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The victorious A grade team. Mitch Stuart, Michael Mobilia, Liam Rigby, Toby Moore, John Lewis, Jon Stockey. Front: Richie Allen, Trent Stuart, Michael Chmielewski, Jayke Della Franca, Darryl Kipping and Patrick Jackson.

SEEN AROUND TOWN Far left: Jana Baggetta with Imogen and Isabella. Middle at the Cricket: Dean Mcintyre and Alex Stockey. Far right: Luca and Cliff Cannell.



HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY LILI & FRANCESCA MURRAY



RKCC APRIL COVER

The RKCC's A Grade Cricket team topped off a successful month winning their grand final. This month's cover shows some of the celebrations straight after the last ball was bowled.

John Cox is front and centre with his arms up, Dean McIntyre is to the left with the Black Boots, Lisa Moltoni is at the back right with the hat and Hayden Taylor is in the black shirt. The A Grade joined the other winners: E Grade won on Saturday and last month the boys won the T20 final. RKCC is on a high.





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Shearwoods Start a New Chapter in Augusta

It doesn't seem like a quarter of a century ago that we were packing up and moving from England to Australia - such a big adventure!

We'd lived in villages in Europe and we thought that Roleystone was a bit like a village, so we knew that this was the place for us as soon as we found it and enthusiastically started our new life here.

Helen and Martin went to the local schools. Wendy was fortunate enough to get the job of the coordinator of the Neighbourhood House and from there soon got involved in many aspects of community life. Graham got involved with the tennis club, to the extent that he is now a life member.

Sorting through 25 years worth of memorabilia and other bits and pieces has brought back some wonderful memories and we are sad to farewell so many good friends, who have been such a support over the years. But then again we are only three and a half hours away, so not that far.

However, we are now so looking forward to the next phase in our lives. We have fully embraced retirement and seem to have found a new lease of life!

We think of Augusta as Roleystone-by-the-sea and we are moving to a little cottage with a glimpse of the river in the background, a small yard, and lots of new countryside to explore.

What are we going to do? This is where we remind ourselves that we are human beings, not human doings, and we will enjoy just that - being. We will be making the most

of every moment, thankful that we are still both fit and young at heart. Please look us up when you're down in Augusta - the kettle's always on!

Wendy and Graham Shearwood

Easter Welcome

The Hughes family home is just being completed on Brookton Highway Roleystone. On Palm Sunday the Hughes girls joined in with the celebrations at Cross Park and painted Easter eggs. Pictured: Mum Shae, Claire and Anja Hughes





GOAD RESOURCES WINS BUSINESS ARMADALE ACCOLADE



Congratulations to Roger Goad of Goads Resources for winning this month's Business of the Month for Business Armadale. Roger, a former Roleystone resident and widely known across our region, started his business in 1989 as an owner-driver. For the first 5 years he focused on interstate haulage and in 1994 he added earth moving to the business. The business has steadily grown and in 2005 acquired a larger Albanybased transport company. Currently, the business boasts 12 trucks and the main focus is on Albany-Perth and Great Southern/ Southwest transport and container cargo to and from the Fremantle wharves.

Goad Resources continues to have a strong involvement in fighting bushfires in the area and has received several commendations from CALM/DEC for contributions to fighting major fire outbreaks. They regularly provide pro-bono support to local schools, sports clubs and various benevolent causes. Goad Resources is also a Major Sponsor of Araluen Botanic Park.



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Fruit Fly Love Rain

There is something special about the first substantial rains after a long dry summer. The smells, the sounds, the fresh green shoots on weary plants and the fruit fly. That was not a typo! Extended periods of dry do wonders to decimate the fruit fly

HILLS ORCHARD

population. Your local orchardists having been faring pretty well for a short period with fly infestation numbers down. With the recent rains this has changed rapidly. Late season stonefruit, apples, pears and

persimmons are now at high risk. Fresh water supplies will see fruit fly pupae re-emerge from the soil, looking for targets in which to lay maggots.

The Hills Orchard Improvement Group (HOIG) is aware of this and are asking householders to assist us. Be alert for the first signs of fruit fly in your own properties.

Did you know one fruit fly is capable of laying 500-800 eggs?

Growers are implementing measures to stop this new wave of flies and ask that you do the same. Hang new traps (whether purchased or homemade), refill old ones, bait your trees, solarise infested and fallen fruit, maintain backyard hygiene, net your trees if possible. Don't wait until signs of fly are present, prevention is better than cure.

For recipes on constructing your own traps and other information on Med Fly control, go to the website <u>www.agric.wa.gov.au</u> and click on the fruit fly link.

HOIG sincerely thanks those who have supported and assisted us in our fight against fruit fly via action in your own backyard.

Every fruit fly you control helps stop the next generation of fly affecting your local grower. If you need to contact us, try: <u>hoigfruitfly@gmail.com</u>

Brett DelSimone Fruit Fly Action Group (HOIG)



CITY STANCE ON METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The City of Armadale's stance on amalgamation was clearly articulated at last week's Council meeting, as can be seen from the following minuted position statements. The City resolves to:

- 1. Make a submission to the Department of Local Government addressing the recommendations of the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Final Report in accordance with the Table included in this report and Council's earlier resolved position.
- 2. Support the findings of the G20 Group of Mayors that, in the face of compulsory metropolitan local government reform, the Group preferred an option of 16 metropolitan Councils, with a number of supplementary boundary variations to be resolved between neighbouring Councils.
- 3. Note that the G20 Group of Mayors strongly supported the Variation (A2) that, in the event of City of Armadale and Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale being required to merge, that the northern part of Serpentine-Jarrahdale be linked to Armadale and the southern part be ceded to Shire of Murray.
- 4. Advise the Department of Local Government that: Any restructure of metropolitan local government should be seen as Stage One of a total state-wide restructure.
- 5. The City does not support any merger with the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale. Armadale respects the aspirations of the communities of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and believes that both authorities could grow to an optimum size of 150,000 population without a merger.

The City of Armadale has long-supported a review of local government throughout Western Australia on the basis that all local governments should be operating on sound business and sustainability principles. The City is of the view that urban Councils of between 100,000 and 150,000 population offer the best combination of economies of scale, representation and accessibility by the community.

The City advises the Department of Local Government that if a merger is forced on the City, the City should be financially protected by the State Government such that it suffers no financial loss.

From the Council Précis, General Meeting of the 25 March.



Unplugged Blues and Roots

The Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues session on Sunday afternoon the 10th March may have been a bit slow to start but it soon took off and very quickly the afternoon was in full swing. It was really good to see more people take an active part and playing for the first time. Diversity is the spice of musical life. A big thanks to Dale for some really beautiful classical guitar; making a few of us feel 'we really should practice more'. This, with the return of one of the W.A.'s best piano accordion players who used to grace us at the old venue, really brought the afternoon alive. Thanks to everyone who came along and also to the The Roleystone Country Club for their support. Mel Young



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Who's Been Sleeping in my House

The first episode of the new series 'Who's Been Sleeping In My House' was aired on ABC1 on the 15th March and threw light on some Roleystone History.

It traced some interesting, and perhaps controversial, theories attached to Keith and Sherry Parker's cottage 'Janella', off Brookton Highway.



The house was constructed in 1910 but was extended and renovated to serve as a guesthouse by Lella Richards and her daughter Joan Richards.

(Interestingly Hazel Hawke stayed in the cottage prior to her marriage in 1946). Joan was a young lady during the period she lived in Roleystone and was highly involved in the social life of the town. She was a member of the musical group the Hilarions that provided music for many of the towns activities. *In the photo on the next page, Joan Richards is pictured with a fellow Hilarion Shirley Winstanley.*

Joan had told the story of a suspicious Asian looking lodger who was boarding with the family during the Second World War. She had connections with Jackie Sue who often came to visit Janella. *continued next page.*



March Courier two weeks ago, graffiti vandals again ran riot, damaging signs at The Grape Restaurant, Roleystone Lunchbar and Takeaways and at Hairrod's Hair. Even the front pillars had scrawl. This time the perpetrators made a lot of noise and the neighbours alerted the police. They arrived in time to catch them climbing

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off the roof. Charges have been laid and the person responsible has been charged and will appear in court. We can only hope that the punishment is enough of a deterrent to stop these particular people at least, and we are left alone. Due to the anti graffiti finish our sign was easily cleaned. Hairrod's Hair sign is older and will have to be replaced totally, at quite a bit of expense as these signs aren't cheap.

Hopefully we will soon find out more concerning the outcome of the charges. *Roni Tyson*

Grape Gallery



Perhaps she also had connections with other military officials who she could pass information to. Rumour has it that the mysterious lodger was suspected to have ties with the Axis powers. (Japan had military designs on the mainland of Australia.) He was alleged to be conducting secret reconnaissance missions in the area. The story was that the man was researching the possibility of poisoning Perth's major water supply. The Contour Channel, taking water to Perth, ran at the top of the Richard's property.

The program made suggestions that this man was arrested and may have been executed on Garden Island. Unexplained bones with Asiatic features have been discovered on the island. NB: Australia's official military history refutes the notion of foreign spies operating on Australian soil during the War.

What was not in the documentary but has been another story to emerge from this time, was that at least one Japanese seaplane was heard landing on Canning Dam. Neil Fretwell of Karragullen was in the Home Guard during World War 11 and was in the area at the time. He gave an eye witness account to his family and this story had been passed down via his relatives. (Neil Fretwell was Sandy Zavaterri's grandfather.)

This piece of evidence would further substantiate claims that this area was of interest to the Japanese at the time. The Parkers has also found an old tomahawk that was dug up from their garden. The forensic investigation and detailed analysis showed this to be the age of Thomas Buckingham, whose early landholdings did extend to include this land.

Sherry Parker commented that: 'these discoveries have given us a real sense of history which we wanted. We actually feel more connected and more responsible for taking care of the stories that come with this house because they belong to the whole area.' Pictured:

- 1. Keith and Sherry Parker
- 2. The cottage 'Janella' today
- 3. Joan Richards (right) with her friend Shirley Winstanely (dec) in Roleystone circa 1938.

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Black Cockatoo Friendly Plant Labels

A new plant label available in nurseries will help gardeners take action to support endangered Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos in Perth.

Suburban gardens are vital to helping cockatoos survive the increasing removal of natural bushlands in the Perth region. As part of a pilot labelling trial, 12 local native plants have been selected for their ability to provide habitat for Carnaby's, as well as being attractive garden plants with colourful flowers.

"By choosing the right native plants for your garden, everyone can help Carnaby's," said Tamara Kabat, BirdLife Australia's Black-Cockatoo Conservation Officer. "Important native food plants for Carnaby's in the Perth region include many banksias and hakeas, as well as Marri and Jarrah, which also offer food and night-time roosting places."

"Each plant selected for the label is used differently by Carnaby's for flowers, seeds and grubs — and some may be used by other blackcockatoos, especially Marri and Jarrah," said Tamara.

"Some plants come in dwarf varieties, making them suitable for even the smallest Perth garden. Ask your nursery for advice on which plants will grow best in your soil, or how to prune native plants into hedges."

Responsible nurseries can also ensure that your plants do not assist the spread of the plant disease, Phytophthora Dieback.

"Phytophthora Dieback can be introduced to your garden through infected plants, soil mixes or



Lisa Potter (CEO, Perth Region NRM) helping Tamara Kabat (Black-Cockatoo Conservation Officer, BirdLife Australia) plant a Lesser Bottlebrush in her Perth Hills garden.

mulches," said Katherine Sambrooks, Coordinator of the Dieback Working Group.

"Important plants for Carnaby's plants, including Jarrah, banksias and hakeas, are affected by Phytophthora Dieback. Many common garden plants, such as roses and azaleas, are also affected by this disease."

"Many nurseries are certified by NIASA, a national accreditation scheme for adopting best management practices in production nurseries, including strict hygiene practices."

"By buying Carnaby's habitat plants from participating NIASA-accredited nurseries, gardeners can make sure they aren't spreading this deadly disease."

NIASA-accredited nurseries in Perth participating in the pilot trial are APACE, Australian Native Nurseries Group, Muchea Tree Farm, Ngulla Community Nursery and Zanthorrea Nursery. For more information, visit http://birdlife.org.au/carnabys/plants-for-carnabys.

The plant label will be launched by local gardening celebrity, John Colwill, on Saturday March 23 at Zanthorrea Nursery, Maida Vale, starting at 10:30am. BirdLife Australia and the Dieback Working Group will be present to talk about the project, and there will be a live Carnaby's from Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre. RSVP to Zanthorrea Nursery.

Tamara Kabat



What's in Season Now?

We live in a fruit growing area. Here a local fruit grower gives some tips on what is in season and how astute buyers can 'buy best'.

As we transition into the later stage of stonefruit season, along with it comes the crisp, sweet bite of apples and pears.

As a grower, it is around this time I start to reflect on the work that has been done and the feedback gathered throughout the season. One thing I hear often from consumers is, "How do you know which piece of fruit tastes best?"

For growers it becomes a sixth sense, 20+ years in the game will develop that.

There are 2 very simple distinguishing features that set aside mature fruit from immature fruit. Aroma and colour. STONEFRUIT

Aroma - a ripe piece of stonefruit should have a distinctive sweet scent. It should smell exactly like it will taste, bland smell often leads to bland taste. The first thing I do as a grower before deciding which peach/ nectarine/apricot/plum to eat, is smell it.

Colour - A little harder to master. Each variety of stonefruit has different concentrations of red/purple/yellow through it so for the consumer background colour is the key. Notice I left out the word green.

Yellow flesh stonefruit should never, ever have a green background, it is a clear sign of an immature harvest. A yellow background is nature's way of saying this piece of fruit is ready to eat. White flesh stonefruits are a little different, the undertone should lean towards green/ yellow, but never a straight dark green. APPLES

The best indicator is aroma. An apple will always smell like an apple, but whether it smells like a sweet apple is a different story. Stick to apples that smell sweet. Apples that are 'greasy' or give when touched are clearly over ripe and floury. They will not have the crisp bite of an apple in good condition. PEARS

A pear will always smell like a pear, a sweet pear has a lighter aromatic smell.

The grower is not the determining factor on the quality of fruit you get on the shop shelf. You are. The consumer has the discretionary power to spend their dollar on fruit, or not. If you are not happy with the quality of the fruit, give that feedback to the retailer. If enough negative feedback is given, the retailer will change the source of his fruit to a better quality. Conversely if the fruit is of a high standard, retailers love to hear that too! Growers who harvest correctly deserve to be supported and rewarded with demand for their produce.

The definition of madness is doing the same thing over and over, and expecting a different result.

Brett DelSimone Spring Hill Orchard

When Community Clubs Band Together

On Saturday the local cricket club was 'Thumping'. The E grade boys had just won the grand final. Well done to the E Grade boys for your victory.

Very responsibly the local constabulary put in a road block. None of the revellers would be getting their cars out to drive home that night. A little bit of inconvenience and potential accidents averted. Well done to the Police.

The Local Musos club invited the boys to come over to the footy club so they could play for them. Much revelry but in a safe supportive environment. Well done Musos Club. *PS The Roleysone Courier has a very interesting photo of antics on the oval. Mmmm.*



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Megan And Anthony Recognised

Two former Roleystone students, Megan Batty and Anthony Bullimore, were recently recognised for their achievements with Former Student Scholarships awarded at a recent ceremony at Kelmscott SHS.

Megan Batty was awarded her scholarship for Languages from State Politician Rita Saffioti. Megan was the top student in Year 11 German at KSHS. She was also recognised as a contentious and high performing student who was Head Girl at Roleystone DHS, represented her school at Country Week and in the state Engineering Challenge.

(Rita Saffioti was also born and raised in Roleystone and attended schools in the area.) Anthony received his scholarship from David Koutsoukis - a Leadership Philosopher. Anthony's excellent results in both History and Geography enabled him to be awarded the Former Student Social Science Scholarship. He was part of the leadership program at Roleystone DHS and represented his school in interschool sport. He has demonstrated a keen awareness of world affairs achieving at a particularly high level in the social sciences. (David Koutsoukis lived for many years in Roleystone and taught at local schools.)

Megan and Anthony are pictured with Kelmscott SHS former student Brad Pettit who is currently the Mayor of Fremantle. Brad is also a local boy, having spent his formative years in Roleystone too. Both Megan and Anthony were awarded the scholarships because they have been particularly professional in their school lives. Well done to both students and to the former students for being so supportive of their Alma Mater.

Monique Is Recovering

On Tuesday morning 25th of March, Monique, one of our instructors at The Roleystone Recreation Centre, was involved in a serious car accident on Brookton Highway. This accident was attended by staff from St John Ambulance, Police and the Fire Brigade and we thank all of these people for their care. We would like to thank everyone who offered assistance particularly those who were first on the scene. We know Claire Bishop and Gabby Zavatteri were there but there may have been other locals who

offered support too. Our thanks. Your care and compassion is very much appreciated. We would also like to send our best wishes to Monique in her recovery. Monique was released from hospital on Thursday afternoon before Easter and should be back at the gym the week after Easter.

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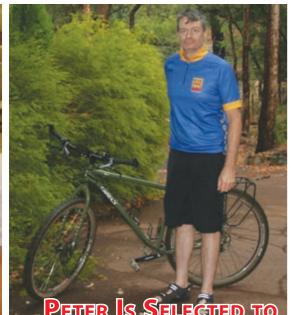
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Peter Is Selected to Ride Munda Biddi Epic

The final leg of the Munda Biddi Trail between Manjimup and Denmark will be opened in April, making it a continuous off-road cycling track from Albany to Mundaring.

It will now be the world's longest off-road cycling track! The trail has been named as one of the 10 great cycling routes in the world by Lonely Planet and National Geographic and when it is complete, it will be on the bucket list of cyclists around the world.

To celebrate this occasion, 26 cyclists from across Australia have been invited to embark on the Munda Biddi Epic, a 1000km journey from Albany to Mundaring over three weeks from April 7-28.

Roleystone's Peter Treasure is one of the chosen cyclists. Here is Peter's story:

Peter has lived in Roleystone since 1996 in Croyden Road and he 'loves the area'. The reason Peter got into cycling in the first place was to get fit; he just started riding to and from work. That was 5 years ago.

He soon realised how much he enjoyed it and he began riding recreationally, hitting the hills in Roleystone and Kalamunda.

As Peter's confidence rose he joined the cycling organisation BWA and joined in with a few of their Sportiv Events.



At this time he was mainly involved in road riding but when the tarmac 'got a little boring', he started to look into track/trail riding.

Then Peter discovered the Munda Biddi Trail.

'Just ten kilometres out of Roleystone along the Brookton Highway you are able to join the Munda Biddi trail. You can either go towards Jarrahdale or towards Mundaring. I started riding these trails, which got me researching into the trail. It was then that I realised that the completion of the trail from Albany to Mundaring would be completed in the near future.'

Peter joined the Munda Biddi organisation in the hope that there would be an event to celebrate this completion. Two months after this, all Munda Biddi members were invited to enter. It was very competitive as there were only 26 positions available. Peter was chosen and has been practicing hard.

'In the lead up to this ride I have been riding the trail from Brookton Highway to the camel farm in Kalamunda, taking a drink stop and then returning. This has been to build up my fitness. It takes around 4-5 hours for the round trip. Because of the sand and the gravel it makes it quite a challenge. But my Surly Ogre (bike) and I do it just fine!!'

Peter also works away in Newman flyin-flyout and when he's on site he cycles 50km a night 'around the middle of nowhere' to train.

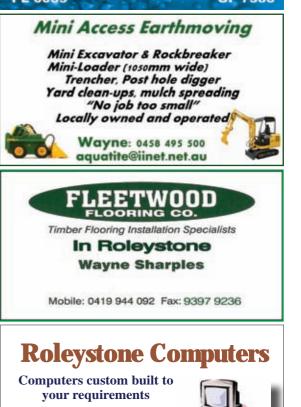
Peter mainly rides trails on his own but he still rides on the road with the CTAWA organisation. This group rides around Roleystone every now and then and these are very challenging. They also run tours and late last year Peter did the Tour Around the Capes that involved a nine day tour around the great southwest.

Best of luck on your epic journey Peter.



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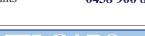


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Editorial

LINDA MOORE

April 2013

This has been the most amazing month. Firstly because we are actually having an Autumn. The good early rains have brought on the cooler weather. The nights are cold and the days are glorious. This change of seasons is very appreciated after the many years of baking, late summer temperatures we were all getting used to. The bush looks so healthy and my garden has really perked up. Early Autumn is always heralded be the flowering of the Easter Lilies (Belladonna or naked lilies). In the photo, top

Laster Lilles (Belladonna or naked lilles). In the photo, top right, Leigh Ralphs and Violet Moore are shown enjoying these spectacular flowers.

This month has been fantastic because of the wide array of events around town. The Concert in the Park and the Twilight Markets were awesome. The combining of these events worked a treat and I am constantly astounded at the talent we have in our area. St Patrick's Day was celebrated enthusiastically both at the Elizabethan Village Pub and at the Country Club. Both venues enjoyed large crowds. The combined Churches Palm Sunday event attracted a group of people who enjoyed the true spirit of Christian charity and celebration. And to top it off, this March had the biggest ever turn up at Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival. It is still sad that our region has lost this festival but it could not have grown to this extent at our wonderful location. Next month is the Heartbeat Festival and I hope locals will support this wonderful concept of a foothills celebration.

Our Sporting clubs are celebrating a wonderful March too. The Women Bowlers won and have been elevated to first division. Congratulations for the best year in history for the Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club winning three Premierships flags. It was heartening to see local clubs combining to celebrate after the RKCC's E grade victory with Footy, Cricket and Musos all coming together.

There was so much happening around town in March I am afraid I couldn't fit everything in but it has made the April Courier a bumber edition.

With the continuing controversy about what should happen with Cross Park, the Skate Park, the toilets at Borello Park and the rezoning of the Primary school land for seniors accommodation, I thought I should share with readers the photo below. This was taken in



1912 and it shows the residents of Roleystone building the new Roleystone Road. (Approximately the current route of Brookton Highway). Men, children and women with babies all fronted up with shovels to assist. Perhaps this was a time when communities had less expectation that government agencies or 'someone else' would fund and build the infrastructrue of the region. I think this degree of community involvement may be going a bit too far but it does give a different perspective on a 'busy bee'. Happy reading.

Linda Moore



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Letter to the Editor

GRAVE CONCERNS

My heartfelt feelings go out to all our local orchardists in the Roleystone / Karragullen area. What with fruit fly problems, invasion of the Rainbow Lorikeets and the importation of foreign fruit and vegetables [fresh, frozen or tinned] into our country, how can one survive. This is also fast becoming a huge problem our wheat belt farmers face with viability shrinking rapidly.

My concern is for those of us who own larger properties and cannot cut them into smaller $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lots due to RL2 zoning, (or for some R1 zoning). Larger blocks need to be reduced to a more lifestyle friendly size if they are to be sold. As the orchards diminish due to loss of profit – one cannot continue to produce at a loss. Wake up State and Local Government and look to our plight. Other shires have altered the zoning of unprofitable rural acreages.

With increases in population, the need for housing is high on the list. Roleystone has a lot to offer with its beautiful lifestyle: views to die for, why live down on the flats when you have the pure air of the hills?

One will say these blocks could be unsustainable due to water, power and sewerage. My reply is that we are in the 21st Century, build an Eco friendly estate. Blocks could have: solar energy, their own water supply, recycled waste and use of environmental sewerage. 'Roleystone Heights in the Hills' could lead the way for future generations. I would like to set a challenge for someone to design eco friendly housing to be totally independent. This will let us move forward. *Lyn Place*

THE PASSING OF WALLY MARTIN

My Dad, Harold (Wally) Martin was a founding member of the Roleystone Country Club and he came to live with my family in Roleystone while undergoing palliative care. He leaves many relatives across the area. Wally recently died of Lung Cancer. I would like to thank Steve, Gary and the whole team at the Roleystone Community



team at the Roleystone Community Chemist for their caring support they have shown me whilst I have been caring for Dad. The service they have provided has been excellent, kind and understanding of Dad's needs with the change of his medication. Without hesitation, they offered me assistance and guidance when I needed it the most. Sometimes I would be so overwhelmed by all the medication I would take it all in and just say help! Steve would then step me through it and I would leave knowing that I had it back under control again.

Dad has now passed (24.3.2013) and it is only fitting that I say a big Thank You to this truly exceptional caring team. *Hazel Martin*

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MADY SELECTED TO TEACHLIVE

Roleystone based Science Teacher Mady Colquboun has been selected to be one of five teachers across Australia to join an inspiring Earth Watch program, TeachLive, in May this year. This year's group will be heading to a station south of Alice Springs which has been designated a conservation region. This operation is part of the 'BushBlitz' program which aims to catalogue the plants and animals in different ecosystems across Australia before the climatic conditions change the natural biodiversity.

Mady will be working with scientists from universities and museums across Australia, cataloguing animals and plants plus teaching back to students at her school via the web.

TeachLive is an innovative educational tool that places teachers on Earthwatch research projects, where they receive a unique professional development experience and get to teach 'live' back to their classrooms via the TeachLive website. Applications were invited from primary and secondary teachers all over Australia and she will be joining teachers from the Northern Territory, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania for this amazing desert adventure.

Students are able to take a virtual expedition with their teachers helping them to engage in science in an Australian and global context and see their teachers as science role models.

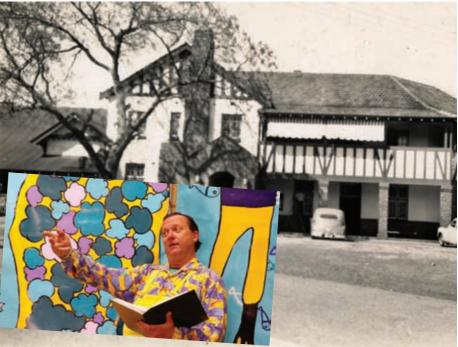
Mady is the Science Specialist at Armadale Primary School teaching all students from Year 1 to Year 7. Her passion is engaging her students with real life Science on a daily basis in class and at home. Working with scientists out in the desert will bring together her university background in Botany and Ecology and her current focus of teaching meaningful Science.

She will participate in setting humane pit-traps and animal traps, identifying the species then releasing animals into their habitats. Plants will be collected and identified - challenging Mady to remember back to her original training in Botany! *Well done Mady.*

Mady is shown above teaching Science to students from Armadale Primary School.

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Alexi, Hayley and six month old Lachie Christidis have settled very happily in Roleystone. Alexi has now embarked on a brand new venture, operating a mobile Dog Grooming and Wash. Locals may have seen the Blue Wheeler trailer, Monty, cruising around our town. Alexi is very excited. After many years of working in the city, he is looking forward to working locally. He hopes this will help him become much more involved in the local community. The mobile dog wash and grooming service will be based in Roleystone, but will service Karragullen, Bedfordale and Lesmurdie/Kalamunda, and the greater Perth Hills. So if you, or your pooch, needs this service, ring Alexi on 0404 485 137.



MURDER AT THE NARROGIN INNE

"The wretch has shot me! Send for a doctor!"

These are said to be the words of William Foster, mortally wounded by his convict cook, John Gill, on the summer evening of 14 February 1874.

What circumstances led to Gill stealing a gun and fatally wounding his master, the owner of the Narrogin Inne? Was the motive jealousy or rage – or something else?

Re-live this sorry tale of murder, at the site of the crime, almost 140 years later as it is told in all its grim detail by performer and actor Simon James.

Wednesday 8 May, 5.30 – 7pm Ye Olde Narrogin Inne (2 Southwest Hwy, Armadale) RSVP to 9399 0125 by Friday 3 May.

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Pride & Prejudice

On the 23rd March the Roleystone Theatre presented Readings from Pride and Prejudice.

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The readings were ably presented by: Kylie Grima, Carmen Miles, Therese Cruise, Bryn Goldrick, Corrine Hands, Simon Hands, Donna Williams, Tom Devitt, Kim Martin, Gerry Chapman, Nicole George, Bree Hartley and Trish and Angelo Bona.

Well done to all concerned. Margaret Bettenay Pictured: Bree Hartley on stage.



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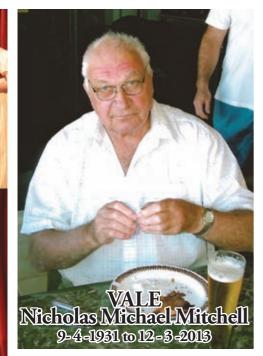
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The trip from Holland to Perth took 5 days in an old D C 4. By working hard, he built up a successful business, building residential homes and swimming pools from Albany to Darwin and beyond the rabbit proof fence. That is when his love of the bush and wide open spaces was ignited.

In 1982 he build a house on a bush block looking out towards the Churchman's Brook valley.

It became the gathering place for family and friends, birthdays, Christmas, Bar-be-cues and the occasional hilarious wine bottling. He really did embrace the Aussie life style.

But the connection with Roleystone went back much further.

About 1962-1963 he built a home along the Brookton Highway for Naomi and Jack Gates. Jack was his saw doctor and kept his saws in top condition. Jackie would also visit local residents Mavis and Alf Silsbury (both now deceased). It was always their plan to move to Roleystone once their daughters flew the nest. Nic leaves behind his wife, 3 daughters and their husbands, 9 grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Happy 50Th Peter

I want to wish my husband Peter a Happy 50th Birthday for the 1st of April. With lots of love from our children Victoria, Dominic, Catherine and Carmen. Hope you have a wonderful day and enjoy the company of your friends and family at your party. Much love Lorraine x

To Whom it May Concern

In the March edition of the Roleystone Courier I published a notice to residents that may have caused offence to a fellow Councillor at the City, Cr Laurie Sargeson, and caused damage to both his reputation and that of the City of Armadale.

I unreservedly withdraw any inference caused by such notice and apologize for any offence caused to Cr Sargeson and the City. Councillor Caroline Wielinga.





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Palm Sunday Doo

A combined Palm Sunday "doo" was put on by St Christopher's and the Roleystone Community Church on Sunday March 24. It was held over the morning at the Cross Park BBQ area. There was no formal service, instead there were a range of activities demonstrating what Palm Sunday is about.

There were two very patient donkeys that allowed children to clamber over them and feed them titbits. Both donkeys had dark crosses on their backs. The carer informed us that this had been a blessing from Christ.

Some wandering minstrels provided the music and many people dressed in clothes reminiscent of "Biblical Times" setting the scene. There was a table with samples of the type

of food that would have been eaten for breakfast that day and another table showing how to make crosses out of palm leaves. A range of games for the children included pinning the tail on the donkey and a pinata filled with lollies of course. This was all rounded off with a free sausage sizzle. (Thanks to Brian of Roleysone Family Meats.)

Well done to both Church communities for this well attended community event.



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Our challenge is to ride over 200 kilometres in 2 days. To enter we each have to raise \$2500 or \$12,500 as a combined team. The money

we raise will go directly to the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research in Perth that along with many other things aims to: prevent and find new treatments for melanoma, discover genes for cancer resistance, slow the progression of head and neck cancer, inhibit enzymes that cause prostate cancer, examine a group of cancers called sarcomas and support the cancer researchers and develop better treatments for people suffering this dreaded disease.

Statistics now show that 1 in 2 people will be affected by cancer in the future and each of our team members have lost someone significant in their lives to this disease. Team captain, Sarah, recently losing her sister, Peta, to stomach cancer. Peta was 39, a wife and mother to 3 young boys. Suffering with cancer is not pretty, full of dignity or painless for the patient or their family. We only hope by being part of such an epic event we'll be able to raise those vital funds for cancer research, so people don't ever have to experience what we have seen those close to us experience through their cancer journey.

If you or your company would like to sponsor us for the ride we will happily and proudly wear your company name or logo on our ride shirts and display your banners at our fundraising events. Also if you see us training in and around Roleystone please honk your horn or shout out some words of encouragement. We are not cyclists, one of us has a \$59 bike, and one of us doesn't even own a bike. We are ordinary women, with kids, jobs, houses to clean and meals to be cooked but we are passionate and dedicated to complete this ride with a sense of achievement that will be unparalleled.

Please keep an eye out for any fundraising events held in the future. If you would like to donate or you want to join either as a rider, crew member or you just want to send us your support please do. Donations and registrations can be made via the conquercancer.org.au webpage, name Sarah Brereton, phone 1300 99 RIDE (7433) and mention Sarah, or contact us at jsbrereton@bigpond.com, phone 0408956709. All donations above \$2 are tax deductable.

Pictured: Sarah Brereton (team captain), Alyce Thorpe, Linda Schaudin and Tracey Husbands, missing from photo Tamara Artemis.



St Patrick's Day March 17th 2013 55 3

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Local Celtic Band, The Ferrymen and friends, played up a storm at the Elizabethan Village pub for St Patrick's Day.

It was a greatautumn evening with some celtic tunes. Up to 200 people of all ages from babies, teens, young adults to the seniors were there.

Grant Black (Banjo, Mandolin, Accordion), Chris Horgan (Flute, Whistles, Drums), Ian Walker, Jane Slater (Fiddle), Stig Lambert (Bass), Mat (Bodhran) and Daemon Isbester (UilleannPipes + Scottish Pipes) entertained the crowd.

The crowd wet the shamrock and danced and cavorted the night away and most took advantage of the great Elizabethan meals and the wonderful range of beers and liquid refreshments on tap.

The night was filled with great music, dancing and plenty of spot prizes (that included a case of wine, 4 mini kegs and treats for the kiddies). Thanks to all who turned up and joined in on the fun; a great night was had by all!

Next year the Ferrymen will be celebrating St Patricks day on Sunday the 16th March at the Elizabethan Pub. Due to its popularity, it will be hosted on the Elizabethan Village Green where there will be more space for families and dancers.

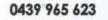
Pictured at the Elizabethan for St Patrick's Day:

1. Front: Graham, Karen and Pauline; behind: Verity and John. 2. Elysia and Charmaine Black 3. Nick Harvey and Christin Birkitt.

4. Great Aunt Miriam with Asher and Mackenzie.



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Seen at Concert in the Park and the Roleystone Markets

- 1. Chris (Bear) Baireuther
- 2. Ruby Robinson, Isla Robinson and Lyla Bicknell
- 3. Mackenzie and Jasmine Legg
- 4. Josh and Deanna White
- 5. Travis and Alyssa James
- 6. Caroline Anderson holding her nephew Bradely Hart Her own baby is due anyday.
- 7. Amber and Alex Carline
- 8. Caren Dornan Roleystone Markets Committee.





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"This is our fourth Concert in the Park for Roleystone" said Roleystone Musicians Club President Deb de Boer: "Our members love playing to their friends and neighbours in this intimate setting and we were thrilled that the new Roleystone Markets were able to jump on board too. It resulted in a fantastic afternoon and I've had wonderful feedback from many who attended; thankyou."

RMC Secretary Chris Horgan spent many hours, along with Maria Ford and her Market Girls, organising the event which was enjoyed by well over 1200 local residents.

There was a wide range of stalls with great quality merchandise on sale. Hundreds of locals took the opportunity to meander through and many stayed to listen to the live music presented by the Roleystone Musicians Club. Of course the City of Armadale willingly picked up the tab for the costs of the stage and set up as part of their 'Concert in the Park' series, so, Well Done to our City. We are so lucky to have a range of talented musicians in town. And they're willing to give up their time for free to entertain us.

THANKYOU to you all: The Redeemers, Hawkstone, Kim Bettenay and The Ferrymen, You were all AWESOME! We



also need to recognise the many volunteers who gave up their time to run this event. To the many folk who belong to the Market Committee. So to: Maria Ford – Market Coordinator, Pam Edwards – Secretary, Karen Solomon – Treasurer, Catherine Schaefer – Stall Coordinator, Caren Dorman – Marketing & PR, Christine Heavey – Community Garden Liaison, Jen Hanley – Photographer and Wendy Vanderlaan – Committee Member. Well done to you all. I for one cannot wait until next year. PS The next Roleystone Market is planned for early June so watch this space to see what they come up with next.



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GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547 COPING WITH YOUR SUMMER GARDEN

The rains in March were very much appreciated. The trees all look much fresher and so many little birds came out of wherever they were hiding. Most of you probably noticed snails liked the rains too. We need to be cautious about Portugese Millipedes too. These can be controlled by spraying with Coopex and trying not to leave outside lights on. Also clean up leaves and refuse where they may hide. When spraying, make sure you spray along entrance ways to the house, preferably where they do not get wet as this dilutes the poison and makes repeat spraying necessary.

Any autumn leaved plants you choose to put in make your selection now while they are colouring up. This way you are sure to have the deeper colours and



the prettier combinations in your garden. Look too to grey leaf plants and also those with golden shades. Lagestroemias, maples and tallows are very easy to grow and give good colouration.

Nyassa is very pretty, as are the flowering fruit trees. By growing these you do not have to battle with fruit fly, thus helping our orchardist population, by not encouraging pests into the area.

Another bush I have recently purchased is Elaegnus pungens maculata, This is an evergreen, variegated plant and it seems pretty tough. It would do well as a hedge as it only grows to about 3metres by 5metres. If you can get these into the ground shortly they will also benefit by the rains when they come. This too is the time to get sweet peas into the ground. Soak the seeds overnight in water that is hot at first. This will speed up their germination. The everlastings I spread last year with the first rains did beautifully. I will try to get some more seeds this year and encourage another pretty display.

The roses are starting to bloom again, if you got round to deadheading them. Try not to prune the ones that form hips as these make a nice tea or are useful for vases when we are short of flowers. A few of these, autumn leaves and fruit make a nice basket.

While it is still wonderful weather, make sure you put Araluen Botanical Park on your 'must visit' list. To me it is a must see on my visitor list. My friends from interstate and overseas have all gone home raving about the beauty. This is a garden for all seasons. The management, staff and members do such a wonderful job and there is never a gloomy face to see there. The expenses of running the Park are large and if there is any chance to enlarge it and make it really a world class park that attracts tourism, we must get behind it and lend our support.

At Pioneer Gardens Nursery, the Frangipani are in so much colour. For the ardent collector 'Jacks Purple' is now available. It is expensive but the deep purple is delightful. There are so many others available from \$19.95 and this month is probably the last to choose them while they are flowering. I have put in a lot of different ones recently, as a collector I cannot help myself.

Enjoy the fresh air and good conditions for gardening. *Good Gardening Jean*





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Steve McCabe, bush food buff from the Beyond Gardens team will tell us what local plants we can eat, and why and where to plant the local bush foods.



Beyond Garden Team-John Colwill Steve Maccabe and Gary Heedy



"They call me a bio-scaper," Steve said. A bioscaper considers biology when landscaping - accommodating the needs of: the soil-life, arthropods, frogs, fish, lizards, birds and mammals in addition to pretty flowers in landscape plans. "The food and useful plants are often right beside us, and we walk by." He said indigenous peoples used plants for food, medicine, soap and bedding, to name a few uses. The early settlers were often ignorant of the potential of the flora surrounding them.

According to Steve, although many Australian bush foods and spices are esteemed around the world, most Australians are still largely unaware of the culinary potential existing within our flora. 'Many useful native plants can be grown in the garden. Edible and useful plants are still quite easy to spot in the remaining pockets of bushland around the suburbs and they all have their stories'

Come and discover which edible and useful native plants can be grown in your own backyard at the next Roleystone Organic Growers meeting on Wednesday April 10th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312. *Lisa Porter*

FURTHER UPDATE ON SENIOR'S HOUSING

The rezoning of the Robin Road School site has formally been achieved and has been recorded in the Government Gazette 12 February 2013.

A search of this, online, will show all of the conditions placed on the development of the site.

One of the conditions is that a smaller lot needs to be amalgamated into the main site, along with a minor road alignment amendment. We presume that this will have to be undertaken by Land Corp who are handling the rezoning. So we await that action, hopefully sooner rather than later.

When these amendments are finalised we believe it will then go out to tender. It could still be a reasonably long timeline. We are currently trying to find out approximate dates and will keep you all informed. *Pat Hart*

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Conscious Conception & Birth Open Day



On behalf of the Conscious Conception and Birth Centre, we would like to express our gratitude to the people who came and visited our centre on Open Day.

We started the day with a fantastic 'danceathon', led by the effervescent Kitsiri who holds creativity workshops for men. It was the perfect way to get everyone relaxed and centred for the beautiful toning Ceremony which followed. This was eloquently performed by the gifted local resident Vanessa Övens. You may have seen her raw food cooking classes advertised locally.

We had tasters in Massage, Reflexology, Sound birth, Kinesiology and Ayurveda Marma Punture. These mini consults proved quite popular and kept our practitioners busy for most of the day.

The lectures were popular and covered a variety of disciplines such as Kundalini Yoga, Breath Work, Men's Creativity, Reflexology, Soundbirth and Homeopathy.

Pregnancy yoga went ahead despite distractions. This class

has been facilitated by Treana Jones for 3 years now and always seems to maintain a loyal following. Treana is staunch advocate of Midwifery led care and Women's Birthing Rites. She is a very active and vocal member for organisations such as Birth Rites and Women Can Do It.

Angel Heather granted wishes for all the children, and she will be running a number of energy awareness courses for children next term.

A personal highlight for me on the day (believe it or not) was the amazing food which was graciously supplied by the lovely ladies Willow and Rhea from their new store in Pioneer Village. It is called the Organic Circle. This food is amazing and these ladies live locally, so please support them in their new endeavour.

We currently have a huge subscription list who receive our Quarterly Timetable and Newsletter. This is free to join. We also have a facebook page, which we use regularly to post inspiring and informative information to our followers. If you are on facebook please like us, you will be glad you did.

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2013 - Big Year in Football

Finally the fixtures have been released for the 2013 season.

This year we see 5 new teams come into our division of the competition. Our new coach, Rick Uchtman, is already making a big impression on the boys and pushing them to a new level of skills. We are all thinking we should have a fantastic year of football.

If you would like to play football in 2013 please come down to our training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Training is compulsory if you wish to play in either side this season. More news still to come about our new coach so stay tuned to this spot. The first game for the season will be

against Cockburn Cobras 13th April at Davilak Reserve. The reserves game kicks off at 12.30pm.

It would be great to see a massive crowd at the oval for our first game. Lisa Casotti



New Tiger's coach, Rick Uchtman, is already making a big impression on the boys.



RCC P&C Looks Forward to a Productive 2013

The AGM for the Roleystone Community College P&C was held last month and the new Committee is excited about an interactive and vibrant 2013.

An important tool in achieving this is the new Roleystone Community College P&C Facebook page.

After much discussion, research and guideline formulation from the Committee, Chris Horgan from BottomUp Webs has led a team to produce a Facebook page for the P&C. On the page will be information and reminders about College activities as well as P&C issues, activities and events. Discussion is welcomed but will be closely monitored by administrators to ensure that our site remains a positive tool for communicating with parents and community members. As many parents will be aware, the Crossing Guard has



Pictured: RCC gets a crossing guard. Phillipa Cooper, Zakiah Bathgate and Eunice Judge.

been an issue at the College since the beginning of last year. Through the work of dedicated P&C members, the paperwork has been completed and we will soon be receiving funding for a Crossing Guard. Eunice, the wonderful Traffic Control Officer that has been employed by the P&C to help keep children safe on the roads, will now be paid from government funds, allowing the P&C to use the funds to further benefit the students of the College.

'Like' us on Facebook to be kept up to date with the many different ways the P&C works to help the RCC Community and how you and your family can become involved.

Amy Boughton

Seadragonz Swim School Wins Award

In 2013 they have again been recognised as finalists in the Australian Small Business Championships in the Education Services Sector. This is the third time Seadragonz has been acknowledged. In April owners, Lari and Bill McDonald will attend a gala night in Sydney where the winners will be announced.

'Being recognised in an Australia wide field is both humbling and gratifying. Our outstanding success is gratifying. It is due to our amazing group of employees and the fantastic kids and parents who support our business,' said Lari MacDonald.



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TENNIS NEWS: Wendy Tucker **Recent Events** Trek To Augusta We enjoyed a very successful weekend away to Augusta. Eighteen people travelled down and enjoyed playing tennis on Saturday afternoon with a BBQ Dinner. On

the Sunday we went to the River Festival followed by a Chinese Dinner on Sunday night. Many thanks to Ann and Bob Rowe for their organisation and for hosting us yet again. A big thank you the Augusta Tennis Club for such an enjoyable weekend with fantastic afternoon tea and lovely dinner.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This past weekend saw the beginning of the Club Championships with the Men's Events completed. The Winner of the Men's was Jim Brayshaw, Runner Up Graham Shearwood and the Plate Final was won by Graham Boase

The Men's Doubles went to Jim Brayshaw & Bob Hay with Bob Rowe and Graham Shearwood coming Runners Up and the Plate Final was won by Graham Boase and Myles Hay-Hendry. Thank you to everyone

Pictured Above: Roley Tennis Club visit Augusta.

who participated. The events were played in great spirit.

We have the Special Doubles and Mixed Doubles on the 20th/21st April and the Ladies Events on 4th & 5th May. Sign Up sheets are in the Clubhouse so if you would like to join in please do. All financial members are eligible to play. Standby for the rest of the Championships results in the next Courier.

COMING EVENTS

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

This Event will be held on Sunday 19th May. It will be a Doubles Event so please join in if you can. Sign Up Sheets will be in the Clubhouse shortly or email roleystonetennisclub@ yahoo.com.au



Pioneer Village School is located in what was the Pioneer Village Tourist Village in Armadale.

On the 19th March Business Armadale Members were treated to a visit to this remarkable establishment.

The Principal, Doug Davies, spoke to the group with enthusiasm and passion about the learning outcomes and building programs at this unique school. The school is sited in a heritage protected environment which provides the perfect backdrop for teachers to teach and students to learn. Inside the classrooms are found modern facilities and equipment, which combined with heritage elements, create a magical



Business After Hours: Pioneer Village School

learning environment. Every classroom was filled with evidence of learning in a safe and stimulating environment.

Pioneer Village School is an independent, private, non-denominational school where children are encouraged to become confident, caring and articulate and to use their abilities to the full. A range of dedicated staff and parents were present on the night to outline the exceptional attributes of the school. Well done to Doug and the school community for your efforts.

Pictured below left: Our Hosts Principal Doug Davies and Allyson George. Below right: Jason Hammond and Alicia Napier enjoy the evening.



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Roleystone Toy Library

What I enjoy the most about borrowing toys from the toy library is seeing the expression on my children's faces when the toy arrives home. It doesn't matter if they have chosen the toy themselves or if it was mummy's surprise choice, the excitement is the same.

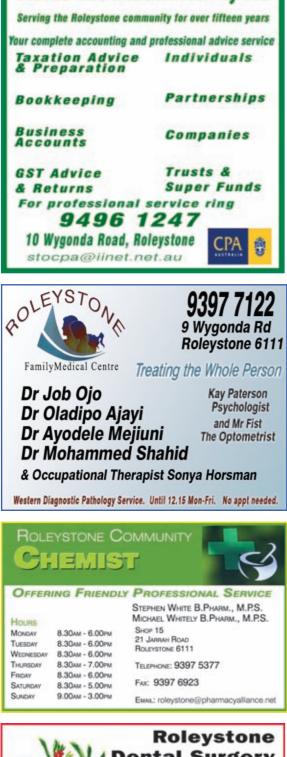
Their anticipation is heart-warming and it is wonderful to see them delight in all of the new play possibilities. It really is like receiving a new toy but without the hassle of finding a permanent place to store it as it can simply be returned to the library when the children are done with it. Recently, we borrowed some wonderful toys that fitted right in with the kids' current obsession: playing makebelieve games. At nearly five and 2 and a half, the kids have lots of fun pretending to be airplane pilots, teachers, party organisers, doctors and parents. It was delightful to see their take on how we as parents, behave, talk and interact with them. Their little minds went into overdrive as they impersonated mummy and daddy preparing meals, going shopping and enjoying some social time with a warm "cuppa".

All of this was made possible with the Little Tikes Side by Side Kitchen (pictured above) from the Toy Library. I also decided to borrow a cash register toy to complement their make-believe play. They responded by opening up their own little pretend shop where they have been buying and selling everything from teddy bears to honkey nuts ever since. Aside from the benefits of enjoying watching their more independent play, I also noticed improvement in their language and social skills. It was wonderful to hear them use "adult" commands, and to see them take turns and show empathy which is one of the benefits of pretend play. "When your child pretends to be different characters, he has the experience of 'walking in someone else's shoes', which helps teach the important moral development skill of empathy" (taken from www.scholastic.com on the importance of Pretend Play). It was also fascinating to see how they resolved the disagreements that inevitably arise between siblings. When they played the role of "other people" they behaved as they perceived those people would and impressed me with their negotiation skills. All in all, our playing experience with these two toys has been fantastic and I can sincerely say that going back in time and playing house with my kids also taught me a great deal of patience and humour which I can apply to our own home environment. I'm not sure if I enjoyed my pretend coffee quite as much as the real one though!

This is just a sample of the fantastic range of toys on offer at the Roleystone Toy Library. Toys can be borrowed for up to three weeks at a time with a maximum of five toys per member. Current members who wish to renew their membership are reminded to do so at their earliest convenience and new members are always welcome, either as active members or non-active members. Active members pay a lower membership fee and are required to help once a term by minding the toy library desk for an hour on either a Wednesday or a Saturday. As an active members are not required to help and instead pay a higher membership fee. If you would like more information about our services, please give us a call on 0438 884 601, send us an email at <u>roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au</u> or come and see us on either borrowing day for more information. Our hours are: Wednesday 11:30 to 12:15 am and Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 am. Wishing you all a wonderful Easter and happy school holidays. *Lina Uribe Rivero*









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Chance for Local Children to be Creative

Over the school holidays the Roleystone Theatre will be presenting a drama program for budding thespians. This will be a series of three workshops. They will be held during the second week of the school holidays: Tuesday 30th April - 6 - 7:15pm Thursday 2nd May - 6 - 7:15pm Saturday 4th May - 1 - 3pm.

These workshops are aimed at children between 8-12 years old. The cost will be \$45 for the workshop series with children engaged in 4.5 hours in total. The participants will be asked to attend all 3 sessions.

The workshop coordinator is experienced Actor Liz Hanich.

The objective of the workshops:

- To foster a sense of confidence and curiosity in theatre acting for school aged children
- To bridge the gap for students between 'wanting to act' and accessing opportunities in the community theatre arena
 - To connect students with their innate creativity
- To raise student self esteem and confidence with expressing emotions



OMMUNITY GARDEN I was recently asked what do

I get for my membership subscription when

I join the Roleystone Community Garden? Apart from the obvious, insurance coverage, the response is a simple one.

One only has to look at the objectives of the community garden:

A Meeting Place - A convivial place for people to mix with a group, diverse in age, background and ability, allowing friendships and social bonds to form, contributing to a sense of community.

A Growing Place. A space in an expanding suburb, where fresh food, including vegetables, herbs, fruit and flowers, can be grown and harvested locally along with animal husbandry practices.

A Learning Place. To share gardening knowledge with the local community to include sustainability, conservation of local native bushland, organic principles, waste reduction and water conservation.

A Healthy Place. To provide a place for social interaction, physical exercise; the growing of nutritious produce and fostering a sense of well-being.

A Beautiful Place. To create an environment that is in harmony with nature and our neighbours.

Henry has been a member of the community garden since our open day in October 2012. Since that time, Henry has taken charge of our worm farm, which has flourished under To foster a strong sense of team work and creating within a community

Have a ridiculous amount of fun!

These workshops will include: team work exercises, theatre exercises (vocal exercises, breathing techniques, improvisation etc), self awareness exercises, and hands-on 'self creative' time for students to explore their own ideas.

'My performance experience is in theatre, short film and dance. I have performed professionally in Perth, Sydney and internationally since I was 13. In my professional life I have created the business 'Evolve Universal' to explore goal-setting, self-confidence and creative exploration with individuals and groups. I am now working to bring these two worlds together by creating workshops for children and young adults to bring a greater sense of confidence, enthusiasm and creative courage to the youth of the arts, dance and theatre worlds.' said Liz Hanich.

To register or for further information: email - enquiries@roleystonetheatre.com.au or call 040 2014666.

Bree Hartley

his management. Henry's enthusiasm has

also resulted in the neglected native garden beds receiving some tender love and care. "It is good to be a member of the Roleystone

Community Garden; it is good to share your interests with like-minded people and learn new skills in a practical way. I think sharing and cultivating our environment is part of our essence. Doing so, we can have some fun as well," says Henry.

Do our objectives resonate with you? Do you have a passion for gardening amongst the company of your neighbours? Do you have time to commit to community gardening? Then we'd love to see you. Come a long to a busy bee and see what we are all about and try before you buy. Busy bees are held every second and fourth Sunday at Robin Road. Times are posted on our website www. roleygarden.com.au

Until next time... Laurie Scidone Chairman (operations)





80 Years of Performance





Roleystone Theatre News

Our first public offering has just opened - A Month of Sundays and will continue until April 13th. This a witty but compassionate look at the problems of ageing. The play, directed by Phil McKenzie, follows 2 residents of an aged care facility, facing the difficulties of growing old and enduring difficult family visits. The interaction of the characters is poignant and pithy.

Kim Martin plays Cooper, who voluntarily entered an aged care facility. A man who is determined not to let his circumstances destroy his mind.

Cooper devises little mental games, flights of fancy and flirting with the nurses. His co-inmate, Aylott is drifting into senility which causes some distress.

Tickets are available on line or from Bobbie and Gerry on 93975730.

Unwanted Wishes is a pantomime which will be performed in the July school holidays (from July 5th to July 20th). Although auditions have been held, there is still time to be involved - please ring Linda Roads on 93982835. This is an opportunity for all ages to be involved.

There is also an opportunity for you to propose a one act play to be performed in September - the theatre is looking for proposals for its one act season. Email: enquiries@roleystonetheatre.com. au

Gerry Chapman

Roleystone Theatre Salutes Kim Fletcher

Kim Fletcher surely holds the record for the most performances on the Roleystone Theatre Stage. His long list of credits, over 40 years, includes:

The Pirates of Penzance, Patience, Harvey, The Pyjama Game, Mack & Mabel, The Crucible, South Pacific, Rudigore, The Mikado, Fiddler On The Roof, The Dolls House and many pantomimes including fund raising concerts. Kim first joined the Theatre in 1969 & his very first performance was Cinderella playing Button. Kim is also a long standing Committee & Life Member. Congratulations Kim on an amazing Theatre life. We salute you. Zyg Woltersdorf Former President

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he State Elect

Congratulations to Tony Simpson MLA standing for the Liberal Party. Tony was returned with an increased majority in the seat of Darling Range. Darling Range is in the East Metropolitan Region.

This was a clear endorsement for a hard working local member. Further recognition for Tony Simpson was also indicated on March 20 when it was announced that he would now become the new Minister for Local Government, Community Services, Seniors, Volunteering and Youth.

(These figures are as of the 18th March with a total of eligible voters 27,041 and 91.7% of the vote counted.)

Results by Candidate							
Candidate	Party	Votes Counted		% Valid Votes			
SIMPSON	LIB	13,454		57.88%			
HARDIE	GRN	2,144		9.22%			
URBAN	ALP	6,494		27.94%			
GOIRAN	ACP	1,154		4.96%			
Total Valid Votes		23,246					
Informal		1,539					
Total		24,785					
Primary Count							
Name		Party	Votes	% Vote	Swing		
Tony Simpson		LIB	13,454	57.9	+9.7		
Denise Hardie		GRN	2,144	9.2	-3.9		
Barry Urban		ALP	6,494	27.9	-5.6		
Madeleine Goira	n	ACP	1,154	5.0	-0.2		
Informal			1,539	8.9			
Total Votes			24,785	91.66			

Our Legislative Council Area: East Metropolitan will be served by: Liberal Party

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Australian Labor Party

- 1 Helen MORTON
- 2 Alanna CLOHESY
- **3** Donna FARAGHER
- 4 Samantha ROWE Australian Labor Party
- 5 Alyssa HAYDEN Liberal Party
- 6 Amber SANDERSON Australian Labor Party

Alison Xamon (Greens) was not successful. We thank her for her hard work and efforts for our area over the past three years.

FOREST PROTECTION MOVEMENT

A group of Roleystone residents is working hard to raise community awareness of the plight of our native forests and their inhabitants. Many people believe that the fight to save our native forests stopped when the logging of high conservation forests ended in 2001, however the destruction of native forests is continuing and will persist unless public concern and political education bring about change.

It is presently costing taxpayers more than \$9m per year to have their forests exploited for timber. It has been demonstrated by research undertaken by members of the National University that by preserving all our South West Native Forests, we can gain carbon credits amounting to as much as \$340m per year.

To fund what is a very large and expensive campaign, the Roleystone group is conducting a fundraising event at Genesis in the Hills on Saturday 13 April 2013.

The evening will begin at 6.30pm featuring great food, wine,

entertainment, John Austin's photographic exhibition, forest film, visuals, raffle, door prize and other surprises.

Chasey, an uncaged friendly white-tailed black cockatoo will make a personal appearance.

Please support the event. Contact Patrick Weir or Maggie Burke on 9496 0514 Patrick@ maggieburke.com.au Patrick Burke



Fire Readiness Outside Bushfire Season !

Given the sweltering temperatures this summer, many of us are grateful that the days are gradually getting cooler and preparing for the forthcoming bushfire season is likely to be one of the last things on your mind. Despite this, the cooler months are an ideal time for property owners to do the often hard work necessary to manage fuel loads on properties and ensure their properties are well protected.

All of this work makes battling bushfires easier for fire fighters and can be the difference between keeping or losing a home, a business or even a life. For many Roleystone residents, this work is just part of living in a bush setting and is done with little fuss, but for other less able bodied residents, doing all the work on their own is not physically possible. This does not mean being prepared for bushfire season should be forgotten, but rather that prior planning becomes even more crucial. One of the best ways to help you prepare is by joining your local "Local Bush Fire Ready" group.

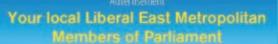
Bush Fire Ready Groups help local residents join up and work together to prepare and protect their families and properties against bush fires. Local groups consist of up to 15 homes of local people in a street which are led by a co-ordinator and supported by a trained facilitator. Group members are provided with information and guidance in developing individual fire plans and are also included in

a 'phone' tree of all available contacts which link up the homes in that group.

By joining a group, members learn important information about bush fire behaviour and preparedness strategies and can work together to reduce fire risks around their homes, street and immediate surrounding bush land. Through each group's phone tree members can inform each other straight away if there is a fire in the area so they know to return home if possible and put their fire plans into action. If individual members need assistance to evacuate an area they have the ability to add that information to the phone tree so that all other group members are aware of their need.

It is customary for Bush Fire Ready Group co-ordinators to approach new residents, or homes not included in their local group, but if you have not been approached and would like to be included, please contact the Roleystone Bush Fire Ready Group Facilitator, Chris Cairns, on 0417 983 019, or you may contact my office on 9452 8311 for more information on this, or any other matter.

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





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Don Randall Alerts Canberra to Local Orchardists' Plight

Canning MHR Don Randall has used a speech in Parliament to argue against overregulation of the local fruit growing industry.

He said Labor's legislation would enable activist groups to effectively stop orchardists from being able to produce, allowing overseas imports to take over.

'The Bill aims to enforce the mandatory re-registration of existing chemicals which are crucial to efficient, effective and successful farming in Australia,' Mr Randall said.

'The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority - APVMA - already have a rigorous regime in place that ensures products that are dangerous are weeded out and subject to scrutiny.'

'In fact, many primary producers will argue that the current regime goes well beyond providing a safety net.'

Mr Randall said mandatory re-registration is an ineffective mechanism that would waste levies paid by the industry and further erode any trust farmers have in the bureaucratic arms of government.

'Measures in this legislation will wrap up industries in more red tape,' he said.

Last year, the APVMA sought to ban the fruit fly chemical Fenthion, leaving local orchardists facing the possibility of losing the one remaining effective control to combat the pest. While a 12-month temporary reprieve was granted by the APVMA, Mr Randall said more needed to be done to support local industry.

Debate on the legislation will continue, however Mr Randall said he unfortunately expected it would pass.

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CHILLI FESTIVAL 2013

The Go for 2 & 5 Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival attracted record crowds with around 22,500 visitors enjoying nearperfect conditions. This was higher than expectations and represented a whopping 45% higher than last year's event, which unfortunately sweltered in temperatures up around 42C. We believe that this is now one of the biggest Chilli events of its kind in the world.

This year featured the largest ever contingent of stallholders; 82 in total with 25 new stallholders welcomed to the festival. Every year there are new and exciting ranges of products for visitors to enjoy from beverages to amazing tasty foods.

The Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor once again approved our Occasional Liquor Licence to encompass the whole site. This enables everyone to enjoy a drink and food in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. This year we introduced a new concept 'Kids in the Kitchen'. This involved children of all ages making a fruit skewer from a large range of fruit and vegetables supplied by *Coles*.

Over 600 children passed through the Go for 2 & 5 marquee under the guidance of our hard working team. They spent a great deal of their weekend cutting fruit and helping children create a healthy and colourful fruit concoctions. This proved a great way for the kids to enjoy a variety of fruit. 'Sow-A-Veg' by Beyond Gardeners were also kept very busy with so many children planting a seed to take home and watch it grow.



This year we saw the introduction of an on-site broadcast by Mix 94.5 which, contributed to the increa

contributed to the increased number of visitors to the festival. The annual *AMIC/MLA* 'Butchers Picnic' including the State judging of the best meat pie and beefburger together with representatives from the ABL Perth Heat Baseball Team all added to the increased numbers and great atmosphere.

The introduction of a bigger stage to accommodate a variety of entertainment from *Chef Dale* to the dancers from *Dance Workshop* and the 5 piece group *Tabas Co.* While all this was happening on stage the *Silentpartner* stilt walkers and *Marco Quiroz Mariachi duo* were roving around entertaining the crowds of people enjoying the festival.

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. Children must be accompanied by an adult. These activities allow the children 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 this year will be 'insects and bugs'.

Cost: Adults \$4.00 Children \$3.00

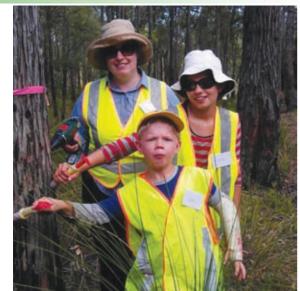
Liz Dunn







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New Antivals at Roleybushcare: The Lanoiselet Family, Tam, Skye and Jake

Farewell Sue Radford - back to England



THE GREAT COCKY COUNT The Great Cocky Count is on again at sunset on Sunday 7th April. Every year the community is asked to help with the survey. Go to our website for details. ONE NEW ARRIVAL AND ONE GOODBYE Roleybushcare has a new Bush Baby. Lincoln, Carolyn,

Eva and Finnian Fowler now have a little baby boy named Jasper. Congratulations from all of us.

A special goodbye to our mate, Sue Radford, who will be going back to England for a while. Can't wait till you come back in October. Thank you so much for all your help while you were here.

Last Field Day

31 volunteers helped treat a 300 metre length by 10 metre wide stretch along Gardiner Road in Stinton Cascade Nature Reserve last month. We will go back in April and complete that section to the end of the Reserve. A special welcome to the Lanoiselet Family who came on the day. Rubbish was removed and the children had great fun measuring a huge Jarrah tree. Many thanks again to Faye Clay for providing the morning tea.

NEXT FIELD DAY

Sunday 21st April 9.00 till noon in the Stinton Cascade Nature Reserve. 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 too far.

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 0427800732.







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Roley Club News For April

The club continues to go from strength to strength with Mondays and Wednesdays becoming very popular as 'Chase the Joker' heads ever higher. Currently the Jackpot is now over \$1200 and this goes up by \$100 each week if it is not won!

Our new promotion is for members and guests who buy Corona beer over the bar. They will receive an entry into a chance to win a 65 litre Corona branded Esky complete with 36 Corona stubbies. This promotion has only just started and we already have many entries. The competition runs until the 22nd of April when our lucky winner will be announced.

We have some new beers on tap. The Heinekin beer has proven to be very popular with our first keg selling out in just 4 days! Members should come in and try out the great range of new beers available.

Our restaurant continues to be well supported by members and guests. If you are planning to come along on a Friday night make sure you ring the club on 9397 5665 and book a table. Enjoy Sue's excellent cuisine whilst listening to our live music.

Our 'Green Day on the Green' on March 17th, St Patrick's Day, turned out to be a great afternoon. Many members and guests enjoyed the beautiful sunshine and listened to the great sounds of our Irish band 'Rodger, Rodger'. All who attended enjoyed the Food, Music and Outdoor Bar Facilities and look forward to our next 'Day on the Green'. My thanks go to all the committee and members who pitched in their time to make it such a successful day for the club.

We have finished painting the front entrance and have added a roof to the pergola. We have also spring cleaned both the internal and external areas of the club's surrounds, so come down to the club and enjoy the facilities. We especially invite all ex-members to rejoin and catch up with many of their old friends who have also recently rejoined the Club.

Michael Hansen President



Trevor Bestow Passes

Trevor Bestow passed away peacefully after a short illness 19.03.2013. He leaves his wife Pat, and children Alistair, Clare, Sue and Ian. Trevor had 9 grandchildren. Trevor was a respected and longstanding member of the Roleystone community, pioneer of hydrogeology in West Australia, king of recycling, champion of self sufficiency, grower of fine food and a good man. Rest in Peace

Roley Scouts Seeking Scout History

Roleystone Scout group is hoping to learn more about its history and origins. Did you, your parents or grandparents go to cubs or scouts? When did you join, who were the leaders, where did you meet, what activities did you do? We know that officially scouting started in Roleystone in 1975 but there are suggestions we might have been active decades before that... If you have information for us, please email tommojunior@ gmail.com or phone Akela on 0438-964441. Thanks!

Mark Thompson

Pictured: Ronald Buckingham ready for Scout Camp in 1927. Kelmscott Camp Troupe. Courtesy Birtwistle Studies Library



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The season is over although it seems that it only started recently.

Our ladies' second division team won and have been promoted to first division. Congratulations for a most successful season. The men were able to get to the finals but were unsuccessful. Our last event was our Memorial Day, a day to honour past members, which was a wonderful day involving many members.

Thanks to our sponsors, Fidock and Co and Jarrah Settlements, our greens will still be open for social bowls on Saturdays, starting at 1.00 pm, weather permitting, all welcome. Another opportunity will be on Sunday, 21st April, when we will have a "Poms versus Aussies" tournament. This is open to all who are interested - bowlers and non bowlers. It is guaranteed to be a fun filled afternoon with a lot of good natured antics. We encourage participants to dress in "national" dress and all equipment will be supplied.

We are embarking on a membership drive as we need more members to keep lawn bowls alive and well in Roleystone. We need you to come down and try the game. We can assure you of a great time, wonderful fellowship, a convivial atmosphere and an enjoyable experience playing this great game. *You will be hooked.*





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Saturday 23 March saw us back where we started, the Senior Football Club at Cross Park, where Lisa, Shaun and the gang made us feel most welcome.

A big thanks to the footy club for allowing us to use their venue this year. New three piece band, Mighty Defiant, delighted us with their originals.

They were anxious to receive some feedback as it's often daunting playing your own songs. They were terrific and most surprised to receive such positive feedback from our members. This is what our Club is all about - offering advice and supporting each other.

Newcomer Rob came along to check us out after our Concert in the Park at Robin Road. Chris and Beth wandered down to meet us and Chris played drums in the end of night jam.

The Cricket Club were celebrating their grand final win with a quick run around the oval, sans uniforms! What a hoot! Then joined us for the end of night jam with Kim, Enno, Jeff, Chris H, Grant and Gary. The Cricket Clubs' Man

of the Match, Wade Maxwell, played Falsom Prison Blues on a borrowed guitar with our guys backing him and the cricketers joining in the chorus.

Everyone agreed that it was great to be back at the Footy Club and the smaller room made for a more intimate evening. It was great to see three Roleystone Clubs together. That's what makes for a great community. Our next meeting will be Saturday 13 April. Hope to

see you there. Deb de Boer 9397 7007 President At the AGM the new committee was selected: Deb De Boer President, Chris Horgan was voted in as Secretary and Dave Willis as Treasurer.





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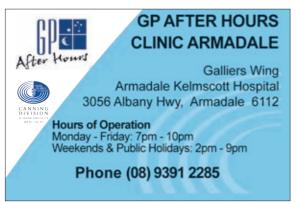
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I think the Cross Park Master Plan is an example of local government working at its best.

We have listened and talked to all the various groups that use, or would like to use this area and come up with a plan that links the whole Park together to form what I think is the best community hub in the City of Armadale.

Of course the community side of this has been working successfully for a long time from when the locals started building the Park back in the 20's. This will continue when the Men's Shed and Community Gardens join the Park. Now that they have a permanent home their Committees are able to apply for grants, sponsorships and to fundraise to help set up their areas like most of the other Park users do. Nearly 2 years ago Caroline & I looked at the preliminary design & location of the new skate park & questioned if the existing site was the best place for it. When we learnt there was a Master Planning exercise for the whole of Cross Park we asked if the skate park could be designed in tandem with this. I think this has been a good decision as the skate park location has now been moved down near Jarrah Road opposite the Roleystone Shopping Centre to allow for passive surveillance.

Although there has been a persistent minority criticising this decision, the inclusion of other community groups using the Park and the funding & scope of the skate park project, the majority of the community, has been overwhelmingly supportive. So the original budget of \$430,000 to build & design the skate park is still intact and we have made 1 final adjustment to the design with a potential saving of \$200,000. As I said, an example of good local governance by the City.

We are very lucky to have Cross Park as the Community Hub but equally lucky to have Borrello Park as our favourite picnic park. This beautiful little park is always green and inviting, with a wonderful playground and that amazing tree on the corner. Most of the people I speak to take their children / grandchildren to play at this park. It is a place for birthday parties, a laze on the grass while the kids play or for that 'drop in' to burn off energy after school.

This park has been around since the early 1980's and has been built by the City in association with the Rotary Club of Kelmscott with support from McDonalds and the Roleystone High School planting trees & shrubs. We have been approached by a residents' group, headed again by Rotary, to develop Borrello Park further and indeed it is our most common Councillor request to have public toilets installed at Borrello Park.



It was proposed that this project be paid for with the Roleystone "POS" Trust fund money, the majority of which has been allocated to the Cross Park Skate Park. These Trust fund monies have specific guidelines for allocation. They can only be used on certain items in certain places, so although residents may suggest items like footpaths on roads or toilets in other suburbs, these things cannot be purchased with this money.

Apart from two petitions on this matter, there has been a randomised phone survey of several hundred Roleystone residents, to aid Council's decision-making.

In that survey, the single most requested item was public toilets at Borrello Park (38%) and upgrades to Warwick Savage, Roleystone Heritage Walk (Precinct J), Lina Hart Reserve and Borrello Reserve together summed 39%, while 22% were "other". The City is also in the process of preparing a Toilet Strategy as part of its Parks & Facilities Strategy to prioritise toilets and other facilities for the City's Parks & Reserves.

Having a toilet at Borrello would stop parents and children from having to walk on the verge before crossing Brookton Highway to use the toilets at the petrol station.

The project included several thousand dollars for landscaping so as not to detract from the local amenity for users of the park and those residents directly overlooking the lovely view of the Park. The Council has deferred its final decision on the matter until the relevant strategies have been finalised and can be given due consideration.

For other Council news in Roleystone, the City received a request for Tree Protection Orders for the previous Primary School site. The Council declined the request to place Tree Protection Orders on the property. Instead another planning mechanism is available to potentially protect trees on this site. It is now recommended that the "Detailed Area Plan" of the development come before Council when it is ready, after the land has been sold to a developer. This will also enable the community to see the proposed future plan of the area and attend the meetings to provide comment – something we believe is very important for the community. *Grant and Caroline*

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There's another way to think about possessions. It's 1500 years old, the wisdom of the monk, Benedict. Simply: there is nothing wrong with having possessions; we should be grateful and enjoy them to the full; we should buy good quality, fit for the purpose, respect them and maintain them. But it's important to remain detached from them, which means being prepared to give them up

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when necessary. Without this detachment our possessions can become our possessors.

This ancient rule of life coincides so closely with our new emphasis on recycling, repairing, reusing, downsizing. Amazingly, this old wisdom seems to be what our planet needs now, to reduce the demand consumerism places on our finite resources. Every unnecessary item that I accumulate reduces the finite resources of this planet available for those in need now, and for my grandchildren and their children in the future. Even books....



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We have the exclusive use of the kitchen where mums can help themselves to a nice cuppa tea, coffee or hot Milo while they supervise their little ones. Please come along and introduce yourselves to our lovely playgroup leaders on whatever you would like to attend. We would love to see you! We have been spending a lot of time fundraising and will continue to do so. Our playgroup relies heavily on fundraising for the purchase of arts and crafts supplies, new toys, and to fund our annual family fun day! If you see any gumnuts fundraising out in the community, please show them your support. We have such an amazing supportive community and the support we got with our chocolate fundraising was exceptional!

Thank you to the Roleystone Markets Committee for granting us a stall at your amazing first twilight market on March the 3rd! The turnout was amazing and we sold a huge amount of raffle tickets! We hope to be there again at the next market, madly fundraising for our cause! You can find the Roleystone Markets on face book! They are already organising their winter market!

Congratulation to winners for the Easter raffle fundraiser:

Kate Meares 4th place Lili Murray 3rd place

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Naomi Dawson 1st place The draw for the Cadbury Variety box will be on the 27th of March. Keep an eye open in the next Courier for the results!

We would like to welcome all the new Committee members' people and say goodbye to the old committee.

Goodbyes include: Julie Horgan-Vice President,

Eleanor Fairweather-Communications Officer Ellen Southgate-Registrar Lisa Buddulph- Toy buyer Claire Sharples- Treasurer Hello and Welcome to: Abby Honey- Treasurer Bianca Edwards- Arts and Crafts Coordinator Breanna Greville-Communications Officer Veronica Smit- Secretary Saskia Van Den Berg- Toy buyer.

We are happy to say we have a full committee this year and thank you to them. Continuing on and still a part of our vibrant committee:

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Astronomical Highlights April

Greg Lowe, Perth Observatory

If the weather in the latter half of March was any indication, we should be in for a pleasant autumn. However, I'm no meteorologist. As an astronomer, I like the idea of reverse Camelot weather: rain in the daytime and clear skies at night. Some hope. You take what you're given. Looking back at the history of astronomy, I never cease to be amazed at the achievements of the old-time British astronomers who presumably did their observing under weather conditions much like those of Britain today: cloud, cloud and more cloud.

The day length, sunrise to sunset, will steadily decrease through the month of April, ranging from 11 hrs 45 min on the 1st to 11:19 on the 15th and 10:52 on the 30th. Good news for astronomers: more night than day.

Early in the month there's no evening moon - last quarter's on the 3rd - so Jupiter's the brightest starlike object at nightfall. It stands out in the NW sky at dusk and sets in the WNW around 9pm in early April, 8:15 in mid-month, and 7:30 by month's end.

Saturn will be the star attraction in the Observatory's public stargazing sessions this month. The famous ringed planet rises just to the south of east at about 7:45pm on April the 1st, then comes up about 4 minutes earlier day by day so that it's just above the eastern horizon by the end of twilight in mid-month, and higher by the end of the month. Saturn culminates (attains its highest elevation) almost overhead in the north at about 2am in early April, then a halfhour earlier each week after that. Hence, midnight culmination by the end of the month. Sounds like something to do with a secret romance? Sadly, not so for most astronomers. Dawn finds Saturn in the western sky. Opposition, when Saturn's nearest to Earth and the view is best and it's up all night, occurs on the 28th.

Mercury's out there for the early risers and late stayers in the first half of April: look low in the east at daybreak i.e. around 5:30am. I might miss that.

The major moon phases are as follows. Last quarter's on the 3rd - that's the morning half moon, the one that you'll notice high in the northern sky at breakfast time. New moon, which is really no moon, is on the 10th. On either side of new (no) moon there are the crescent phases: the waning or morning crescent before new moon, and the waxing or evening crescent after new moon. From the 14th to the 15th, the waxing crescent moon will slip by Jupiter. First quarter, evening half moon, is on the 18th - an ideal time for observing the mountains and craters on the ravaged lunar surface. Full moon's on the night of the 25th, when moonrise will occur about 20 minutes before sunset. People going early to Anzac Day dawn services will have their way lit by the bright moon (moonset 05:50 on the morning of the 25th). In the early morning of the 26th around 4am there will be a partial lunar eclipse in which the brightness of the full moon will be diminished somewhat, especially toward the northern (lower) edge.

Seniors Update

The 21st of April is the 20th year of RKSC being in their club rooms. The Roleystone Seniors are going to celebrate by having an afternoon tea and inviting past, present and future members to come and enjoy a chat and to reminisce about all of the changes that have happened in the 20 years.

We are also going to have a movie for those who wish to stay a little longer. All are welcome.

Christine Kent

Seniors Club April Calendar 21st April 20th Year Anniversay. All Welcome Social afternoons every fourth Friday of the month after

carpet bowls, every one is welcome

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

There was a wonderful programme on television recently called Kangaroo Dundee. He is a fantastic person who has dedicated

his life to caring for and raising orphaned Joeys and has built a secure sanctuary for their release. It is heartening to see someone who cares so much for our precious Kangaroos.

If you find a young, unfurred Joey, warmth is vital for its survival. The fastest way to warm or keep warm a furless Joey is to put it up your top and use direct skin contact to provide warmth. When you get home the Joey will need to be put in a bag, pillow case or similar and a warmth source provided eg a warm water bottle or wheat pack.

Never attempt to feed as inappropriate feeding will kill it and keep the Joey in a quiet stress free place. You will need to contact your local Wildlife Carer as urgent help is required for the Joey to survive.

A furred Joey will need a bag, pillow case or similar, a quiet stress free place, no feeding and your Local Wildlife Carer contacted.

People think Joeys are cute and want to keep them. This often means that the Joey ends up suffering needlessly and usually all ends tragically. The main mistake is in feeding it incorrect milk eg cow's milk, baby formula, soy milk, carnation milk or similar. Joeys need a proper animal milk formula containing similar nutrients to mother's milk. Unfurred Joeys are difficult to keep at the constant 32c that they require to survive. Your local Wildlife Carer will have the ability to do so. Joeys need a stress free safe environment. They are not toys and should not be treated as such. It might look cute to have your dog or cat play with a Joey but what you are actually doing is teaching the Joey, against

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its instincts, that dogs and cats are o.k. and safe to approach and many are not.

Incorrect feeding is another problem that can have tragic consequences. It is easy to mimic the natural foods that they will eat in the bush. I once had a Joey come into care that was all sticky and its fur all matted. My enquiries revealed that the lady had been feeding the poor thing jam on toast, which I don't think grows in the bush.

Another loev came into care in dreadful condition, thin, dehydrated and with most of its organs shutting down. Apparently children had her in a sack in the shed and fed her roo meat. It took many months and vet visits for her to recover, although she never attained her proper size.

Another problem which has occurred on numerous occasions is a Joey coming into care with no fur on the rear end and red or blistered skin. This is a result of wearing a nappy. Nappies require skin contact to be effective not a fur coat to get in the way. A nappy will trap in urine and keep the fur wet causing urine bum and the fur will eventually fall out. Another problem is keeping a Joey so it doesn't develop its natural skills or even know it is a Joey, so that when it gets too big for the backyard and is returned to the bush it has no survival skills.

Wildlife Carers always have a minimum of two Joeys so that they can develop their social skills and learn how to survive through play. The Carer will usually arrange to group them with others prior to release. I have been a marsupial carer for over 22yrs and am appalled be some things I see. Please, if you find an orphaned Joey do the right thing by it a get it to an experienced carer. Please contact me for help for or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.

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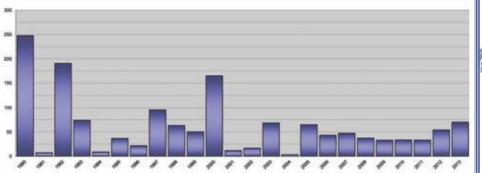


March Weather

Weather Statistics David Elliott: Your Official Roley Weather Site.

Three Monthly Cummulative Rainfall

It has been a good start to the year with great rains for March and cool Autumn Temperatures. More stats next month.



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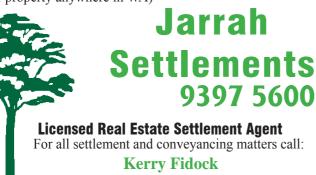


Write up will follow next month: 1. Martine Stuart and the RKCC dog 2. John Lewis and Darryl Kipping 3. Trent Stuart and the boys lift the victory shield aloft. The first A Grade premiership for 24 years. 4. Be afraid - be very afraid 5 Tim with the E grade Shield.



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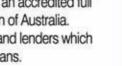
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