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**Noah**

*Above: Ruth and Karl Preece are proud as punch over the birth of their new grandchild. Noah Cameron Roe, was born on 31/5/13. Mum, Amy and Dad are doing well. Karl is pictured with his first grandchild.*



**Eliana**

*Above: Grandparents Virginia and Des and proud new parents Shaleen and Myles O'Keeffe, with their first grandchild, Eliana Rachel, born in July. Myles and Shaleen live in Witchcliffe but brought Eliana up to visit all their family and friends.*



**Cienna**

**NEW BABIES WELCOME**

*At right: Welcome to Millicent Grace Bamber! Born at King Edward Memorial Hospital on 15/06/13 and weighing in at a healthy 3.6kg. Brad, Anna and big brother Xander couldn't be more proud of our little Milly. Anna Bander*



**Millicent**

*Above: Previous Roleystone resident Monique Wielinga has recently had a baby girl "Cienna". Monique used to work at the IGA deli section some two decades ago and so may only be remembered by a few of those who worked there then. Evidently some of the Annile business sense rubbed off as she went on to a career in setting up and managing retail stores, including her own boutique book store in Deloraine Tasmania where she currently lives nearby. Needless to say it makes for a great school holiday destination for some fun in the snow! Congratulations "Auntie Neekie".*

**The August Cover Celebrates The Skate Park**

*In mid July 2013 the earthmoving contactors moved in and the long promised skateboard/BMX facility was started in the heart of Roleystone. It is estimated that this will be ready to use in only six weeks from now!*

*This structure has been mooted for many years and numerous folk have devoted endless hours into getting the proposal to fruition. This month's cover features the major personnel involved in getting the final stages in place: At the back, Councillor Caroline Wielinga, who first suggested the method for funding the proposal three years ago and who orchestrated the inclusion of the skate park into its new location; the Site Supervisor Duke Orme who is overseeing the project and Cr Grant Nixon who has been an enthusiastic supporter of the project. And of course the photo shows two representatives of the real people this is all about - the young people of Roleystone. Cory Meadows (purple Scooter) and Rocky Allen (blue skateboard) cannot wait until they can use the facility. Well done to everyone, present and past, who has devoted their energies into moving this project into reality.*



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*Roleystone locals Jessica Hayes and Gavin Zimmer are Telethon Adventurers, and love making a difference. They have just left Western Australia to take on the mighty summits of Bolivia in South America and are appealing to Roleystone Courier readers to follow their journey and donate to the charity which provides funds for research into childhood cancer.*

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In late July, Jess and Gavin left for Bolivia where they will be attempting to climb four summits: Pequeno Alpamayo (5379m), the right wing of Condoriri (5630m), Huayna Potosi (6088m) and finally Illimani standing at 6462m!

Jess first became an adventurer in 2010, when she joined the AHG Adventurers climb of Mont Blanc in France. That year Jess raised \$23,000 for the charity. In 2011, shortly after meeting, Jess and her partner Gavin left to climb Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Jess reached 5700m but was rushed down due to altitude inflicted cerebral oedema. (The summit was 5895m - so close!) Gavin and 4 of the team pushed through to the top.

After their return to Perth, Jess and Gavin decided they needed a new challenge and began looking for new trips, an expedition to South America hit the spot and they began pulling the trip together for the Adventurers.

All Telethon Adventurers cover expedition costs by themselves and Jess and Gavin hope to raise at least \$20,000 each for the charity. Their family and friends have been involved in the fundraising doing sausage sizzles, hosting a Stand up Comedy night and helping run a Superhero dress up fundraiser.

When they return home, Jess and Gavin will be hosting a highly accomplished 'Australian Mountaineer for an Evening' in September and all readers who would like to attend are welcome.

The couple don't just go overseas for their adventures - they love exploring in Australia and one of their favourite pastimes is hiking on the Bibbulman Track.

If readers wish to see more of their Bolivia trip and fundraising achievements they can follow "The Telethon Adventurers" and "Altitude Amigos" on Facebook. And of course, the trip is all about raising funds for cancer research, so if you are able to donate please go to [http://www.theadventurers.com.au/event/events/summits\\_of\\_bolivia](http://www.theadventurers.com.au/event/events/summits_of_bolivia)

Well done Jess and Gavin and best of luck in your endeavours.



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## Julene and Greg are Wed

Julene Nelson and Greg Pennells were married on the 1st of December 2012 at their home in Roleystone. They first dated in 1979 at school in South Africa. They lost contact in the mid 80's when Greg's family immigrated to Australia.

Many years and many life experiences later they met again. And now they are married. Congratulations to you both.

## Letter to the Editor

### Quarantine Risk with the Importation of Grapes

*It has come to the attention of the Grape Grower's Association of WA that the Federal Government has approved the importation of Californian table grapes into Western Australia.*

This approval has been given as part of Australia being a signatory to World Trade Agreements.

The first shipments of fruit are expected to arrive from Wednesday this week via Perth International Airport.

It is imperative that this fruit be prevented from entering our local Canningvale Markets. Recently the Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA) advised that it disagreed with the science being used as evidence that importing table grapes into Western Australia would not be detrimental to our local fruit industry. DAFWA then provided a submission in response to the Federal Government's Biosecurity Advice 2013/06 highlighting where they believed the risks were greater than documented by Biosecurity Australia.

The entire grape industry in Western Australia is at risk:

#### Pierce's Disease

This is a devastating bacterial disease present in the USA which requires the replanting of infected vineyards. Pierce's disease has only one known vector, the Glassy Wing Sharpshooter.

This pest is currently not present in Australia and hence it has been determined that without a vector, the risk rating of this disease being able to enter Australia is accordingly low. Yet Pierce's disease has also found to be

spreading in Oklahoma yet the Glassy Wing Sharpshooter is not in that state.

#### Red Blotch Virus

This virus is new to the USA (2008) and very little is known of its biology. What is known is that the disease reduces yield and delays maturity which in many cases causes a complete crop loss. The vector for this disease is still not yet known.

Therefore the risk analysis must assume the worst case scenario as the unknown vector could be prevalent in WA and subsequently pose a high risk. This has not been the case in the DAFF report. There are no treatments for this virus other than severe heat treatment which will then render fruit useless.

Some viruses can also be transmitted by contact and the situation with Red Blotch is unknown.

These two diseases alone could have catastrophic repercussions on the entire grape industry, i.e. table and wine.

State Legislation currently protects our industry from any imported grape material. The Federal Government has NO RIGHT TO OVERRIDE STATE QUARANTINE LEGISLATION!

The wine and table grape industries need your support. Please get onto your local member and express your concern.

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**Anna & Elizabeth**

## Holiday Club Heroes

Holiday Club this year was SUPER fun, with a 'Hero's' of the Bible theme.

Christine Martin presented the talks on Biblical Hero's including Gideon, David and Daniel. She also told a number of stories about children in recent times who have been recognized as true Hero's, saving lives with real bravery.

We had Superhero capes to hand out each day for kids

displaying real hero qualities such as kindness, helpfulness, faithfulness and bravery, just like the Hero's in our stories! As ever, the crafts were enjoyed by kids and helpers alike. This year our crafts included painting mugs, making a marshmallow catapult in wood work and of course clay. The kids were very enthusiastic about testing their marshmallow catapults so a marshmallow catapulting competition was run, and was a huge hit!

We'd like to thank our wonderful team of volunteers, including the fantastic team in the kitchen, those who served the parents coffee and scones, those who ran and helped with crafts and all our other behind the scenes helpers. Without you Holiday Club would simply not be possible! We would also like to say a big Thank You to Christine, for her wonderful messages each day.

Hannah Naley

The Holiday Club Team at Roleystone Church of Christ

Contact: 0459258006



**Ben & Josh**



**Daniel**

## Regular Kids Club

Each Friday afternoon of the school term, between 4pm and 5.30pm, Kids Club meets at the Roleystone Church of Christ. We do many similar activities to Holiday club; we do crafts, hear stories and play games, and of course, we enjoy a yummy afternoon tea! Anyone who is in primary school is welcome to join us. \$2 per child or \$5 per family.

Hannah Naley  
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**Charlotte**



**Isaac**



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## TESTIMONIAL

July 2013

Dear Maggie, Patrick, Jo and Linda

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you all following the sale of my property in Ellis Road, Mt Nasura.

It is not easy to sell a property when you are not living in it. Residing 4 hours drive away, I must admit I approached the sale with some skepticism. How could I make it look wonderful when it had no furnishings and the garden was not up to the standard maintained when I lived in the house? Maggie and Patrick assured me that these problems could be overcome and approached the forthcoming sale with the dedication and attention to detail worthy of an attempt on Mt Everest. Nothing was overlooked and the photos that went on the internet were spectacular, so much so I had a fleeting thought about not selling at all!

The Home Open generated a lot of interest and several offers, which Maggie sent to me in China, where I was on holiday. No job was too hard, too big or too small.

When I returned to Perth, Patrick and Maggie caught up with me shortly after I arrived and presented me with 4 offers, one of which I accepted. I was extremely happy with the price achieved and the whole process ran like clockwork due to the hard work and dedication of Maggie and her team.

It was a pleasure working with you all and achieving such a great outcome.

Kind regards

Shelley Pike

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*Evie, Jack and Rose Hall*

## EARLY WARNING THE KARRAGULLEN EXPO WILL BE ON THE 12TH OCTOBER

This year the Karragullen Expo will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday! The event will be held on Saturday October 12, 2013, and will be an extravaganza of events for all ages. What started as a horticultural field day now boasts that it has things for the whole community whilst still retaining its grass roots heritage.

So make certain that you keep the last Saturday of school holidays, October 12, 2013 free for a day of fun and entertainment.

For more information or to book a stall go to our website <http://www.karragullenexpo.org.au>.

*George Putland*

## KATE'S BACK AND BOOT CAMPS ON

*I would really like to thank my many friends across the community for all of the support that my family and I have received over the last 8 months. I suffered a seizure last November, which saw me take a radical change in my life, one that affected my family greatly.*

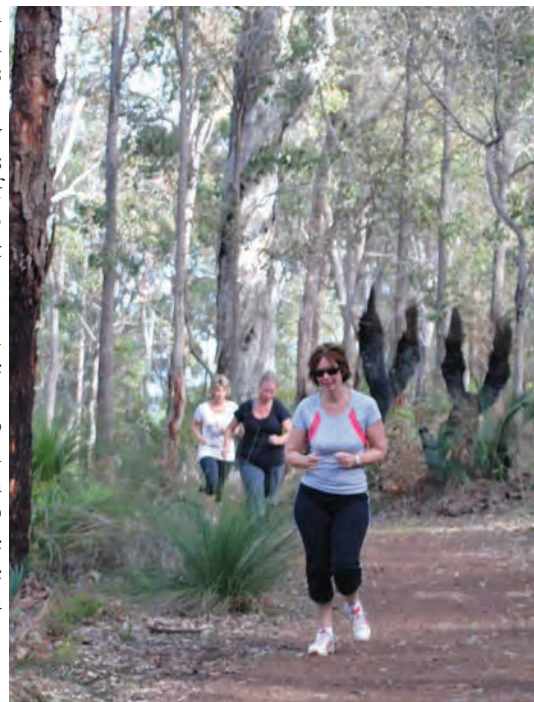
Unable to drive, many friends rallied around, with kids taken to and from school and lifts to Yoga class. These details helped keep me motivated and focused.

As fate would have it, my husband Wally was knocked off his motor bike on his way to work, the week after I came out of surgery. But my friends were there to help again. Many people have stopped me at the local shops, asking how I am going, people I didn't even think would know! Now 8 months on and after successful brain surgery, I have now been given the all-clear to pick up my life.

So with new vigour, I have started up Boot Camp once again this term. I will be running the class at 9.30 - 10.30am on a Tuesday @ \$15. This will take place @ my Studio, on Simons Drive. If you are interested in coming, then please call me on 0439965623, you will be in with a great group of motivated people.

*Kate*

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*Shelley Clutton*

## The Escapees: Riding to Conquer Cancer Quiz Night

Well our Quiz Night and Auction on the 29<sup>th</sup> June was a huge success. We had over 150 people at what was our main fundraising event for the Ride To Conquer Cancer and we raised over \$5000 on the night.

The support we received from Roleystone and the wider community was incredible and really very moving at times. We would especially like to thank the Roleystone Country Club for providing a fantastic venue and wonderful staff who helped make the night fun and entertaining for all.

To our friends and family who were literally priceless in the lead up and on the night; a huge thank you.

Less than 3 months to go until the ride now so time to put the high heels away, get the riding gear out and put some k's on the bikes! The Escapees "Riding to Conquer Cancer".

Linda Schaudin



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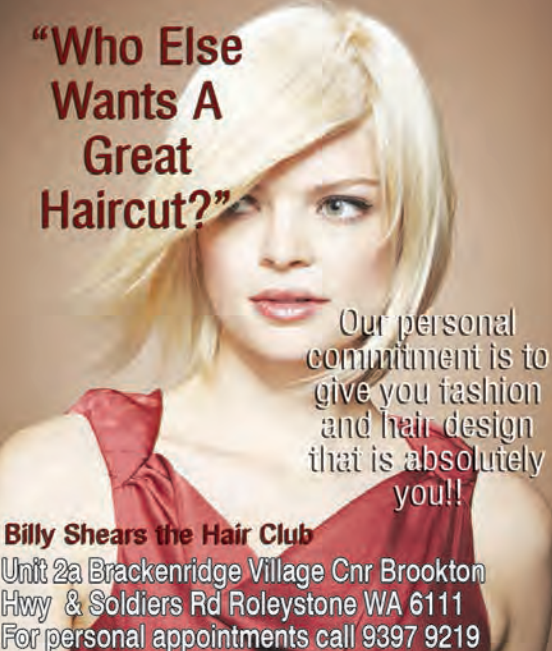
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**From The Archives**

*Canning Mills was the first large population settlement in our area, with over 400 people living there in the mid 1890's. The following article shows a fascinating view into the timber milling past, now almost forgotten. Thanks to Gordon Freegard for the photographs from the White Collection.*

**A VISIT TO THE CANNING JARRAH SAW MILLS**

*Reported in the West Australian, 5th December 1893*

The old saying is that there is nothing like Leather, but if this refers to its durability then West Australians may disagree. When the question of durability arises it would be better, in this colony, at any rate, to allege that there is nothing like jarrah.

This timber, which is really a mahogany, and which can be put to quite as good and ornamental uses as the famous timber from Honduras, is now fast acquiring world-wide reputation, and the trade is growing apace.

Unyielding to the severest attacks of termites, it is as valuable for jetties as it is for underground works of all kinds, and in these respects in fact is, almost unique.

Whether for piles, sleepers, the supports of houses, flooring-boards, joists, furniture, ship-building it is equally useful; and

a recent use has been, found for it in London and other cities, which promises to give a great stimulus to the trade. It has been discovered to be a most valuable material for road-making, when cut into suitable blocks, and is better able than any other material to stand; the wear and tear of the incessant traffic of the City of London.

Its increased cost over other road materials is far more than compensated by its vastly greater durability and suitability, and although strong and interested efforts are being made in London and elsewhere to prevent the use of jarrah for street paving, a majority of the councils are deciding in favour of our hardwood, and the trade in consequence is bound to grow enormously.

The jarrah tree grows on the plain as well as the hills, but the superior variety found on the ironstone ranges, were it is particularly sound as well as big and straight.

A visit to a large timber station in the Darling Range is fraught with considerable interest. In the first place there is the fine natural scenery that strikes the eye of the most unobservant, and nowhere in the South West portion of Western Australia are more beautiful views to be obtained than from the summits of the Darling Ranges, over-looking Perth, Fremantle and the Indian Ocean.



*Steam Cross Cut Saw Canning Mills circa 1893*

Here the bush loses its eternal sameness and becomes varied, majestic and even beautiful.

Tall trees, rear their heads aloft on the steep and rocky ranges.

Tier upon tier; palms, black-boys, bracken and beautiful ferns and plants grow, in dense profusion at their feet, on soil which when denuded of its present luxuriant growth would bear fruit-trees and vines

in abundance. Streams and water courses pour down these verdant hills, and although the reservoir which supplies Perth prevents much of the precious fluid from running to waste, simple modes of conservation will serve to irrigate miles and miles of country.

There certainly would be no need to fear that the city will ever suffer from a water famine, as a supply for millions could be collected and conserved in these hills alone.

The Canning Jarrah Mills,

*Canning Mills back view circa 1893*



although some 20 miles out of the city, and over a thousand feet above the sea level, are reached by rail. The enterprising company which purchased the station about three years ago have constructed a railway connecting with the Eastern line and the former is, I may almost say, amongst the engineering wonders of Australia. This line, called the Zigzag.

The range is mounted by a series of lines rising tier upon tier, zigzag fashion, and the train is alternately pushed and pulled by the engine until the summit is attained. As one mounts higher and higher the air becomes rarer and more exhilarating, and a lovely panorama unfolds itself. An area fully equal to that of three or four British counties, lies at our feet.

In the far distances is the Indian Ocean, with Rottneet Island nestling in its bosom, its gleaming sands and snowy white buildings and lighthouse showing up quite plainly at what must be a distance of fully thirty-five miles.

Nearer at hand the Swan and the Canning rivers mark a sinuous silvery course, whilst, the quarry at Rocky Bay forms a clear land-mark and nearer still is Perth itself, looking like an imposing city.

Still nearer, and almost nestling at one's feet, is the pretty village of Guildford, whilst settlements here and there dot the wide-spreading scene, and stimulate visions of the time, let us hope not far distant, when the virgin bush will be cleared away, and in its place we shall see scores and hundreds of smiling farms and vineyards.

As we rise we pass bluestone and granite quarries, where the commencement of a very important industry, in which quite a large amount of capital is being expended, are to be seen. Higher yet, we passed gardens and orangeries, then, after much puffing and straining by the engine, the summit is reached, and a fairly level distance of six or seven miles until we reach the timber station itself.

**THE APPEARANCE OF A TYPICAL FOREST SETTLEMENT**  
Small Timber huts and houses are everywhere to be seen, dingy grey in appearance, inseparable from each other.

The many dead trees around are of the same, grey colour; whilst old logs and lumber axes are scattered about the place.

Inside the Mill the whirr of machinery at work in the long, low sheds, or mills, as they are called. Huge jinkers, for hauling-timber, pass along, wearily dragged by teams of heavy-eyed oxen, who look more stupid than patient as small puffing and snorting locomotives whisk along.

The railway trucks are laden with the rich brown coloured timber; and there are many signs of life, bustle, and activity. In the company of Mr Frank White we are treated to an excellent luncheon, the menu including young lamb from the recent Guildford Show. It would have easily passed for well-grown fat mutton.

Conversing with the manager, I learned that there is a

**Coming up the ranges on the Zig Zag railway**



community of about 400 people at the township, of whom 150 men: are employed, at the mills, or in felling and, hauling timber, the total wages paid out ranging from £1,800 to £2,200 per month. So it will be at once recognised that this is an important local industry.

Grouped about the station are several stores including the office, where a staff of book-keepers and accountants are 'kept easily occupied, and where also there is that great convenience of modern times, the telephone, communicating with the head office in Perth.

There is also a Government school, the company giving the use of a room, which the Board of Education have come to regard as their own.

Also present is a post-office and a hall which serves as a place of public entertainment and also of worship.

Whilst briefly describing the community, it should also be mentioned that there is a doctor who has a well-equipped surgery. Plus the town has a general store, belonging to the company.

We first visited the Yankee, an American mill, where the timber is being cut, with such rapidity it is almost amazing.

The huge logs are hauled to the bench, cut into the requisite lengths by the aid of twin and circular saws of various dimensions ranging from 5ft. 6in in diameter, the refuse either going on to a heap where it is destroyed, together with enormous quantities of sawdust, or it is sent down to Perth as firewood.

*This article will be continued in next month's Roleystone Courier.*

*For more information on Canning Mills visit the Pickering Brook Heritage Society Website.*

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# Editorial

LINDA MOORE AUGUST 2013

The large earthmoving vehicles ripping up the tarmac and piling the earth into mounds ready for the Skate Park, certainly brought me a sense of satisfaction last week. Now it will soon be a reality and I am sure the young people of our community will embrace it enthusiastically.

This has been talked about and debated over many years but always the major stumbling block was about 'who would finance it'. Advocating about why something should happen and finding a way of actually making it happen, are two very different things. So I for one, am very appreciative of both groups of people - a community needs 'those who ask the questions' but it also needs 'those who achieve results'. Well done to all.

I am reminded of other great achievements across our community. Looking back over decades of Couriers, it is interesting to see how 'progress' has occurred. Someone raises an issue, debates rage, letters are written, folks get passionate, organisations which will fund/achieve it are found and then, occasionally, the result is achieved.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing as rarely does anyone recall the passion and the angst that went into getting something to happen (or preventing it from happening.)

For an example of how our community can stop an 'unwanted bit of progress', one need go no further than the massive community pressure which prevented the development of Lot 62, Croyden Rd. This was alluded to in last month's Roleybushcare report.

I believe that this one issue, generated more correspondence for the City of Armadale, than any other issue in the history of the Shire.

We sure know how to say no!

But sometimes many across the community say 'no' but others say 'yes' and the decision makers have to toss the proverbial coin. I am happy to say that, generally, we are a mature society and we move on gracefully.

How many folks now recall the angry debate about whether to allow the Restaurant to be built over Picnic Rock (this is now the delightful location of Brackenridge and Roleys on the Ridge).

This was a popular and historic public place but now most of us can appreciate that the new structure is also a beautiful use of this location.

We know how to accept the umpire's decision! The development of Springdale Park created a massive community outcry. Councillors were embroiled in controversy over their insistence that the town needed larger sporting facilities. Debate also raged over whether to shift the Roleystone Fire Brigade and in more recent times the location and nature of the 'new school'.

We are all waiting with bated breath to hear the decisions about the future of the old Primary School site and whether the iconic oval can be retained.

Plus, we are only now recovering from the misguided push to downgrade Araluen and

do away with our cherished Spring Tulip Festival. Personally, I am very pleased that another 100 000 bulbs have been planted this year, so we can all go in and appreciate the wonder of this special garden.

There are lots of other 'still current' debates raging like the 'Toilets in Borello Park' issue.

Go back into history and in 1919, the town was divided on whether to build the new oval on land next to the Hall (now the Roleystone Theatre) or to develop it on more level land donated to the community by Harry Cross; the outcome gave us Cross Park.

Even before this, the townspeople were in uproar in 1912 when the new church/hall was built (now the 100 year old Roleystone Community Church Building). When a newly appointed Minister arrived he decreed that there would be 'no dancing in the Church' so the community went across the road and built a new hall, outcome, our lovely theatre.

We sure know how to get what we want!

So thanks Roleystone. It is great to live in a community which is certainly not moribund!

Happy Reading.

Linda

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*and singers to learn their craft. She was ably assisted by a range of local musicians. Some of the aspiring musos are pictured:  
Above left: Emma Hirshmann, Brent Ashby, Caitlyn McFadyen, Jan Hartman, Gerry Scott and Danielle Nuttall.  
Above: 'The Girls' Emma Truffet, Jessica East and Erin Hight.*

## RockNROLEY KIDS

Over term two, Joyce Arnott has co-ordinated a program for local, young aspiring musicians

The Roleystone Bowling Club have launched their new Website. It is ready and fully operational. The address is [www.roleystone.bowls.com.au](http://www.roleystone.bowls.com.au)  
Melissa Rickman

## Letter to the Editor

### Dogs Should Be In Control

*After numerous differences of opinions with owners of unleashed dogs in Roleystone, I feel compelled to write a few lines.*

I have looked up the Council rules regarding dogs off lead in parks (in particular Cross Park) & it states:

"All other reserves owned by or under the care, control and management of the City of Armadale are dog exercise areas where dogs may be exercised off leash provided they are kept under control at all times."

I think I must have differing views to others regarding the "kept under control at all times" stipulation. I would have thought that this would mean that the dog returns to its owner each and every time when called, and does not run up to dogs that are on lead and not return when called. Obviously not - apparently it doesn't apply if "He's friendly" or "She just wants to play" or "He's just a puppy" accompanies the free running dog.

Don't get me wrong - I can see that it's not always possible to get your off lead dog to come back, but the accompanying

argument of "Perhaps you should go elsewhere", rather than the expected apology, is really annoying.

There is a reason that people keep their dog's on lead and I would have thought that they have just as much right to exercise their dogs as those who choose to have their dogs run free.

I was a professional dog trainer for many years, yet it still astounds me that people are so rude and allow their dogs to be rude too. Some dogs don't want to (or can't) socialize with others, so your dog being friendly, a puppy or just wanting to play makes no difference at all.

After training obedience dogs for over 20 years and using Cross Park off and on during this time, I am offended to be told to take my new dog to another park, just because others see it as their right to have their dog approach mine.

Please, let's have some consideration for all park users.

*Careen Bush*

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## The Video Store Has New Owners

*The Roleystone Video store has new owners. Brothers Sunny Singh and Jacksin Singh have taken over and have already given the shop a new paint job, put up new posters and brought in a range of tasty, new confectionary to add to the video experience.*

Jacksin's wife, Shammi Kaur has been operating the shop and she is keen to meet up with as many folk as possible across the community. She wanted to assure patrons that: 'nothing is going to change in the first instance. We think most customers were happy with the layout of the store, so this is how things will remain.'

However the new owners are keen to build up stocks of new releases, DVD's, games and update the Family Section. Shammi wants customers to let the staff know if there is anything



**Shammi Kaur In her New Store**

that they want and they will do their best to get it in. 'Thanks very much for the welcome and we'll try our best to give great service to the Roleystone community.' After four years, previous owners Tim and Tania have left Roleystone and have returned to New Zealand.

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**LETTER CAUSES CONCERN**

We have today (8<sup>th</sup> July) received an anonymous photocopied letter from presumably a local resident complaining about our dogs 'constant barking'. If I could dispute this with the complainant I would, but being anonymous I cannot.

My purpose of writing is to suggest to the complainant that they sign their complaint so that we can make contact with them. The complaint is quite hostile and threatening and while I have no concern that this will involve us or our dogs if reported to the ranger and taken to court, to receive such a 'note' is quite upsetting and totally out of keeping with the usual neighbourly atmosphere which we have enjoyed over the past 25 years. Writing to you is our only option and hopefully the writer of the note will read this. Perhaps I should add as information for the writer of the note that our two dogs are kept indoors when we are not at home and overnight, and are free to roam the fenced garden when we are at home. If they bark when outside it is to alert us to passers-by or the postman! There is no need as suggested for us to obtain a 'bark collar'.

*Ann & Colin Sims*

*28 Valley View Road*

**'Howzat' The Rumours of my Death Have Been Greatly Exaggerated**

On Tuesday July 16th, many astute readers may have noticed two death notices which appeared in the West Australian mourning the untimely passing of Brian (Butch) Weir. The notices both referred to the widow as being called Sandy.

We can happily report that our own Brian Weir, aka Butch - the Butcher, is alive, kicking and very happy that the notices do not apply to him. Brian has been inundated with well wishers. Most folks do not get to see how many people are touched at their passing so this has been a bit of an eye opener to Brian and his wife Sandy. His phone has been running red hot and many locals have sneaked into the super market, peering inquisitively to see whether the reports of his demise were accurate.

We have no wish to disparage the real, sadly departed Brian Weir but we are heartily pleased it is not our cheerful, very much alive butcher.

**VERY MUCH ALIVE NOTICES**

*WEIR, Brian. Master butcher, former RKCC patron and club favourite. We're all glad to know you are still with us mate. Looking forward to many more roasts & pints at future Old Buffer matches. Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club*

*To my old mate Weiry  
So glad to hear you are still with us. You scared the living daylights out of us.  
Buzz and Jude*

*"Deepest sympathy to Sandy and family on the "Life of Brian". The sudden announcement that he is, in fact, alive and well was so unexpected. As we all believe what we read in the press, we were shocked to hear that they had, for once, got it wrong. Next time, Brian, please remember to call me before you go.  
With love, Deb and Barry from Popanyinning."*

**At left: Brian Weir alive and well and still our Butcher!**




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## Results of Local Trial of Fenthion Completed

Following the looming ban of Fenthion, the main chemical used to spray fruit to prevent Mediterranean Fruit Fly, the Hills Orchard Improvement Group campaigned and was granted a one year extension which permitted commercial spraying on a restricted basis. One of the stipulations was that the group needed to monitor

their own use of the chemical on commercial orchards across the district.

The members provided samples for testing (MRLs,) randomly and at their own cost over the season.

The results of the HOIG tests are shown in the attached table.

No test result exceeded the MRL standard of 0.20mg/kg for peaches and apricots, 0.25mg/kg for nectarines, plums and pome fruit, and 0.30mg/kg for persimmon/fuyu and 0.40mg/kg for cherries.

The Hills Orchard Improvement Group has now completed their report on the HOIG MRL voluntary tests completed this season, as well as reviewing the nationwide trials that were also conducted. HOIG also paid for a complex review of the results completed by Mark Insides aka Dr Chemical.

This report has now been sent to the APVMA and will soon be available on the HOIG website at [www.hoig.org.au](http://www.hoig.org.au)

The HOIG Orchard Fenthion Trial establishes that the use of Fenthion under the existing permit applying in Western Australia produces Fenthion residues that do not exceed the relevant MRLs.

HOIG therefore recommends that the APVMA continue the existing permit and establish a similar trial for a three-spray regime with a 10-day withholding period in the 2013-14 growing season.

If you have any further questions or comments, feel free to contact me anytime.

We would like to sincerely thank all of the locals who have shown us support over our recent fight to save our industry.

The orchardists across this community thank you.

*Brett Del Simone*

*Fruit Fly Action Group (HOIG)*

Appendix 1 Table: HOIG Fenthion MRL Results

| Grower ID | 1 <sup>st</sup> spray | 2 <sup>nd</sup> spray | With holding period | Date of Harvest | Variety                | Sum of Fenthion mg/kg | F Ozone | F Sulfone | F Sulfoxide |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| HOIG001   | 19-Dec                | 7-Jan                 | 7 days              | 15-Jan          | Nectarine Bright Pearl | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG002   | 14-Dec                | 10-Jan                | 7 days              | 17-Jan          | Nectarine Ruby Diamond | **0.13                | N/A     | N/A       | N/A         |
| HOIG003   | 14-Nov                | 26-Nov                | 9 days              | 5-Dec           | Nectarine Arctic Star  | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG004   | 16-Nov                | 28-Nov                | 13 days             | 11-Dec          | Nectarine Rose Diamond | **0.075               | N/A     | N/A       | N/A         |
| HOIG005   | 20-Dec                | 9-Jan                 | 7 days              | 17-Jan          | Plum Fortune           | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG006   | 30-Nov                | 22-Dec                | 7 days              | 30-Dec          | Cherry                 | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG007   | 4-Jan                 | 18-Jan                | 7 days              | 25-Jan          | Pear Barlett           | 0.17                  | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG008   | 20-Jan                | 3-Feb                 | 7 days              | 2-Feb           | Plum Wickson           | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG009   | 8-Nov                 | N/A                   | 7 days              | 17-Nov          | Peach Springtreat      | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG010   | 10-Nov                | 20-Nov                | 8 days              | 28-Nov          | Apricot Francesco      | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG011   | 15-Dec                | 23-Dec                | 16 days             | 8-Jan           | Nectarine Ruby Diamond | **<0.05               | N/A     | N/A       | N/A         |
| HOIG012   | 28-Dec                | 7-Jan                 | 7 days              | 15-Jan          | Peach Zee Lady         | 0.088                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | 0.064       |
| HOIG013   | 2-Jan                 | 16-Jan                | 7 days              | 23-Jan          | Plum Fortune           | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG014   | 6-Jan                 | 16-Jan                | 7 days              | 23-Jan          | Peach Zee Lady         | **0.082               | N/A     | N/A       | N/A         |
| HOIG015   | 8-Nov                 | 23-Nov                | 7 days              | 1-Dec           | Apricot                | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG016   | 4-Jan                 | 14-Jan                | 7 days              | 23-Jan          | Peach Zee Lady         | 0.18                  | <0.05   | <0.05     | 0.12        |
| HOIG017   | 1-Dec                 | 11-Dec                | 11 days             | 13-Dec          | Apricot Trevall        | 0.088                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG018   | 20-Nov                | 1-Dec                 | 7 days              | 13-Dec          | Nectarine Diam Bright  | 0.11                  | <0.05   | <0.05     | 0.062       |
| HOIG019   | 22-Jan                | 3-Feb                 | 10 days             | 15-Feb          | Nectarine August Red   | 0.084                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | 0.064       |
| HOIG020   | 5-Feb                 | 14-Feb                | 9 days              | 23-Feb          | Peach O'Henry          | 0.14                  | <0.05   | <0.05     | 0.065       |
| HOIG021   | 15-Dec                | 26-Dec                | 7 days              | 7-Jan           | Nectarine Ruby Diamond | 0.16                  | <0.05   | <0.05     | 0.99        |
| HOIG022   | 30-Jan                | NA                    | 7 days              | 22-Feb          | Nectarine August Fire  | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG023   | 27-Dec                | 7-Jan                 | 7 days              | 14-Jan          | Peach Elegant Lady     | **<0.05               | N/A     | N/A       | N/A         |
| HOIG024   | 16-Nov                | 28-Nov                | 9 days              | 7-Dec           | Nectarine Rose Diamond | 0.075                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG031   | 10-Jan                | 22-Jan                | 7 days              | 30-Jan          | Peach Ice Princess     | **0.2                 | N/A     | N/A       | N/A         |
| HOIG032   | 13-Feb                | 2-Apr                 | 15 days             | 17-Apr          | Apple Granny Smith     | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG033   | 20-Nov                | NA                    | 10 days             | 30-Nov          | Peach White Princess   | **0.082               | N/A     | N/A       | N/A         |
| HOIG034   | 20-Nov                | NA                    | 10 days             | 30-Nov          | Nectarine Rose Diamond | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG035   | 20-Nov                | 2-Dec                 | 10 days             | 12-Dec          | Nectarine Swansee      | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG036   | 20-Dec                | 4-Jan                 | 10 days             | 14-Jan          | Nectarine              | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG037   | 21-Nov                | 3-Dec                 | 7 days              | 10-Dec          | Plum Lapin             | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG038   | 19-Jan                | 28-Jan                | 8 days              | 14-Feb          | Nectarine Regal Pearl  | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG039   | 25-Jan                | 3sprays               | 10 days             | 12-Mar          | Nectarine Sept Bright  | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG040   | 12-Nov                | 23-Nov                | 19 days             | 12-Dec          | Plum Black Diamond     | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG041   | 23-Jan                | 12-Mar                | 22 days             | 4-Apr           | Persimmon              | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG042   | 4-Feb                 | 19-Feb                | 7 days              | 26-Feb          | Peach Sweet Henry      | <0.05                 | <0.05   | <0.05     | <0.05       |
| HOIG043   | 5-Feb                 | 15-Feb                | 11 days             | 26-Feb          | Nectarine Sept Bright  | 0.21                  | <0.05   | 0.071     | 0.1         |
| HOIG044   | 1-Dec                 | 11-Dec                | 8 days              | 19-Dec          | Nectarine Jade         | 0.13                  | <0.05   | <0.05     | 0.073       |

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Above: Hoig MRL test results.



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## Business of the Month

### Affinity Cafe

*Congratulations to Elaine, Steve and Audrey Wee of Affinity Cafe on Wygonda Rd in Roleystone for being awarded the July Business of the Month from Business Armadale.*

The Wee family have been the owners of the Roleystone Recreation Centre since 2006 and, following demand from patrons, decided to convert some of the Centre into a Cafe specializing in healthy and vegetarian food choices. Thus the Affinity Cafe was born. More recently the family has expanded their business into catering for functions as well.

'Our business features healthy, homemade, wholesome choices which gives us a point of difference from other food outlets. Also having a cafe sited here in the Health Club, many of our clients are already focussed on making positive lifestyle choices,' said Elaine.

The staff have received very favourable reports and feedback from their customers and they continue to grow from strength to strength. 'We recently held a very successful Open Day and we have been able to run some wonderful community events such as a charity high tea for the Cancer Council's Search for a Cure'. Well done to all at Affinity Cafe.



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## Some Local Georges

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## IN DEFENCE OF CONTROLLED BURNING

*Since the big fires a few years ago, those opposed to controlled burning have kept quiet. However, there are signs that they are stirring again. At a recent public meeting about Aboriginal burning, a woman rudely shouted that she wanted less burning, not more. The following short article was written in 1968 by Mr L.D. O'Grady, an experienced forest officer. It was found in the former Forests Department library, by Mr Roger Underwood, another forester. It may be of interest to folk in Roleystone.*

### TO BURN OR NOT TO BURN

L. D. O'Grady  
 Forest Notes 6(1) 1968 (Internal publication of the former Forests Department of Western Australia)

Found in 2011 by Roger Underwood, former Forests Department officer.

Despite the tremendous losses, both in life and property, caused by uncontrolled fires there are still many learned, and unlearned, people who for various reasons are opposed to controlled burning.

While the main aim of controlled burning is a precautionary measure against destructive summer fires, the practice is also justified on the score of the improvement brought about in the forest environment and tree growth.

In 1947 the annual spring burning of the Banksia sand plain bush external to the Collier Plantation was commenced and has been carried out annually as part of plantation protection against external fires. Though much of this original country is now occupied by houses, a section of approximately 50 acres is still more or less in its natural state. A point to remember is that when an area is burnt over yearly the burn is usually patchy i.e. a patch burnt this year may not burn the following year, or the

year after that, but would burn probably every third year. Under these conditions it is rare to scorch the foliage of the dominant species.

Results over the 20 years show a noticeable increase in Banksia stocking and a more striking and prolonged display of wildflowers.

The Headmaster of the local school was so impressed with the wildflowers that he requested we refrain from further burning off. He was still not convinced when told that the healthy trees and the floral display were the result of regular controlled burning. This particular teacher, a very keen nature lover, has left approximately 5 acres of the School Grounds as a native garden. This has been left unburnt, with the following result — after almost 6 years the area is a dangerous fire hazard, scrub growth is dense, and withered looking, and objectionable species tend to flourish at the expense of the smaller floral types. It is also interesting to note that all the Jarrah trees on the reserve have lost approximately 90% of their crown, are stagheaded, and the trees are on the way out.

To summarise - 20 years of annual controlled burning has resulted in a healthy stand of Banksia and associated species. The scrub has been kept under control and healthy with the result that there is an excellent floral display during most parts of the year.

By contrast an area not burnt is in a poor state, and the Jarrah trees are dying out. The dense scrub growth has no doubt taken possession of the site to the detriment of the large trees.

*Submitted by David Ward Roleystone.*

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## Roleystone Captain brings his ship into Fremantle.

In May, Jeremy Coghlan was requested to resite his ship from the port of Geelong where it had been servicing rigs in Bass Strait to Fremantle.

He attended both Roleystone schools & Mazenod College. He then studied at Curtin & Penn State (USA) Universities & followed on to The Australian Maritime College at Launceston.

His ship was built in 2011 as an anchor handling vessel assisting in the securing & moving of oil & gas rigs off the North West coast. It is 67m long & 16m wide & weighs around 2,500 tonnes. It accommodates 46 when specialized work is on but generally travels with a crew of 15.

Jeremy grew up in Roleystone & still lives here with his wife Natarsha & children Indira 4 & Miles 3. His

family were at Fremantle when he came along side.

"My Dad drives a red boat" they say!

After one day in Fremantle he went to Dampier for one day & finally got off for a well deserved break when he arrived in Darwin. That's roughly a voyage of half way around Australia in 17 days.

Jeremy & his older sister Peta sailed on the maiden voyage of the HMS Bark Endeavour from Fremantle to Bunbury as volunteers in 1994. Peta then became the ships curator on board on its subsequent inaugural voyage around Australia & was featured on the front page of the October 1994 issue of the Roleystone Courier.

*Their Very Proud Dad*

## It's Nearly Time to Treat Fruit for Med Fly

*Do you have a loquat tree, a lemon tree, or an orange tree in your back yard? These trees may provide excellent over winter hosting for the Mediterranean Fruit Fly. These pests can decimate our local commercial crops and Hills Orchard Improvement Group urge all locals to do their bit in the fight against these insects.*

With the promise of warmer spring weather just around the corner, local residents are urged to buy fruit fly traps to help control Mediterranean








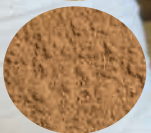
Fruit Fly from our area.

Roleystone IGA now has fruit fly traps in stock, and they are providing them at a very realistic price. and you can get them from Roleystone Hardware too.

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**Brett Del Simone**  
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*Above: Genesis Fitness Crew:  
Daniel Parsons, Ben Richie, Brad Hargense, Scott Mack, Tom Cobern,  
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## Business After Hours at Genesis Fitness

*Genesis Fitness put on a wonderful welcome for the Business Community on Tuesday 23rd July at this month's Business Armadale's after-hours showcase. Genesis Kelmscott have recently celebrated their 36th birthday and are going from strength to strength. Co-owner Ben Richie presented a very interesting PowerPoint showing the detailed planning this company has engaged in to ensure they stay in the vanguard of this readily evolving industry. Genesis employs around 50 staff, most of whom are local to the area.*

*Genesis is looking at new marketing systems, a member retention program and new developments around technology and staff training. Despite increased industry competition, including an additional 6 fitness centres in its catchment in the last 2 years, the team at Genesis Kelmscott have continued to grow and they have cemented their position as the best fitness centre in the Armadale Region.*

*So thank you to Ben Richie and Adam Deane and their staff for their hospitality and welcome.*

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### Coming Events

**12 August - Business Sundowner**

**The Hon T Simpson**

**Ministerial Office visit (tbc)**

**28 August- Business Showcase**

**Araluen's Tulips under Lights**

## Vandals Caught and Charged

Two local 19 year old men were recently convicted of vandalism offences. They were caught by police, with tins of spray paint in their hands, in the process of damaging signs at the Roleystone Village shops.


After increased reporting of burglaries in the Roleystone area, extra patrols were allocated to our town. Two police officers were able to apprehend the two graffiti vandals in the act of desecrating the signs.

One of these individuals had previously been charged and had fronted court over a similar offence last November. In early June they had their day in court. Both were given suspended sentences. The older of the offenders was also given forty hours Community Service, an \$800 fine and ordered to pay the extra costs of replacing the sign at Hairrods.

This was a wonderful result as bringing charges against those involved in graffiti can be very difficult as the perpetrators must actually be caught doing the crime.

The owners of the businesses at the Roleystone Village are very pleased with the outcome and would like to thank the vigilant police officers for their efficiency.

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## Memory Quilt 4 Lesley

Roleystone Anglican Church's much loved leader, Rev Lesley Borowitzka and her husband Michael, are about to retire and are heading to Tasmania. The congregation wanted to give her something truly memorable and have come up with a very special gift. Lesley has been gifted a 'Memory Quilt.'

Each Parishioner was given a six and a half inch square of calico and given instructions to emboss it 'as they thought fit'. The result is a wonderful compilation of very inspiring messages

and scenes, all from the heart, encapsulating what this miraculous lady has meant to her flock.

Some of the men, who felt the sewing and craft was above their level of skill, have written messages. Many others have crafted scenes, sewn, embroidered and even some squares were administered with technology!!! The result is spectacular and will provide many memories for Lesley while she lies abed in her new home in the apple aisle.

Well done to the chief conspirators: Pat Bestow, Jane Flacks and Pat Long (pictured with the quilt prior to its presentation at the farewell dinner on Friday 26th July).



## SPRING CLEAN MARKETS

The Roleystone Markets are looking for members of the community to come along and be a part of the next market. This will be the Roleystone 'Spring Clean' Market, to be held on Sunday morning 8 September.

The market will run a little longer this time, from 9am til 2pm and will have the added feature of a Car Boot Sale being held simultaneously at the car park across the road! So if you have any bric-a-brac you have been looking to sell, and are interested in having a bay at the car boot sale contact Maria Ford 0407 985 319 to find out how.

The kids are sure to be entertained at this Spring Market, with a bouncy castle, Old McDonalds Farm and face painters. All of this, along with the high calibre of stall holders and food the Roleystone Markets have now become known for.

We are also looking for those residents with something a little special behind their roller doors. As a follow up to the success of the car show at the last markets we are again inviting Roleystone residents to show off any interesting or special cars, bikes or machinery they may own. To book your 'machine in' contact Wendy Vanderlaan on 0408 920 817.

Applications for stall holders are now being accepted. Please contact Catherine Schaefer on 0439 499 545 to get your application in.

*Caren Dorman*

*Pictured below: Happy Market Customers, Gemma Poole and Ronnie taken at the Summer Market. This was Ronnie's first birthday photo and he is now 18 months old. Photo, courtesy of Deb De Boer*



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# Aircraft Noise

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Family Centre this coming Sunday afternoon, August 11, from 1.00 to 3.00 o'clock. Some of the material being distributed by ASA requires critical examination.

Like many others I have been rebuffed by ASA countless times with complaints of aircraft noise, even measuring specific instances and suggesting that Roleystone is noisier than suburbs twice as close to the airport.

In a trial conducted in 2011 the aircraft noise was measured and reported as "Short Term Noise Monitoring Program Roleystone WA" a damning indictment of ASA's WARRP changes in 2008 confirming the noise blight. It is noisier at night in our dormitory, semi rural suburb of Roleystone 20 odd kilometers from the airport, than it is during the day time.

The day time noise background was measured at 43.1 dB LAeq going to 49.7 when aircraft are taken into account. At night, the background is relatively high near the shopping centre and oval at 35.8 dB LAeq, at my home it just cracks 30, but at night when aircraft noise is taken into account it measures 50, actually above the daytime noise!

Few places in the world suffer from such blight from aircraft noise; where it is noisier during the night than the daytime. At 50 dB LAeq night, the measured aircraft noise equates to 40 dB LAeq night in a bedroom, some three times higher than the WHO recommended bedroom threshold level of 30 dB LAeq8.

Whilst the proposed trial by ASA of an alternate air route is welcomed, their history in this matter suggests that their integrity has been bought into question to such a degree,

that nothing they say can be taken at face value, ASA are very much like the person who sets fire to the back of your house, then rushes around the front to grab a hose and yell fire, fire, fire! The information issued regarding the Roleystone trial on their web site is open to question. Remember this is only one of some 7 flight paths that cross the district.

ASA has suggested that AS2021 is a standard for sleep disturbance; it is not, such assertions are not only wrong, but present a danger to health. AS2021 (Aircraft Noise Intrusion – Building Siting and Construction) is simply a standard for land use planning and how much noise resistance such as double glazing and the like that has to be built into a home within 15 km of an international airport! It also assumes that all external doors and windows remain shut! Even so the levels in AS2021 are some three times higher than the WHO recommended threshold levels.

A health based standard, AS2107 (Acoustics – Recommended design sound levels and reverberation times for building interiors) is an appropriate standard for assessing noise levels in bedrooms and accords better with the WHO guidelines.

Concerned residents are getting together for a "pre meeting" at the Country Club at 7.30 pm on Tuesday August 6 to compare their experiences and discuss why ASA seems incapable of ensuring aircraft keep to their designated flight paths and designated altitudes on this, and the other six flight paths that cross the Roleystone district.

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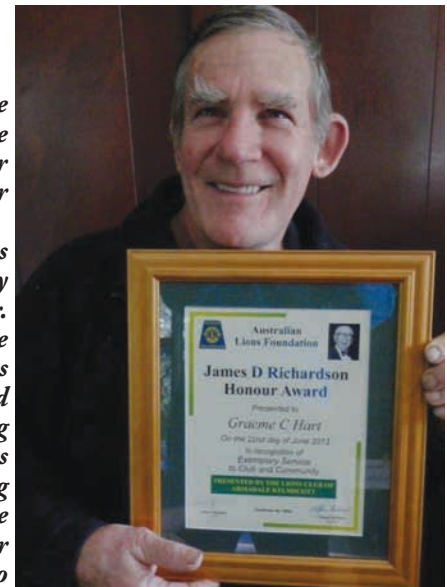
*Graeme Hart, who is a member of the Armadale Kelmscott Lions Club, was recently award the Australian Lions James D. Richardson Honour Award by the Armadale Kelmscott Lions for 'Exemplary services to Club and Community'.*

*Graeme has been a Lions member for 10 years*

*and is currently their treasurer. He assists in the various Lions events and fund raising activities including assisting in the running of their large Bingo every Thursday night.*

*He is also a member of the Civic Pride community group and undertakes the cleaning up of graffiti 3 mornings a week.*

*Graeme undertakes volunteer work for Armadale Gosnells Landcare and SERCUL and has also been an honorary auditor for numerous community organisations for many years.*



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# TRIAL OF A MODIFIED FLIGHT PATH—ROLEYSTONE

From 22 August 2013 Airservices will run a 12-month trial in response to community feedback and a recommendation from the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman.

The trial will modify a flight path that currently overflies the Roleystone area and relocate it several kilometres to the east. The current flight path is being modified to reduce the impact of aircraft noise for more than 4000 residents.

During the trial the flight path will be modified, meaning it will be further away from Roleystone, Bickley, Byford, Carmel and Martin and closer to Bickley East, Pickering Brook and Karragullen.

Airservices will closely monitor the trial and consider community feedback during the evaluation and decision-making process.

Representatives from Airservices along with the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman will be available at several community information sessions, which will be conducted on an informal drop-in basis.

Information session details:

#### Pickering Brook Sports Club

- Sunday 11 August 5pm–7pm
- Friday 16 August 6pm–8pm

#### Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre

- Sunday 11 August 1pm–3pm
- Tuesday 13 August 6pm–8pm

You can have your say by:

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*Pictured above: Already in Training - Kelmscott Idol hopefuls: Tobias Mubafidan, Connie Wetherilt, Rhiannon Bamford-Purchon and Georgia Bamford-Purchon. At left: KAS Entertainment Coordinator Rachel John*

# Are You Destined To Be The First Kelmscott Idol?

This year's SmokeFree WA Kelmscott Annual Show will feature a new and exciting event with the inaugural Kelmscott Idol being launched across the community this September and finalists performing at the 115th SmokeFree WA Kelmscott Annual Show.

Performers aged 8 to 17 are encouraged to participate in this exciting new event to help promote the Arts in the region.

Kelmscott Agricultural Society Entertainment Coordinator Rachel John hopes the inaugural event will play a pivotal role in encouraging the Arts in the Kelmscott/Armadale region and offer performance opportunities to those who may not have previously had the opportunity.

"We want to offer opportunities to our young performers of tomorrow that live in our local area," she said.

"With three experienced adjudicators from the Arts and performance industry, all contestants will receive helpful feedback about their performances."

Auditions will take place at Classic Sounds located at 223 Railway Avenue Kelmscott on 14th and 15th September. There are two age categories: Junior 8 - 12 years and Senior 13 - 17 years. The 12 selected finalists from each category will perform on Saturday 19th October on the Main Stage of the SmokeFree WA Kelmscott Annual Show where the winners will be announced.

Two runner ups and one winner from each division will win prize money in the form of bank accounts at the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank

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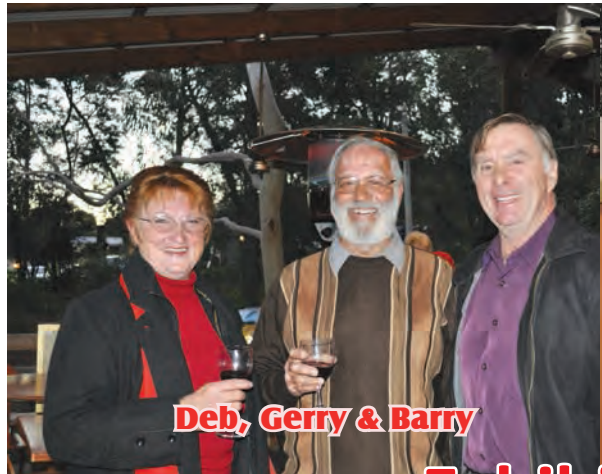
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## Exhibition Success



**Fraser and Eva**

Over eighty people crowded into Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant, on Sunday July 7th to experience the first viewing of the Laurie Smoker Exhibition. It was a delightful evening with great conversations, wonderful food provided by our hosts Ita and Rivka and of course some spectacular art pieces on show.

'It was an awesome night and I am really thankful to everyone for coming along. It was really great to catch up with old friends and particularly rewarding to see so many ex-students in the crowd. We are so lucky to have Ita and Rivka and this wonderful restaurant which has made a name for itself, not only for the fabulous food they serve, but also in their generous patronage of the arts,' said Laurie.

For those who have not yet seen the exhibition - it will be extended until mid August. Thanks again to the staff of Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant for hosting this exhibition and continuing to promote the arts across our region. We are all very pleased that you do.

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### It's a Drag it's Not Christmas

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The event was created by local ladies Michelle Chapman and Caren Dorman and was attended by around 100 ladies and held at the Roleystone Country Club. Dancing and Karaoke was also on the program. Whispers are that X Factor and So You Think You Can Dance may be holding their next auditions up in Roleystone, the talent is so strong. 'We just wanted an opportunity for the ladies of Roleystone to all get together, have a night out somewhere local, and have a great laugh,' said Michelle 'We will definitely be putting on more events, we have been overwhelmed by the support and positive feedback from everyone.'

Michelle and Caren are part of the Facebook Group 'Roleystone Mothers Rock' which is a community group open to all women (not just mothers!) of the Roleystone and surrounding areas. The page is about having a spot to share information, ask for advice and meet new people, all women are invited to join.

*Caren Dorman*



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Feb 2010, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of lighting at Cross Park be referred to the Technical Services Committee. May 2010, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the safety of the retaining wall at Borrello Park be assessed. Jun 2010, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of verge replanting by developers in new developments be referred to the Development Services Committee. **Jul 2010, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of Public Open Space Strategy Trust Fund Account Expenditure proposals for Precinct I Roleystone and consideration of proposals for the upgrade to the skate park at Cross Park and installation of public toilets at Borrello Park be referred to the City Strategy Committee.** Dec 2010, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of additional greenwaste collection. Either a green waste bin or bulk verge collection in January. Mar 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of development opportunities for residents in bushland regions be referred to the Technical Services Committee. That the matter of the accuracy and bias of the content of the 'fire retardant garden' brochure and possible inclusion of the Local Planning Strategy to the City Green Strategy be referred to the Technical Services Committee. No. 10 Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the co-location of youth activity area at Cross Park be referred to the Technical Services Committee. Nov 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of and consideration of the matter of local planning policies. Jan 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of accommodation of the matter of passive solar design be considered as part of the review of the matter of supervision and delegated authority of the City Projects team be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Guidelines to include "Fire Conscious" plants be considered in the 2012-13 annual budget. **Feb 2012, Cr Wielinga: budget for a bushcare crew be considered.** Feb 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the Fletcher Wielinga: That the matter of extending the footpath, parking and kerbing in front of the Roleystone College be referred



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**Getting The Job Done**

**Items raised by Caroline Wielinga**

**the matter of a letter of support for the continuation of the "Springtime in Araluen" Festival be forwarded to the Local Members of Parliament as part of the City's Tourism and Marketing Strategy.** Jun 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the Government's proposed light rail system be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jun 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the Tourism & Marketing Strategy budget aspects be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jun 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the Indoor Aquatic Centre Project (Funding Location & Staging of the Project) be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jul 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of developing a Council Policy regarding councillor's being informed of functions events and meetings within their ward prior to these occurring within the community be referred to the Community Services Committee. Jul 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the Environment Management Plan for the Golf Course be referred to the Technical Services Committee. **Jul 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the future planning of orchard areas be referred to the Development Services Committee.** Jul 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the report on POS Strategy - Precinct I be submitted as soon possible after the completion of the Parks & Reserves Facilities Strategy. Aug 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of TPO information being added to the City's website to enable easy access to information be considered. Aug 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of a summary and update on the original economic rationale and modelling for the Keane Road Project be provided. Oct 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the verge treatment program be referred to the Technical Services Committee. Oct 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of housing density around public open space be referred to the Development Services Committee. Oct 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of Free Wifi Access in the Mall be considered as part of the improvements for the Mall. **Nov 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the Federal ban of the use of Fenthion Pesticide be referred to the Development Services Committee.** Nov 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of potential environmental impacts of light rail be identified within the Local Planning Strategy. Nov 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of capacity of the additional traffic in the event of the Keane Road link not being provided be reported on. Mar 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of cost estimates for the Keane Road project be referred to the Technical Services Committee. Mar 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the Karragullen Quarry, its license and management plan be assessed. Apr 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of design and timing of proposed roadworks and the impact on the road network arising from predicted traffic growth in the event of Keane Road not being completed be reported. Apr 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the possibility of the Canning River Development Contribution Plan including a pedestrian footbridge over the Canning River in Kelmscott should there be a Development Contribution Plan for that area be considered. Jun 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the possibility of a Strategy to assist in advancing disadvantaged community members be referred to the City Strategy Committee. **Jun 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the possibility of a management plan or policy for the method of construction of firebreaks be referred to the Community Services Committee.** Jun 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the possibility of a vehicle access policy for the City's reserves be referred to the Technical Services Committee.

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## **Roley Animal Hospital is Back**

*Many across Roleystone had been very dismayed at the unexpected passing of Dr Richard Hollaway and it is wonderful news that we can report that the Roleystone Animal Hospital has now re-opened with two new vets.*

‘Both Yoko and I were struck at what Richard and Deb created at Roleystone Animal Hospital and we are proud to continue the hard work and care they put in. I am very excited to be part of Roleystone Animal Hospital and I look forward to contributing to the local community in the care of its animals,’ one of the new owners, Dr Tiffany Jacobs said.

Tiffany graduated as a veterinarian from Murdoch University in 2004 after having been selected to participate in an accelerated Honours Pre Veterinary Program in the US.

She completed further study in wildlife medicine at Murdoch University.

Dr Tiffany assists with the teaching of the 3rd -5th year Murdoch Veterinary students in Wildlife Medicine in conjunction with Perth Zoo and Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

She also provides the Veterinary work for Caversham Wildlife Park and has assisted Native Animal Rescue.

Dr Tiffany also provides veterinary services for the Royal Agricultural Society.

Outside of work she enjoys music, photography and travel and spending time with her husband,

two cats, dog and lorikeet.

The second new Vet is Dr Yoko Clinch. She graduated as a veterinarian from Murdoch University in 2004, also having previously completed a degree in Cell Biology and Genetics in Canada.

She worked in mixed practice in South Australia for 2 years before returning to Perth in 2007 to work in a small animal practice in the Western Suburbs, where she developed a special interest in ferrets.

Yoko’s commitment to the veterinary profession extends beyond the borders of our hospital; she established Woven, a female veterinarians’ networking group in 2011.

She has provided veterinary services to the WA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Canine Division since 2008 and the Royal Agricultural Society since 2010, and has also been involved in teaching veterinary students at Murdoch University.

Yoko’s interests outside of work and study include playing jazz piano. You can often find her playing gigs with the Oz Big Band at various venues around Perth. Plus she enjoys travelling and cooking.

She has a Cavoodle, a moggy and a peach faced lovebird, and looks forward to meeting you and your pets soon!

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# News From Your Club

## NEW CATERERS

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*Pictured above: RCC Opening Night: Narelle, Michael, Kevin, Don, Steve, Sally, Amanda, Jodie and Denise*  
*Below: Club Stalwarts, Thomas and Phil*



The club is extremely busy at the moment with the successful re-opening of our Windows on Wygonda restaurant with our new caterers Absolute Catering WA. Many of our members and their guests have experienced fantastic culinary delights. The new menu has been a great hit and members are advised that meals are available on Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays. Meals are available from 6pm. Bookings are essential so ring the club on 93975665 to book your table.

Our Members have also noticed many social functions at the Club over the last month, including: Armadale Rotary Dinner, A Ulysses Motor Cycle Club Xmas in July and a 'It's A Drag It's Not Christmas' function, which was well attended by many of our local ladies.

Our refurbishment of the Club Cottage is almost finished with both the internal and external areas repainted, new carpets, lino, new kitchen and remodelled bathroom. Anyone who is interested in renting this cottage which has 3 bedrooms, lounge, dining and activity room, should put this in an email to [r.meadows@hansenenviro.com.au](mailto:r.meadows@hansenenviro.com.au) stating details and references. The cottage will be available for rent towards the end of July.

The Chase the Joker competition was won recently at \$2900 by two of our regular members. We now have a new and exciting concept starting on Wednesday the 31st July which involves a second chance draw where you may win \$100.

This has been sponsored by local businesses such as K&K Concrete, Hansen Environmental, W.J & K.S. Automotives and Brickcarters WA.

There is a large opening amount, generously added to by our winners, which brings the opening night total to \$1000.

So come on down to the Club on Monday and Wednesday Nights to be in the draw. This takes place between 6.30 and 7.00pm. Membership renewals need to be paid by the 31st July for your name to be entered into the draw for a TV, Esky or 'Dinner for Two' at Windows on Wygonda.

*Michael Hansen  
President*



*Left: Chris and Nicki and Rhonda Meadows enjoying Windows on Wygonda.*



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John Thorpe wants customers to come down and view them



**Violet checks Out the Qtoys**

soon, ‘They are priced very competitively and would make ideal gifts for birthdays or Christmas,’ he said.

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The reunion will be held at the Music Department within the school. The date for the reunion is Sunday 8th September at 2pm (the main celebrations for the whole school are Sunday 20th October from 11am and include a large open day).

We would love to have as many past music students at the reunion as we can, to socialise and hopefully make some music as well!

If anyone has any relevant photos please bring them along.

RSVP is to Program Co-ordinator of Performing Arts, Ms Julie Roberts, on 9495 7438 or email [julie.roberts2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:julie.roberts2@education.wa.edu.au)

*Julie Roberts*

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Roleystone Senior Football Club would like to thank the following Local Businesses:

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We invite all sponsors and community members to come celebrate our final home game for the season on Saturday 10th August. Reserves kick off at 12.30pm and League at 2.30pm. We will also be holding our final fundraiser of the year “Daisy Dukes and Cowboy Boots”.

We will be hiring a bucking bull for the afternoon and bands from the Roleystone Music Club will provide entertainment for the night. Food will be provided for a small fee on the night and entry is free. The Anton Wickham Medal will also be awarded to a league player who shows courage and leadership.

*Lisa Casotti*

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## Yes - The Bridge is Open

All users of the Brookton Highway are pleased that the 'Bridge over the Canning' has been finally re-opened and that road works are lessening in the area but no-one is more pleased than those running businesses in Mount Street. The owners and operators are overjoyed that patrons will be able to enter and leave the premises without the holdups to traffic flow that have plagued the intersection over the past six months.

This era of inconvenience has not only been dusty and muddy but they have had to contend with the entrance and exit continually changing. This has been very confusing and off putting for their patrons. This group has borne the inconvenience with stoic acceptance but are very relieved that the end is in sight.

Locals are reminded that the advertised closure of Mount St for road works will only effect Mount St North ie the section leading to Buckingham Road) and will not effect the southern portion of Mount St where their businesses are sited.

So please visit them soon: Avocados, One Body Therapy, Studio one Health and Beauty and de Bles Patisserie & Cafe. *Pictured above: Deb, Tara, Anita, Les, Maya, Jayne and Joe - who all work at the idyllic Avocado Complex.*

## TOY LIBRARY

We hope everybody had a wonderful school holiday break and enjoyed lots of playtime with their children. The Toy Library is back for Term 3 and we are very excited to introduce our latest acquisitions: The musical marble tree (pictured below), a wooden toy that produces a captivating sound as the marbles gently fall down the bright leaves. The musical marble helps children develop hand-eye coordination and also stimulates musical interest. This toy is 47 cm high and is suitable for children aged 3+ years.

Our second recent purchase was the Crazy Forts, a 69-piece toy that is sure to become a popular loan item. This toy invites kids to become active and stimulates their coordination and imagination as they build different structures. Frames for tunnels and other structures can be built and covered over with a sheet or blanket. The possibilities are endless!

Finally, with our new Safari Rush Hour Game (suitable for ages six and over) children can learn all about the African wilderness and have a great time with this fun game.

For more information about how to borrow these or other items at our Toy Library, please contact us on 0438 884 601, or by email at [roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au), or come and see us at the Family Centre on Wednesdays (11:30 am to 12:15 pm) or Saturdays (9:30 to 10:30 am). Happy playing!

*Lina Uribe Rivero*

*Photo at left: Mikey has enchanted both children and adults with the lovely music made as the marbles make their way down the wooden leaves.*








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## GUMNUT NEWS

Here at Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup, we are excited to announce that we have been using our hard earned fundraising money to get our amazing group some fantastic new toys.

Some of the toys included are new toddler swings, two cozy coupes with wagons, a great new jungle baby gym, a push and ride on step two toy, three new balls, some gorgeous street signs for the kids to navigate around when they are riding on their trikes, bikes, and push ride toys, a new tea set, and some new pretend kitchen cookware toys. Inventory and toy cleaning is underway so that we can get rid of all our damaged toys to make room for our awesome new toys! Thank you so much to all the Gumnuts in our playgroup for their amazing fundraising efforts over Easter. It is always great when we can replace and rejuvenate all our toys!

*Term three finds us preparing for our annual Family Fun Day!*

Our amazing playgroup volunteers are organising a committee of people this year who will get together to coordinate and organise this event. We will be reaching out to the community soon for donations for our fundraising raffle and for cash donations to help us pay for the event. Any donations that any locals or businesses can make would be greatly appreciated!



Above: Ewan and Kaelyn enjoy the new Gumnut Playgroup toys.

We are also looking for stall holders who might have items for sale which would benefit families with children in the 0-5 age bracket who might like to have a stall on the day.

If you are interested in having a stall, please contact Janice Mclean at [roleystone.gumnut.president@live.com.au](mailto:roleystone.gumnut.president@live.com.au).

We love to invite the Roleystone Community to this special day to inform and share information about what our playgroup has to offer and to just generally say thank you to everyone for all their support.

It is also a great day for all the kids to have a bit of fun! The day is scheduled for November 2nd at the Roleystone Family and Neighbourhood Centre from 10am to 1pm. We are going to be doing a coffee, tea and hot chocolate fundraiser this term to help pay for our family fun day. Please keep an eye out for Playgroup members doing this fundraiser. All support will be greatly appreciated! Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup still has a number of vacancies. We meet from 9-11am Monday through to Friday. We are always happy to see new faces.

It is a great place for mums or dads to relax with a cuppa while their little one engages and socialises with the toys and other children. Come along and join the fun!

Janice Mclean

## AN AWARD FOR LARI

Lari McDonald of Seadragonz Swim School was awarded a Royal Life Saving Society Western Australian Meritorious Service Medal at a function on July 7 for community trainers. The Meritorious Service Award is the highest award that can be given to an individual who has conducted training in the Western Australian community.

Lari was recognised for more than 15 years of continuous training for The Society in the areas of resuscitation, first aid, Bronze Medallion and swim teacher training. The award was presented by Holly Leach, Senior Manager of training at Royal Life Saving.



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of our sheep yard by our neighbour. It had killed three of our pet lambs and sheep, injured two and injured a pet goose. Our neighbour was not able to pursue the dog as he felt the dog may turn its aggression towards him. It seems to have killed the sheep by bringing them down, holding them down and choking them to death before moving onto the next.

The same thing happened in the early hours of Friday morning. One pet sheep has been killed and another severely injured. The dog we are looking for has been identified very confidently as the dog in the photograph.

It is an American bull terrier type breed, fairly large and thick set, it's body is white, short haired, it has a distinctive dark patch over its face and a distinctive thick brown leather studded collar.

This dog is accomplished at quickly killing small / medium sized mammals such as our hand raised, very tame pet sheep and lambs. It has also behaved inappropriately towards children and adults at least three times in recent weeks.

I would urge anyone who has seen this dog in the Karragullen and eastern side of Roleystone to contact the City of Armadale Rangers department on 93990111. The Rangers have provided assistance already but as the dog does not seem to be registered or microchipped we need to find it through public assistance.

*Paul Littlely  
Karragullen*

## Feral Dog Causes Sheep Deaths

Recently an aggressive, feral white dog has been causing extensive damage to households in Karragullen.

The dog has been behaving aggressively towards my young children and has growled at my father while he was working in his shed, before the dog was seen off.

Over a period of several days this dog was seen inside our sheep yard twice but left by jumping the fence when challenged. On Wednesday night it was chased out

## The Passing Of Peg Chapman And Gerard Hemy

Two recent deaths of long term residents have occurred over the last month. Grace Margaret Chapman, who everyone knew as Peg, died on the 15th of July aged 85. Peg and her deceased husband Ted Chapman had lived in the area for over fifty years. Their large property off Gardiner Road is still in the Chapman family. Peg was widely involved in many aspects of the community and taught mathematics at Kelmscott SHS. She has left a large family, many of whom still live in the area.

Gerard Hemy of Karragullen died unexpectedly on the 8th July. He leaves his wife Doreen and his children Lindsay, Diane, Warwick and Trina. Condolences to both families.

## CAN YOU GIVE LARA'S GUINEA PIGS A GOOD HOME?

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## GARDENING NOTES By JEAN EVANS

After the cold of the early mornings, it is lovely to get out into the sunshine and idle the time away. I always find there is something that needs doing and so the day passes until the cool of evening comes in. I recently returned home from an Australian Eco trip. We drove back from Albany and this gave me the perfect opportunity to collect plants from nurseries and friends along the way. My friend Robbie, has the same type of garden as mine and enjoys the same plants, so we have a constant swap of cuttings and rooted plants.

On her recommendation, I called at 'Poppy Patch' in Mount Barker and purchased three different Cornus, (Dogwoods): the red stick one, the evergreen one and another, one is known as wintersweet.

I collected loads of different Hellebores and also another Helliatrope (known as cherry pie). I have had one under a cherry tree and, although it is still really small, it has survived with no care for about four or more years.

Needless to say the car was quite full, but I still called in at a native nursery that had a number of eremophila tubes. There were other varieties that I want for naturalising the area near Brookton Highway. I have mainly planted small growing plants to provide more shelter for the Bandicoots. (There appears to be a thriving colony in my garden, and I often see the many little diggings as they fossick for worms.)

The Roleystone Garden Group had a large gathering at Araluen last week and we welcomed Stan, Peggy and Fiona to our normal group of regulars. I was delighted to see so many Camellias in bloom. The flowers at Araluen are consistently larger than most people grow them and I appreciated my two eight

year old grandchildren reading the name tags on the bushes.

There are of course some varieties that we desire to purchase but these are not commercially available. On the second Monday night in August the Camellia Society members will be demonstrating, how to graft.

This way you have the opportunity to try your hand at this fun project, thus increasing your stock.

You need understock and usually there are plants for sale for just this purpose. Then take the cut off branches home, poke them into a peat and sand mix and grow your own under-stock for future seasons. One year, I broke a piece off Kanjiro, made fourteen cuttings and got fourteen plants. We are not usually that lucky, but Kanjiro is beautiful in its own right, so I was pleased with my achievement.

Normally, other than subduing weeds, this is a time to read the catalogues to see what bulbs and plants we need to order for summer flowering. Also there are a lot of books that need to be read, so find a sheltered, sunny spot, a comfortable chair, maybe even a rug for the knees and soak up the sun. We still need the rain, but what better way to get natural vitamin D.

Until next month enjoy the outdoors when you can and remember any plants planted under the eaves still need a drink.

*Jean*

## Roleystone Garden Group

*Meets next on Thursday 15 August. It is hoped to visit Jetto's Patch, in High Wycombe - a suburban garden jammed packed with edible plants. We will car-pool from 24 Orana Way, Roleystone at 10am. Everyone and anyone is welcome to join us. Lynn Matthews (9397 5784).*

## TIP TOE THRU TULIPS

*The first tulips will be out in Araluen Botanic Park this month. This photo with Blanche Mateljan marked the first tulip to flower in the Park in 2010 - on the 18th August. Depending on the weather, tulips should start to bloom later this month - so get ready to visit.*

## Roleystone Bushwalkers

COME BUSHWALKING. Walking our hills bush tracks is an exhilarating exercise. The tracks are now washed clean and wildflowers are showing their colours. Our friendly group has two walks planned for this month. Walks start at 7 am, which allows for other pursuits in the afternoon. Sorry -- no children or dogs. Sunday, 11th August -- Marginata Road (Kinsella area). Sunday, 25th August -- Munday Brook (Karragullen). Further enquiries: Frank and Terry 9397 5225.





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Enquiries can be directed to;  
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Registrar / Treasurer Mike Cirillo on 0448878257  
Email enquiries to muffermike@gmail.com

Roleystone Karragullen Junior Cricket Club has a SUNSMART policy. All players must wear a hat and apply sunscreen.

New players will have to provide a copy of their birth certificate to confirm their age.

See you soon.  
*Mike Cirillo*



**Girls On  
The Porch**

*Roleystone's Girls on the Porch Fundraiser, is the biggest fundraiser in Western Australia for Breast Cancer.*

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## THEATRE NEWS

The Roleystone Theatre has had a busy couple of months and are headed for several more. At the start of June we held a Vaudeville night in front of an intimate audience as part of the Theatre's 80th Birthday Celebrations. Acts included the talents of Mr Paul Treasure, Ms Donna Williams and Miss T Falls (all active members of Roleystone Theatre) and also that of Mr Mark Thompson and Mr Adam Salathiel.

In July, we held our latest season, a locally written pantomime "Unwanted Wishes". Directed by Linda Rhodes and featuring several local theatre members including the likes of Joshua Mitting, Rachel Wright, Jack Barker and Kim Fletcher, this was a tale of pop music, mystery and romance. This production also welcomed several new members to the theatre and provided fun for all those involved, cast and audience members alike. (see photos)

This month we are also hosting a series of teen workshops, focusing on acting for screen. The workshops are being run by Hayley Parker. By the time this goes to print, we will have also held auditions for the theatre's final production of 2013, Peter Pan. Please watch out for further information regarding this show, later in the year.

Our next season is a selection of one act plays directed by Sherril Wallis and Gerry Chambers. The performances are for a limited season on the 6th and 7th of September. We look forward to seeing you there. Some dates for your diary...

October 6th - Roleystone Theatre Open Day

October 9th, 11th & 12th - Storytime in the Hills

November - 80th Birthday Picnic

November/December - Peter Pan

## 80 Years of Performance Trish Bona

**PATRICIA BONA (FORMERLY PRITCHARD )**

Patricia's involvement with Roleystone Theatre goes back to the late 1960's.

Her lovely voice was the motivation to get involved, but she was also active on the committee (including a term as President) and also devised shows such as Turkish Delight.

However, it is for her many roles on stage that most people will remember her. She had leading roles in many musicals beginning with Gilbert & Sullivan operettas but broadening to include shows such as: My Fair Lady, Camelot, Kiss Me Kate, Godspell and Annie. Patricia also performed in plays such as Mary Stuart and Steel Magnolias where she proved her acting ability was the equal of her voice.

She has continued her involvement with the theatre, appearing most recently in productions of The Mystery Of Edwin Drood and The Crucible.

Patricia has been made a Life Member of Roleystone Theatre for her impressive contribution over a long period.

*Zyg Woltersdorf*

*Pictured: Trish Bona (Pritchard) in some of her many performances with the Roleystone Theatre.*



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Helen Morton



**The  
Federal  
Seat of  
Canning**

At the time of going to print the Election date had not yet been set.

The Federal seat of Canning will be contested by the sitting Member Don Randall who is standing for the Liberal Party, Derek Bruning for the Australian Christian Party, Damon Pages Oliver for the Greens, Wendy Lamotte representing the Palmer United Party and Joanne Dean for the Australian Labor Party.



*Pictured at left:  
Aspiring Candidate for  
the seat of Canning,  
Wendy Lamotte at the  
Business After Hours  
function in Kelmscott  
and below Don Randall  
who has held the Seat of  
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## ARALUEN NOTES

### Springtime

The first of our 100,000 tulips should be in bloom around mid August spreading ablaze of colour through Araluen to the end of September. It's also the perfect time to see Daffodils, Azaleas, Camellias, Rhododendrons, Magnolias and many other spring flowering plants. The train will commence operations Saturday 10 August and will hopefully run through until the end of October.

### Pool

With Stinton Creek dry and the water level very low in the Pool it was a good time to clear the silt that was building up around the silt trap across the entrance to the pool. After so many weeks without rain the day the excavator started work removing the build up of silt, it started to rain and a small trickle of water started flowing over the dry creek bed.

The team managed to clear quite a bit of the silt away although the flow of water did make it a little more difficult. They also managed to remove some of the more evasive weeds, trees and fallen logs from along the edge of the creek. Next time you visit the Park have a look at the work that has been done around this area.

### No 2 Car Park

While we had the excavator in the Park we put it to another use and that was clearing some extra space on the edge of the No 2 car park. This will give us some extra car parking and also storage for mulch and wood. The excavator isn't the only big piece of machinery that we have had in the Park. The other monster was a large machine that just ploughed its way through huge piles of green waste turning it into fine mulch. What the green waste monster couldn't handle was feed into a mulcher that made short work of some very big logs. The garden team enjoyed having all this heavy equipment in the Park as it made a change from things like rakes, blowers and shovels.

## POINTS TO PONDER: FRUIT FROM OVERSEAS

When you buy overseas grown Fruit and Vegetables, it is worth asking whether or not our farmers are competing on a level playing field. Even without the well publicised subsidies being provided in some countries (notably the US), it is worth considering our wage comparisons.

Average wages per day (in \$US) for orchard workers:

- Australia - \$160
- NZ - \$130
- US - \$80
- Chile - \$40

Source: Craig Hornblow's presentation to the Innovate or Real Estate Conference.

## Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club REGISTRATION OPEN

The grass is freshly mowed, the crease and boundary paint has been mixed and it's starting to smell like cricket season! If you enjoy playing cricket, if you've played in the past or never played at all then Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club is for you! RKCC has teams from A grade through to E grade so no matter your cricketing ability (or inability!) you'll fit in well at our club.

Registration for the 2013/14 season is now open! If you are FIFO, or unavailable to commit to play the full season we'd still love you to join our club and have membership fees to suit part-season players. To register online visit [www.roleystonekarragullenc.com.au](http://www.roleystonekarragullenc.com.au)

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# Bush Blitz TeachLive in the Desert!

Hi everyone

Many thanks to Linda for submitting an article for me in the June Courier – as I was still out in the desert near Alice Springs!

I have now returned and have many amazing memories of working with the Scientists day and night on species collections. Every day we went out with different Scientists concentrating on their speciality, but always open to collecting and bringing back 'presents' for others to share at the end of the day. Here is a brief rundown of my daily activities –

**Day 1** – Off by helicopter with the Botany and Lichen team. Hunting for elusive species and getting back to my grass roots - being a botanist at heart! This was my favourite day as I got to see many plants which I had learned about in the past – and I was delighted that my memory from my university courses was able to dredge up prior knowledge and understandings!

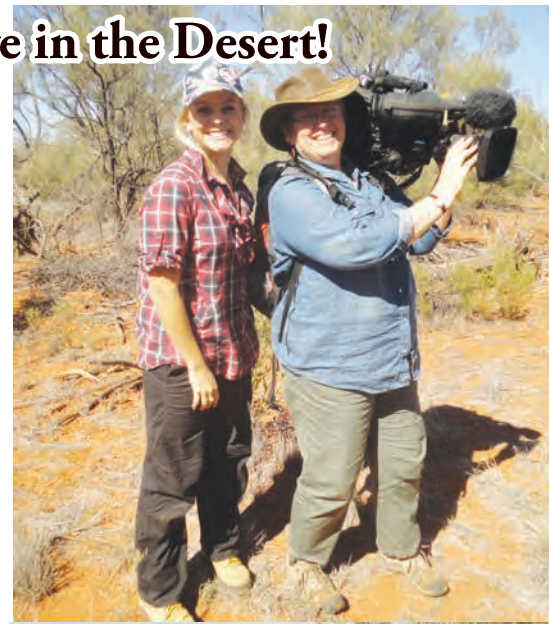
Oh – and we had to send smoke signals when our lichen guy became separated! We had tried to direct him by 2 way radio to join us but to no avail. The other teams were very entertained over the 2 way radios, by our efforts at giving directions, waving bright red jackets across the hilltops and finally lighting the fire!

**Day 2** – Out pootering! Collecting True Bugs by whacking shrubs and trees, catching the fallout in a net and then 'sucking' up tiny (1 – 2 mm) bugs via a pooter was fascinating. Basically pootering is a way of collecting the bugs quickly, efficiently and without damaging them, plus without sucking them into your lungs. It was actually quite difficult to organise the equipment and work on your own – it would have been helpful to be an octopus! We may have collected some new species.

**Day 3** – Heads down looking for trapdoor and tarantula spiders. I learned that the female of some species can live in her well constructed burrow for up to 40 years! She waits for a male to walk by – sometimes for a very long time!

After dinner we went ultraviolet scorpion hunting! How amazing to see these active and ferocious creatures by UV light- easy to spot up to 3 or 4 metres away. We just had to be careful we did not step on any other nocturnal creatures as we searched through the spinifex.

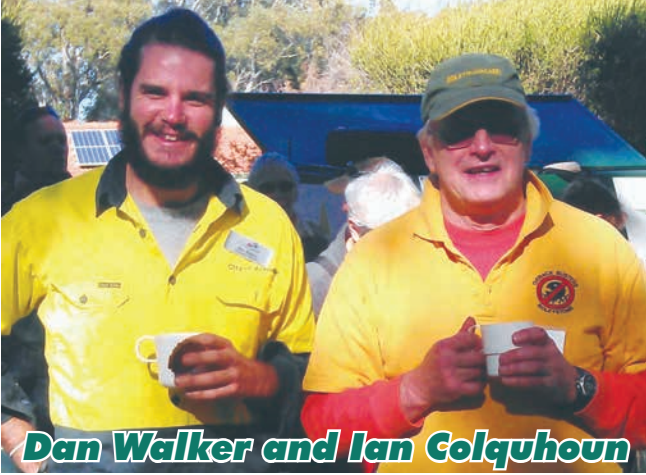
**Day 4** - Gone fishing! The desert waterholes have about 9 species of fish and we hauled and threw nets. I am not so good at throwing the big heavy net out but still managed to catch a variety of fish. We had fun hauling – just like







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**Dan Walker and Ian Colquhoun**

### Roley Bushcare Notes

#### LAST FIELD DAY

*Over 30 volunteers turned up to help us including the City of Armadale's Bushcare Supervisor Dan Walker.* We planted around 400 seedlings into Windsor Reserve and then everyone moved over to nearby Garland Reserve to plant an extra 300 seedlings.

Dan made the work so much easier by digging the holes with a mechanical digger. Roleybushcare will be planning our field days with Dan so that we can maximise our efforts. He will have information about which reserves are to be burnt and which ones are to be treated for weeds. This information makes our planning easier.

## cont. Bush Blitz TeachLive in the Desert!

prawning – and Totally Wild had fun filming us!!! They spent 3 days with us filming the scientists and teachers at work.

After fishing, Michael (the fish scientist) joined me Skyping to some of my classes back at school. The children asked some really interesting questions and showed they had done some research about desert fish. The internet managed to cut in and out but – hey – we were way out in the middle of Australia!

**Day 5** – Reptile hunting. The weather was a bit cooler than hoped for but we explored the bush, river beds and rocky outcrops by day and went stalking at night. Pit traps and net traps were checked daily- making sure you did not put your hand in on a death adder, as they like to hide in the sand.

**Day 6** – Bee happy! I spent a day with the bee people- learning about our tiny native bees and using a variety of collecting techniques. The best way to collect insects- by far- was with Annette! Originally called Priscilla- this net is on a frame on top of the car and works all day.

At the end of the trip the collecting bag is unzipped and a huge range of stunning and alien-like insects – including tiny bees - is revealed under the microscope. Many of these bees make their nests in the hollow stems of dead plants making them very hard to find. I thoroughly enjoyed my Bush Blitz experience - working alongside scientists and sharing daily adventures with 4 other teachers. Being able to connect to some of my classes by Skype and via the questions on the website was fantastic and brought my experiences directly into my school. Finally, I have re-invigorated my love of both Science and teaching and the opportunities that this combination allows me to experience and share with children!

Thanks to Earthwatch TeachLive for making this unique opportunity available and to ASTA (Australian Science Teachers Association) for their support.

**Mady Colquhoun**  
 Science Specialist

Armadale Primary School  
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Photos of Mady (and the creepy crawlies) thanks Robert Whyte.

You will be seeing Dan's crew in the local reserves undertaking weed control so please say hello and make them feel welcome. Dan also informs our local Reserve Custodians when work is taking place in the reserve. Please have a look at our maps in "Bush Reserves" on our website. You will discover some of our wonderful Reserves and hopefully learn more about them. We were again treated to a delicious morning tea by the lovely Yvonne Ward.

#### NEXT FIELD DAY

Our National Tree Day event for 2013 is a wonderful opportunity to do something for our local bushland with your family. It will be held on Sunday 4th August between 9.00 till noon at Stonegate Reserve, Stonegate Road, Roleystone. We will be planting seedlings in the Reserve.

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# RMC JULY

OUR JULY CLUB NIGHT HAD SPECIAL GUESTS

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*Our July Club Night showcased performances by the Teens who participated in the Rock 'n' Roley Music Workshops held at the Family Centre during Term 2.*

Organised by One Life Coordinator and Youth Worker Joyce Arnott and her team, together with Mal Osbourne from Armadale Youth Resources, the RMC members were impressed with the result - after only 8 lessons.

RMC secretary Chris Horgan said:

"It's a terrific program and we were pleased to offer the kids a platform to perform their songs after the dedication they showed during the term. We hope Joyce manages to get some funding to run this program again soon."

Although it was a very chilly evening, 26 members rocked up and enjoyed Christine's homemade pies, burgers and fries. They were just the thing to warm the belly, many thanks Christine!

Surprise guest Mike Stone performed a tight set of blues originals with various RMC members jumping in to form a band behind him, and wow what a set it was.

At one point there were 8 musicians on stage and they were cookin'! We hope to see you back again Mike.

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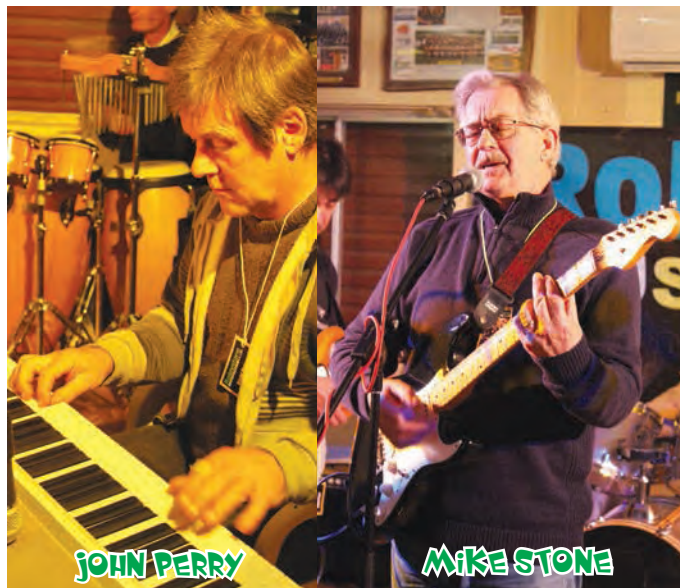


**EMMA AND CAITLYN**

It was also great to meet John Perry, a working musician who happened to have the night off yet came along and played with us. RMC Kids member, Jasper de Boer, was glad to meet another keyboard player and picked up a few tips during the night. Thanks John.

Our next Club Night is Saturday 17 August and new musicians are always welcome.

**Deb de Boer**  
President 9397 7007



**JOHN PERRY**

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## JULY 2013

Isn't it wonderful to see the Skate Park starting to take shape nearly 3 years after the idea was first raised?

The amount of work put in by the City of Armadale staff, skaters, scooters, BMXers and their supporters, consultants, and the councillors has been incredible!

The placement considered accessibility, passive surveillance, and relationship of other facilities locally in the final design. Even though it has taken longer than everyone expected to get to this stage, it was worth waiting for the skate park to be included in the Cross Park Master Plan.

This means that Cross Park has a design for the future rather than looking at the individual items in isolation. The consultation and planning to get the Skate Park and the Master Plan to this construction phase is as I have said before, an example of local government working at its best.

The Cotton Bush Local Law draft has been forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Local Government, Water Corporation, West Australian Planning Commission, Swan River Trust, Main Roads, and DEC for comment.

The letter emphasises the need for a coordinated response in the City and provides the opportunity for these agencies to meet with the City to determine how the issues should be managed.

A report detailing the results of consultation and the city's approach to enactment and compliance will be presented to the Development Services committee in September before subsequent presentation to Council.

Now is the ideal time to think about the upcoming fire season. A controlled burn or even just burning the Grass Tree skirts at this time of the year may save your house from a bush fire this coming summer.



**Cr Grant Nixon**  
0418449611



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*Caroline Wielinga and Grant Nixon*

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## The Penguin Club Makes 50 Years

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*Eileen Barrett*

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### Temperature

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Lowest Max 13.1 (26th)  
Highest Max 20.3 (2nd)

### July Rainfall

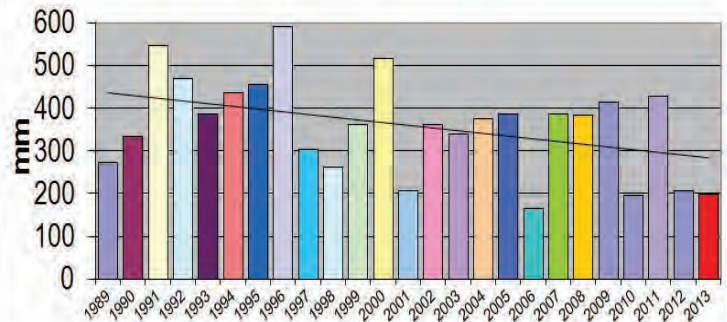
| Year | mm    | # days |
|------|-------|--------|
| 2007 | 274.2 | 19     |
| 2008 | 186   | 17     |
| 2009 | 221.6 | 22     |
| 2010 | 127.6 | 16     |
| 2011 | 225.6 | 21     |
| 2012 | 16.6  | 6      |
| 2013 | 160.4 | 13     |

July average 198.0 on 18 days

Average to July 31st 642.0 on 65 days

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## Pax: Paying Attention by Rev Lesley Borowitzka



*I've just returned from a trip to Southern Cross and beyond, driving through the eastern wheat belt for the first time.*

Names that I'd heard often: Meckering, Kellerberrin, Cunderdin, Merredin all came alive as the many straight kilometres stretched out. Flat country, far horizons and an enormous sky.

Seeing a very different landscape jolts me into seeing the hills around Roleystone with new eyes. Familiarity does breed contempt, or perhaps blindness.

The hills and valleys, the rocky outcrops, the tall trees of Roleystone even after a dry year are still green compared with the wheat belt.

I had forgotten to stop and just look. I haven't been paying attention to the changes in the seasons. I did notice the beautiful autumn colours of the orchards but only in passing. I have looked down on valleys blanketed with white fog, and looked up to hilltops lost in cloud and scarcely noticed-to my shame! Being busy meant that my mind was in my diary, or planning the rest of the day, not living in the present.

Not paying attention can rob us of so many wonders of life: missing words said to me that needed a thoughtful response. Or missing the wonderful word experiments of my grandson as he tries out new words and phrases. Missing the first moment that the orchard trees took on a yellow hue.

My wise spiritual advisor suggests this meditation exercise. Take a chair and a thermos into the bush and sit for an hour. In that hour, pay great attention to all

the details that can be seen and heard and smelt from that seat. Look carefully at the patterns on the leaves, the activities of the ants, the shadows. Listen carefully to all the different sounds of the birds, the wind ... Then sit for another hour and do it all again, and notice, with surprise, what you have missed the first time.

It's amazingly refreshing. It is not wasting time!!! I guess it could work even in a city street with lots of discipline. However, since we are so blessed in our bush surroundings here in Roleystone, let us enjoy them to the full.

Leaving Roleystone is another reason to open my eyes and look carefully at what I am leaving and pay attention to the wonderful people I am leaving.

This is my last contribution to the marvellous Roleystone Courier, as Michael and I are heading off for new adventures, and very different bush, in Tasmania. May God bless you all, good people of Roleystone.

Farewell.

## Thank You

Lesley agreed to take up the responsibility of writing what I refer to as 'The Spiritual Column' after David Bardsley left last year. Her columns have been exceptionally thought provoking.

She has tackled such difficult topics as: Leadership, Freedom and Dying, she has reflected on the changing of the Seasons and the aftermath of the Bushfires. In her articles, Lesley has shown her immense humanity. I thank her sincerely for her contributions to the Courier and also for her selfless dedication to St Christophers and the wider Roleystone Community.

Linda Moore

## Courier Deadline Dates

2013/2014

| Month     | Deadline       | Delivery     |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| SEPTEMBER | 21 August      | 31 August    |
| OCTOBER   | 18 September   | 28 September |
| NOVEMBER  | 23 October     | 2 November   |
| DECEMBER  | 27 November    | 7 December   |
| JANUARY   | no publication |              |
| FEBRUARY  | 22 January     | 1 February   |
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## Roleystone Bowls Report: Gerry Chapman



**New Bowlers**

Winter bowls is continuing and this occurs every Wednesday and Saturday, 12.30 pm for a 1.00pm start, weather permitting. This is a great chance to experience this great game.

Our Casserole Day is on Sunday 25th August. All are welcome to this fun event. Equipment is available. **New Members get 25% off annual fees.**

Also, Genesis in the Hills is providing Coffee & Cake vouchers to New Bowling Members, so now is a good time to join.

Everyone is welcome and we need you before the summer season. Ring 93975730 for details.

## The Latest from the Unplugged Crew!

It was great to see that not everyone was captured by 'Footy Fever' on Sunday 14th July. The 'Unplugged Acoustic Folk Root & Blues' hit a new 'high', truly moving into the international musical arena. It was a honour to welcome Mr Lin Zhong Jiang from China, here for a holiday.

Mr Lin Zhong Jiang managed to mesmerize everyone with his playing of the Erhu. The Erhu is a two-stringed  bowed musical instrument, which may also be called a "southern fiddle", and is sometimes known in the Western world as the "Chinese violin". It is used as a solo instrument as well as in small ensembles and large orchestras.

Add to that, new-comer John from across the Tasman, loaded with more than an arm full of instruments including a Double Bass, Violin and Guitar.

It was also a welcome back to Jim after an overseas trip back to Scotland. Jim gave us a little French touch, it being his birthday and Bastille Day, the National Day of France. A BIG thanks to everyone who came along to play and listen. You are all welcome to come and join us again on Sunday August 11th at the Roleystone Country Club at 3pm.

To find out more contact Mel: [mgyoung@westnet.com.au](mailto:mgyoung@westnet.com.au) or text 0406 190 822

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## TENNIS NEWS: TRACEY BACKHOUSE



### XMAS IN JULY

*Saturday 13th July saw us celebrate our Christmas in July Event – always a highlight on the annual calendar.*

This year, following successful invites and strengthening links with the Augusta Tennis Club, we extended our invitation to the Augusta Tennis Club members. We were delighted to be able to welcome 16 of their members who travelled from Augusta to join us.

Despite forecast gloomy weather, Saturday 13th July dawned as a beautiful crisp clear Roleystone winter's day. Tennis from 2.00pm with more than 30 people signing up on the board for rounds of tennis .... More than we could accommodate at one time on the 6 courts we have !!! Great social tennis with a wide range of ages, abilities and a lot of laughs.

The evening's festivities kicked off at 6.30pm with a full house, lovely catered Roast Dinner and entertainment comprising Monologues, Quiz Questions, Raffles, Games and even a 23 second Rubix Cube display.

Many thanks to all those who worked hard to make the day / evening a success and for your contributions to make the Roleystone Tennis Club a great family affair where all are welcome.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Roleystone Tennis Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 4th August commencing at 2.00pm. This will be followed by Tennis and afternoon Tea. We encourage all members to show their support and attend.



*Pictured top: Members of the Roleystone and Augusta Tennis Clubs.  
Above: The Roleystone Tennis Club President, Graham Boase and The Augusta Tennis Club President, Barry Godley.*

## City Invests in Local Equestrian Facilities

Upgrades on Palomino and Fletcher Park have recently been completed, allowing both parks to cater for equestrian activities in our community.

Since 2010 the City of Armadale has been working with seven local equestrian clubs in the area to develop a strategy for the provision and maintenance of space for their use.

Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones said early consultations with the clubs allowed the City to prioritise a list of works for upgrades to Palomino and Fletcher Parks so they could be used all year round and accommodate additional riders.

"Equestrian facilities are under pressure in a number of outer metropolitan areas as the increased level of development results in increased competition for land. Over the past 24 months we have consulted with local equestrian clubs to strategically consider how equestrian activity can continue in our high growth areas.

"Works at Palomino Park included a major upgrade of the main riding surface and the inclusion of a new sand area and fencing. Fletcher Park has had its grassed arena and competition sand arena redeveloped.

"The City has committed approximately \$65,000 per year for ongoing maintenance of the facilities which will be partially offset by user fees from the resident clubs," said Mayor Zelones.

The total project cost for Palomino and Fletcher Parks have totalled \$690,000 with a contribution of \$219,000 Department of Sport and Recreation Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

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## Astronomical Highlights August

**Greg Lowe,  
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The two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, are visible now - but at opposite ends of the night.

Venus is an evening object: the brilliant "evening star" that stands out in the WNW at dusk. Jupiter rises in the ENE in time to be visible low in the NE sky at daybreak. Do resist the temptation to call any object the morning star, or the evening star; an astronomer may be listening.

Planets aside, and Venus and Jupiter are the only ones that always are much brighter than any star, the stars follow a steady year-round progression that's easily modelled by a simple gadget known as a planisphere. It's not a planet-sphere, indeed most planispheres don't show the positions of planets.

A planisphere or star disc can be used to show where the brighter stars and the main constellations are at any time of night and at any time of year. The stars come back, in the same patterns and at the same times, in the same directions, year after year after year.

Planets don't: planet comes from the Greek for wanderer. If you cling to the childhood idea of an evening star (most kids aren't up early enough to see a morning star), the brightest star in the early evening, then it could be Alpha Centauri or Arcturus or Vega at this time of year.

Alpha Centauri's the outer pointer of the Southern Cross, located high up in the southern sky at nightfall. It's also the nearest star you can see at night. Arcturus is a bright yellowish star in the NW sky just after dark. At the same time, Vega is a bright white star low in the northern sky. All three are of comparable brightness, from our viewpoint. Their distances from us vary considerably: Alpha Centauri's about 4 light years away, Vega's 25, and Arcturus is about 37 light years from here. As the Earth goes along on its steady journey around the Sun, the view gradually changes. These three bright stars won't even be visible in the evening, a few months from now. There's no single "evening star".

In early August the evenings are moonless - Venus reigns supreme, and the Moon is a morning object. The waning crescent moon starts out quite fat on the 1st but dwindles to new moon, no moon, on the 7th. Then the waxing crescent, albeit a thin one, makes its appearance in the western sky at dusk on the 9th. On the 10th, Venus and the crescent moon will make a fine sight. On the 13th the Moon pays Saturn a visit. First quarter, evening half moon phase, is on the 14th. Full moon's on the 21st. Then it goes on the wane, with last quarter on the 28th.

## THE SENIORS HAVE XMAS IN JULY AT THE MANSE

A happy group from the Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club made their way to the Manse Restaurant in Armadale to celebrate Christmas in July on Friday the 12th.

Thirty enthusiastic participants enjoyed the fabulous food and ambience.

Thanks to Gary and the crew for their wonderful hospitality.

After leaving the Manse quite a number of the members ended up returning to the club for an entertaining and hilarious afternoon of carpet bowls.

If you are over 55 and have not yet joined the Seniors we urge you to give us a go.

**Albert Chambers**  
*President Roleystone Seniors*  
**Pictured at right:**  
*Olive and Arthur getting ready for dinner.*  
**President Albert and new member Betsy.**



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## Wild Gossip: Wild Life Carer Woes

*What a strange month it has been. I wonder if maybe the dry weather has been causing it or if there is some other reason.*

I have had numerous calls and admitted countless young recently, unfortunately most were too small to survive.

I had a dead bandicoot brought to me with 4 pouch young. All were less than 2cms long and sadly these young were too small to survive as their mouths are sealed around mum's teats and once they are removed they cannot reattach and so die.

I recently had a call from someone who had found a small possum on the ground, it seemed too big to have fallen from mum's pouch so probably was a back-rider. I suggested that the caller wait until dark, put the young possum up a nearby tree and observe from a distance to be sure that mum returned for her baby. Sadly the caller rejected my suggestion and asked me what to feed it. I offered to visit to check the possum for injuries and maybe take it to a vet if required but the caller hung up on me.

The following day, whilst out in Fremantle with my family, the caller contacted me as the possum was not eating or drinking. I explained that I was out for the day and suggested that the possum be taken to a vet. The caller protested that all vets were

too far away and that I should return home and take it to a vet as it was my job. I thought that I was a volunteer! I offered details of nearby vets but the caller hung up on me leaving me to wonder where the possum was and what became of it.

Over the past few days I have had repeated phone calls starting at about 7.30am whilst I was outside feeding, in each case the caller hung up without leaving a message. I live on an acre block so unless I am nearby, I cannot hear the phone or get to it before it stops ringing and if I take the phone with me coverage stops not far from the house.

On the good side, I had a lovely couple bring me a dead Western Grey kangaroo with a pinkie in her pouch (a pinkie is an unfurred joey) that they had encountered on Mills Rd near the roundabout.

The road changed a few years back but the Kangaroos, sadly, still use their old route. The lovely people were too frightened to remove the baby as at this point mum was still alive so they fetched the whole thing to me, then took mum to their property to bury her. The pinkie is bruised but doing very well. He lives in a soft sided eski on a heat pad for warmth and is eagerly drinking his bottles. The delightful little boy is yet to be named.

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

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"ECLECTIC" is the next exhibition at Genesis In the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant. This exhibition is by Edward J Beer, Janet Gardiner & Sandra Spindler who are 3 Members of the Armadale Society of Artists who paint together on a regular basis.

Eddie is a Kimberley landscape artist who now reside in Roleystone. He has had solo and group exhibitions in Broome and

group exhibitions in Perth. Eddie's work has been sold Internationally.

Janet is at her happiest when working with colour and enjoys exploring new methods of expressing herself. Sandy enjoys working in most mediums and particularly enjoys fine detailed work Both Janet and Sandy successfully exhibit locally.

Sandra Spindler



## Seniors Club August Calendar

Social afternoons every fourth Friday of the month, after carpet bowls.

All are welcome.

|                   |               |          |           |
|-------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| Every Tuesday     | Mahjong       | 12.30 pm | \$1.00    |
| Every Tuesday     | Pilates       | 5.30pm   |           |
| 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   |           |
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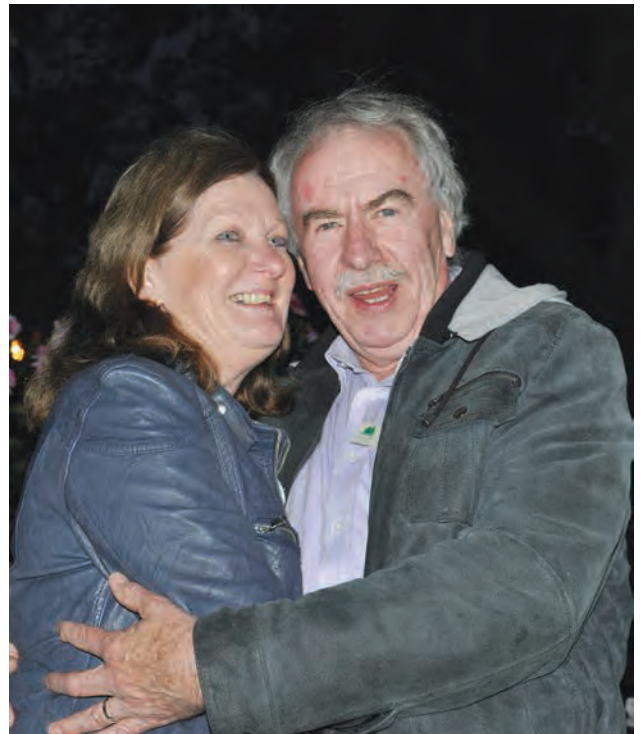
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