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Happy Birthday Roleystone Seniors

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DAVID & RIA WED

David Legge and Ria Kelly were married on Friday 8th March at The Grange Adelaide and the reception was held at The Henley Beach Yacht Club. David met Ria in Yulara while travelling around Australia in 2004. They spent two and a half years in Canada before settling in Adelaide. Many guests attended from different parts of the world and Roleystone where David grew up. The couple honeymooned in Bali.

ZOE MARRIES KEVIN

Zoe Legge and Kevin Hawker were married on Saturday 10th November 2012 at Upper Reach Winery Middle Swan, where the reception was also held. Zoe met Kevin in England in 2001 while travelling overseas. Many guests attended from overseas including Kevin's parents from UK as well as old friends from Roleystone where Zoe grew up. They celebrated with a holiday in Dunsborough with both sets of parents.



DANIEL POPS THE QUESTION



Daniel Spry proposed to Vienna Youngs on Turtle Cliffs at Coral Bay on 1st March 2013. Daniel and Vienna's son Noah, then 5 months, is in Vienna's Arms. Photo set up 'on auto' by Daniel.

MAY COVER: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SENIORS

The cover of the May Courier celebrates twenty years of caring for the Seniors in Roleystone. The cake has just been shared and is being carried by Pauline Peacock.

Happy Birthday to all involved. The Seniors group came out of the Roleystone Neighbourhood House group who: 'Decided to do something for the elderly in the community' back in early 1993. The first tours were organised by Diana Haggart. Then came the push for a purpose built centre to be established. The fledgling seniors group originally met at the Family Centre until they moved into the current seniors centre.

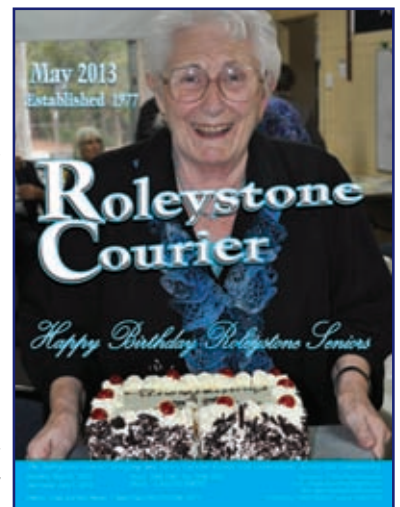
In the April edition of the 1993 Courier the events were: April 14th: A Film Matinee. On April 23rd: A Day Trip to Toodyay.

And in May: Monday May 14th an Italian lunch was followed by entertainment provided

by local cabaret singers: Trish Pritchard and Angelo Bono with accompaniment by Kim Martin. (Trish and Angelo are still entertaining locals.)

On May 28th there was a bus trip to Whitby Falls. This was promoted as an Outing for an Appreciation of the Arts.

See more about the history of this group on page 22 and 23.



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High Tea and Fashion Parade

A rainy day outside didn't dampen any spirits as over 40 people enjoyed a High Tea fundraiser to support the Intensive Care Foundation on April 12th.

Locals Sharon Knapp and her good friend Bev Krebs organised the event which had fabulous door prizes, a raffle, a fashion show & a jewellery display as well as an amazing High Tea.

Sharon was overjoyed with the success of the event raising a total of \$1,126 on the day. This amount will be added to when the Intensive Crew Team's total for the HBF Run for a Reason.

She would like to say particular thanks to: Bobbi & Tristan from High Tea Social Club, Salvation Army, Trish & Tim from Bella Hair Design, Jane from Studio One Skin Health & Beauty, Fifth Estate Winery, Armadale Chiropractic, Manse Restaurant, Antiquitea, Mandy from Avon, Jan from Postie Fashions & Gail for Crystal Mint.

Nearly four years ago the Knapp family were stunned by the news that Sharon and

Allen's son Dwayne had been badly hurt in a traffic accident. He was to spend 6 weeks in Intensive Care at RPH with much of this time on life support.

Dwayne did lose both of his legs but his life spirit is strong and he now lives his life to the full. This family feel a huge debt to the many medical people who provided the expertise and care that gave Dwayne his new lease on life. This High Tea Fundraiser and their team in the HBF Run for a Reason, raise funds for the Intensive Care Foundation which aims to provide staff working in ICU's around Australia & New Zealand with training and access to the most up to date research. This gives patients like Dwayne, the best possible chance of survival.

This year Dwayne will also be part of the team & will be walking in the 4km event. If readers feel that they would like to donate to this wonderful cause please feel free to contact Sharon on 0427 735 796 or email knappsters@bigpond.com

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NEW MUM TAKES CANCER CHALLENGE

New time mum, Pauline Monk of Bedfordale, will be taking part in the Ride to Conquer Cancer on 19 and 20 October this year and is using the next few months to get in shape. Plus, as part of the commitment she needs to achieve a minimum fundraising goal of \$2500 which goes to the Western Australian Institute of Medical Research for Cancer Research.

Pauline is a mother of four and her latest baby Owen is only 12 months old so she needs to sneak out at 5:30am before the baby wakes up, to train. She is also training on Sundays when she organises long rides with other novice cyclists through a group she formed via Facebook called "Cycling with Friends".

Pauline reflects on why she wants to be involved: 'In the last few years I have been shocked when some of

my friends have been touched by cancer, breast cancer, lymphoma and oesophagus cancer and these people are my age, fit and healthy with young families just like myself. Thankfully, they are responding well to treatment and things look positive for them but the disruption to their lives has been huge and it's not yet over for some of them.'

The ride will take two-days, travelling through scenic countryside and with a night of camping. Riders will support breakthrough research and the discovery of new cancer therapies at WAIMR.

This is the second annual "Ride to Conquer Cancer" event in Western Australia. The Ride already has a record of success in Australia. Last year in Perth over 1,200 participants raised \$4.6 million.

To help Pauline reach this goal, visit conquercancer.org.au to make a donation online. Her participant ID number is 970451-4, or call 1300 99 RIDE.

As well as asking for donations, Pauline has started her own fundraising initiatives such as a Mother's Day Raffle containing gym membership, Polar Heart Rate Monitor, vouchers for massage and beauty treatments, gym towel and drink bottle, yoga. This will be drawn on May 11th and readers can get tickets by ringing her on 0407982209.



Ride to Conquer Cancer

Well the ball is well and truly rolling now in our efforts to fundraise for the 'Ride to Conquer Cancer' beneficiary the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research.

A very special thank you for all the support we have received from the wonderful Roleystone Community, our friends and family. We will be at the Roleystone Markets on the 9th of June selling bacon and egg rolls, sausage in a bun, fairy floss and drinks, and are holding a Quiz Night and Auction at the Roleystone Country Club on the 28th of June which is sure to be a fun night. Tickets will go on sale soon. We are also selling the 2013-2014 Entertainment Book with 20% of the proceeds of each book going to WAIMR. If you would like to order an entertainment book please go to <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/92212g>.

Our training is also progressing well and we are meeting for a ride on Anzac Day from Cockburn Train station to East Perth and back, about 60km in total. (With a coffee stop and a quiet moment to remember the Anzacs on the way.) If you would like to donate please visit www.conquercancer.org.au, click on Perth, click on DONATE, search for participants by typing in Sarah Brereton or Alyce Thorpe or Linda Schaudin or Tracey Husbands or Tamara Artemis or all 5 of us. A receipt will be forwarded to you for tax purposes with all donations above \$2 being tax deductible. Or you can simply send us a message of support at jsbrereton@bigpond.com.au.

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PETER TREASURE COMPLETES EPIC RIDE

He's done it! Roleystone's Peter Treasure was one of 26 riders to complete the first, end to end, ride of the iconic Munda Biddi Trail.

Peter and the other riders were officially welcomed into Sculpture Park in Mundaring on April 28 by the Environment Minister Albert Jacob and presented with a 'Munda Biddi Trailblazer' jumper, to commemorate the ride. The three week journey, on what is now the longest, most continuous off-road cycling trail in the world, started in Albany on April 7 and passed through local towns, taking in 1000km of forests, bushland and scenic river valleys, boasting unique flora and fauna and towering eucalypts.

Peter is a fly in-fly out worker based in Newman and spent every day after work cycling 50km around mine site roads to train for the event. He also rides frequently around his beloved hills. He was keen to get home after the strenuous ride. Well done to Peter for completing the 1000km challenge.'



Message from Clare

Hello Roleystone,
 Since my employment at the Roleystone Recreation Centre I have had the pleasure of exploring your surroundings and 'WOW! What an amazing little hide away!' My name is Clare. I'm a country girl at heart but my choice of career led me back to the city, or so I thought... I am here to share my experience, as your local recreation coordinator.

I am passionate about fitness because I have witnessed the benefits first hand! Getting fit IS FUN. The most rewarding part of my job is being able to help others make a healthy difference, seeing clients reach their fitness goals. I am all about family, I have a huge family myself and I've organised a great day out for your family. So come on down to our OPEN DAY on Saturday May 25th 9am-3pm. You can let the kids play with our free activities while you enjoy a coffee at the Affinity Cafe. I look forward to meeting you all!
 Regards Clare

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ARMADALE CHIROPRACTIC

At the last Business After Hours meeting, Armadale Chiropractic was awarded the March Business of the Month for Business Armadale. Owner, Beau Woods was on hand to accept the award and accepted it gratefully from Business Armadale President, Mr Pieter Mulder.

Armadale Chiropractic has developed into a thriving business employing 6 staff and business is going so well they had to take on another chiropractor last month. Beau comes from a family of chiropractors (there are 9 in his family). He believes that: 'care starts from the time you walk in the front door' and this philosophy has proved very popular with his clients. Their focus is on getting profound postural and structural changes beyond simple pain relief.

By practicing the highest levels of clinical care and encouraging patients to take control of their own health, Beau and his team have created a positive and solid reputation across the Armadale region.

In 2012 Beau was awarded Young Chiropractor of The Year - a significant accolade as this is recognition from within his own industry.

The Business Armadale Business Awards program recognises excellence in the local business community. Monthly award winners automatically qualify for recognition at the annual Gala Business Awards event held in November.

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



Memories of Araluen

*The year was 1963, when the ship from England came,
With another batch of immigrants, the "Strathmore" was her name.
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With passengers to go ashore, sightseeing on their way.
On board, a fair young English girl, waiting to behold,
This land of wealth and richness, for that's what she'd been told.
So with her friends, she disembarked, and then this happy band,
Hired a car and ventured off, to view this strange new land.
By chance they came to bushland, serene and isolated,
And now that years have come and gone, she knows that it was fated.
For there she slipped into a lake, an apt baptismal,
She'd only tried to save a bee, from drowning in the pool.
Her first day spent on Aussie soil, the first of thousands more,
Baptised an Aussie on the spot an Aussie to the core.
And as it was so quiet there, when she clambered out.
On bushes set to dry them, she spread her clothes about.
Then back to London Court they went, a dinner to partake,
And laughed about immersion, in that lovely little lake.
You've grown and changed so beautifully, you took my breath away,
When I came back to see you, on that wondrous, springtime day.
So many other people, must have loved you, as I do,
To care, to nurture, and to watch, as glorious you grew.
So now, as then, you're in my heart, a memory so clear,
From 1963 to now, I hold you, oh so dear.
Janet Brown, of Rydalmere, NSW.*

Janet is a member of the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation.
Photo pool circa 1960.



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MINNARWARRA ART AWARDS 2013



Sue Hamilton



Stephanie Boyle and Her Painting



Linda Stokes' Textile

Roleystone Artists Vie for Awards at this Year's Minnawarra Festival

Roleystone artists are well represented in the Minnawarra Art Competition this year.

Stephanie Boyle has entered two paintings, Linda Stokes has two wonderful tapestries and Sue Hamilton, fresh from winning at the recent Gosnells Art Awards, has entered two sculptures.

When asked about her inspiration Sue replied:

'I am a metal artist working with recycled material. Be it a sculpture purely for visual delight, to a functioning item of furniture, I will see possibility in any piece of scrap I find. The character of the piece is in the metal's natural state of age, wear and rust.' Stephanie Boyle recently won 'The Best Watercolour Painting' at the Wagin Woolorama Art Exhibition and has been asked to be Artist in Residence in Margaret River on the weekend starting 4th May. Stephanie describes this as: 'a week end of relaxation, painting, good food and bush walking in lovely surrounds. If anyone is interested contact: rossburns@bigpond.com'.

Stephanie has recently invited other local artists, including Carl Haanappel, to give demonstrations at her studio and they have loved the chance to experience the beauty of the Roleystone surrounds.

This year's Minnawarra Festival will celebrate the City of Armadale's diversity of culture, people and place.

The Festival will come to life with the sights, sounds and aromas from around the world, from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 19 May, at Minnawarra Park.

There will be an international food area, arts fair, coffee/chai tent, international music and a children's creative world. The Festival will coincide with the final day of the prestigious Minnawarra Art Awards displayed at the heritage listed Armadale District Hall.

Visitors will not only have the opportunity to enjoy the colours and tastes of the Festival, but they will also have an opportunity to see some fantastic artworks from West Australian artists.

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ANZAC DAY SERVICE

A calm, early morning, with the minute silence serenaded by a Kookaburra chorus and a rooster crowing.

The Pickering Brook Heritage Group's Dawn Service held on Anzac Day, was quintessentially Australian.

Over 200 people gathered at the New Pickering Brook War Memorial for this serene and heartfelt ceremony. Tom and Hayden were on flag raising duties and a range of locals and dignitaries presented the Anzac Address and the Ode with Reverend Lesley Borowitzka giving the prayer to the fallen.

Afterwards, visitors were treated to breakfast which included bacon & eggs rolls and tasty muffins all topped off with hot cups of Tea or Coffee.

Well done to the Pickering Brook Heritage Society for hosting this wonderful event.

Pictured top: Tom and Hayden raised and lowered the flag.

Middle: People of all ages showed their respect at the completion of the service.

Below: Rev Lesely Borowitzka with Vern Bettenay who served in WW2 in New Britain and District Pioneer, George Spriggs.



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ANZAC SERVICE TRADITIONS

Recently, Brigadier Patrick Gowans (Retired) OAM, travelled to Western Australia and while he was here gave an ANZAC Day address to the Trinity College Old Boys. Brigadier Gowans has had a long attachment to Roleystone as he has frequently visited both his sister Margaret Bettenay and his mother Alice Gowans (dec). In this speech he unearthed some of the traditions underlying the ANZAC Ceremony.

Anzac Day ceremonies are characteristic by the playing of the Last Post after the recital of the Ode. This is a solemn, haunting and beautiful bugle call that stirs all Australians. For many of us it leads to tears. That bugle call and the minute's silence that follows, have a long history. Since the mid 16th century, troops in Europe assembled, at the end of a day of battle, to establish how many had been killed that day. Volleys were fired and a hymn was played. In silence, those lost comrades in arms were mourned. The one minute silence today and the three volleys fired at military funerals, follows that tradition.

Bugle calls have been used for thousands of years. Some give orders to companies of soldiers, such as to attack or retreat or come to parade. Other calls

were designed to be heard over a long distance, hence the high, long carried, notes. The Last Post is such a call. It was first used in the early 19th century by British troops under Wellington in the Napoleonic Wars. The Last Post was to tell soldiers absent from camp, that they had to be back to prepare themselves for the next day of battle. Everyone was to be in their proper place by the end of the last note.

The Rouse, the bugle call that ends the silence that follows the Last Post, symbolises the awakening of the dead into a new and better world. The exception is the Dawn Service, when the Reveille is played.

The Reveille was a bright, cheerful call to rouse soldiers from their slumber, ready for duty; it has also been used to conclude funeral services and remembrance services. It rouses the living back to duty, now their respects have been paid to the memory of their comrades.

The Rouse is a shorter bugle call that was also used to call soldiers to their duties. Being short, the Rouse is the call most commonly used in conjunction with the Last Post at Remembrance Services. When the Last Post sounds, everyone stands. Members of the Armed Forces and the police salute and other males remove their hats.

Everyone stands in silence for the one minute that follows the Last Post call, and when doing so, they remember all those men and women who have fallen in their country's wars.

The Ode

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them,
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Thom and Shirley Reach Milestone

Long term Roleystone residents, Shirley and Thom Dercksen celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary on 11th April.

This event did not go unnoticed: Iain Cameron wished them a happy Diamond Wedding anniversary on the ABC, and they received congratulatory letters from: Colin Barnett, Linda Savage, Don Randall, Mark McGowan, Malcolm McCusker, Tony Abbott, Julia Gillard, Quentin Bryce and Queen Elizabeth the second!!!! Their daughter, Karen Passmore, had told just a few folk that the event was coming up.

The couple were married in 1953 and went for their honeymoon at Caves House in Yallingup. There they met another couple John and Loma Toohey and a lifelong friendship developed between the two couples. The Dercksens met their good friends the Toohey's for lunch at UWA to celebrate 60 years of friendship. On Sunday 23rd April, a surprise luncheon was held in their honour and attended by



24 family members in a Fremantle restaurant. The "bride and groom" were toasted and the event was a huge success. Amongst those attending were Ellie Eaton of Goomalling, who is a close friend and was Maid of Honour at their wedding. Thom's nephew's daughter Lianne Dercksen from Holland happened to arrive in Perth just in time for the event, before flying to Melbourne to work. The youngest was their great grandson Lawson Passmore 16 months, son of Cameron, who happily sat in his high chair.

Congratulations to you both.

Pictured top: Thom and Shirley at home in front of their many congratulatory cards. and the happy couple sixty years ago. Below: the family organised a surprise 'get together' and pictured with Thom and Shirley is Ellie Eaton, granddaughter Martine Passmore and great grandson Lawson Passmore.





The Tragic Passing of Dr Richard Holdway

Dr Richard Holdway, the well known Vet and co-owner of the Roleystone Animal Hospital, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on 3 April 2013 while he was sitting on the back veranda talking with his father Terry. Richard's passing has touched many across our community; he was highly respected and much admired. Richard leaves his partner Debra Carrier, his children Nicola Holdway & Matthew Holdway and his two step daughters Tegan Carrier & Lois Carrier.

Richard was born in Luton, Bedfordshire in the UK and in 1972 the family emigrated to Australia with the 3 year old Richard. The family moved to Karratha where Richard attended the local schools. A job as a kennel hand at the Karratha Veterinary Hospital, hooked him onto his future career and he worked hard to achieve his goal graduating as a Vet with Honours in 1990.

After many years of practicing in the North West, Richard and Debra moved to Roleystone and set up their Animal Hospital in Pages Road. This was a life time dream to own and work in a clinic that had the latest equipment and made

owners and their animal's the centre of all activity. Richard would purchase beef jerky to bribe animals so that they actually looked forward to coming into the clinic. The Roleystone community was so welcoming and Richard loved working and meeting new people. Home visiting was a great experience.

Music was Richard's greatest passion – all music, Richard did not discriminate. His play list would drive his children to distraction at times. He loved walking his dogs, Magnum & Poirot around the Araluen Golf Course. In particular, he enjoyed the change of seasons.

Richard also loved to travel and was the happiest when he was travelling.

The family would like to sincerely thank the many people who have offered their condolences and support over this period. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and our deepest sympathy to his family.

Debra and the staff at Roleystone Animal Hospital would like to assure all patients that full veterinary services will be continuing at the Hospital into the future.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you so much for printing the article and photo of the Rebels Hockey Team in the March edition of the Roleystone Courier. A friend who lives in Roleystone sent me a copy and it bought back some happy memories. Thank you Peg Knuckey for your input - our very courageous goalie. Regards, Janice Mahy (nee Herbert) Carine.

WANTED BRIDGE PHOTOS

We must all be well aware of the massive undertaking that will result in the road realignment and new bridge over the Canning River near Mount Street, Kelmscott.

A local history group is collating the history of bridges at this crossing and seeking information and photos to do with the area. If you have anything which may be of help we would greatly value your assistance. Please call Lesley on 9390 6968 a/h.

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Editorial

LINDA MOORE

MAY 2013

Welcome to Autumn.

In this month's editorial I wish to digress a little, discussing how we name our important local landmarks. Sometimes major structures are named and there seems to be no rhyme, nor reason for it. (For reference, see some of the street names in our location.)

Recently I was discussing the Aboriginal heritage of our location with my parents. The discussion ranged over the historical relevance of

local places named after significant Aboriginal people.

My understanding is that the large area of bushland reserve now referred to as Midgegoroo National Park (east of Gardiner Road) is named after Yagan's father. This is perhaps fitting as Midgegoroo was an important leader of his aboriginal Nyoongah group. However it is fairly well established that they were not from this location, their area extended between the Swan and Canning Rivers towards the ocean. Most of 'the action' in their story happened around Melville and Helena Valley. (Both were killed in the early days of settlement: Yagan's head was famously removed and finally returned and buried back in the Swan Valley 177 years later). But this National Park is a long way from his traditional lands.

Another Aboriginal name preserved in our location is Munday. (Munday Brook and Munday Gully can be found along Canning Rd.) His tribe's range did extend into Roleystone. My Mum believes that the southern border of his range was close to Raeburn Road. (While we are talking about mis-placed names, The Bibbulman group were actually indigenous to the area around Busselton!)

Now why this is all relevant, is that my old Dad started talking about recognising the last Aboriginal to be living a traditional life style in our location. Apparently his name was Starlight (obviously not his real name). Starlight was an important character in the lives of the children who attended Karragullen School around the mid 1920's - 1930's. He was often a person they came across on their way home from school and by reports was: 'a pretty scary bloke'. He hardly spoke any English and lived very rough and his clothes and hair were pretty wild. He lived in the bush, but occasionally came to visit homeowners to: 'cage some food and old clothes.' Sometimes he would 'help a bit with wood chopping' to repay a housewife's generosity. Starlight just vanished around the mid 1930's, just one of the many disenfranchised half castes caught between cultures.

Sadly, this was all I could discover about Starlight. If any readers know more, I would be interested in following this up. There are no records of his life or mention of him in any of our City's historical records. I just feel that if he was the last Aboriginal to be living traditionally in our area, some record of him should remain. Perhaps we could have the Starlight Skate Park?

The name Karragullen is an Aboriginal word meaning 'red gully' and was first used by Daisy Bates when she came to the area in 1905. Daisy was prolific about recording Aboriginal Heritage and she wrote about the passing of Joobaitech, the last full blood of the Perth Tribe, in 1907:

'Joobaitech clung steadily to Maamba, his own ground; even when the doctor urged his removal to hospital. "No," said Joobaitech, "I shall die on my own ground, and not in a white man's house. When I die, I shall go down through the sea where all my people will be waiting on the shore with meat food, my mother and my woman, my father, and my brothers. Before it sets out on its journey, my spirit must be free to rest on the kaanya tree."

One day the cart came to take Joobaitech to hospital. "Don't let them take me!" he pleaded. I said, "It is all right, Joobaitech. You will die before you pass the kaanya tree at Karragullen, and your soul will rest there before it goes to the sea." Joobaitech died as the cart crossed the little creek near Maamba, as he had wished it, still on his own ground, close to the kaanya tree.'

So perhaps we should also name something after Joobaitech - he obviously had his heart well and truly in our location. So can our next park be called Joobaitech Reserve? What do you think?

Please enjoy reading the May Courier.

Linda Moore

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TRADE DIRECTORY BECOMES LITTER

The letter below was sent to the City of Armadale.

RE: Littering by "Trade Guide Directory 2013" deliverers in Roleystone

On the evenings of 5th to 7th April 2013, a delivery agency has thrown copies of Trade Directories onto driveways and entrances of the properties of residents around Roleystone.

Other pamphlet and local newspaper deliverers use the letter boxes of each property to distribute material and this does not cause a littering problem. The practice has been carried out by this agency or individual and is in direct contravention of anti-littering.

The name of the organisation is Trade Guide Directory 2013 and advice inside the booklet is as follows:

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Would you please initiate advice to the deliverer that the directories must be deposited into letter boxes and desist from throwing them onto properties.

The method of delivery has the potential to become unsightly, resulting in added fuel for bushfires and is also a major source of littering.

Please advise the action that you intend to take as soon as possible.

Paul V Bronson

Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank all the kind people who came to my aid when my elderly husband wandered off from the Shopping Centre recently. My special thanks to Joe Anile from IGA and the wonderful person who spotted him in Norman Road. I am so happy that I live in a community where people are still prepared to help each other
Jackie Patoir

NOISY ROLEYSTONE

What is it with all of the noises around Roleystone?

I came to live here because I thought there would be serenity! Now some noises, like the early morning magpies and the kookaburras, I can live with. That is nature and that is one of the reasons I am happy to be here. But I do take umbrage with some of the unnecessary raucous.

I have the unfortunate privilege of listening to the neighbourhood dogs bark all day, the minute their owners have left. Sometimes this goes on all night!

Over Easter there was a dog somewhere around the Kurrajong Rd area, that barked all weekend. I think the owners came home on Monday night because the noise stopped. I hope they had a lovely holiday because the residents who stayed here, back in town, didn't.

The noise that comes from the Shopping Centre around 6.30am is unbearable. I think it is the contractor picking up the crushed cardboard boxes. This is not just a noise, I can feel the thump and vibrations jolting me awake. Surely this bloke can come a bit later - this week it was on a Saturday morning when I like to have a little lie in. Well at least I had the 'pleasure' of waking up early so I could appreciate the other, more pleasant, sounds of the place I live in.

Now I do not hear the planes so much anymore, but the early morning boom of the gas guns has started again. But I will not rant about this one because I would rather the orchardists used this method than use a shotgun to keep the beautiful black cockies from their apples.

And don't start me on hoons. Their irresponsible squealing of tyres late at night might be fun to them but it destroys my good night's sleep.

So perhaps the answer is that Roleystone is a great place to live, as long as you do not want to sleep!

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HOIG GOES TO GARDEN WEEK

Members of the Hills Orchard Improvement Group took the message about how lovely Perth Hills Fruit is, to the City last week. They held their first ever stall at Garden Week.

One volunteer declared that this was EXHAUSTING, but fun.

One of their aims was to pick up some extra stallholders for the Karragullen Expo to be held in October and they were happy to report that they achieved this.

HOIG sponsored Garden Week this year, with 500 bags of mixed fruit available free to visitors and fruit for decorating the cooking stage and all the fruit for the cooking demos. Illawarra Orchard also provided wooden boxes. Thanks to Fruit West for providing pamphlets and other material and The Countryman for their continued support.

The HOIG volunteers distributed 2500 fridge magnets advertising the Expo and some glossy information cards which have generated huge interest in the event.

HOIG President Bruno Del Simone was asked to participate in the cooking demos with Adrian Tobin and apparently he was 'sensational'. Adrian was cooking with locally sourced fruit and Bruno answered questions about fruit growing

and gave out prizes.

At the stall HOIG volunteers also sold fruit fly traps.

Spokesperson, Brett Del Simone, said: 'The interest in fruit fly is overwhelming and anyone who has heard about the banning of Fenthion is genuinely sorry for the growers.'

A final quote was given that captures a fundamental problem this industry currently faces:

'Fruit sales are steady, but not fantastic, which really surprised us as we are the only fruit selling stall here. It bewilders me that people will pay \$18 for entry, \$5 for coffee, \$13 for a burger and \$3.50 for a liquorice stick but look at us like we are criminals when we ask for 50 cents for a premium October Sun plum. Poor growers!'

I think people have got used to cheap fruit. The problem is cheap fruit tends also to be old, or green, or tasteless fruit. People may have forgotten what good fruit tastes like. And if they want to rediscover it then we have got to stop importing 'junk fruit' and buy locally. And just perhaps, prices for this better quality fruit will have to rise!

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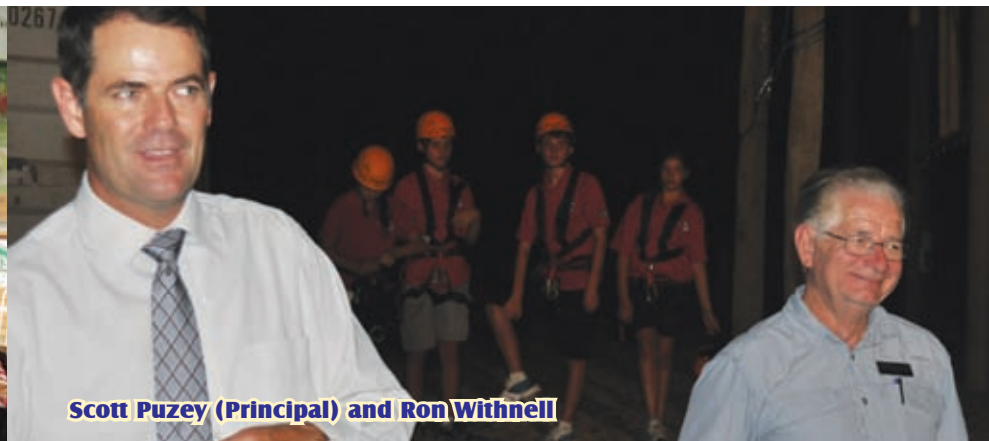
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Scott Puzey (Principal) and Ron Withnell



Last month, Business Armadale showcased the Southern Hills Christian College at their Business after Hours function held on April 9th.

The Principal of the College, Scott Puzey, gave an inspirational talk about the school which is located in the heart of Bungendore Park. It is easy to see why the 400 students

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



from Kindergarten to Year 12, delight in learning in this wonderful environment. With nature all around this caring, inclusive school is certainly unique and sets a high benchmark of learning in a beautiful environment.

This school has become well known for its adrenalin-raising facilities, which includes a huge abseiling tower and a high ropes course. The ropes course is a very impressive structure which includes 21 challenges, 7 metres off the ground and a giant swing. These facilities are available for hire and interested people are invited to contact the school to book or for more details phone on 9497 1751.

Southern Hills Christian College has become well respected for producing excellent skilled leaders in Outdoor Education and is the home of the Armadale Red Cross Cadet Unit. This group has been recognized for the many hours of work undertaken in supporting vulnerable people and assisting with programs within the community.

Guests at the business after hours event watched whilst some very brave students demonstrated their bravery and then some BA members tested their nerve by trying out the high swing.

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The school provided free rides and giveaways which proved a very attractive drawcard. Many of the older children enjoyed challenging experiences on the big swing and abseiling and younger visitors delighted in pony rides and playing on the bouncy castle. Local businesses and community service groups were also there with Bungendore Park volunteers taking visitors for a short walk in the Park. This festival has grown steadily over the years and truly showcases the school's heart.

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Toni is pictured manning the stand at Garden Week.

May is a Good Month to Catch Cancer

Bowel cancer kills over 4,000 men and women every year in Australia. Sadly, much of this terrible toll could be easily prevented. The disease is actually very curable, but the key to successful treatment is catching it early. That means regular screening, which is the goal of the annual Rotary Bowelscan program, now under way across Western Australia.

Here in Roleystone, local Rotary coordinator for the program Jeff Cairns says it's all about establishing the healthy habit of an annual test for everyone over 40.

"Forty is when the risk factor starts rising dramatically. Early detection can save your life, and that's why we say Bowelscan is about catching cancer before it catches you."

For the month of May, Bowelscan kits are being sold through Roleystone Community Chemist. Rotary distributes the sampling kits at \$8 (no profits go to the club or the pharmacy). People use them at home, deposit them back at the pharmacy, and the program's supporter Western Diagnostic then provides the pathology testing free of charge.

Bowelscan results are confidential but through volunteered information it's known that at least 6 Western Australians discovered cancer last year through Bowelscan. Plus at least another 15 found potentially precancerous polyps and had them removed. In the eastern states, where the program's been running for 30 years, the numbers are, of course, even higher.

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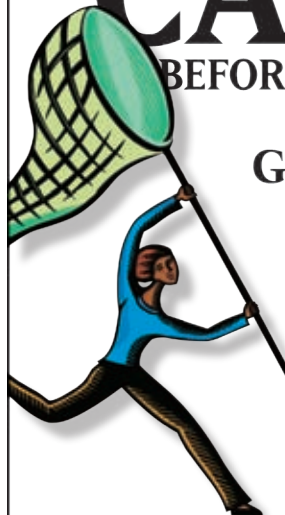
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It was an informative and enjoyable evening, with \$9,000 being raised towards the campaign to save our south-west native forests.

A huge thank you to all the people and businesses who contributed in such a generous way.

Ita & Rivka of Genesis in the Hills provided the venue, wonderful food and service; The Core Cider House, Pickering Brook; Liquor Barons, Armadale and BWS, Roleystone, contributed the alcohol. A bright and convivial mood was set by the terrific entertainment provided by local musicians, Raje and Scott, and former local real estate agent, Geoff Bowman.

The VIP guest of the night was 'Chasey', the tame white-tailed black cockatoo. He came with his carer, Louise Hopper of Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre, Kaarakin, in Martin. Chasey charmed everyone who came into contact with him, as people gathered round for a photo. He obliged by stepping from shoulder to shoulder to the delight of the guests.

The organizers were thrilled with the generosity of approximately 20 local businesses which donated goods and services to the value of \$1000 which were raffled off on the evening.

For updates and more information please see: forestlegacy.org.au or LIKE the "Forest Legacy WA" page on Facebook!

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- Reminisce over a drink at the Brian Gell Bar!
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- There will be musical interludes provided by talented Kelmscott students past & present
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20 years for Roleystone Seniors

This month our Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club has celebrated its twentieth birthday. Happy Birthday to all involved.

Back in early 1992, Wendy O'Dea who was President of Roleystone Neighbourhood House (now Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre) and Jean Davies, who was a member, decided to do something for the senior members in the community. It started as a morning tea and was so successful that they decided to have a 'Light Lunch' once a month. This was homemade soup and bread, tea, coffee and cake and was catered for by various members of Neighbourhood House. Diana Haggart, also then a Neighbourhood House member, organised some special outings and specially themed lunches.

Pat Hart who was then a City of Armadale Councillor, assisted at some of these lunches. She suggested that a Seniors Organisation needed to be formed as a formal voice. Their first role was to organise for the bus to be re-routed to stop near the Hillendale Village.

Pat then organised a meeting for the senior members of Roleystone and Karragullen at the Roleystone Country Club on the 24 May, 1993 and The Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club was born.

Henry Hawfield was the first President, Vice President Brian Gunn, Secretary Peggy Dyson and Roy Davey Treasurer. Graeme Hart was nominated as their auditor and remains in that position today.

The Neighbourhood Centre was their original home base and they created a small senior's library there. As the membership grew, they moved to the small meeting room in the Roleystone Hall. This room was too small and it was identified that the Seniors needed to have their own building.

They then heard that the Roleystone Kindergarten would soon become vacant. They took the opportunity to request it's use as a Seniors Club and this was finally agreed to. The building was then handed over to the City of Armadale who retrofitted it to meet the Senior's needs.

To furnish and fit out the building the Seniors raised \$5,000, Anglican Homes (now Armana Living) donated \$5,000 and Lotterywest \$10,000.

The building was formally opened by Peter and Ann Thompson and named "Thompson House," Peter and Ann being long term residents.

(Peter had previously been a City Councillor, was heavily involved with the then Roleystone Progress Association and was co-owner of the Roleystone Courier at the time.)

The Roleystone Karragullen Seniors has grown from strength to strength. They have had many fabulous local community members, some unfortunately having past on.

There are many stories and happy times associated with this great community organisation and its future is very much assured.

Happy 20th Birthday.



The cake



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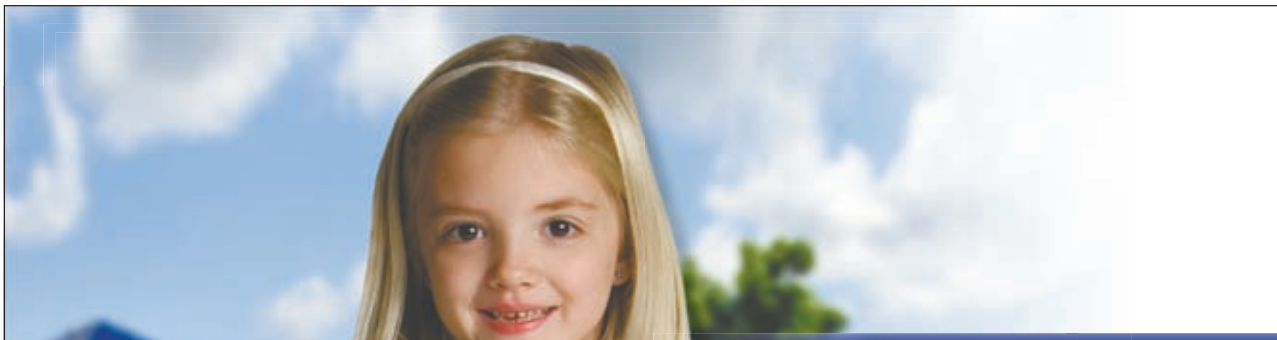
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Roleystone Karragullen Junior Cricket Club

The cricket season is over and the long cold winter without cricket has begun, there was just one last formality to conclude the season, and what an auspicious occasion it turned out to be. The RKJCC held its end of season wind-up and trophy presentations Sunday the 6th of April at the Cross Park Cricket Pavilion. All the big names in Roleystone Cricket were there to congratulate our star performers, reminisce about the season that was, and offer advice and encouragement to our players whom we would all like to see return next season.

Our In2CRICKET Juniors, coached by Julian Gonzalez and his team of helper Dads, presented their awards for participation and encouragement. He has a crop of fine young cricketers that will form the nucleus of a cracking U10's team next season.

U10's coach Mike Cirillo was full of pride and praise for his charges as he presented the awards for Batting, Bowling, Improvement and Aptitude. Whilst every player receives a trophy for playing, there simply were not enough of the special awards to be passed out to truly recognise the contribution of each and every player. The team started the season taking tentative steps, and finished full of run, capable of beating any of the other teams in the competition, and winning their last match against the highly fancied Ascot side. Special thanks to the Mums and Dads who helped out at training, and on match days, scoring and erecting the marquis.

Tim Clarke coach of the U12's kept all the boys focused on playing good cricket all summer long. The U12's can be a big step up for junior players from the U10's competition. As a batsman they are fair game first ball and really do have to learn to bat for survival. It can take a little while for players to learn to do this whilst compiling an innings for their team, so well done boys.

Dale Mason who had this seasons U13's soldiered on bravely all season. Dale had three of his players suffer broken limbs during the season, however when the team wasn't falling off their bikes, or tumbling out of trees they played some very good cricket. They won their match against the previously undefeated Kelmscott team just prior to Christmas, but having only 8 full time fit players it was always going to make it hard to have an impact at finals time. Never-the-less these young men are all the better for the run and should be ready to go hard in the U14's next season.

A huge thank you to all of our junior coaches, the club acknowledges and appreciates all their time and effort that they have put in to coach our players. A special thank you to the senior club President, John Lewis, and the other senior players who helped man the bar, cook the sausages, and supervise the kids on the bouncy castles during our end of season wind up. Also thanks to 'Hills Bouncy Castle Hire' for their generous sponsorship. For the records our awardees are;

U10's: Batting – Kyran Williams, Bowling – Thomas Morton, Most Improved – Andrew Lea, Coaches Award – Poppy Stockwell

U12's: Batting – Gareth Edmonds, Bowling – Patrick Morton, Most Improved – Aaron Rutley, Coaches Award – Lucas Hoeffs

U13's: Batting – Jesse Mason, Bowling – Nick Clarke, Most Improved – Rylan Madden, Coaches Award – Teejay Hill.

Our Club Champion award this season was presented to Jesse Mason. A deserving winner – well done Jesse!

At the club it is onwards and upwards as we look forward to next season. Registrations will commence in August for the 2013 -14 Cricket Season. Our community based club and our teams are coming together well. Should you be in and around Roleystone next summer, look out for our junior teams at Cross Park. Grab a chair, come and support our up and coming cricketers. We have a great bunch of kids at the club and they will all be doing their very best to impress next season.

Till then, remember the game is always greater than the individual and the team, and as cricketers we are all custodians of the game.

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The Roleystone Garden Group visited Marg's garden in April. Pictured left: Juats Start, Marg Bettenay Jill Phillips and Lynn Mathews.

many flowers. The Amaranthus are about a metre high and set off the cosmos daisies. All colours are soft pink, mid pink, light burgundy, and white. I've put in a row of tall bearded Iris and these look to be coming on well. Petunias, vincas and geraniums provide a lot of background colour and the standard roses and camellias are starting to do their own thing.

Well the sun is once again shining, so maybe I was too optimistic. An optimist is often disappointed, but in all we have more fun than a pessimist. We gardeners have to be optimistic.

My Cleopatra White Camellia hedge is covered with flowers and Paradise Petite has a smattering of early flowers. This plant can be kept low and used as a dividing wall, otherwise let it grow and it will be soft and delicate to at least a metre. One of the plants that seems to be coming into vogue is the Abutilon (the Chinese Lantern). I couldn't resist buying a 'soft pink double' at Garden Week. My collection of red, yellow, orange, cream and pink has come mainly from planting cuttings from friends. Generally we cut them back after winter and enjoy the blooms during the winter months.

Well enjoy your garden and good gardening. Jean

The Gardening Group's next meeting will be at Joyce Drummond's home, 3 Reed Rise, at 10am Thursday 16 May.

We will be taking cuttings followed by brunch. Newcomers welcome - just give Joyce 9496 1480 or Lynn 9397 5784 a ring.



GARDENING NOTES JEAN: 9397 5547

By the time you are all reading this I hope the precipitation has given way to real rain.

I pity all of the Garden Week stall holders and those that put off going to wait for a glorious Autumn day. I went on Thursday and there were a good range of the usual outdoorsy stands.

Whistlepipe had a lovely stall with many unusual or hard to come by plants. The cleomes were in full bloom and they had packets of seeds for purchase. If you want salvias, geraniums, clematis and many other rare perennials, try to get over on their open days.

The dominant plants for sale were: Frangipanis, Roses, blue and pink gingers, bulbs of all descriptions and lots of citrus trees, some really large in size. There was a beautiful structure called The Birdcage, set out as an open air area however, with no cover over it, its use would be limited to dry days.

I desperately need to get out in the garden with the mower and whipper snipper as the long grasses are rejoicing in the cooler weather.

I have a lovely bed of roses that I can see from the balcony which includes: Love Potion, Colourcade, a blushing pink Iceberg and The Firefighter, which has flowered ever since it was put in. This is a vibrant orange and is disease and pest free.

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City Bans Cotton Bush

The City of Armadale has just resolved to introduce a new local law banning Cotton Bush. This news has been received with enthusiasm by campaigners such as Pat Hart and Cr Grant Nixon who have worked valiantly to bring this pest to our attention.

This plant has become a huge pest over our hills area. Cotton Bush has spread especially along watercourses and into bushland. (It is also known as Swan Plant, from the shape of the seedpods that look like a swan.) It was planted in gardens because of the white /cream flowers and for the Monarch or Wanderer Butterfly which lays its eggs on it.

The seedpods explode sending masses of seeds, each attached to light, fluffy kapok like parachutes that are easily dispersed by wind & water. They are extremely fertile creating new infestations everywhere they land. They will form dense thickets. The plant is poisonous and produces a milky sap, which can cause death in animals that consume it. It is not hard to manually remove, especially the small plants. Spraying with Glyphosate is also effective. See www.agric.wa.gov.au for more information.

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Tigers Start the Season Off Well



Roleystone Tigers Round 1 and Round 2 Wrap Up

It has been a great start to the season for both teams in 2013.

Round 1: The Tigers played against the Cockburn Cobras in Cockburn. It was a shaky start for both teams, starting slowly and getting used to their new team members. The Reserves held their ground and it was great to see our younger generation of Tigers (direct from Juniors) step up and dominate on the field. The Reserves kept the spectators hanging to the very end, winning by 6 points. Congratulations to Luke Bradford, Michael Chmielewski and Tim Anderson for Best on Ground honours.

The League team, of course, kept the spectators (and themselves) hanging, until after the siren to eventually find out they had won by a point. The last quarter for the League team was a tumbling mess of cramp after cramp after cramp, as over 10 players came to the bench for massages and stretching.

The scoreboard for the last 5 minutes of the game was 'stuck on a draw' and the boys were fighting extremely hard to get that one point on the board

not knowing they were 1 point in front already. Best on ground for the League was Scott Olsen.

Round 2 unfortunately for the Reserves team wasn't so good. They held their ground against Wembley until half time where they were up by 9 points and unfortunately came apart and lost by over 50 points. Best on Ground for the Reserves: Liam Turner, Michael Egan and Ben Browne.

The League boys played in the Butcher/Darbyshire Memorial game. It was great to see both families attending the ground and voting for the Memorial Medal Winner. The League team fought strongly all day against Wembley and many said it was the best footy they've seen the team play. After half time the boys were reminded who they were playing for and they came out fighting. Unfortunately a little too literally, but after they settled down, they were able to take the win comfortably. Best on Ground: Mark Caccetta, Steven Abbott and Joel Harrison. Congratulations to Mark Caccetta for winning the Butcher/Darbyshire Medal (see p33).

The Roleystone Tiger players have also asked that if you are walking your dog on the oval, can you please clean up after them as we have had a few occasions already where players have either stood on or landed on dog poo.

'Like us' on Facebook to keep up to date with each round, functions and events.

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Last Sunday saw our AGM and our annual presentation dinner and the Poms vs Aussies competition. Congratulations to the Aussies who triumphed over the Poms in the annual grudge match held at the Roleystone Bowling Club. The poms have held the honours for some time so it's great to see the Aussies back on top.

Did you miss your chance to be involved?

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Pictured top: Cyril Hansen, Jean Lewis, Shirley Thomas, representing "the Aussies" side, winners of the annual "Aussies vs Poms" match last Sunday. Sponsored by Mike Cathew. Middle: Club's Ladies Captain, Shirley Thomas, presents trophies to Sharyn Lyster: winner of the Club's Ladies' Singles and the Club's Ladies Novice Championship & r/u State Novice Championship.

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However, a vital position was not filled at the recent AGM. We need a dedicated person to take over the role of Events Coordinator.

Without someone to take over this role, the P&C will lose thousands of dollars, erasing the gains we have recently made with the gaining of government funding for the Crossing Guard.

The two most important events in the year to oversee are the Sausage Sizzle held at the College Expo and the Coffee and Cake Stalls at the College sports carnival days. Both of these events have been running for many years and have well established guidelines. We have a comprehensive Volunteers List administered by our Volunteers



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Coordinator so helpers at the events will be covered. The Events Coordinator could also take a proactive role in organising other fundraising events for the P&C, but this is not expected.

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The amateur group has been entertaining audiences for over 20 years and performs in the hall/theatre on the corner of Dorothy and Hicks Streets, Gosnells. The show is sponsored by the award-winning Manse Restaurant in Armadale.





Unwanted Wishes

You need to check out the website for your theatre - Roleystone Theatre is a vibrant and successful community theatre and this year is celebrating its 80th birthday. Our next production, the pantomime 'Unwanted Wishes' written by a local member, Linda Roads, is now in full rehearsal. The performances are during the July school holidays and tickets are available online or by contacting Kylie on 0409296939 (please note the new number). A children's theatre workshop was successfully held during these holidays and it was so successful that we will repeat a series of workshops for children later in the year. The details will be advertised in the Courier. Peter Pan the play will be offered in November/December. Keep a lookout for further information.

Gerry Chapman

80 Years of Performance

Roley Theatre Salutes Gerry Chapman

On our 80th Anniversary year it is fitting that we recognise members who have made the Roleystone Theatre flourish. Gerry Chapman first joined the Theatre in 1976. During this time he was President for 10 years, Vice President for 7 years and in total has been a committee member for 30 years. Wow what an effort! Gerry also directed numerous shows including: Happiest Days of Our Lives & No Sex Please We're British, to name just a few. He also has appeared on stage either as a cast member or as a compare for fund raising concerts & Old Time Music Halls. Gerry also has looked after the ticket office, theatre cleaning & maintenance for many years. We salute you Gerry for your hard work & commitment over the years. The Theatre would not have been the same without you.

Zyg Woltersdorf



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Above: Mark Caccetta (centre) wins the 2013 Butcher/Darbyshire medal. He is pictured surrounded by members of the Butcher and Darbyshire Families.

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W.A. Mental Health Court Operational

It is estimated that currently over 2000 people who come before the Perth metropolitan Magistrate's courts in a year have a serious mental illness. In the Children's Court it is estimated that over 200 young people appearing before the court each year could have a mental disorder.

The mental health court diversion and support program is a way of putting mental health expertise into the criminal courts to provide a means of diverting offenders with a mental illness into mental health treatment. In some cases this will be an alternative to prison, and in other cases it will add a mental health service component into a community-based order. The program is voluntary and entry is at the discretion of the magistrate. Similar programs operate in other jurisdictions in Australia and internationally.

The pilot program will run over 20 months, followed by a comprehensive evaluation of the program's effectiveness.

In the adult program there is a dedicated magistrate and court, and a dedicated clinical team. The team includes a range of experienced mental health clinicians, including a psychiatrist. Other team members are drawn from a range of disciplines, including psychology, mental health nursing and social work. There is also a dedicated prosecutor, duty lawyer and coordinator on the team. In the Children's Court specialist clinicians are based within the court to be able to provide quick assessments, reports, liaison and treatment. There is not a separate magistrate for the Children's Court, as the court already operates in a very multi-disciplinary, multi-agency way, and the role of the clinical team is to support this work.

The cost of keeping someone in prison for three months is estimated at \$23,000 and the cost of diverting someone through this program for three months is estimated at \$10,000. It is also very clear that it is much more cost-effective in the long run to treat people in the community rather than in prison, where appropriate.

There are certain basic requirements around a persons' eligibility. For example, if the person will inevitably be sentenced to a term of imprisonment because of the nature of their offending then they will not be eligible for this program, as it is designed to operate in the community. It is also a basic requirement that the person give informed consent, in line with the principles of any sort of effective therapeutic intervention.

This program is not intended to excuse or diminish the seriousness of offending simply because someone has a mental illness. It is also important that we do not criminalise mental illness itself. The program targets specifically those people who it is very clear would benefit from mental health assessment and treatment rather than solely a criminal justice response.

This is an exciting and positive step for the WA Justice system, as it allows the Court System to approach justice in a way that has the best outcome for both the alleged offender and the Community they are a part of.

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Horst lectures internationally on themes of education, creativity, ecology and the use of the imagination as a healing and community building tool.

Horst comments:

'This was a book that needed to be written and because no author took it up, it chose me. I'm not an expert on bees and yet have written on their collapse. Perhaps it was this lack of expertise that allowed me to see the obvious in the maze of facts.'

'In *Global Hive* I explore the reasons behind the bee crisis and suggest a new way of thinking about it. *Global Hive*, is not just about bees. The bee-crisis is a metaphor for the world-crisis in which we are all involved. It is about the possibility of a new science, a compassionate ecology that grows through relatedness and a new civilization built on sustainability and care.'

Ring Genesis in the Hills early to reserve your place.



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ARALUEN NOTES



Autumn Colour



Jan Mayze & Patsy Roche

RECENT EVENTS

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAYS

Children of all ages again made the most of the beautiful autumn weather to bring their parents (and others) to enjoy the Children's Activity Days that were held on Tuesday 23 April and Thursday 2 May. They were guided through a series of insect-themed popular activities designed to explore their creativity. These included Discovery Walks, Crafts and Clay modelling. The ongoing success of this event is attributed to the amazing talent and dedication of the volunteer organizers. Again, our thanks must go to Lesley Choules and her support team, including Patsy Roche and Jan



Tulip Planting 2012.
Emily Pusey, Joshua Tan and Sarah Pusey with the Tan and Pusey families behind.

Mayze. We also acknowledge the support of Roleystone-Karragullen Financial Services (Bendigo Bank) in providing their marquee.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the weekend of 6/7th April Araluen hosted the Tree Climbing Western Australia Inc. annual tree climbing championships. This competition feeds into the national titles to be held later in the year. Passionate local arborist and past Araluen team member, Kendall Moor is vice-president of the association and played a huge role in setting up this impressive event.

AUTUMN COLOUR

As one would expect, there are now unmistakable signs of autumn arriving daily in the picturesque Araluen valley. Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture this very special time of year.

TULIP PLANTING DAYS

The traditional annual volunteer tulip planting days are just around the corner. The planting will again consist of around 100,000 tulips being planted throughout the Park. Approximately a third of these will be dedicated to a central lawn display featuring a distinct 'nautical' theme, complete with a jetty, fishing boat and net. This year's weekend bulb-planting days are on 25/26th May and 8/9th June from 9.00am to around 12pm. Volunteers are encouraged to bring suitable gardening clothes, gloves and kneepads. Planting tools are provided and simple instructions are demonstrated on site. Participants also get to enjoy free entry, a legendary complimentary morning tea and a special invitation to return in spring to experience their handiwork in full bloom.

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This beautiful April weather has seen a lot happening at your local Roleystone Country Club, with firstly a new caterer appointed to provide meals on Wednesday and Friday Nights with Annie and Ray looking to open on a Saturday and possibly a Thursday night if there is enough demand from members and their guests. So give the Club a call and make your booking and try out our new Chef's cuisine.

We are also putting together a Mother's Day Luncheon so get in early and make a booking for what promises to be a great afternoon.

Friday nights continue to be very popular with a new menu, live music and generally a large crowd enjoying themselves late into the night. So if you haven't been down to the Club on a Friday for some time, come along and enjoy the great atmosphere.

On Saturday May the 18th we will be holding our annual Italian Food Festival with live music, food by Rocco Saffioti and competitions and raffles including some Italian Inspired giveaways.

Ticket are only \$40.00 per head and are available through the Club on 9397 5665. As we have limited ticket sales on this night, we suggest you book early to ensure you obtain your table.

Our bar competitions are going 'great guns' with the 150 Lashes Beer Promo and the Corona Esky giveaway being heavily supported and when combined with The Chase The Joker Draw, which is currently over \$1600.00, Monday and Wednesday nights have seen large crowds attending the Club.

May and June look like being very busy times for the Club, so come on down and enjoy a quiet beer or two.

Michael Hansen
 President



Pictured above is new chef Annie Parsons. She would like to welcome Club Members and their friends to come along and try the new Menu. Annie is the new chef at Windows on Wygonda.

In the May 1993 edition of the Roleystone Courier, it was reported that the annual Spaghetti Eating Competition was held at the Club and was won by Rocco Saffioti (pictured at right). Will Rocco be planning a similar competition at the Italian Night that he is organising for the Club on the 18th May?



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How old are your Jarrah and Marri trees?

Have you often looked at the large trees on your property and wondered 'how old are they?'. Well, now we have a way to estimate their age. Trees can be aged by counting the growth rings within the trunk. This is a very difficult task without cutting the tree down....which sort of defeats the purpose! However, a Department of Environment and Conservation research scientist has done all the work for us by counting the growth rings of about 200 trees and correlating the number of rings with the circumference of the tree. It is valid for both jarrah and marri. This means that if you can measure the circumference of the tree then you can estimate its age.

Roleybushcare has simplified the process even more. We have marked-up three fibreglass tape measures so they read in 'tree years'. All you need to do is borrow one of the tapes from Roleystone Hardware (thanks to Ben and Sue for their help) then loop the tape around the tree at 1.3 m height and read the age from the tape measure. What could be simpler!!

Members of Roleybushcare measured the largest tree they found in Stinton Cascade Nature Reserve during a recent field day – it was 285 years old. Do you have an older one on your block? We are keen to find the oldest tree in Roleystone/Karragullen so please borrow a tape, measure your biggest jarrah and marri tree then send the data to info@roleybushcare.com.au. We will inform you of the results through the Courier in a few months.

Next activities planned

- Volunteers Lunch on Sunday 19th May
 - Annual plant sale on Sat 8th June at Roleystone Shopping Centre 9.00 till noon
 - Planting field day on Sun 9th June at Nottinghill Reserve 9.00am till noon
- Check the website or our notice board at the Roleystone Shops for more details.

Ian Colquhoun



Above: Jo, Joel, Matthew, Skye and Kathy measuring a large jarrah at Stinton Cascades Nature Reserve after treating the tree for dieback.



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FORTY MEMBERS attended our April Club Night, braving the cool autumn evening, to enjoy a piping hot wood fired pizza and some great music.

Thanks to Gary for overseeing the sound, Zennon and Chris for running the bar and the Roasted Bean Café for bringing their Wood fired Pizza Van.

Richard brought his electric violin along, and played with each performer. He's an exemplary musician and it's magical to watch him join the others, no matter what genre they're playing.

Jasper and Enno performed a Black Sabbath ballad called "It's Alright" with keyboard and bass and Richard's improvisation complimented them beautifully.

Thanks to Tony, Mike Steane, Mighty Defiant, Dale, Mike & Rob, Blue Mana and Smooth Ambitions for their performances. Each Club Night is different and this month we were treated to quite a few improvised jams.

Thanks to Neil, Erhard, Ian, Clive,

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Pat, Rob, John, Gary, Mike, Enno, Dale, Richard, Jasper and Amy. These jams also made me realise how talented our members are as quite a few of them swapped instruments and played out of their comfort zones.

The RMC Kids: Declan, Nadia, Jordan, Jasper and Felix, are at it again this year, meeting every fortnight, and working on an original composition by Nadia. Watch this space. Their performance at the Club later this year is not to be missed!

Our next Club Night is scheduled for Sat 18 May, 5.30pm set-up for a 7.30pm start. The Wood fired Pizza Van will be there again so come along with empty stomachs and help support local businesses willing to support us. The Roasted Bean Café donates \$1 from each pizza sold, thanks Jane, Dan & Danny; they were delicious.

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After getting underway with a couple of Folkie songs at Sunday 14th's 'Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues' at the Roleystone Country Club, Richard and Mike on violin and guitar, put on a dazzling display of Gypsy Jazz in the tradition of Django Reinhardt. Filling in the gaps was Erhard on harmonica.

Several new comers have come along to join in including local couple Bindi and Chris, multi instrument players, with a great selection of Irish cross bluegrass, playing concertina, guitar and some flying fingers on the 5 string banjo with a couple of jigs. Borrowing a guitar and giving us all a treat with some jaw dropping finger picking, local guitar hero Mr Kim

Bettenay dropped in to see what we are all about. You can catch Kim at the Elizabethan Village Pub on Friday May 3rd from 7pm
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DRAFT PARKS FACILITIES STRATEGY
The City aims to take a "strategic" approach to nearly everything, including its parks. Several Strategies cover different aspects of our parks.

Firstly the "Public Open Space Strategy" (City Strategy Committee, November 1999) sought to catalogue & analyse all the parks in the City. Some parks have environmental value and some social value and residents should generally have a park in walking distance and a certain amount of parks per area (generally around 10%, but 5% in Roleystone). After these investigations, it was decided some parks were "surplus to requirements" and sold (and the profits used on remaining parks in the area). The types of parks that were sold were mostly a few of the small local "Neighbourhood" parks and 4 of these were in Roleystone.

Next came the "Active Sporting Reserves Study" (Community Services Committee, February 2012). This Strategy deals with only the large "Regional" parks. It too seeks to analyse and catalogue the parks.

This Strategy has only just begun and preliminary recommendations suggest some relocation & consolidation of facilities, however not for Cross Park & Springdale Reserve, which have just completed their 'master planning'.

The new "Draft Parks Facilities Strategy 2013" will replace the "Playground



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Strategy" (Technical Services Committee, March 2008) which both sought to order the parks into the categories "Regional" (eg Cross Park), "District" (eg Borrello Park) and "Neighbourhood" (eg Lina Hart Park) and then attribute a certain amount of facilities to each park depending on their hierarchy.

In the "Playground Strategy" (2008) all Regional & District Parks were to have "significant infrastructure which includes: toilets, shade, parking, lighting, picnic facilities, shelters, rubbish bins, drinking fountain sand seating."

In the "Draft Facilities Strategy 2013", some of these items are now proposed to be "conditional" in District Parks subject to criteria.

In the case of toilet infrastructure, the conditional criteria are proposed in the "Draft Public Toilet Strategy" (Technical Services Committee, March 2013), another Strategy that analysed and catalogued, in this case toilets, and recommended some rationalisation. The conditional criteria proposed include proximity to another public toilet, amount of infrastructure at the park, likelihood of antisocial behaviour & public visibility, length of stay, number of users, level of services & future costs.

Enough Strategies? But wait, there's more... the 2002 "Skate Park Strategy" is also under review... What does it all mean? In Roleystone, 3 half acre reserves and an access way were sold, this money together with some money from subdivisions, was pooled to over \$600K. Two thirds of this has been budgeted to the new skate park at our Regional Park, Cross Park and the remainder is hoped to be spent at our District Park, Borrello Park subject to Council's consideration of the abovementioned strategies. I hope this clarifies some of the 'mudiness' surrounding this issue.

Caroline Wielinga

Men's Talk

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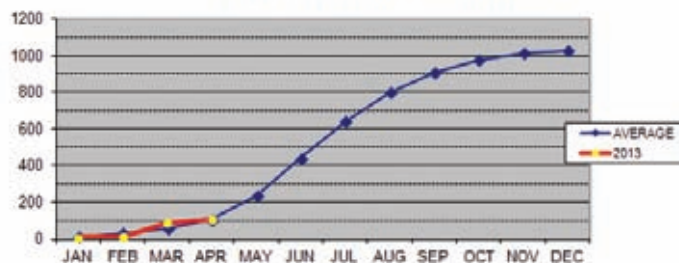
Average to 1st Jan to 30 April 106.0 on 18 days

April Rainfall

year	mm	# days
2007	82.0	8
2008	131.8	15
2009	6.4	1
2010	62.2	7
2011	45.8	9
2012	53.4	6
2013	18	10

	AVERAGE	2013	
mon	cum	mm	cum
JAN	12	12	13.4
FEB	33.1	21	14.8
MAR	56.4	23	90.6
APR	106	50	108.6
MAY	237.7	132	
JUN	442.2	205	
JUL	643.8	202	
AUG	800.8	157	
SEP	909.5	109	
OCT	980.1	71	
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One of the privileges of being a priest is in being able to share in the important, life changing moments of other people. The 'rites of passage': baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Yes, funerals. It is a privilege to help to say the goodbyes, to hear about the mark the person has made on the lives of others. I've sat with someone who is dying, sometimes they are conscious, sometimes they are not, and you know it's a special place for me to be. To see the end of a life, to know that moment when that person is no longer there, in the room, but their soul has moved on.

Many people feel uncomfortable in the presence of death, in listening to the dying person, uncomfortable at funerals. Even talking about dying is generally shunned. Yet it is a wonderful gift to give a dying person to be with them, to listen, often to reminiscences, sometimes to fears about what is to come, and very often concerns about what will happen to the ones left behind, humans and animals, even the garden. Being there and listening is something we can all do, and it's a wonderful thing to do.

A death and a funeral at the end of a life well lived, surrounded by family and loved ones is a great blessing. But what if the death was unexpected, a sudden illness, an accident, a suicide or killing?

A young person, life cut short? How can we cope with the grief? I am so often asked: why me?

And of course there is no easy answer. We know that good things and bad happen. Bad things happen to good people and sometimes it seems the opposite is true too. It seems that the most important thing is how we deal with what comes to us and our loved ones, for that is what makes the difference in our lives and our future. Feelings of grief, anger, remorse, sadness, betrayal are all normal aspects of grieving and must be accepted as normal and lived through. Grieving people, just like the dying, need a listening ear. For a long time. Much of what is said may sound repetitious, but it needs to be heard. It is not helpful to try to short circuit the grieving process, by trying to distract or 'cheer up' or urge the person to move on, get on with life. In time and with kind and listening friends, they will. Eventually.

Later on, when the grief is fading and being replaced by memories, there is time to reflect on the big questions.

Why me? Logically, we know we will all die, we don't know when, could be tomorrow, could be in fifty years time. Paradoxically, living with the knowledge of the certainty of our death can have an invigorating effect on our lives. Every day becomes precious, a wonderful gift to be lived to the full. No time is to be wasted on being angry, miserable, vengeful or resentful!

Perhaps also paradoxically, the best way to honour the life and death of a close loved one is to go on and live, to really live, a full and satisfying life. Really use to the full that wonderful gift from God.

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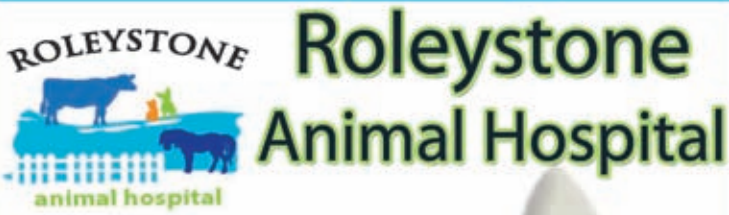
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Pictured at left: The participants of the Special Doubles: Taryn Boase, Jake Bayly, Regan Jacobs, Tony Jacobs, Jim Brayshaw, Jordan Boase, Judy Smith and Jasmine Boase.

TENNIS NEWS:
WENDY TUCKER

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
On the last weekend in April the Special Doubles and Mixed Doubles Events were held.

The winners of the Special Doubles, which is an event with a Junior & Senior playing, was won by Taryn Boase & Jake Bayly and the Runners up were Jim Brayshaw and Jordan Boase. The Winners of the Plate Final were Regan and Tony Jacobs.

The Mixed Doubles Event had 14 pairs in it, a record number for the last few years. This event was won by Tracey Backhouse & Simon Blackmore, the Runners Up were Graham Shearwood & Wendy Tucker and in third

place was Fran & Tony Jacobs. The Plate Winners were Barb Stidwell & Donovan Govender and the Saucer Winners were Taryn and Graham Boase. Congratulations and well done to all those people and a big thank you to everyone who participated in the events. It was a very enjoyable day with meat/salad rolls for lunch, presentations and a BBQ tea to finish.

We have 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 Championship's results in the next Courier.

Autumn Tournament

This will be held on Sunday 19th May and will be a doubles event. Sign up sheets are at the Clubhouse.

Pictured at left: Simon Blackmore, Graham Boase and Tracy Backhouse, winners of the Mixed Doubles.



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One reason is that we want to show people Saturn. Another is that there's a good section of Milky Way coming into view, running from the Southern Cross on down to Scorpius which is above the south-east horizon in the early evening. The Scorpion's sting is a pattern of stars looking like an inverted question mark. See if you can find it.

To be able to see the Milky Way you need to be somewhere pretty dark, with no moon. The evenings in early May are moonless, with last quarter on the 2nd. Last quarter's the morning half moon - it rises around midnight and is high in the north at daybreak. New moon, no moon, is on the 10th and brings with it an annular solar eclipse; more about that later. The waxing crescent moon is a feature of the evening sky from the 12th, when it's near Jupiter in the WNW at dusk. Having an obvious reference point such as Jupiter, you can take note of how much the moon moves day by day: check its position again on the 13th. First quarter phase, the evening half moon, occurs on the 18th. Full moon's on the 25th. Then it goes on the wane, with last quarter on the night of the 31st (morning of June 1st).

The annular solar eclipse on May 10th isn't very conveniently placed. its path begins at sunrise near the rather remote Collier Range National Park in the Pilbara and heads ENE, crossing the bottom corner of the Gulf of Carpentaria and going on over the middle part of Cape

York Peninsula, then out over the South Pacific. Annular eclipses occur when the moon's directly between Earth and the sun but not near enough to us to totally obscure the sun. The result is that the sun appears as a bright ring, an annulus, around the moon. There'll be a partial eclipse for Perth, with about half of the sun hidden by the moon. Mid-eclipse will have occurred just before sunrise. Remember, never directly observe the sun. Casting an image from a telescope or binoculars onto a white screen is safe. And, of course, there are bound to be images on the internet.

Jupiter and Saturn are the only planets visible to the naked eye all month. Jupiter's easy to find: look to the WNW at nightfall and you can't miss it because it's the brightest starlike object in view. In early May the giant planet is setting at about 7:30pm, and it sets steadily earlier day by day. In mid-May it's down by 7pm and at the end of the month it's setting in the evening twilight.

In the last few days of May Venus comes up out of the sun's glare to partner Jupiter for a short while before Jupiter drops out of sight - to see this pairing you'll need a good vantage point with a clear view low into the WNW around 5:50pm from the 26th to the 30th.

Saturn looks like a fairly bright, yellowish star in the east at nightfall early in the month. Its rising time gets earlier by about 4 minutes a day. You'll notice that if you locate it each evening at about the same time, say 6:30pm, it'll be progressively higher in the eastern sky as the weeks pass. It reaches its highest elevation (culminates) around midnight in early May, 11pm in mid-month, and 10pm by month's end.

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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: Out and About

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I have had a few very disturbing phone calls over the past weeks reporting a dog or dogs being let out at night to run up and down the contour channel between Peet and Mackie Rds. Residents have said that the dog or dogs bark changes to high pitched and excited when prey is cornered. The following morning usually results in the finding of a bandicoot or bandicoots that have been mauled to death.

I also have had one report of a joey suffering a similar fate. It seems very unlikely that this is a wild dog as that would eat the victim where these were just played with and mauled to death, and foxes don't bark, which suggests this is the work of a dog that is fed regularly and is just killing for sport. How a Roleystone resident or residents can let their dog or dogs out at night to play in the Contour Channel is unthinkable as this is a wildlife haven which is rapidly becoming a slaughter house for our precious wildlife.

I have had a considerable number of small bandicoots, most too small to survive, come into care after being found on the ground and have been wonder-

ing what was causing this. Thoughts have varied between over population resulting in fights, being scared by predators, over active mating etc. Recently we had this happen on our property and my husband actually witnessed it. He opened the laundry door to go up to the garage and disturbed a bandicoot foraging for food on the patio area, the bandicoot startled and ran up the steps towards the garage and one of her babies fell from the pouch as she did so. My husband picked up the baby and brought it inside to me so it had no opportunity to get cold. This baby was very lucky as my husband saw it happen, picked it up and brought it in for warmth, sadly many others are not seen and die of cold very quickly. If you find a small bandicoot always remember that warmth is the first priority as they die of cold very quickly and the second priority is to get expert help as soon as possible.

Finally, I need to contact the person who has lost a young magpie with a blue leg band. It has to be lost as it is too young for release and we don't release birds with leg bands. I need to know this magpie's history to enable me to act correctly or return it to the original carer.

RKCC - Cricket Club Award Winners

The RKCC has had its most successful season in history (see writeup next page). Here's some of the key players that made this season such a success:

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Dogtainers T20 Batting Award	PAT WILKINSON
Dogtainers T20 Bowling Award	PAT WILKINSON
A Grade Batting Average & Aggregate	DARRYL KIPPING 371 runs @ 33.73
A Grade Bowling Aggregate	TRENT STUART 49 wkts @ 9.84
A Grade Bowling Average	MITCHELL STUART 28 wkts @ 9.25
A Grade Fielding	PATRICK JACKSON
B Grade Batting Average	GLEN HICKINBOTHAM 166 runs @ 23.71
B Grade Batting Aggregate	GREG JAMES 191 runs @ 21.22
B Grade Bowling Average	GLEN HICKINBOTHAM 11 wkts @ 12.09
B Grade Bowling Aggregate	GREG JAMES 21 wkts @ 12.29
B Grade Fielding	RYAN MAUGHAN
C Grade Batting Aggregate	SAM IERINO 292 runs @ 26.55
C Grade Bowling Aggregate	BEN CHMIELEWSKI 14 wkts @ 15.14
C Grade Fielding	BEN CHMIELEWSKI
D Grade Batting Aggregate & Average	JAMES LAWRENCE 300 runs @ 30.00
D Grade Bowling Aggregate & Average	PAUL MANNING 22 wkts @ 15.55
D Grade Fielding	CAMERON CHAPMAN
E Green Batting Aggregate & Average	JARED STEVENS 628 runs @ 36.94
E Green Bowling Average	WADE MAXWELL 21 @ 12.90
E Green Bowling Aggregate	JAYDEN NORRIS 29 wkts @ 15.45
E Green Fielding	BRAD STEWART
E White Batting Aggregate	MATTHEW FARANDA 544 runs @ 38.86
E White Batting Average	SCOTT O'BRIEN 214 @ 42.80
E White Bowling Aggregate & Average	MARK FRASER 26 wkts @ 9.58
E White Fielding	MATT FARANDA

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RKCC Writeup 2012/2013 Season Success

For the first time in 24 years, the RKCC has an A-Grade Flag, in what has been the most successful season in the Club's 63 year history.

afresh on Day 2, the Roley boys needed a meagre 2 runs an over and achieved victory with some 7 overs to spare. Things were looking edgy when Richard Allen was dismissed leaving RKCC at 3/48 but a vital 60 run partnership between Darryl Kipping and Michael Mobilia carried us to 109 before both were dismissed in successive overs. With hitters still in the bank Pat Jackson and Jayke della Franca pushed the side within 7 runs of victory before della Franca was dismissed for 22. Captain Trent Stuart hit the winning runs but it was Patrick Jacksons 6 which decided the result. A massive victory for the A-Grade side!

E Greens finished 3rd on the table and by winning their semi-final and beating 2nd place RKCC Whites in the preliminary final, they faced off against run away minor premiers Glen Forrest. Association representatives had written off RKCC's chances of another E-Grade flag but as was the case last season we proved that we're no push overs. But it wasn't smooth sailing by any stretch of the imagination. Both the top and the middle order failed leaving us at 6/89 with the exception of Wade Maxwell who again proved why he is a vital component of the E-Greens side with a magnificent unbeaten century, getting RKCC to a strongly defensible total of 7/186. With confidence sky high and the crowd edging them on, RKCC shattered Glen Forrest's chances by getting the two openers out cheaply and dismissing the A-Grader Sowden for a meagre 29. Fortunately for RKCC, Glen Forrest don't have a Wade Maxwell and fell well short of the target, all out for 132. Both B and C Grade were knocked out in the first round unfortunately but their efforts this season and their support for the A and E grade finalist sides, got the eventual winners over the line, helping both teams celebrate well into the night.

A big thank you to all the sponsors, players, wives, girlfriends, mothers and all those who have been a part of this magnificent season. We look forward to seeing you all again later in the year for season 2013/14.

Todd Bendall

The final rounds of the season saw A, B, C and the two E-Grade sides make the finals play-offs. Here's how it unfolded:

In a 1 v 2 semi-final, the A-Grade side was up against the minor premiers Lesmurdie Mazenod who have beaten RKCC both times this season. However they had not yet faced the wrath of a full strength Roley side and in a result few predicted other than the Roleystone-Karragullen faithful, Lesmurdie Mazeond were beaten to allow RKCC to go in to an unlikely grand final position. The following weekend then saw the winners of the preliminary final play off against Lesmurdie for their second chance and in a close match, Les-Maz prevailed for a semi-final rematch in the A-Grade Grand Final.

The A-Grade Grand Final kicked off with Les-Maz winning the toss and electing to bat on a magnificent day for cricket. While they attempted to make a steady start against the opening bowlers, Michael Mobilia and Mitchell Stuart, the switch to captain Trent Stuart proved the changer as he almost immediately struck by dismissing the danger man Dacey followed shortly after by Daxter and Pass leaving Les-Maz reeling at 3/35. A rebuilding partnership was broken once more as Trent Stuart had Carney caught in the slips. Four wickets in quick succession left the minor premiers dwindling at 8/111 however the final two wickets attempted to bat out the day and with only half an hour left in the day, the number 11 was dismissed leaving the RKCC with a target of 160 for victory. With time left in the day, number 11 John Lewis was sent in with opener Michael Chmielewski to face 2 overs with the aim to see out the overs and they did just that. Starting

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