Park. Mr Simpson congratulated the Foundation on achieving independent governance. Both politicians agreed to keep working with the Araluen Park Foundation on achieving this aim. *See pictures page 9.*

Overall this was an exceptional experience and I was honoured to be in attendance. These two politicians have both served our area exceptionally well and spoke with passion and great eloquence on things that are important to our area. There was no empty rhetoric or chest beating and everyone in the audience was impressed. Well done to everyone involved. Thanks also to Business Armadale and Joe at Avocados for the great breakfast. Ed.













June was born in the Midlands of Mother England and at 12 was uprooted and travelled with her parents and three siblings to Australia in 1965.

She describes herself as 'an original boat person' arriving with her family and '60

OONTE: THE FIRST 60 YEARS

quid to start a new life in the land of milk and honey.'

Her uncle Tom picked them up in his VW so there were 8 people plus suitcases, going for the Guinness Book of Records, travelling without seatbelts. They were packed so tightly no harm could possibly come to them.

June and the family moved to Sydney and she finished her schooling, leaving as a 16 year old in 1968. Her first job was as filing clerk for an insurance firm working in the Total Loss Department dealing with Car write-offs.

June met Peter in 1970 and by February 1972 he had convinced her to marry him. Her first daughter Julia was born in August 1973 and the couple (and most of their immediate family) moved across the Nullabor in a little Renault 12 Sedan towing a trailer with mostly baby furniture and a kettle and toaster. Julia was only 7 months old!

The Copley's added to their family with the birth of Joshua and then Frances and her friendship groups expanded.

In 1979 she graduated with a Diploma in Beauty Culture and Massage and entered the occupation she has so loved for over 33 years.

On the 12th January June celebrated her 60th birthday with a host of family and friends. Friends from her many workplaces, those she met along the way, Mother's



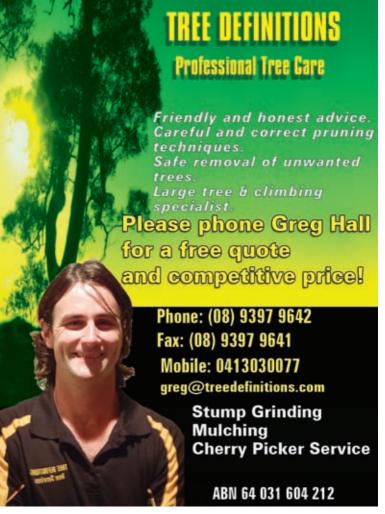
groups and clients joined with her to enjoy her special birthday and to celebrate her pending retirement.

The party was a Masquerade Cocktail party and was celebrated at the Roleystone Country Club. June's mask was painted on by face painter/make-up artist Kathryn Saxon.

Happy Birthday Joonie.









SENSELESS VANDALISM

The picture above, shows the graffiti desecrating the signage and frontage of the Grape Gallery Restaurant. The owners are hopeful that someone will recognise the TAG or saw the people involved in this criminal behaviour. If someone did see it, we hope they will report the people responsible.

This is the second time in 12 months we have been subjected to this form of immature vandalism and have only just finished paying to have the sign replaced from the last graffiti attack. Overheads are high as it is, and acts like this are destroying any likelihood of us breaking even. We have reported it and sent photos to the Graffiti hotline and Armadale City Council, with the hope the perpetrators are caught and charged. It is really soul destroying to arrive at the Restaurant and see the end result of some idiot's idea of a good time. To make matters worse, it isn't even art! Just scrawling that any preschooler is capable of, with a vaguely threatening message. If you know who this is or have any information regarding this, we can be contacted at the restaurant. Call The Grape Gallery Restaurant on 94960088. We promise to treat any information as confidential and will give you a free dinner for 2, with an award winning bottle of wine for your assistance.

Roni and Paul Tyson

Owners of the Grape Gallery Restaurant

Combating Graffiti
The very next day after we reported the grafitti, Steve from the Civic Pride Action Group in Armadale came and removed the grafitti. This group is really generous as they are all volunteers and receive only thanks for it. They do this for homes, small business plus council property. They don't charge for their efforts. The City of Aramadale subsidises the group by providing a vehicle and the products to get the job done.

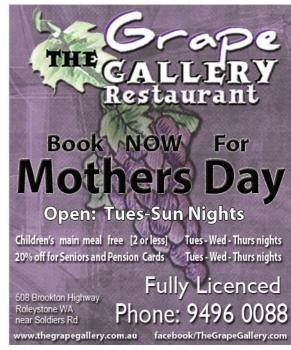
Their motivation to do this is to make certain the area doesn't end up looking hideous with all this illiterate scrawling. Congratulations to those wonderful members of the Civic Pride Action Group. They can be contacted on: ph 9399 0111, through the Armadale council office.

Also thanks for the great job Downunder Signs did replacing the earlier graffiti attack by providing us with a new sign.

Roni Tyson

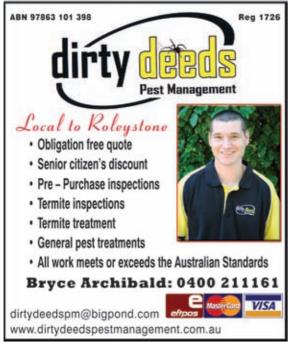














TRAGEDY AVERTED

THANKS TO THE VOLIES

A potentially deadly fire destroyed a pie van parked at the back of the Gull Service Station in Karragullen last month. The car was gutted but the potential to create massive damage to the buildings and people in the vicinity was averted.

On an extremely hot and windy day late in January the pie van driver was parked out the back alongside the diesel bowser. The driver noticed smoke coming from the fan in the van and came into the shop to request a fire extinguisher. Proprietor Marilyn Thompson came out to the car, bringing the extinguisher. Marilyn quickly assessed the situation and told the driver to aim the extinguisher at the fire while she went in to ring emergency and turn off the fuel pumps. In a very short time period the van erupted into flames. It was a hot, very windy day and within minutes the tyres were exploding.

Marilyn was worried about the fire spreading into the building. The back room nearest the fire holds a large stock of hay and fodder and large fuel tanks lie just below where the inferno was erupting. Black smoke billowed into the air bringing many neighbours over to see if they could assist.

The emergency vehicle from the Roleystone Fire Brigade arrived quickly and the crew efficiently controlled the fire. No-one was hurt but the staff were very traumatised and the Pie Van driver resigned.

Well done to all of the emergency services and congratulations to a very shaken Marilyn Thompson for her quick and timely actions.

On January 31st this year the staff and customers had a near escape when a pie delivery truck burst into flames at the Gull Service Station in Karragullen.

I shut down all the fuel and we waited for the fire fighters from the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade to arrive. They did an amazing job and had the fire out in a few minutes. This fire was really frightening for me as the van was quite close to the building and the diesel pumps. I would really like to thank our local volunteer fire fighters for an outstanding job. This could have been very serious and thanks to them no property was damaged but the van is destroyed. The delivery driver resigned that day but I am safe and well and it's business as usual.

Marilyn Thompson Gull Service Station Karragullen





Well Done Nonno Anile

In early January Ross Anile become a first time grandad with the birth of Brigitte.

This is the first child to Danielle and Paul Lampropoulis. Danielle is Ross and Connie's daughter. Congratulations to all.

Ross is pictured with his good mate and great butcher Brian Weir.

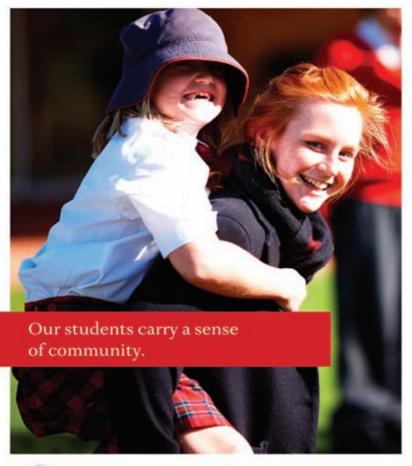




With the coming State election set for the 9th of March, many businesses took the opportunity to ask questions of Tony Buti MLA, Armadale (ALP), and Tony Simpson MLA, Darling Range (Lib), at Business Armadale's 'Great Debate'.

Pictured: 1.Cr Matt Norman quizzed the pair about the threat of increased traffic on our roads with the closure of the three tier rail network.

- 2. Marilyn, Dorothy and Paul Harrison from Beaver Tree Services enjoyed the breakfast. (Paul is the Vice President of Business Armadale).
- 3. Ray Tame, Chief Executive Officer City of Armadale, outlined the City's alliance with the two politicians seeking further promotion of our City.
- 4. Committe member Bev Krebs with Anne Buchanan Business Development Officer, hardworking members of Business Armadale.





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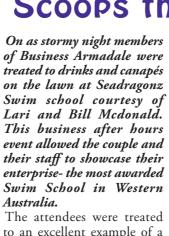
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to an excellent example of a business built on passion and hard work and the success was obvious. The pool was packed with children and their trophy cupboard was brimming with awards recognising not only their exceptional success in swimming instruction but also their strong environmental credentials.

Seadragonz has only been operating since 2007. Lari had prepared a presentation to show how the couple put their dream into reality building a purpose built, learn-to-swim centre in Forrestdale. The children (and adults), learn to swim under utopian learning and teaching conditions. The pool is heated, there is no public swimming and the classes are small.

Lari said, 'Our business objective is to teach a skill for life; swimming. By



Pictured above: Lari and Bill Mcdonald, owners of Seadragonz Swim School recognised as the Business Armadale Business of the month.

The Seadragonz philosophy is that learning happens as a consequence of having fun.' 'Seadragonz has a 'kids rule' approach whereby children are taught to swim in a way they feel they have control over what happens in the lesson. This approach negates fear that children may have when learning to swim.'

Lari has been teaching swimming for over 20 years. She has delivered presentations on teaching swimming and swim school management at local, national and international levels.

Well done Lari and Bill Mcdonald. If you are interested in finding out more contact Seadragonz on 9397 1100.







While her fellow students were relaxing in the school holidays, Megan Gale (16 yrs) was busy working on a design for a structure to compliment the Perth Arena.

Megan was nominated for an ASPIRE scholarship for the UWA Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts Summer School Studio by her Civil and Structural Engineering teacher at Lumen Christi College, Mr Jame Duggan.

Megan attended the four-day camp held from 21 to the 24 January at UWA.

Over the four-day program, Megan took part in a guided tour of Perth Arena with her fellow summer school students.

The design concepts were explained in detail to the students and they were asked to form groups and design a structure to accompany the new arena.

Students workshopped their ideas and designs with UWA Architecture academics each day who guided them through the implications of their decisions.

When asked what she thought of the new Perth Arena Megan replied, "I like it because it's really out there and really different. There's meaning behind every part of the design."

The UWA Summer School Studio has cemented a love of design and architecture on Megan and she hopes to pursue a degree in this field after she graduates from Lumen Christi this year.

Kylie Yacopetti

Marketing & Public Relations Officer, Lumen Christi College

Get Well Soon - Girl from Snowy River



In February, Sue Kemp, joined good friends Chris Mandelt and Desiree Della Franca for a trip of a lifetime: A Horse Riding trek through the Blue Mountains.

The three horse mad friends were wildly excited about the journey before they left.

On the second last day, the group was riding down Mt Kosciuszko, when Sue was thrown from her horse, breaking her collar bone and sustaining multiple bruises.

The area was so inaccessible she needed to be airlifted out by helicopter. The news made the Canberra Times.

Sue is now home and, although bruised and sore, she is happy and recovering well.

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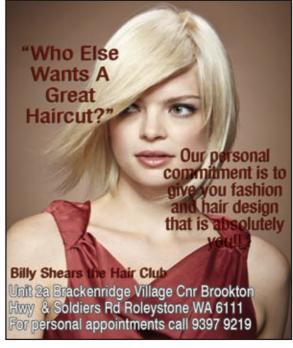




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Interested readers should also read the letter to the editor: 'Dogs Tied Near Shops Pose a Risk to the Visually Impaired' on page 15 and the supportive response on Page 16 from Guide Dog Trainers, Bruce and Glenda Buckley. The dog pictured above is the Buckley's dog Ada.



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End of an Era, Roleystone Body & Skin Care Changes Hands

On the 28th February, June Copley left Roleystone Body and Skin Care, the business she developed and has run for over two decades. June and her daughter Julia will both be leaving the business. Amanda will stay on and will be be joined by new manager Jeanette Donners.

Jeanette was formerly the owner of Five Senses Beauty and she is looking forward to the challenge of running RB&SC and is excited about working in the Roleystone Community. She has no plans to change the business believing that customers are very pleased with its current structure. But be sure to look out for some additional services to be introduced soon. Roleystone Body and Skin Care will still stock and sell Dermalogica and Youngblood products.

June has been involved in the Beauty Industry for 33 years, originally working from home and then later operating a beauty business for 6 years working with Margaret Slater in 'Margaret's Awareness House'. This business ran in the shop that is now Rosharnes in Brackenridge Village.

'The old drive in was still there then and the real estate office wasn't even built back then.' June recalls.

In 1992 June set up solo - moving to the site at the side of the Roleystone Recreation

Centre. At first the shop was called: 'Studio Beauty Care' which was changed to 'Roleystone Body and Skin Care' to adopt a more unisex appeal. After 15 years in this location they moved across to their current site, in the Roleystone Shopping Centre, in 2008.

June has worked with her daughter Julia over the last twenty years and have enjoyed a very amicable working relationship. The passing on of the business was an opportunity for both of them to move onto other things. Julia ceased work before Christmas and is enjoying the increased time she now has to spend with her children. She suffers from RSI and this made working in this profession extremely difficult.

June is planning on 'semi retiring'. She still has a few plans!!

'Thank you to all my loyal customers who have supported me over the years. Hopefully I will see you all around town.' June said.

June is looking forward to a slower pace of life and not having to work on Saturdays.

Thanks June for your long years of dedication to Roleystone. You will be missed.



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Editorial

LINDA MOORE

March 2013



This may not be 'populist' but I have been privileged to meet many politicians over my life and, with very few exceptions, I have been impressed by their dedication and their desire to serve their constituents.

This is not how the media would paint our politicians. The quick grabs and acrimonious dialogue is not how most politicians or politics in general, works. Our political system works and it works very well. It is just not marketed well.

'The Great Debate', organised by Business Armadale, showed two local members at their best. There were points of difference, but overall what came through most clearly, is their desire to do the

best by our location. Refreshing!

However this is not diminishing non-sitting candidates chances of getting into positions and become good sitting members. Anyone who stands for Parliament has my admiration. It is a daunting prospect. Best of luck to all of you on March 9.

Our local politicians, ie our City Councillors, show equal dedication to our area. I have met many of our councillors and I admire them greatly. Both the two sitting councillors for Jarrah Ward, Cr Wielinga and Cr Nixon, are very active across our community. Our current councillors are working well as a team to improve our town. The local councillor role is largely a thankless one. The remuneration is low, the hours long and the opportunity for criticism is huge. Sadly, many who criticize are not always aware of the full story.

There is currently some dissent over the proposal to build toilets at Borrello Park. Large amounts of money rarely become available to be spent on such projects and there are restrictions on what the money can be spent on. While we can all think of worthwhile alternatives, we should defer to our local councillors - they have all the facts. Confusing the issue by re-contacting people to get them to change their minds seems to be a bit malicious. The community has been surveyed - it is time to let Council do their job and make the decision. (See Public Notice p16 or contact our Councillors for more details). In March we will hear from our Council regarding the Concept Plans for the future

development of two twelve year old ovals across the City.

I am particularly interested in the plans for Cross Park. It is so central to our township and getting this right is of vital importance to the development of Roleystone. I must admit that with the primary school having left, the centre of town is just a bit hollow at present. (With all due respect to the current occupants, the Men's Shed and the Community Garden, who have done a fine job. It is just that I for one, miss the sound of the little people!)

Attempting to use the old primary school area for events has proved to be very problematic. The hoops organiser of the Concert in the Park on March 3rd, Chris Horgan, had to jump through to get permission to use the site were ridiculous. Once it was just a matter of 'asking the Principal for permission', now it is filling in multiple forms in triplicate. So thanks for your efforts as this function is very special to many across our town.

I do hope things can be resolved soon - and I hope the centre of our town maintains its heart.

So to complete this month I would like to send some congratualtions.

Well done to the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club T20 Green Team for winnning the inaugural T20 competition. This club is soaring on a high at present with nearly all their teams verging on successes.

And lastly, congratulations to June Copley on her birthday and retirement. At the Roleystone Courier we appreciate her decades of loyal support. Enjoy taking time to 'smell the roses' June.

And to all our Readers, we hope you enjoy the March Courier.

Linda Moore



DOGS TIED NEAR SHOPS POSE A RISK TO THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

On Tuesday 30th October 2012, I visited the Roleystone Shopping Centre in a hurry as I had to catch a bus for an appointment.

As I approached the entranceway to the Newsagents, my dog guide indicated that another dog was about. The other dog remained silent, so I urged my girl to "find the way" which is the usual command for going past something or someone. The other dog still remained silent, so I assumed it was still some way off. No, it was right there outside the Newsagents, and suddenly it was ferociously attacking my dog.

Hoping it was tied up, I quickly pulled my dog away to keep her safe. I was shaking like a leaf, as the last dog attack at this same shopping centre, resulted in two bites. The owner of this present dog rushed from the shop, untied his dog and took it away. He then returned and apologized and I shakily asked if he could check for a bite. I also explained that his dog was in fact guarding the doorway, and this meant we were never going to be permitted to enter. He obviously was remorseful and shaken himself. No bites were found, so I entered the shop and gradually calmed myself and talked to my dog.

My biggest concern is that my dog will lose her ability to safely guide me around. Guide dogs today cost around \$30,000 to train, and an incident such as this one, could mean she loses her concentration and her distraction puts my life in danger and she would have to be retired. Fortunately, this has not happened after this attack as she is working well again.

Increasingly now, she is very reactive with other dogs near her, barking and growling and I have been reliably informed she is extremely nervous and sending a message not to mess with her or her handler. This makes it very hard for me to handle her and gives a bad impression of a calm dog guide as everyone expects. For me as a blind woman. The latest incident is the fourth attack on my dog. Two others occurred elsewhere.

I have contacted the local Council, a Councillor for Roleystone, Guide Dogs WA, but without any resolution to my problem. I advised that increasingly there are more and more dogs of all sizes and descriptions being tied up outside shop entranceways at the Roleystone Shopping Centre. Most can be avoided by us and on occasions, I've had assistance from someone sighted to escort us through a guarded doorway or into a shop, but at other times I've had to wait for the owner to come and remove their barking dog before I could continue with my shopping. There is no law in Local Government to keep dogs away from shopping centres and in fact, I do not support a ban on dogs.

I am perfectly happy for people to walk their dogs to the shops, tie them up and purchase a newspaper, carton of milk or have a script made up. I also do not want dogs left in hot cars either. However, I do want to see an adequate place for these dogs to be tied up, so that they can still see the doorways, stay in the shade and not be

too far away. I would not support relocating dogs to the very back of the car park for instance, as dogs would fret.

I do feel that it is time for some resolution of dogs being tied so closely to entranceways. There are only single doorways to all our shops, so I've no alternative entry. I have thought of signs on shop windows advising dog owners not to tie their dogs so close. However, I would think that there are few options presently, as the only places to tie up dogs is to the roof supports. And these are all close to entranceways.

If signage is being considered, I do urge clear and understandable wording, as the most popular comments I hear are "My dog is an assistant dog too, it keeps me safe." Only accredited dogs are Assistant Dogs and business owners can verify this by requesting our ID for the dogs. So a sign worded say "Only accredited working dogs are permitted near or in shops. ID will be requested by owners if required, and failure to show this will deem the dog not accredited. A set dog area is provided near " If this doesn't work perhaps a fine is in order and could also be included in the message?

I need to be able to shop locally. Myself and my dog must be safe at all times. It is only a matter of time before a child is injured by an unpleasant dog too. I have not had any resolution to my problem yet and wondered whether the residents of Roleystone would assist me with support for a change at our local shopping centre.

Name provided but withheld by request.

See response page 16 from a locally based trainer of dogs for the visually impaired.



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ATTENTION - PUBLIC NOTICE

Dear Residents,

There is the possibility that there will be a door knock of the signatories of the old Borrello Park petition. A copy of this petition has apparently been requested by Councillor Laurie Sargeson of Seville Grove in his position as Councillor at the City of Armadale. As he is strongly opposed to a public toilet in Borrello Park Roleystone, it is believed he now intends to door knock all signatories on the list to discuss the matter with them. In the interest of trying to avert any situations of perceived harassment and intimidation, I would advise that no one publicly supports the installment of toilets at Borrello Park. Councillor Caroline Wielinga.

Raising A Guide Dog Puppy

We can really understand the issues raised in the letter printed in The Roleystone Courier on page 15. We are involved in training guide dogs and realise just how difficult this process is.

Coping with other dogs is probably the single biggest issue facing both guide dog puppy raisers and the visually impaired who use guide dogs to make their life better. We are sighted and find it hard enough to deal with dog encounters every day – some easy but others definitely not so. Aggressive dogs poorly controlled by their owners – or those roaming freely off a leash - are a real problem.

I have personally had an American Pit Bull dog – off a lead, on a public footpath and without any form of obedience training – confront our trainee guide dog puppy Ida and me only a few weeks ago. Things were tense at the time but fortunately Ida was not harmed. Things like this can ruin two years or more of dedicated training and \$30,000 of funding that it takes to train just one guide dog. Even if the puppy is physically OK they can become scared of other dogs, hampering their ability to work effectively with their visually impaired master.

So we would support any actions that can be made to ensure nonassistance dogs are suitably controlled in public places such as supermarkets and elsewhere. The dog owning public in general are not very aware of the need to control their dogs near any type of guide or companion dog but it is something that is very important if the effectiveness of the assistance dogs is to remain unimpeded.

I have attached a photo of our little pup Ida – sponsored by the franchisee of McDonalds Bunbury. She is going well but has had several confrontations with uncontrolled dogs during her training. Below Ida is on her first ever train trip.

Bruce and Glenda Buckley Southern River





KSHS GATE Program

Pictured above: Some Roleystone students from Kelmscott GATE (Gifted and Talented). Left to right: Luke Fouweather, Alex Rheinlander, Chris Bishop, Sophie Till and Dean Carroll (seated).

Five local Year 11 students attending Kelmscott Senior High School reflect on their experiences as Kelmscott GATE students.

'It has been an effort to come down the hill, but it has been well worth it,' according to Dean.

Chris said that the highlight for him was winning the trip to Victoria as state winners of the Science and engineering Challenge. 'Interesting a n d challenging work to help us achieve our potential,' according to Alex. The science/cultural tour to Sydney and Canberra was also a highlight.

Sophie: 'Another great thing is that the costs are so low. We have all excursions paid for us, as well as opportunities to do our own research and competitions if we wish.' Luke also added that he would recommend the Kelmscott Senior High School GATE program to any student.

Grant Armstrong

REE**CLIMBI**

Tree Climbing Western Australia (Inc.) are once again proud to be hosting the Western Australian Tree Climbing Championship on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April. This year Araluen Botanic Park in Roleystone has generously allowed us to utilize their grounds. The event will showcase local and national industry tree climbers to compete in various events designed to test skill and determination. One of the organisers and competitiors is former Roleystone resident Kendall Moor - son of Joan and Geoff Moor. Kendall is pictured in harness below.

Events over the weekend will include Aerial Rescue, Work Climb, Speed Belay and Footlock, with the final event being the Masters which will see someone named as the State Champion. On Saturday there will also be a Rock Climbing Wall for children between 10am and 2pm. Entries and

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Kendall Moor

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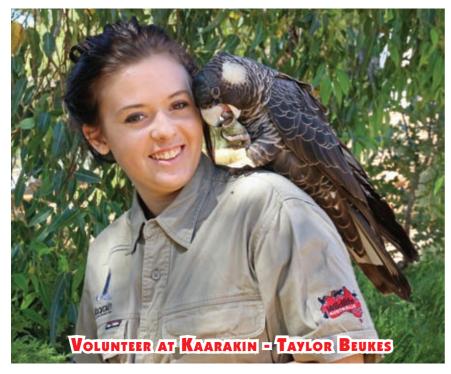


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Kaarakin Opens its Gates

The Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre is throwing open its doors on 10th March with an Open Day. The centre has grown significantly over the last few years and it's time to show the community what it is we do. There will be breakfast, hosted tours every half hour across the grounds, opportunity to interact with a black cockatoo, and informative talks about black cockatoos and their decline by specialists from the likes of Perth Zoo, and of course BCCC staff!

The gates to Kaarakin open at 7.30am and close at 12.30pm. Tours are available every half hour, starting from 8.30am. Entry is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. The Centre is sited at 322 Mills Road East in Martin.

Please register your interest by emailing contact@kaarakin.com or call Phil on 9390 2288.



The Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre is opening its gates for one day only!! Don't miss your chance to:

- meet the cockies and interact with them
- tour the facilities
- help with the Centre's conservation efforts by adopting a bird
- buy gifts for the family; and
- enjoy a breakfast at the Centre with the best views in town!! The Centre rescues and rehabilitates 250-300 black cockatoos each year, has an expanding captive breeding program and hosts many community and corporate work groups through the centre each week as they participate in further development and maintenance of the 41 acre site.

As the black cockatoos continue to decline, the Centre will play an increasing role in preventing their extinction, so that these charismatic cockatoos can be enjoyed by our children and their children.

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We have such an amazing array of

talented practitioner's, midwives and teachers at the centre specialising in fertility, pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding and early childhood.

Our last open day was a hit, and this one proves to be even more exciting with lots of activities for kids: henna art, face painting, Kid's angle circle, rainbow yoga for kids and the children's sound circle.

We have plenty of great stuff for adults too: informational talks about pregnancy, birth and parenting and mini treatments such as massage, reflexology, breath work and much more.....

All this fun is bound to make you hungry so there will be organic, raw wholefood and juices. For more info check us out on facebook at the Conscious Conception and Birth Centre page, the schedule of events is available there or go to http://www.ccbcwa.com.au/events.html to print off the timetable for the day.

Pictured top left: Ava at the CC and Birth Centre opening.

At left: Celebrating Nikilee's birth.



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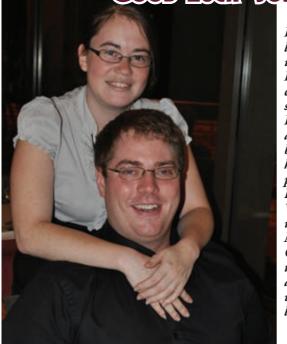
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GOOD LUCK JOSH STOKES



Local Roleystone lad, Josh Stokes, is the endorsed Labor Party candidate for the seat of Wagin.

His parents Tom and Lorraine, are a bit bemused where he developed his political leanings. He is pictured on Valentine's Day with his lady Melissa Higgins.

Good luck with the election Josh and best of luck with capturing the lovely Melissa too.









encompassed lots of travel plans.

In March that year we left Perth for an extended trip that

took us to Thailand, India, Jordan, Egypt, the United Kingdom, France, the United States including Hawaii, and Canada. The trip was magical and we loved every minute.

In 2008 Ken and I, together with our good friends Kelvin and Maureen Oliver, left on a trip to Thailand, China, Vietnam and Cambodia where a wonderful time was had by all. We saw Anker Wat at sunset and the world heritage listed rice terraces of Yuan Yang. Life was very sweet. Later this year yet another big trip is planned to Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Portugal, Spain and France. Ken and I are getting older but the relentless travel bug that affects us both shows no sign of abating.

In December 2008 tragedy struck when our elder daughter Claire was diagnosed with breast cancer. Eventually Claire passed away on 21st March 2012 leaving behind her husband Richard and our three little grandsons aged 9, 7 and 5. Thanks to being retired we are there for Claire's three sons whenever we are needed. In the past two years the number of grandsons has swelled to six and we see them all as often as we can.

I still like to do a little formal work. I had two positions in the last few years with the Education Department working part time. I enjoyed this as I felt it helped to keep the mind 'sharp'. Currently I work for Murdoch University supervising student teachers.

Every day I feel such joy to be alive and living in Roleystone, still fortunately in our own home and still able to care for and appreciate our big garden with all the birds, the possums and bandicoots. I have learned, as so many wise people learned before me, that one should seize the day and live every day as if it is one's last, for one never knows what is around

Jean Henrickson

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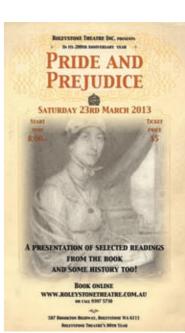
'In the Roleystone Theatre's 80th year they are presenting readings from Pride and Prejudice.

An eclectic mix of Roleystone Theatre members will be presenting selected chapters from the well-loved novel by Jane Austen on Saturday 23rd March

Bookings can be made online through our website or call Bobbie and Gerry Chapman on 9397 5730, with tickets only \$5 (to cover costs!).

We hope you will attend this 'Night of All Things Austen' in celebration of the 200th anniversary of her most famous novel, Pride and Prejudice.

Bree Hartley





JIMMY HAY AND THE BRUCE ROCK CENTENARY

11th April 2013 marks the centennial day of Bruce Rock. To celebrate this day the Shire has asked families, past and present to make a mosaic cement slab.

Between Christmas and New Year, my brother Stephen and his wife Barbara, took Dad up to Belka where he grew up. He had a good time catching up with some of his childhood friends, who he has kept in touch with all his life.

A little about my Dad, James (Jimmy) Hay's childhood and life in Belka.

Dad was adopted by Arthur and Mary Hay when he was 6 weeks old. They took him up to live with them at the Post Office/General Store. When he was only 11 years old his father died suddenly and unexpectedly. Dad continued to go to school but he finished up leaving at the age of 14 because he had to help his mother run the store and post office.

He was always good at budgeting and figures. Unfortunately his mother died from Cancer when he



was only 19 and was left to run the store all by himself. He got very sick through lack of sleep as he had to operate the telephone exchange and often had night calls as this was during WWII.

The local farmers were very good to him and took food into him or invited him out to their farms. Eventually they talked Dad into selling the store because he was so run down and sick. He was the tender age of 21 at this time. The Post Office/General Store was owned and run by the Hay family from 1926 through to 1949.

During his life in Belka he excelled in many sports being cricket, running and tennis. He carried these through most of his younger life.

I think I did a pretty good job as I've never done a mosaic before. The write up I've done to go with the slab is as follows: The building of the old Belka Post Office and General Store on this slab, is copied from a photograph taken in 1926. This is when Arthur and Mary Hay bought it after leaving Ardath. This establishment was in our family until Jim, their son, sold it in 1949.

The little building to the right is the telephone box. I used the red and white background and letters, because these are the colours symbolic to the Post Office.

The sign on the roof is made up of a piece of china that was found on the actual site.

Margaret Agar

NB: Jimmy Hay is also a proud pioneer of Roleystone having been here for over 60 years.

Letter to the Editor

In continuing with fundraising for C.D.D. the Thai orphanage for children with special needs, I am willing to do drumming workshops for you at your home/office/function for a minimum of ten children or adults at \$15 each or can do a workshop for a smaller group if willing to pay a transport/handling fee.

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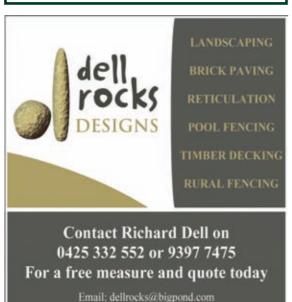














CAN ANYONE SHED LIGHT ON MR H.R.COLLINS OF ROLEYPOOL FAME

I am currently pulling together the history of Roley Pool for a Roleybushcare project. I already have a lot of information of the Pool but to complete the story, I would like to have more information about Mr H.R.Collins who taught Life Saving Lessons at the Roleystone Pool for many years. He commenced these lessons in the early twenties and was the founder of the 'Roleystone Swimming Club'.

From what I read, Mr. Collins added significantly to the social amenity and safety of our district and while he has had Collins Road named in his honour, I believe there is a real need to formally record more about this dedicated community member. Following any information I receive I will write an article and forward it to the Roleystone Courier for printing and also lodge the information at the Birtwistle Library Armadale for all to read in the future.

In the West Australian Newspaper 3 February 1926 it states that:

'Mr Collins who has been instructing children on Life Saving for a number of years and is a holder of the Society's Bronze medallion, was awarded an 'Honorary Certificate' as an Instructor of the Royal Life Saving Society. Also on that day a number of persons passed their proficiency test and one person was awarded their Bronze medallion.'

A newspaper article advises that Mr. Collins lived at 'Waitangi' Roleystone.

Obviously this is the name of a house or property. Where was it? Does it still exist? Was Mr. Collins an orchardist, a teacher or public officer? How long did Mr. Collins teach Life Saving at Roley Pool? So many other questions I would like to know, to add to our knowledge of this well known personality of our past community history.

I can be contacted on 9496 1634 or email pathart1@bigpond.com

Pat Hart



ANNE & IAN SOON TO BE WED

Good luck to Anne Howe and Ian Hatfield who are to be wed on March 8th. The couple are having their reception at Views 101 at Araluen Golf Resort.

Anne and Ian are pictured on Valentines Day on the balcony at Views 101 Restaurant.



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It is hard to believe that six years have passed since we first opened the doors of the Roleystone Community

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Roy Hamilton President Roleystone Branch Your Community Bank

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The FFAG has been very active compiling records on fruit fly infestation on orchards and in yards across the area. This has proved to be one of the worst years on record. A very powerful powerpoint has been developed and presented to the Minister for Agriculture Mr Terry Redmond. Interested people can contact Brett Delsimone for a copy of this. Backyard orchardists/home gardeners are reminded to check their trees. The picture below shows unharvested apricots withered on the tree. Such fruit carcasses obviously hosted fruit fly and even in this condition, harbour spores for brown rot. Please check your backyard and help local orchardists iradicate pests from our area.



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Drumming Workshop@MTC

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The children had an awesome time learning how to play drums from all over the world. Petra showed the children how sound can be made in different ways by how you use your hands. She showed them tones, rhythm and doing exercises. All the children had fun and we also had a grandparent help too.

Petra White is currently raising funds for drumming workshops she is planning for an orphanage in Thailand for children with special needs. These will be run over two weeks in July this year. Petra is intending to donate the drums to the orphanage when her visit is complete.

Rebbecca at Mulberry Tree Childcare Centre on 9496 1665.









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Our annual exhibition was also open to the public on the Saturday, thank you to those 80 or so people who came through the doors and showed their appreciation of the high standard of work on display, several of which were SOLD!

If anyone is interested in classes run at the Centre, please contact Sue or Deanna in the office on 9496 115.

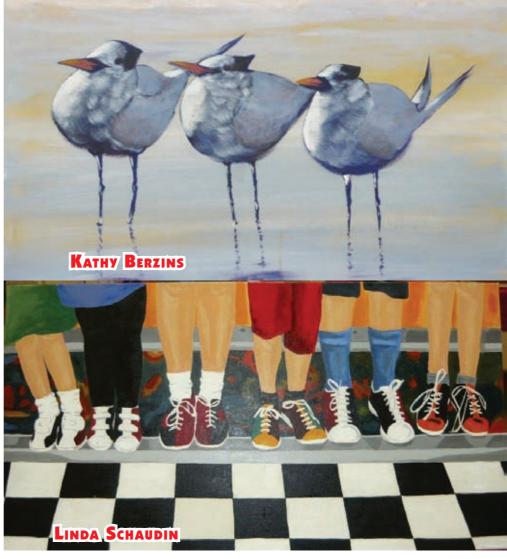
Classes are on Monday 12 to 3pm, Tuesday 9 to 12, Thursday 9am to 12 & Friday 12 to 3pm. Or Contact Ian on 9496 0034 for landscape painting Tuesdays 6.30 pmto 9.30pm.

Wendy vanderLaan











Araluen Botanic Park is clearly a well loved local icon. Each year DEC compiles statistics on volunteer hours spent in the 9 parks they manage across the state. These volunteer hours for the first half of 2012/13, show Araluen as the standout with a total of 2,512hrs against a total of 11,769hrs. This is 21.3% of all volunteer hours in parks across the state. There are always opportunities for folk with a few hours up their sleeves to join

GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547 COPING WITH YOUR SUMMER GARDEN

Hot, hot, hot, not my favourite weather. I look at the forecast for Albany and wonder why the English by-passed it to make Perth the capital. My brother retired from the farm and thoroughly enjoys living down south. Still I console myself that we have three seasons of the year, that are truly lovely. I hope you have all enjoyed a summer break and have come back refreshed. Fortunately, even though our garden may not have appreciated us being away, most of the plants are fairly resilient. If we leave them alone, leave the dead to die in place, when the weather improves then the plants will start making new growth.

One of the worst things that we gardeners do after a hot spell, is cut off the burnt areas, as these protect the underneath areas. If you can or must cut back, throw the debris on top of all the plants in the garden and this keeps the ground cool, and shaded. Sure it may look untidy but when the autumn comes along then you will have the energy to rake this up and put it in the compost. An added bonus is that any seeds from flowering plants will drop into the mulch and so will regenerate next spring.

By the time you read this the Garden Clubs and Societies display will over at Cannington; it is on the 23 and 24 February. But don't despair if you missed it, another is held in South Perth in August.

I love getting Iris from the Society members as Iris are so forgiving. Yes they do not mind getting a bit dry and tolerate full sun. The flowers are stunning. For the areas of the garden where nothing else will grow, put your bulbs in and let them do their own thing.

Some of my favourite plants are the lagerstoemias, (crape/crepe Myrtle).

If you do not believe me look around and see the magnificence of these especially the copse of them near Hall Road. The garden centre at 'the big orange building' has the soft mauve version called Biloxii. I like the deep pink. If you check on your computer, there's a lot of different ones, but I do not know where to source them all.

These trees with the beautiful bark and summer flowering give shade in summer and light in winter. Plus they have truly spectacular autumn foliage as well. We transplanted a lovely one here about eight years ago with no setback whatsoever.

Another plant that I transplanted was a large ponytail palm.(It isn't really a palm you know!) It was very large to move and all went well until we went through a narrow alleyway, knocked the head off and now it has about 15 heads on it.

One of my reticulata camellias is looking very sad, (Terrell Weaver) and it is my fault. Just after Christmas I had the Cocos Palms removed, forgetting Terrell was sheltered under the palm. Anyway I have loads of burnt leaves on it, but I am hoping the sasanqua camellias nearby will protect it sufficiently so it can get growing again when the rains come. I have no regrets about removing the cocos. They take so much water and give so little in return and the roots are such invasive things that in future years the garden will benefit from the removal.

Have a look at all the lovely red flowering gums that are decorating the suburbs.

Time for us to have a long cool drink and get back to reading gardening books. The garden will wait. Good Gardening.

Jean

in with a group of willing, enthusiastic and devoted volunteers, all working in a magic environment. Araluen welcomes new volunteers to a range of activities including, Gardening, Gift Shop, Children's Holiday Activities, Train and Bus Driving.

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It is almost 12 months since the Roleystone Community Garden commenced operations from our current location in Robin Road. We have had huge success in growing and harvesting an abundance of vegetables from 8 donated garden beds from Bunning Hardware House Maddington and Waterwise in Kelmscott.

Some of the crops including sweet corn, tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, onion, several different varieties of chilli and beetroot just to name a few. With the huge amount of chillies harvested, local resident Andrew, turned some into three or four flavoursome chilli sauces.

Each month on the second and fourth Sunday, members come along to the garden to assist horticulturist Chris Oliver tend to the garden and implement the next development phase of the garden. During the hot summer months we'll be at the garden between 4 and 6pm. On the fourth Sunday of the month members come along with refreshments and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere recanting successes achieved and discuss next month's plans to grow the community garden.

The Community Garden is always on the lookout for good quality, well loved retired garden tools. If you have any sitting in the garden shed gathering dust, bring them along on any Sunday we are there and you will

be met with a welcoming smile.

Ventures like the Community Garden or the Roleystone Community Men's Shed don't happen without

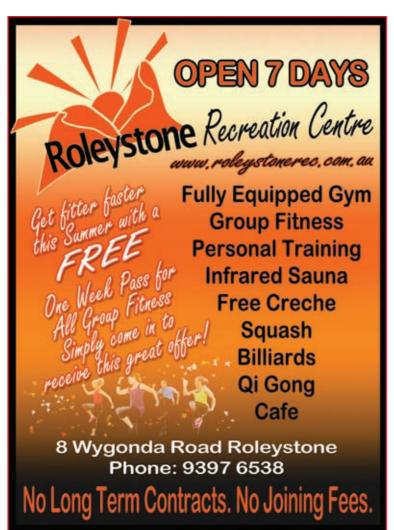
support of the community and sponsors. Two very important sponsors to us are the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Branch, Bendigo Bank and the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. A heartfelt thank you to

both organisations.

If you have an interest in community gardens but find it difficult to make a commitment as a member at this time, you can follow us via our webpage at www.roleygarden.com.au or like us on Face Book. Our Face book page is https://www.facebook.com/pages/Roleystone-Community-Garden/249407848500369?ref=hl

Whether you choose to come along and join us at Robin Road or follow us on the internet, I'd love to see you become part of the Roleystone Community Garden. Until next time....

Laurie Scidone Chairman (operations)







Getting Ready for Winter Veggies and Herbs

Roleystone Organic Growers is getting started again in March and the meeting will be a hands on one-sowing vegetable and herbs seeds that love the winter!

For success in growing vegetables and herbs, it is important to time the planting of seeds and seedlings to take advantage of seasonal conditions most favourable for their growth. The marvellous thing about autumn is, that it is a good time that you can put in those seeds that thrive in the winter.

At the meeting, we will talk about how deep to sow seeds, how to water, fertilise and transplant.

Please bring all you need to get your seeds into soil: Seeds, trowel, gloves, punnets, trays, and a bucket. Seed raising mix will be available for \$3 per bucket or bring you own.

When you sow vegetables from seed in punnets/trays, it gives you an enormous choice of different varieties. You may like to bring some of the following seeds to be sure you sow what you want to grow: Beetroot, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflowers, Brussel sprouts, Kohlrabi, Kale, Silver beet, Spinach, Leeks, Lettuce, Parsley, Florence fennel, Early White onions, Chives, Chinese Cabbage, Radish, Swedes, Mustard, Turnips, Coriander, Rocket, Mizuna, Pak Choy. Some of these seeds may be available on the night from our seed bank.

We suggest planting organic non-hybrid or heirloom seeds, as you can then save the seeds for the future. These can be either purchased at local retailers or online.

The meeting is on Wednesday March 13th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3, members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.

Lisa Porter



Araluen Holiday Activities

Tuesday 23 April & Thursday 2 May 10am to 2pm The popular School Holiday Activity Days are on again in autumn. These are designed to suit children from ages 3 to 14 years (accompanied by an adult) to explore their creativity designed to keep them busy for hours. Activities include discovery trails from 10am to 11.30am followed by clay modelling, creative craft activities during the afternoon. The theme will be 'insects and bugs'.

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Liz Dunn

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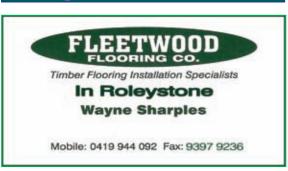
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School Days - Musings

I was listening to the radio and the question posed was about memories of your first day

My first day at high school - the teacher called the role and at the name "Chapman" he asked if I had brothers called Rodney, Peter, Mike and Chris? When I answered in the affirmative, I was called to the front of the class where the teacher (I guess because my skin is dark, he assumed I was a Moslem) told me to face Mecca and bow. Then he hit on my bottom 6 times with a blackboard ruler and told me not to mess around in his class. At the end of that year, having failed all subjects (except French) I was told that as I was obviously unintelligent, I should leave school and get a job.

Six years later, at the age of 19, I had another first day at school, this time in front of 48 year 3 and 4 students. This time I was the teacher.

Gerry Chapman

There are Two Roleystone Markets For a while our area was not serviced by any markets and now two enthusiastic groups have

commenced markets for our area:

The Roleystone Markets

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.

The stallholders 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 and Drinks. The Roleystone Community College will be making their famous burgers and sausage sizzles.

The first of these markets will be followed by a concert with the City of Armadale's Music in the Park, featuring members of the Roleystone Musicians Club. The Concert last year was a huge success, with many enjoying the night across our community.

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

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. Roleystone Markets is on Facebook. Information is available on new stallholders, entertainment, food and upcoming market dates and stall holder terms, 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

The Seniors Are Also Holding Markets

These will be held on the second Sunday of each month in front of the Seniors.

This will be a monthly market and we wish you to know we are committed to our monthly market. We are holding the market in front of the seniors centre and the car boot sales are in the parking lot in front of our Seniors Centre. There is a small donation requested from each stall fee for the RKSC.

The Seniors Centre is an integral part of the future of Roleystone and these monthly markets add to our community. Please support us.

We need more stall holders and community involvement. We intend to be here for the long haul. The next market is on the 10th of March

Christine Kent

Roleystone Markets

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In late February Roleystone's Michael Swaddle competed in his first solo Rottnest swim. He finished 6th overall in under 4.59 hours. He was the 4th male to cross the line. Last year he competed in a duo team. Michael competes regularly for the UWA Uniswim team. Michael is now first in the National Rankings for Distance Swimmers. Well done Michael. Michael is pictured at right with Simon Huitenga (winner of mixed duo).

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Join the Roley Roamers

Pam Bailey is coordinating a local Heart Foundation Walking group called the Roley Roamers and they are inviting others to join with them.

'Our group is going very well,' said Pam. 'At the moment we have a couple from Denmark (Europe) walking with us as they are visiting one of our regular walkers. So Roley Roamers has gone international. We have also had a visitor from the UK for a few weeks.'

Roley Roamers walking group is part of the Heart Foundation Walking program and invites women of any age and at all fitness levels to join the group, share their fitness goals and make new friends.

The Heart Foundation recommends adults should aim to include at least 30 minutes of physical activity (such as brisk walking) on most, preferably all, days of the week. Joining a Heart Foundation Walking group is an excellent way to reach this goal. Participating in a regular walking group can help you become healthier through reducing your risk of heart disease and stroke and helping to reduce body fat, blood pressure and cholesterol.

People who enjoy regular physical activity live longer, feel more energetic, have stronger bones and muscles, feel more confident, happy, relaxed and are able to sleep better.

Walking in a Heart Foundation Walking group has the added bonus of helping you stay motivated by providing a friendly social environment. Benefits also include a walker recognition scheme offering incentives for reaching various walking milestones, such as completing 25 walks.

The Roley Roamers meet every Monday at 10am at the Roleystone Recreation Centre car park. Contact Pam on 0409 989 260 or bayls@aapt.net.au for more information or to register your interest.

Below: The Roley Roamers gather at Affinity Cafe after their morning jaunt.





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TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER











Pictured Top: Roleystone Open Tennis teams. Above Roleysone Open Winning Team: Steve, Graham, Judy and Fran.

Accommodation is very limited because of the Festival, so if you are interested in coming down please email through to <u>roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au</u> for more information.

COMING EVENTS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This Event will be held over a couple of weekends. The first being the 23rd/24th March (some singles and the ladies and men's doubles). The second, the 20th/21st April will have some singles and the mixed doubles. We will possibly have a special doubles: one Junior & one Adult). Sign up sheets for members will be in the Clubhouse soon. An email confirming these dates will be sent to members once the Committee meeting has been held this weekend. For enquiries please contact Wendy 93976620 or email roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au

Our winning team was: Martin Shearwood, Judy Smith, Graham Boase, Fran Jacobs, Steve Thomson and Suzanne Tucker on 63 games. Team 2 was on 54 games and Teams 3 and 4 both on 52 games.

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out in any way.

TREK TO AUGUSTA

For the Long Weekend in March, a number of our members are heading down to Augusta on the invitation of the Augusta Tennis

Last year 14 people made the Trek down and we had a great time.

We will be playing tennis on Saturday afternoon with BBQ Dinner and then enjoying the Augusta River Festival on Sunday with Chinese Dinner on Sunday night.

TRADITIONAL BUSH DANCE

FROM 6PM SATURDAY 16 MARCH AT ARALUEN BOTANIC PARK, ROLEYSTONE On Saturday 16 March, Araluen Botanic Park will play host to a unique family-friendly traditional Bush Dance event, being organised by 'The Aluminators' Relay For Life Team to raise funds for Cancer Council WA. The event will feature prizes, live music and traditional bush dancing. It is also a non-smoking and responsible alcohol consumption event.

We are delighted to be the venue of choice for this event,' says Araluen Botanic Park Foundation General Manager, Rod Ross. 'Given the Park's significant heritage culture, the concept of a traditional bush dance at Araluen should have a very broad appeal and with proceeds supporting charity, it aligns very strongly to our values.'

Details are as follows:

Time: 6pm to 9.30pm

Tickets: Adults \$20, Children (0-17years)

Seating: BYO picnic rugs and chairs Catering: Food & drink vans available or BYO Information/Tickets: Contact

Nick Pearson (Mob. 0407 195 025) Email: nicholas.pearson@alcoa.com.au Jacquie Greene (Ph. 9410 3986) Email: jacquie.greene@alcoa.com.au

This Bush Dance event is being staged by 'The Aluminators' as its major fundraising activity toward Cancer Council WA Relay For Life Perth 2013. 'The Aluminators' first participated in Relay For Life in 2008, raising just over \$8,000 in that year. Through a range of events and activities, both large and small, the annual fundraising total for the team has grown to just over \$17,000 in 2012, with a total of some \$60,000 raised for Cancer Council WA in the 5 years of participation. 'The Aluminators' currently rank at the top of the Relay For Life 'Top Teams' list. For more information visit their website – http://wa.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au





Roleystone Men's Shed

Over the past month the "Shed" has continued to expand, with the membership reaching 29. The members have been exploring various ways to become involved in community projects and at present, are helping with work at the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo

Rehabilitation Centre.

We will also be helping Crossways Community Services in Kelmscott, as their new facility nears completion.

Over the next few months, we will be holding information talks before our normal "Sundowner". These are held on the fourth Friday of each month at 5:00pm.

This month, Tony Jacobs of the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Bendigo Bank will be opening the proceedings. In April we will have Bob Cooper of Bob Cooper Outback Survival, to provide some hints and tips when venturing out into the outback.

To raise money for both the Community Garden and the Men's Shed, we have already taken part in one "Sausage Sizzle" at Bunnings, Maddington with another to come on 1st April, Easter Monday. This provided a very enjoyable day, although somewhat quieter than was expected (the weather probably had something to do with it!!). The Shed and Garden would like to thank

Roleystone IGA for their help with storage for this event.

Most readers will be aware of Armadale Council's proposals for the redevelopment of Cross Park. The Men's Shed and Community Garden are included in the plan, with three alternative sites for the location of each put forward for consideration. We look forward to the outcome of the survey and Armadale Council's proposal for the location of the Shed and Garden!

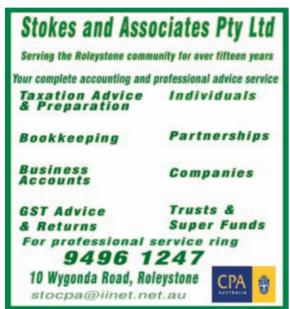
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Co-Chairperson (Operations) Roleystone Men's Community Shed















Recruitment Drive: Roleystone Women's Hockey Club

Despite the summer heat it's time to start thinking winter sport. We have to declare how many teams we want to nominate in only a few weeks. We are trying to recruit one more team this year to ensure everone gets nearly a full game every week.

The Roleystone Women's Hockey Club is part of the Hills Women's Hockey Association together with 6 other clubs. Our competition runs through the winter months May – September. Games are played on Sunday afternoons; all teams play at the same venue. Three different venues are used throughout the season all within a reasonable distance and lifts are available if required. To add to the country atmosphere, afternoon teas are served after the game.

Our fees are less than the amount metro teams pay but our association enjoys the best of country and metro associations as we can take part in the Country Week Carnival held over a weekend and a Vets Carnival held in Busselton. Both competitions test stamina in more ways than one but guarantee lots of fun.

We are looking for top players wanting a challenge and value for money, players who just want to get fit but enjoy the game or want to learn how to play. Age restrictions must be 13 +. We look forward to hearing from lots of enthusiastic girls and ladies.

Please call Sue – 93987426 Helen From 6pm – 93975939 Yvonne - 93975153

First Ever Hockey Team For Roleystone

The Roleystone Rebels were formed in 1958. They played in Perth and started in E grade and were gradually promoted through the ranks each year. All of the girls were novices except for Greta Wilson. They were coached by two male school teachers. Their uniforms were Black and White check with the R denoting Roleystone and Rebels.

Peg Knuckey was a married lady with 2 children, most of the others were young teenagers. *Thanks to Peg for this information.*



The Roleystone Rebels. Back Row: Kathy Healy, Dawn Murray, Janice Scari, Helen Doust, Greta Wilson (a school teacher who started the team), Peg Knuckey, Merilyn Barrett

Front row: Margie Parkin, Helen Robinson, Claira Casotti, Janice Herbert, Lyn Knuckey (mascot - about 8 years old), Joyce Tenhave, Helen Abernathy.

RIVERS OF EMOTION

A great opportunity is available for individuals to share their experiences and feelings about the Swan and Canning Rivers.

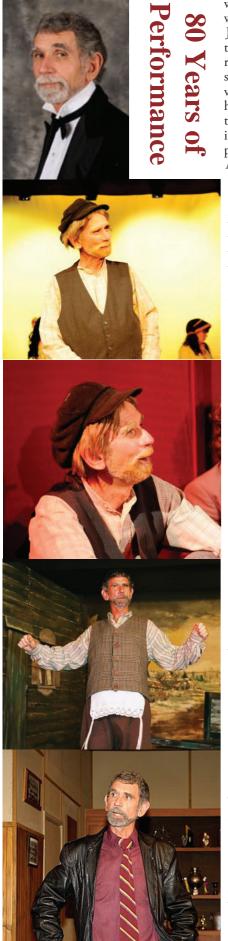
A major project headed by the Australian Research Centre of Excellence and the National Trust sees an innovative website created to share these experiences. These can be oral or written memories and stories, as well as soundscapes, visual, aural and emotion scapes.

The project is named- Rivers of Emotion: An Emotional History of Derbarl Yerrigan and Djarigarro Beelier/the Swan and Canning Rivers. These experiences will contribute to understanding this unique cultural landscape and will inform an interpretation plan for riverside heritage trails.

Simply create a User Account on the website and upload your own scenes, sights, sounds or story content. Just key into the web 'Rivers of Emotion.' There are already quite a number of interesting items on this site. I encourage you to take a look.

Pat Hart





Roleystone Theatre News

A new year - and the AGM was successfully concluded with many thanks to the outgoing hard working committee members and a warm welcome to the "new blood". Jack Barker, after 20 years as treasurer, is taking a well earned rest and Gerry Chapman, after serving on the committee in a variety of positions for over 30 years has stepped down. The theatre has thrived over the years - and this is our 80th year - and this year promises to be as good.

A Month of Sundays is in rehearsal and is shaping up to be an enjoyable offering. Our pantomime Unwanted Wishes will audition on the 24th March with many parts available. This will be a fun filled comedy in the way of all pantomimes and will be performed in the July school holidays. We need young actors to be a part of this.

In March, we will be having a night of dramatic readings based on Pride and Prejudice, to mark the 200th anniversary of this classic.

Please visit our website (just google Roleystone Theatre) for information and online tickets.

Gerry Chapman

Roleystone Theatre Salutes Kim Martin

Kim Martin has had a long association with Roleystone Theatre as Actor, Office Bearer, Director and Musician. Productions that he has directed includes: The Club, The Tea House of the August Moon, Corporate Vibes, An Ideal Husband, The Crucible & Dead White Males.

On stage performances include: By Jeeves, Fiddler On The Roof, Corporate Vibes, Cosi & Shadowlands.

Kim has also written the music for 8 Musicals that he has directed for Roleystone Theatre. In the 1980's Kim established himself as a major composer of Musicals. The original scores, clever libretti (on occasions written in collaboration) and bold direction of his presentation has left an indelible mark on the Theatre. In our 80th Anniversary Year we salute you Kim for your amazing work with the Theatre.

Zyg WoltersdorfPast President.

PS Kim is not 80 - the Theatre is!!!





The State Election

A LETTER FROM MR TONY SIMPSON MLA

I would like to thank the Roleystone community for voting for me to represent you at the last election and ask that you vote to keep me as your representative on the 9^{th} of March.

Since the last election there have been significant changes that have affected Roleystone that I am proud to have been involved with. One of the biggest, that I am sure will result in a greater sense of community, is the amalgamation of the primary school and the high school. This will ensure more students remain to be educated locally and as such remain in the local community and retain an attachment to Roleystone.

By all reports this has been a success to date and this is proven by the improved enrolment numbers

since the amalgamation.

I was also successful, after requests from the local community, in lobbying for improvements to the intersection of Holden Road and Brookton Hwy. Funding has been approved and the final design work is being completed and I look forward to construction commencing.

Looking ahead I am proud that we are planning to improve community safety with stronger anti-hoon laws where courts will be able to immediately confiscate vehicles after a first

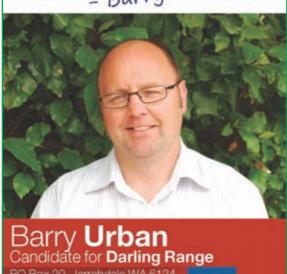
offence if it causes alarm or distress, occurs in a school zone or damages roads and properties. I also will keep assisting the Hills Orchardists in their battle with Canberra bureaucrats over treatment regimens for fruit fly.

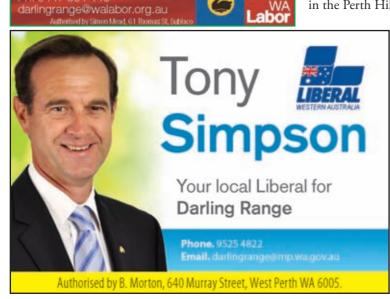
Once again, to allow me to continue deliver for our local community, I would ask that you place me number 1 on your ballot paper on the 9^{th} of March.

Thank you, Tony

Tony Simpson MLA

Listening to
you is the most
important part
of my job.
- Barry





GREENS MP FOR EAST METRO ALISON XAMON

Greens MP for East Metro, Alison Xamon, has released several Action Plans in the leadup to the State election with more soon to come.

Ms Xamon said that, as the first Greens member elected to the Upper House to represent the East Metropolitan Region, she had worked hard to protect the Perth Hills, including introducing the Perth Hills Bill into Parliament.

"Also among my priorities are several issues of importance to Roleystone, including the

need to conserve and better manage our water supplies, and the need to ensure proper planning processes surrounding industry and mining in the Perth Hills," Ms Xamon said.



Alison Xamon MLC

"I have released some Action Plans on water, outlining the priorities of the Greens (WA) when it comes to this important resource.

"And I am calling for an enquiry into the expansion of the Red Hill quarry, which, although not in Roleystone, brings to light several important flaws in the approval process where mining has the potential to damage important natural bush sites."

Ms Xamon said her role as a representative of East Metro included making sure that the unique lifestyle of Hills communities was protected.

"I am also fighting hard to ensure the eastern suburbs receive the services they deserve. For too long the eastern region has been overlooked, and it is time our community received the quality schooling, public transport, healthcare and other public services it requires."

Ms Xamon will be standing for re-election for her Upper House seat at the State election in March.

Hoons and Trail Bikes on Liberal Policy Agenda!



Both Tony Simpson, the Member for Darling Range, and I have received numerous complaints about the dual issues of hoon drivers and unlicensed trail bikes terrorising local neighbourhoods and putting both lives and property at risk. In the last 12 months WA police have received more than 7,200 complaints about anti-social behaviour on our roads and a further 2,034 complaints regarding unlicensed trail bikes on roads.

Currently hoon driving is defined as the wilful driving of a vehicle in a manner which is inherently dangerous or wilfully causes excessive noise or smoke from a vehicle and since the introduction of the Liberal Government's Hoon Laws in 2009, the number of impounded vehicles has increased from 899 in 2008 to 9,715 in 2011. This means that the Liberal led laws are working and to help take the next step in our war on hoon drivers, and the growing issue of unlicensed trail bikes, the Liberal Party has announced a suite of new measures that it will be taking Metropolitan Region to the forthcoming State Election.

If a Liberal Government is re-elected on March 9, hoons will face immediate and permanent confiscation of their vehicles for a first offence, in cases where the offence damages the road or other property, causes alarm or distress to residents or occurs in a school zone during school hours. Furthermore, any driver who commits a hoon offence in suburban or school zones will be subject to confiscation on a second, rather than a third strike, as is currently the case. In regard to unlicensed trail bikes, laws will be also be beefed up to ensure unlicensed trail bikes can be immediately and permanently confiscated when driven on the roads. Currently, chasing trail bikes safely and identifying riders is difficult for police and because of that part of our commitment is an enforcement package which will include better resource police to effectively deal with investigating, apprehending and prosecuting unlicensed trail bike riders. A Liberal Government will provide \$1.6million, over 4

BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Bungendore Park is a 498 hectare 'A' class reserve located in Bedfordale. The park is managed by the Bungendore Park Management Committee as a conservation reserve for low-impact usage.

The Bungendore Park Management Committee currently has 3 vacancies and would like to encourage interested people to join. Committee meets at the City of Armadale offices every 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30pm and deals with a number of management issues such as Dieback and weed control, fire management, maintenance and special events.

We currently have members of all ages and walks of life – but all love the bush and have a common interest in preserving Bungendore. If you are interested, please call Kerry on 0402 327 393 for more information or to arrange to attend a meeting for a look-see.

years, to fund anti-hoon police activities, which included campaigns to encourage the public to 'dob-in-a-hoon' and report addresses where unlicensed trail bikes are regularly entering and leaving. To help police effectively act on complaints, the Liberals will also provide \$170,000 over 4 years to fund an additional 24 covert remote CCTV cameras to add to the 8 currently available. These extra cameras will assist police in overcoming difficulties in obtaining evidence through filming hoon hotspots or addresses where intelligence is received regarding unlicensed trail bikes on roads.

People are sick and tired of hoons and unlicensed trail bikes in our community and I fully support the proposed measures and ask that on the 9th of March vou do too.

Hon Helen Morton MLC Member for the East Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

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ARALUEN NOTES

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Over 80 stallholders will be participating in a ARAI 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 annual 'Butcher Picnic' including the State judging of the best beef burger and pie competition will take place on centre stage from 12am to 2pm both days. Tastings of these products will be on offer for the audience to sample.

Kids in the Kitchen are a new concept to the festival. Children will be invited to test their culinary skills creating interesting fruit skewers and taking part in sausage making. This activity is open to children 9 to 12 years and will take place at various times during the day on stage.

Another first for the festival is 3 performances by Dance Workshop on Sunday. A number of dances will perform a variety of styles from Latin, Bollywood, Jazz and Flamenco. For over 20 years the Dance Workshop has specialized in providing dance tuition for adult students in a fun, motivating, friendly atmosphere.

Once again we will have a number of roving acts from the amazing Silent Partners Stilt Walkers to a very colourful Mariachi Duo. Tabas.Co are a Fremantle based group with no shortage of influences with members from France, Zimbabwe, Australian 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 who like the cooking demonstrations, we will have Chef Dale showing you just how easy it is to cook with fresh produce.

The popular 'Sow-a-seed' and Beyond Gardens, will also be back so kids can plant a seed, take it home and watch it grow. Members of the Perth Heat Baseball League will be at the festival to sign autographs and hand out information. Try out your baseball skills in the special 'pitching tent'.

The 2013 festival will have something for everyone. Entry Fee: Adults \$15 (children 0 - 16 free when

accompanied by an adult).

Liz Dunn









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WE HAVE A BUSH CREW

Some of our members attended the Bushcare and Environmental Working Group (BEWG) meeting recently. We met the new City of Armadale's Bush Crew members. There are three in the team and they are headed by Dan Walker who many of us already knew through his great work with Roley Pool Reserve. Dan worked previously with Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group. This is a great initiative of the Council and will help highlight the importance of our natural reserves. You will see them working in our Reserves over the next few weeks removing rubbish, brush cutting and spraying around the fringes.

Four of our volunteers also attended a breakfast held at Sandalford Winery by the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program (SALP). SALP provides funding to community groups and local governments for on-ground works to protect surface and groundwater and biodiversity in coastal, wetland, riparian and terrestrial vegetation sites. Roleybushcare was presented with a cheque for our grant of \$6000. This will be used for our winter planting field days.

LAST FIELD DAY

An amazing amount of people turned up to help finish the dieback treatment of the Winstanley and Bettenay Reserves. Thank you to the 32 volunteers that turned up. We were able to remove a large amount of a South African creeper that had escaped from a neighbouring block. We also removed rubbish and a large amount of dead undergrowth that was a fire hazard. The City of Armadale will remove our huge pile. Thank you to

> the Blaney-Murphy's for hosting our morning tea for the last two field days in their lovely patio. Thanks also to Faye Clay for providing the delicious food.

NEXT FIELD DAY

Huge effort needed to complete this task. Sunday 17th March 9.00 to noon in the Stinton Cascade Nature Reserve We are going back to this beautiful Reserve to protect the area bordering Gardiner Road. We will meet in Gardiner Road, Karragullen. Signs will be on the Brookton Highway indicating where we will be. If you go past the Rock Inne Tavern then you have gone

Check the website or our notice board at the Roleystone Shops for more details. For a last minute check if it is raining or stormy, look at the website on the day of the field day at 8.00am or ring Ian on 0427 800 732.

Pictured above left: Joel and Matthew weeding daisy plants. below left: Matthew, Eva and Joel.

Below: Morning tea at the home of the Blaney-Murphys.



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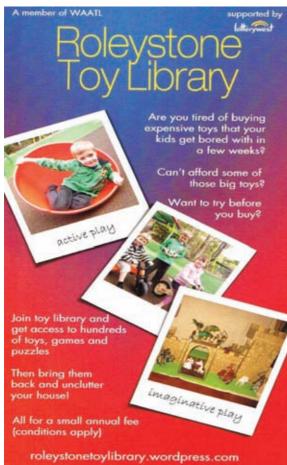
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Things are Changing at the Roleystone Country Club

The Club is in the process of updating and modernising its internal and external areas including repainting the entrance, new carpets and furniture, air conditioning upgrade, new internal lighting and upgrading our outdoor areas and adding new outdoor furniture. We will also be constructing a new entrance to the driveway and beautifying the grounds as part of our three year business plan recently approved by our members at a special AGM. We have appointed new caterers to manage our Friday night meals, in the recently

We have appointed new caterers to manage our Friday night meals, in the recently renamed "Windows on Wygonda" Restaurant. This has been open for only 4 weeks and has been booked out on each occasion with many people providing glowing references on the food and atmosphere. So if you are wanting to come and try out Chef Sue's amazing food, make sure you ring and book a table, as tables are quickly booked out. Wedon't want to disappoint anyone.

Our Friday night music has had the place pumping with the foot tapping local Irish band The Ferrymen. The brilliant acoustic guitar of Stu Mcleod and the swinging sounds of Lionel Morris have keept all members and guests entertained into the late night hours.

We will be having a 'Day on the Green' on St Patricks Day, Sunday March the 17th. We will have a band playing contemporary music and Irish favourites. Irish food will be available for purchase with Guinness and Green Beer. So put the date in your diary and come along dressed in your Irish Finery. The day starts at 2.00pm and goes until 8.00pm.

Or come along to the Club and have a quiet drink or two. *Michael Hansen*

President

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT

'Switch your thinking!' has been awarded a Keep Australia Beautiful Beverage Container Recycling Grant to build novelty recycling machines which have appeared at community events in the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells.

The creations have been built by local Perth artists. The creations have been named Canivals due to their resemblance to carnival games. These machines have already helped divert hundreds of cans from the landfill since their first public appearance in October 2012.

"The Canivals are a fun, interactive way for the community to reduce waste and learn about recycling," said Cr Ruth Butterfield, program chair of the South East Regional Energy Group and Deputy Mayor for the City of Armadale.

"The Canivals will continue to make appearances at local community events in the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells to promote the importance of recycling".

"Switch your thinking!' aims to promote and encourage environmental action and energy reduction to our local communities and it has been fantastic to see so many people participate and make use of

the Canival," said Cr Butterfield.

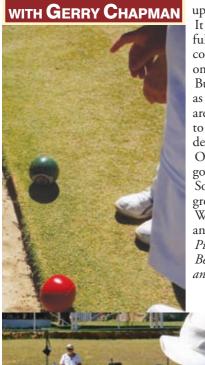
'Switch your thinking!' is a partnership between the City of Armadale, City of Gosnells and Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire.

Coca-Cola Foundation and Keep Australia Beautiful have distributed over \$80,000 in funds through the Beverage Container Recycling Grants.

Cr Ruth Butterfield is pictured below (far right) with 'Switch your thinking!' staff.



BOWLING ALONG WITH GERRY CHAPMAN



Community Bowls, thanks to Roleystone Supa IGA, is up and running.

It is great to see the greens, and the Country Club, full of happy people enjoying a great social event and conviviality. If you are interested, we have social bowls on Friday evening.

But, for how long? Our bowls club is in danger of collapse as we are lacking members. Many of our present bowlers are in the twilight of their careers and we need members to keep the club going. It would be a great pity to see the demise of this sport.

On the positive side, our ladies' and men's pennants are going along well.

So - come on down, join the club and be a part of a great group enjoying a great game.

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

Pictured at left; examining when bowls are 'just in play'. Below bowls winners: Jean Lewis, Gerry Chapman, Norma and Malcolm Clements.

Photos by Melissa Rickman



COME AND PLAY FLOORBALL

Floorball is still a relatively new sport in Perth. Originally from Europe, Floorball came to Australia in the late 1990's and has progressively grown around Australia.

Likened to indoor hockey, Floorball is a fast & fun indoor sport for all ages to enjoy. The equipment is lightweight plastic sticks and balls and played within a small walled rink. Played with 1 goalie, 5 field players and others as substitutes, Floorball is played over 3 periods of 15-20 minutes each.

Experience and skill is not required, as Floorball is an easy game to learn and played at all levels & ages.

The Redbacks Floorball Club welcome all juniors to the Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Rec Centre in Mead Street Byford where our new junior competition for 2013 is starting in March.

Redbacks FC have now been at the SJCRC over the past 4 years with both adult and junior gameplays and look forward to you joining with us.

Bring your friends, make up a team and come along and enjoy the 'Fun of Floorball'.

Contact the club at:

mail@redbacksfloorballclub.com.

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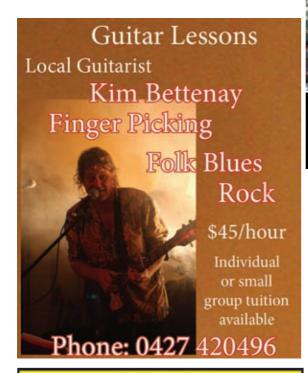
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Roleystone MUSICIANSCLUB

Welcome to the start of our seventh year!

The RMC opened its doors in March 2007 and we've had a ball so far. Unfortunately, this year we're having trouble securing a suitable venue. Thus we have no firm dates to advertise as yet.

We're taking this time to review our Club Nights and equipment. This year I'd like to see us record a CD and produce some video clips.

We also have the RMC Kids returning and looking forward to another fun year.

So keep a lookout for our Posters at the Shopping Centre. Check out our web site for our first Club Night date. Don't forget our FREE Event - Concert in the Park - at the Robin Road Oval on Sunday 3 March 4pm – 7pm.

Our AGM is scheduled for



next month at the Roleystone Country Club. We encourage all local performers to come along and join our Committee and help steer the RMC for another year.

Deb de Boer President

The first Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues session started the year off well. There were very few vacant seats in the Wygonda lounge within a few minutes of starting.

Trying a new area in the Country Club has appeared to have paid off.

We had a whole range of music throughout the afternoon. We started with a small tribute to Buddy Holly, as it was 54 years ago since his tragic demise, February 3rd '59.

Then we moved into Folk and some easy listening. New comers, Acoustic Trio: Lee, Ben and Dave, did two sets of their own compositions. They are modern acoustic rock with outstanding harmonies. (*Pictured at right*).

There was a short blues jam session with local entity Erhard, playing harmonica, Richard on violin and myself on slide guitar.

The afternoon finished in the style of Django Reinhardt & Stephane Grappelli with Richard on Violin and his off sider on Guitar: a great duet of Gypsy Jazz.

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The Development Services Committee meeting on Monday 18 Feb recommended the preparation of a local law for cotton bush. This still needs to be ratified at the Council Meeting on Mon 25 February. The objective of a Pest Plant Local Law is for the City to have powers ensuring that landowners eradicate or otherwise control the specific weed. This means that the people who control the weed on their own land aren't disadvantaged by their neighbours who won't.

This is the start of a fairly lengthy process. The development and finalisation of the local law will take approximately nine months to





Cr Grant Nixon 0418449611

complete. This includes issue of a public notice inviting submissions, coordination/response to submissions and amendment to the law, issue of the proposed local law to the Minister and subsequent amendments and gazettal.

Cotton bush is native to South Africa and Ethiopia, and was introduced to Australia as a garden plant. The plant has spread into disturbed, moist sites where it invades run-down or low fertility pastures displacing species that are native to the area. Consequently, there is an impact on natural biodiversity with subsequent impacts on fauna. Cotton Bush also contains cardiac glycosides, which are toxic to humans and livestock.

I think this is a good result for the people that work hard to maintain their properties and for our environment as a whole.



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"Once junk is sorted, we are able to recycle about a quarter, which keeps collection costs down and reduces waste to landfill," said Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones.

Junk must be sorted into three separate piles:

refrigerators and white goods

scrap metal and household furniture and general junk. This rubbish should be placed on the

This rubbish should be placed on the householder's verge according to the instructions found within the Junk Collection brochure, which is delivered to letterboxes during the collection period.

A number of items (these are clearly listed in the pamphlet) are unsuitable for

collection and must not be placed on the road verge.

Residents are reminded that unsorted piles and unsuitable junk will not be collected.

"There are lots of things we can collect, but some rubbish is just not suitable, so it is important people follow the guidelines set out in the Junk Collection brochure.

"Residents wanting to get rid of their electronic products such as TVs and computers are reminded to use their electronic tip passes or alternatively dispose of them at the City's Landfill facility for only \$14," said Mayor Zelones. Residents without a verge should contact waste services to register an alternative site.

For further information call the City's Waste Services team on 9399 0111.

Reminder to Park Correctly on Local Streets

The City of Armadale is reminding residents to park safely and correctly around local suburbs.

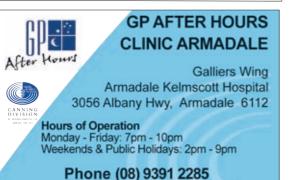
Recent complaints have suggested a growing number of people are parking illegally on footpaths, kerbs and corners, putting both pedestrians and drivers at risk.

Parking illegally can obstruct visibility, hinder the flow of traffic and put local pedestrians and school children at risk. Motorists are advised to observe the local

traffic conditions and parking signage throughout the City. Otherwise they could face penalties of up to \$1,000.

The City is committed to keeping local roads and footpaths safe for the benefit of all residents. Rangers are regularly patrolling the City of Armadale and will follow-up cases of illegal parking when reported.

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Kaarakin

(Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre) is having an Open day Sunday 10th March. Start 7.30am.

ART CLASSES

Many with an artistic flair have found both enjoyment and friendship at the Art Classes run at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. Under the helpful eye of talented artist Wendy Van Der Laan a range of locals have found that their artistic talents have flourished. The classes are held on:

Mondays 12.00 – 3.00

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Pax: The Symbols of the Seasons Lesley Borowitzka



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Hot cross buns, chocolate eggs, bunnies, bilbies, chocolate everything! The cross on the buns, the eggs and the baby animals are all Christian symbols of renewed life, the promise of Easter.

Perhaps it's a little early for Easter symbols?? The Christian festival of Easter this year falls at the end of March.

It is not a coincidence that it connects with the Jewish commemoration of Passover. Jesus, the centre of Christianity, and his followers were Jews. They travelled to Jerusalem 2000 years ago to celebrate the Passover at the temple, and it was in the week of the Passover that all the events leading up to the crucifixion and return to life of Jesus took place. Easter is also marked by a magnificent, beautiful symbol in the sky: the full moon.

Full moon at Easter every year is also not a coincidence: since ancient times, the date of Easter has been calculated from the time of the first full moon which follows the equinox, 21 March. The new life symbols have a deep meaning for people living in Europe and the middle east, for Easter time is springtime, an end to the darkness of winter.

New green shoots rise from the earth, and yes, there are lots of bunnies and chicks.

None the less, for us living in Perth, Easter marks an end to the long hot, dry summer, harvests are close to finishing in the orchards and the first refreshing rain brings new life to our parched gardens and paddocks and bush.

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Forest Legacy Fundraising Evening at Genesis in The Hills

Ending logging and keeping all our South West Native Forests is now a realistic economic option. The Forest Legacy Project has undertaken the task of working with the public to raise awareness and ensure that the interests of future generations are safeguarded.

The Forest Legacy Project is organising a fundraiser for the forests at Genesis in the Hills, Vegetarian Restaurant, Roleystone on Saturday 13 April, 2013 at 6.30pm.

Forest Legacy is a voluntary group associated with WAFA

(West Australian Forest Alliance). The project's aim is to raise public awareness of the current plan to log over 1,000 square kilometers of forest between 2014 and 2023 and put forward an alternative proposal, preserving all our forests and gaining profitable carbon credits. The planning process makes it imperative that the decision is made in 2013.

We invite you to help sponsor the project and join us for an evening of fantastic vegetarian canapés and south-west wines, a short film, guest speakers and live music. For more information and tickets please call 9496 0514. Tickets are on sale now at \$150 per head and numbers are limited to 80. Please secure your reservation quickly.

Patrick Weir

Coordinator - Forest Legacy Project

forestlegacy.org.au 9496 0514

Pictured top left: Forest Alliance Roley Crew: Patrick Weir, Maggie Burke, Lilith Fair, Rebecca Purchon and Helen Downie.

Top right: Maggie Burke and Patrick Burke at 'The Great Debate'. Patrick took this opportunity to ask the two politicians what the Labor and Liberal Party's policies were on the destruction of our native forests.







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We have door prizes, a raffle, a fashion show & a jewelry display as well as an amazing High Tea. It will be held on Friday April 12th between 11am and 2pm at the Salvation Army Hall 57 Braemore St, Seville Grove.

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Thanks ladies & I look forward to seeing you all on the 12th April.

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Astronomical Highlights March

Greg Lowe,
Perth Observatory

Only two planets can be seen at present, but they're the best two when it comes to viewing them with a telescope, and both will be on show in the Observatory's autumn stargazing sessions. I'm talking about Jupiter and Saturn, the giant gas planets. With the moon on the wane, Jupiter is the brightest celestial object visible at nightfall. It stands out in the north-western sky at dusk and heads westwards through the evening, setting in the west-northwest around 11pm in early March, 10pm mid-month, and 9:15pm by the end of the month.

Jupiter has more than 60 moons, most of them very small, but the four largest moons (Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto) can be seen with binoculars and small telescopes.

In your backyard, you can emulate Galileo's observations of 400-odd years ago by sketching the positions of the Galilean satellites (he called them "Medicean stars") as they continually shuffle to and fro. We see their orbits from side-on, so they're often seen to be all in a row. They move so quickly, especially the inner ones, that they can go from one side of the planet to the other from one night to the next. The orbital periods are: Io 1.77 days, Europa 3.55 days, Ganymede 7.15 days, and Callisto 16.69 days. Compare these figures with our own very sedate Moon which takes a "moonth" to chug around the Earth.

Saturn's rising at about 10pm in early March, just to the south of east. By midmonth it's rising an hour earlier, and by the end of the month it's up by 8pm. Many first-time observers are amazed at

the view of Saturn's superb rings which were first described as a disc around the planet by the Dutch astronomer Christiaan Huygens in 1655. The origin of the rings is a matter for scientific conjecture. It's possible that they are a fairly temporary feature, perhaps only destined to last for some millions of years (that's a short time in astronomy). Saturn culminates - reaches its highest altitude - high overhead at about 4:15am in early March, 3:15am in mid-month, and 2:15am by the end of the month. Purists prefer to observe their favourite celestial objects at or about the time of culmination, when there's the least interference from the atmosphere.

Mercury comes into view in the morning sky in mid-month. Look for it low in the east at daybreak. It's going to be at its best around Eastertime at the end of March, when it'll be rising about two hours ahead of the sun. Speaking of Easter, remember the rule: "Easter Sunday is the Sunday after the full moon that follows the autumn equinox." . The equinox is on the 20th, full moon's on the 27th which is a Wednesday, and Sunday the 31st is Easter Sunday.

The major phases of the moon in March are last quarter on the morning of the 5th, new moon on the 12th, first quarter on the 20th, and full moon on the 27th. If you can get to a suitable lookout point on the 27th, you'll be able to simultaneously see the sun going down in the west and the full moon coming up in the east.

Calling all Artists to Submit Work for the Minnawarra Art Awards

The City of Armadale is calling for Expressions of Interest from artists across WA for the 2013 Minnawarra Art Awards which will be held from 14 to 19 May at the heritage listed Armadale District Hall.

"The annual Minnawarra Art Awards is a highlight in the City's arts and events calendar. Last year we had artists from around the state submitting works in a range of mediums including sculpture, painting and glass work," said Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones.

"Last year's exhibition showcased fantastic pieces, including the winning work of internationally acclaimed artist Trevor Richards."

The Minnawarra Art Awards are invitational awards exhibited by the City of Armadale and include acquisition and monetary prize including the prestigious Gerry Gauntlett Award.

The City holds its annual Minnawarra Art Awards in high esteem and values the interest and support we receive from artists across Western Australia.

Artists interested in the Minnawarra Art Awards are required to submit and Expression of Interest consisting of a Curriculum Vitae (maximum of three pages) and three images of recent works.

All Expressions of Interest applications can be lodged by post to Locked Bag No. 2 Armadale WA 6992 or emailed to info@armadale.wa.gov.au by 5pm on Tuesday 5 March

If you have any further queries regarding the awards contact 9399 0682.



Wild Gossip: **Rainbow Lorikeets**

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It was sad to read the story by Paul Casotti of Raeburn Orchard of the invasion of the Rainbow Lorikeets into Roleystone orchards, as they are very destructive and very dangerous. I knew that the Rainbow Lorikeets were a problem in the Swan Valley but to have them arrive here is not good news. I hope something can be done about this as our Roleystone orchards are very precious.

Before Christmas a friend told me that the Rainbow Lorikeets had moved into her Roleystone garden which was a concern to her as they are carriers of the deadly Psittacine beak and feather disease, which poses a serious threat to our captive and wild parrots.

About a month ago I noticed five Rainbow Lorikeets in my bird bath and countless more in the trees. This filled me with dread as I really value and enjoy the wild birds that visit our garden. We have 28's, Pink & Grey Galahs and Red Caps as daily visitors, all of which would be in danger from the Rainbow Lorikeets. There is also some evidence that other birds of the non parrot varieties are also susceptible to the beak and feather disease which makes me concerned for the vast array of lovely birds visiting my garden. When the Rainbow Lorikeets left my garden that day the bird baths got a very thorough cleaning in an attempt to protect our native birds, but R.L. were back the following day to enjoy another bath. Thankfully they have not returned since.

Rainbow Lorikeets fly in such large numbers that they can cause massive damage to our fruit industry, our precious native birds, our gardens and they pose strike threats at airports. Rainbow Lorikeets may look attractive and cute with their bright colours, blue head and red beak but they are a very destructive and dangerous pests.

Rainbow Lorikeets are sometimes sold as and kept as pets but must be licensed by D.E.C. and kept in a secure double door aviary to prevent escape. Also great care with hygiene must be taken to prevent the spread of beak and feather disease to captive or native birds – pet birds must NEVER be released.

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

Seniors Update

The casino trip was a big success as we had a bus full. Everyone was very happy that they had such a enjoyable time, they all want to go again as soon as we can arrange it. Chris Kent.

Seniors Club March Calendar

Social afternoons every fourth Friday of the month after

carpet bowls, every one is welcome

Total Jan 1 to February 23 2013 14.8 on 8 days

Average to 1st Jan to 28 February 33.1 on 6 days

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

Weather Statistics	Feb Temperature	Feb Rainfall		
David Elliott:	Lowest Min 10.2 (24th)	year	mm # c	lays
Your Official	Highest Min 23.2 (13th)	2007	3.6	1
Roley Weather Site.	Lowest Max 23.8 (23rd)	2008	33.4	2
,	Highest Max 41.9 (12th)	2009	21.6	2
		2010	0.8	2
Rainfall Totals & Averages			2	2
	2012	20	3	
February average 14.0 on 3 days			1.4	2

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Cricket Club News

A SUMMER OF CRICKET

Todd Bendall

By mid-February, we are looking down the barrel of the end of the season and of course the all important finals! So here is a last round round-up.

Another Premiership flag for the Roleystone-Karragullen Cricket Club after beating Lesmurdie-Mazenod in the

Swan Helena T20 Grand Final at Cross Park on the 5th of February. Roleystone won the toss and elected to bat, seeing out their 20 overs with a defend-able total. Lesmurdie were eventually overcome, bowled out well behind the mark. That puts an early flag in the coffers in what looks, in coming weeks, to be a successful end to the 2012-13 season. A big thank you from the Club for all those who got along to watch and really make the Tuesday night series a pleasure to host.

Out of the 6 teams competing this year, 5 are expecting some finals action:

RKCC has turned the tables with an outright win and the high-flying Lesmurdie Mazenod losing in the penultimate round. This leaves our A Grade side some 8.81 points behind top spot, just ahead of Forrestfield who are a further 1.09 points adrift. The final round however see's Lesmurdie Mazenod play-off against Forrestfield.

For RKCC to become A Grade minor premiers for the first time since Jason "Hammo" Hammond was in short pants, we will need to win outright against a distant 5th placed Ellenbrook with Lesmurdie Mazenod dropping points against Forrestfield. To stay second, Forrestfield must lose or if they win, we must win and do so without them making 109 more runs than we do or thereabouts. With Ellenbrook vying to grab hold of the 4th finals spot they will be on their toes in more ways than one. B Grade:

Recent performances have let the B Grade side down but with a 9.19 point gap between 4th and 5th and the final round being a match between those two sides, it'd be difficult to see RKCC not making finals. Forrestfield would have to beat RKCC outright or comprehensively thrash us in order to take our finals spot from under our

It all seems unlikely though with the side returning to full strength for this, the last



game of the season and will no doubt get some help from above.

C Grade:

With a bye in the final round and 4th spot already cemented, the might of Dean 'Where's My Flanny?' McIntyre's C Grade side can rest easy knowing that they have 2 weeks to prepare for their first final. Good luck boys!

E Grade:

Both E Greens and E Whites look set to be in finals this year once again and are battling each other for position. The top 4 are set however 12 points separates 1st from 4th and it's tighter than some of their waistlines everywhere in between. Two one-dayers remain so any spot in the 4 is there for the taking but with top spot Glen Forrest facing 2 bottom sides, it's likely to finish an RKCC 2nd and 3rd meaning we may again see an RKCC derby in the Preliminary Final.

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