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Hannah Elizabeth Meharry

Brian and Suzanne Meharry, with big brother Hamish, welcome Hannah Elizabeth, born at KEMH on 6/8/13, weighing 3.87kg. Grandchild number 4 for John and Marian Meharry.



Abigail Sophia Phillips

Phillip and Tania Everett are very proud grandparents of their first grandchild Abigail Sophia Phillips, born on the 8th of July weighing 3.2kg. First time Parents Katie and Brad are enjoying their time together as a new family.



Mia Maria Ghilarducci

Gavin and Larissa Ghilarducci are overjoyed to welcome their daughter Mia Maria Ghilarducci. She was born on the 27th June and weighed in at 8lbs 15cm, Mia is their first child.

Very proud grandparents Angela and Jan Ghilarducci of Karragullen, are over the moon. Mia is their 6th grandchild. All are doing well.

LOTS MORE NEW BABIES



IT'S TULIP TIME @ ARALUEN



Happy First Wedding Anniversary Bec and BJ Moore

Married September 21st, 2012

September Cover

In 2011 the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre photography competition celebrated our beautiful natural environment. The photos were all based on Landscapes and Nature and some spectacular photographs were received. The picture on the front of the September Courier is a photo from this competition taken by Suzanne MacKenzie at Roleystone Pools. This month the RNFC is holding another competition, this time they want portrait photography. The categories will be Community and Family. See more information on page 17.



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A Fairy on A Unicorn Stops Traffic

On Sunday 11th August, Roley residents were treated to a great sight. 'A fairy with dreads riding on a unicorn!

This wondrous apparition was Kylie Smyth from Grumma Racing wearing her very special fairy costume and waving her magic wand! Kylie did the ride on her trusty unicorn (much to his disgust), Foxleigh Centurion, Orion, a beautiful big warm blood chestnut bred from Foxleigh Warmblood Stud.

Kylie wanted to say thank you to the generous support she received:

Thanks to all of the wonderful people who went out of their way to bring themselves and their children along to see Roleystone's very own special unicorn! The day was a massive success and our unicorn was a very good boy considering he had a very long break prior to the ride. He is indeed a very special boy.

Jessica Flynn-Mayer had also organised a ride through Springdale Bush Reserve on the same day, with all riders donating generously to the cause. This was followed up with some well deserved drinks and snacks while the horses socialised in the paddock. Jessica went out of her way to ensure that the day went like a breeze.

Our donations were directed towards the Coastal Horse Care Unit.

<http://www.coastalhorsecareunit.org.za/>

The mission of the Coastal Horse Care Unit is to protect horses from abuse and alleviate their suffering by rehabilitating, educating and building 'A World' where horses are used but not abused. CHCU is committed to the welfare of all horses and donkeys from all disciplines of equine involvement. It is a Rescue, Rehabilitation and re-homing centre for horses that are abused or neglected.

I am left speechless by the generosity and courtesy shown to me and Orion on the day of our ride.



Horses are not 'always' on their best behaviour and the drivers were wonderful taking so much care on the road. I am truly proud to have been able to see all the gorgeous kids with their generous hearts and amazing smiles with their just as amazing parents. In total we were able to raise \$420 and we received 47 Bits and 8 bridles and 4 halters.

ONLY in Roleystone could you ever witness such an event!

Keep a look out for the next procession through the streets.

Kylie Smyth

Armadale to Host WA Tourism Conference

The City of Armadale will host the annual state Visitor Servicing Conference from 18 to 20 September.

Over the past few decades of rapid urban growth, many have forgotten that Armadale was traditionally a place to visit and stay to enjoy the natural beauty of the foothills. Now it is again recognised as a tourist destination with day trippers and bed and breakfast businesses booming.

The Visitor Servicing Conference is expected to host guests and representatives from peak tourism bodies including the Visitor Centre Association of WA, Tourism Council Western Australia, Screenwest and Tourism WA.

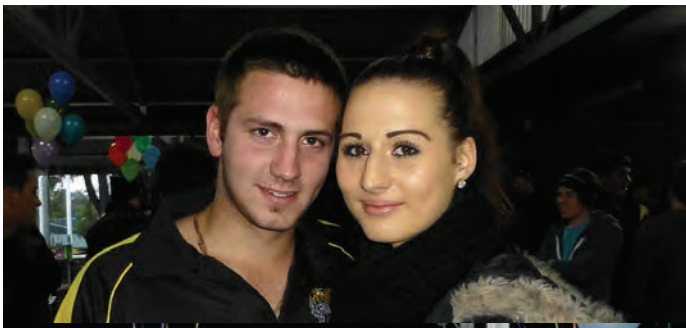
The conference will include the prestigious 2013 GWN7 Top Tourism Awards Gala Dinner.

"We are expecting guests from all over WA including leaders in the WA tourism industry. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase exactly why we are quickly becoming a tourist hotspot," said Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones.

"The City of Armadale is framed by undulating hills, serene valleys, fantastic orchards, award-winning restaurants and some of the most spectacular views in Perth.

"For years now we have seen visitors from all over the world fall in love with our City and it is thrilling to be able to share this with industry professionals," said Mayor Zelones.

Conference attendees will visit iconic locations including Araluen Golf Resort, Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Elizabethan Village, Armadale District Hall, Baker's House and Araluen Botanic Park.



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A winning year for Horseland Maddington

Local resident Jennie Luffman is overjoyed that the store she manages, Horseland in Maddington, has been awarded 'Store of the Year 2012-2013' at the National Horseland Awards Night held on Monday 5 August in Victoria.

Having taken out 'Top Performing Store' several months in a row, Horseland Maddington was a strong contender. The prestigious award was accepted by Jennie and her store manager Bree Mustchin.

In her acceptance speech, Jennie contributed the store's success over the past 12 months to her team, in particular Bree Mustchin and her predecessor Jill Fowles.

"This really is for my team. I don't know how I could have got through this year without them. They have been such a solid support and I am so proud of what they have achieved," Jennie said.

Jennie acknowledged it had been a tough year for her personally with the passing of her mother and the rebuild of her home, which was destroyed by the Roleystone/Kelmscott bushfire in 2011. Since the fires, Jennie had been living on a farm in Karragullen however has just returned to her newly constructed home in the Brookton Valley. But with her daughter still attending Mulberry Day care she is very much a part of the Roleystone Karragullen Community.

Jennie thanked her valued customers in making the past year such a success. She also extended her appreciation to the other Horseland franchisees in WA, highlighting the partnership between the four stores who work closely to deliver exceptional products and service to the WA equestrian community. Horseland Retail Manager, Andrew Floyd, agrees the WA franchise group work exceptionally well together.

"The team in WA work hand in hand to create a 10 out of 10 experience for their customers all year round. All four stores work tirelessly to give back to the community and provide for their customers," Andrew said.

Indeed Jennie and her team are adored by their customers and the community. Horseland Maddington is known for giving back to their local equestrian community, Pony Clubs, RDA, animal welfare groups, events and riders. The team celebrated their win with their all-important customers on Tuesday 27 August and it was a wonderful turnout. Well done Jennie and your team.

Pictured at the top of the page: Accepting the Horseland Store of the Year Award, from left to right: Andrew Floyd (National Retail Manager), Jennie Luffman (Horseland Maddington Franchisee Owner), Adam Bucknell (Managing Director) and Bree Mustchin.

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KARRAGULLEN EXPO 2013

Karragullen Expo celebrates its 30th Birthday on Saturday October 12th 2013, with an extravaganza of events for all ages. What started as a horticultural field day now boasts a community wide display, whilst still retaining its grass roots heritage.

Held annually at Karragullen incorporating the oval, hall and covered pavilion, the event has something for everyone.

This year features:

- Two fashion parades presented by Bourne Events. These will be truly electric shows of fashion, on a fully choreographed catwalk.
- "Beyond Gardens" television team of consultants landscapers, educators, environmental scientists and bush food

specialists available to answer all your gardening questions.

- History of Karragullen Pickering Brook presented by pioneer family member Tom Price and the Pickering Brook Heritage Group featuring a miniature replica of the Karragullen Railway Station originally situated adjacent to the Expo.
- 6PR's Sue McDougall and horticulturist Peter Coppin and Terry Freimond (specialist in avocado growing).
- Cooking demos by local identity Emily Primrose using local produce.
- A full array of horticultural machinery, gardening and hobby farming products displayed and demonstrated.
- Free Bouncy Castle, Animal farm and Pony Rides, fruit kebabs, fruit packs and Yates seeds catering for children.
- 300 mini-cupcakes to be given away to celebrate 30 years.
- Food and beverage provided by local community groups plus the traditional spit roast in the evening.

Without the continued support of sponsors this event would not be possible so we acknowledge among others:

Valle Verde Orchard, Countryman, Bendigo Bank, Gilberts Fresh Market, Spudshed, Roleystone Real Estate, Etherington, Mercer Mooney, Visy, A.Giumelli & Sons, AvoStar Quality Avocados, Forrest Rd Fresh, Kim Bradbury Chartered Accountant, Strathspey, Huhtamaki, Yates, Summer Fruit Sales, Harcourts, Fruitwest, Carmel Electrics and Riverglen.



Above left: Sue McDougall with Tom Price from Illawarra (2011 Expo) and above Alessia Ricupero cooking with Emily Primrose in 2012.

Keep the last Saturday of the school holidays October 12th 2013, free for a day of fun and entertainment.

Children 12 and under have free admission. For more information, directions and entry fee go to our website <http://www.karragullenexpo.org.au>

George Putland
Publicity Officer
Karragullen Expo

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Karragullen Expo 30th ANNIVERSARY

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**Roleystone
 Cub Scouts
 District Camp**

Nine members of the Roleystone Cub pack have returned from a fun 'Knights of Old' themed camp along with 80 other cubs from nearby packs. The camp was held at Nanga Mills bush camp near Dwellingup in the heart of Jarrah forest.

The cubs had fun throughout the weekend (dispite threatening rain!) with activities including stilt-walking, dressing-up, eating fun foods like dragon's scales (pitta bread cut into shapes) and obstacle courses. They 'stormed the castle' with powerful catapults and shot arrows with home-made bows.

Later this term, other cubs will attend the 'Endoro' camp. This 3-day cub camp is held every three years at the Manjedal Scout camp near Byford. Watch this space for pictures!

If you're interested in finding out more about Scouting then I encourage you to get in touch with the Roleystone group leader Robert Stirling (9397-9387 or rpstirling@bigpond.com). We have active sections from 7.5 years upwards.

Mark Thompson (Akela) - Roleystone Cub Scout leader



**MATT PLOWMAN GIVEN CERTIFICATE
 OF APPRECIATION FROM RCC P&C**

Recently two representatives from Roleystone Community College P&C surprised Matt Plowman at the annual Roleystone Bush Fire Brigade's Award Evening, when they presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the school community. Since the Roleystone/Kelmscott bushfires and the loss of the school library there has been a great deal of work on the school site to better prepare the area in the event of another bushfire. Matt has had significant involvement in this process.

He has also been involved in the development of a College Evacuation and Emergency Procedures Plan. The school recently published to parents and the wider school community this Emergency and Evacuation Plan and Matt assisted in the presentation at the Parents' Information Evening.

The P&C wanted to convey their appreciation of the time Matt has volunteered to develop this Plan.

Parents of children at the school can all feel a great sense of reassurance to know that if a decision ever had to be made to evacuate or lockdown the school, there is a comprehensive plan to manage the situation.

The College's families, staff and students are appreciative of Matt's ongoing contribution to ensure the College is well placed to respond to any emergency action in the future.

We are very grateful for all that he has done, the time he has given and the peace of mind we can feel knowing that this plan is in place.

Penny Walmsley

Penny is pictured with Matt Plowman and Fraser Williams



RNFC Thankyou Dinner

The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre had their annual 'Thankyou Dinner for 2013' in late July and the organisers asked us all to come dressed up in our 60's gear! (Some of us haven't moved out of this style of dressing yet!)

The staff and committee joined in with representatives from the various user groups and friends of the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre. Life Members: Sue and Butch Spry, Anne and Peter Thompson and Shelley Spicer helped to celebrate another wonderful year of the Centre's operation.

Following a roast dinner, the audience showed their appreciation for the many contributors who make the centre strong and vibrant. President Liz Agafonoff, thanked the wonderful staff, the committee, the many user groups and a wide variety of others who selflessly donate their time to keep the Centre strong.

RNFC Manager Sue Spry also gave her thanks:

'A huge thank you to the wonderful staff and the volunteers. You are marvellous. Thanks also to everyone who tutors or runs a class at the Family Centre. This place functions so well because of your fabulous work.'

To any Roleystone Courier readers who have some spare hours, centre staff would welcome you with open arms if you wish to help out. Readers are also alerted to the AGM that is coming up on the 24th September. If anyone would like to join the committee they will certainly welcome you.

Pictured:

1. Rod and Jen Durtanovich
2. Jacqui Passamani and her husband Hayden
3. Andrew Williams and Peter Hine
4. Sue Spry and Shelley Spicer
5. Butch Spry
6. Deanna White and Kitsiri from the Men Behaving Badly course
7. Joyce Arnott and her husband Michael



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Michael Courtney Beilby

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Mike had a long, busy and productive life. He was a teacher from 1960 to 1995 and Deputy Principal at East Maddington Primary School for the last 15 years. He built and sailed yachts and model boats and built and flew model planes. He was involved in numerous organisations.

In 1980 he and his wife Margo bought a bush block in Roleystone. Together they designed and built a passive solar house. Mike did much of the internal woodwork as well as building a pergola and a chook shed mainly from recycled materials. Apart from all his other hobbies and interests, Mike was one of the founding members of the Roleystone Dieback Group (now Roleystone Bushcare) for which he designed and made the first tree injectors.

These have been superseded, but Ian Colquhoun has said that one of them is to be donated to the Armadale History House Museum.

He also obtained a trailer for the group and set it up with all the group's equipment including a tank of water. For many years he was responsible for keeping it in his front yard and cleaning and checking its contents.

He was also a founding member of the Shire of Roleystone Karragullen Feasibility group. The group's meetings were held in his house in Valley View Rd (mainly for ease of parking).

He and Margo took on the task of researching the feasibility of road maintenance in the projected shire. He helped to prepare the Feasibility Study document which was presented to the community.

With other members of the group, he door knocked to obtain the necessary signatures to get a plebiscite on forming the separate Shire. The then Act required the signatures of over 50% of the resident ratepayers. That requirement was achieved but the City of Armadale claimed that there were less than 50% of the required signatures.

This was mainly because the electoral roll was hugely inaccurate with some people listed twice on the roll, (Mike and Margo were on the roll twice under both Beilby and Bielby), many people on the roll who no longer lived in the area (there was one house where the roll showed



5 different resident families) and many people long dead.

The City counted the raw numbers on the roll, even counting the non-resident electors specifically excluded by the Act.

(It's probably a good thing it didn't succeed as Roleystone and Karragullen would have been swallowed up by Armadale again under the present government.)

Mike had suffered lung problems for most of his life, especially the last two decades. He was also diagnosed with Parkinson's last year. By this year he was almost completely incapacitated, able only to shuffle around the house or sit and read or watch TV. This was intolerable to a person who had been as active as he had been.

As one of his last contributions to Roleystone, he gifted many of his workshop tools to the Roleystone Men's Shed. But he was too infirm to even visit the Shed and talk.

His mind was as sharp as ever but life had become a burden to him so he ended it with his usual decisiveness. Margo was beside him holding his hand as he died.

He will be sorely missed by friends and family but they respect his decision.

Margo Beilby

See also Mike's Obituary from Ian Colquhoun on p 44.

FATHER'S DAY STALL



ROLEYSTONE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
P & C

The annual Roleystone Community College Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 29th August. The Gift Creation Team has been busy ensuring that children will have a wonderful selection of gifts to choose from for their Dads. Children will have the opportunity throughout the day to attend the stall with their classes. Those students who are involved in the Interschool Cross Country will also be able to attend the stall during the day. The Father's Day, Mother's Day and Christmas stalls are significant fundraisers for the P&C. The P&C would like to thank the small but dedicated group of volunteers who donate many, many hours of their time ensuring that the students of Roleystone Community College continue to have this unique opportunity to make their parents smile on their special day.

Amy Boughton



HILLS ORCHARD
IMPROVEMENT GROUP

Time For War On Med Fly!

It is now time for producers and residents to stand side-by-side in this season's war on Med Fly!

With our reduced access to our usual defences, the community must now act as one if the local fruit production industry is to be saved. Controlling Med Fly does not have to be expensive or overly time consuming. Your local retailers (IGA and Roleystone Hardware) have traps at much cheaper prices than the big garden

warehouses, so why not save money and support local businesses? We will be informing producers about the best ways to protect our crops and we are more than happy to do the same for you. Remember, Med Fly do not just attack fruit, they will attack over 260 types of fruit, vegetables, flowers and nuts, so if you grow something, please consider it as a potential host.

Measures include:

Trapping - purchased or economical home made traps (which can be constructed in mere minutes) should be hung at selected places in your yard.

Baiting - Minimum of once per week. Mix a bait and your selected killing agent in a knapsack and apply 'splotches' (a mist is no good) to both fruiting and non-fruiting plants alike.

Monitoring - Always monitor trap numbers and if you see an increase, increase the frequency of baiting to twice per week.

Physical Barrier - Cover your tree to the ground with netting (weave must be less than 1.8mm) such as flyscreen, shadecloth or mosquito netting. This is a key element to protecting your crop.

Hygiene - Pick up any fruit that has fallen on the ground, or been struck on the tree. Place in a sealed bag in the sun for 5 days, or boil or freeze the fruit. Never throw it in the bin untreated as the maggots will just develop at the tip and return to the Hills.

Tree Management - If trees have grown too high for you to pick or maintain under control, cut them back to manageable levels.

Abandoned Trees - report abandoned trees, which are a perpetual source of fruit fly, to DAFWA on (08) 9368 3333.

Communication - Offer to help a neighbour or a friend with their trees.

There are websites available to assist residents. They contain a wide range of information on control methods (including recipes for home made traps).

Please visit:

HOIG Website : www.hoig.org.au and click on the Residential tab. Click the Fruit Fly Action Group tab, then Documents then the HOIG Fruit Fly Survey which details damage levels sustained by growers last season.

DAFWA Website : www.agric.wa.gov.au

FRUIT FLY ACTION GROUP

LOCAL STUDENTS COMMENDED FOR THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Trent Bosley was one of 51 students from Lesmurdie Senior High School who achieved outstanding results in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools this year. Two High Distinctions, 15 Distinctions and 44 Credits were awarded to students in Years 8, 9 and 10.



'These Competitions and Assessments are independent evaluations of students' skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into student's understanding.

'The skills and understandings tested are important indicators of success in school and beyond', said Nick Connolly, Senior Manager Test Development at Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW Global.

'I would like to recognise the participation of students from Lesmurdie Senior High School with Certificates and congratulate them on their efforts and achievements'.

Katherine Harrington
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Editorial

LINDA MOORE SEPTEMBER 2013

I have inherited a latent History gene. I think it is only just surfacing now that I am in my 'more mature years'.

I clearly recall as a spotty and quite arrogant 16 year old telling the venerable and hugely respected Ivor T. Birtwistle (who contributed a huge amount to our area and West Australia in general) that 'kids of my generation don't give a hoot about History'.

Five years later I had developed a greater appreciation that was piqued when I travelled overseas to view the amazing Pyramids and the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers - the sites of the dawn of civilization. After visiting Europe and seeing some amazing sights where world changing events occurred, I returned full of passion and informed everyone that Australia had no 'real history'. History that is less than five hundred years old was of no consequence to me - then.

My Mother was the Curator of History House Museum in Armadale for over twenty years and she smiled wisely and waited for my latent local history and genealogy gene to click in. Well Mum, it has happened! I can certainly declare that it has surfaced - with a vengeance.

These days, I find the stories of the pioneers of our local area amazing. I often stand and stare and imagine how a scene was viewed by folks: 50, 100 or even 200 years ago. What were their lives like, did they feel and love and laugh like we do today? How would I have coped with their challenges? These are the questions that make History interesting to me.

A lot of this interest has fed my regular inclusion of snippets in the Courier labelled: 'From The Archives'.

We have such a rich trove of stories from our area but without re-visiting and documenting these stories they fade as the old people who hold these stories as memories pass on.

Recently, I discovered a newspaper report on a visit to the Canning Timber Mills (the first instalment was printed last month and it is continued this month see p32 -33). I often despair about the unkempt condition and disarray of the historic site of Canning Mills.

This was a hugely important location and it is a travesty that we have done little to preserve what is left or educate our local residents about why it was significant. Most folks do not even know where the site of the Canning Mills Settlement is and when they visit, there is little to show them what they are looking at.

Canning Mills is not alone. On my wall I have a beautiful pre-1900's picture of Buckingham's Mill. It is a fabulous picture but as we drive over the 'new bridge' and admire the immense engineering feat, spare a thought for the first industry that occurred in this location. This Timber industry at the time contributed a significant proportion of Western Australia's income.

So out of this passion for history has come an urge to write books of our magical past. The first one is complete, the second one is well underway and it is set in Canning Mills, Karragullen and early Armadale/Kelmscott.

I have included a photo of me with the first book 'Secrets Mothers Keep' (read all about this on page 31). The photo was taken in front of Buckingham's Mill which does occur in the book. I hope to keep the knowledge of these wonderful places 'alive' by creating stories which took place in these locations.

So, I hope you enjoy this September Courier. There is such a lot going on in our amazing community.

*Happy Reading
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WHY SRI LANKA

Ken and Jean Henrickson and Maureen and Kelvin Oliver organised a private guide and his van for a 19 day tour of Sri Lanka. 'Papa' of 'Srilankarountours' proved to be a good choice.

We found small private tours provide a great way to get close to the local people and their culture rather than impersonal large group tours.

Day 1 we found ourselves at the local fish market of Negombo. An open beach with dozens of old wooden boats, as often seen on our news bulletins, with dozens of fish species being gutted and filleted then spread out on hundreds of large straw mats to dry in the sun. The crows and gulls clean up the scraped out innards. Our sight and nostril senses exploded. Then in the wet fish section with even more species being dissected, Ken's eyes sparkled with all the fresh seafood. We bought some fish, prawns and other bits and took them to a local, very small, home run restaurant where the owner gladly prepared a magical local feast. Day 3 and off we go covering just under 1500km to Anuradhapura, Trincomalee, Dambulla, then into the central highlands including the almost 'Austrian Alps' city of Kandy surrounded by misty mountains covered with tea plantations and draped with water falls. Then down to the south coast around the ancient Portuguese/Dutch city of Galle (one of the more touristy towns) before back to Negombo to fly out to Bangkok.

At Anuradhapura, Maureen and I found

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Editor

ourselves at the Buddhist full moon ceremony with about 500,000 Buddhists in an area the size of the Claremont Show Grounds. An experience never to be forgotten.

We never felt unsafe or unwelcomed. With 40,000 being killed by the 2004 tsunami and many more maimed, their houses and business destroyed and a similar fate awaiting many others during the internal wars, the local people are without doubt some of the most friendly and helpful souls we have ever had the pleasure in meeting.

There were 2m long monitor lizards crossing the roads, mongooses and other exotic animals not to mention hundreds of monkeys everywhere. One morning Jean awoke to find two monkeys in a loving embrace on her balcony railing. Watching intensely she shrieked when the female lost her grip of the railing and fell 3 floors into the shrubs below. Typically the male had a scratch, turned his back and wondered off with a look of self-satisfaction.

With fragrant, spicy and varied curries to mix with gorgeous fluffy rice and fresh roti breads for breakfast, lunch and dinner we were in curry heaven. But after the first 10 days or so we were becoming curried out so we began to seek alternative local specialties. Unfortunately the range of other foods in a limited number of restaurants was somewhat restricted.

Sri Lanka may not be a shopper or gastronomes paradise but it's more. The scenery from coast to misty mountains is beautiful, the soft green carpet of rice paddies, the people are lovely, it's not westernised and above all it's honest. If you want an old Asian experience go to Sri Lanka but use a local family based tour operator.
Kelvin Oliver

WARNING

Warning to locals: reports of thefts from isolated car parks

There have been two reports of break-ins to cars at car parks on Thompson Rd over the last month. At the last occasion the perpetrators were seen and were driving an older model Commodore or similar model station wagon, dark brown or purple. The vandals smashed the car windows even tho' the car had been left purposefully unlocked. Visitors to walk trails and dams in the area are warned to be vigilant and not to leave any valuables in their cars.

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DANCEFIT Opens

Local dance fanatic, Megan Blakely, recently fulfilled her dream of opening up her own studio!

This is located behind 'Tippys Pizza' in Kelmscott and Roleystone Courier readers are invited to come in and visit any time.

Megan is the owner of 'DanceFit Dance Academy and Personal Training'; a new, fun & funky way to get involved in Dance & Fitness. The business has grown from their first classes in 2011 and now offers a variety of classes for boys, girls and adults. They offer private lessons, one on one personal training & group personal training. Dance Fit has: Jazz, Hip-hop, Acrobatics and ballet available and they take children as young as 2 years old.

Megan, the Principal of DanceFit, has over 15 years of experience in the industry. She studied in Melbourne at Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance for 18 months & at Principle Academy of Dance in Perth where she graduated with her Diploma in Performing Arts as a Dance Major. From there she went on to get her Certificates 3 & 4 in fitness. 'DanceFit is all about having fun and learning to dance. We cater for all level of dance experience & we allow the students to relax and express themselves in a pressure free environment,' said Megan.

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Springtime is upon us once again and the Araluen Gift Shop is a hive of activity.

Thousands of boxes have arrived (well so it seems) and the garden staff have happily delivered them to the shop and disposed of the empty cartons. Thanks also to the Chalet and office staff for their help and support.

The Roundhouse is now brimming with a fantastic assortment of beautiful gifts, silk flowers and a large variety of quality souvenir items including tea towels made in Australia, which will be of interest to those coming from overseas. As you enjoy the magnificent tulip display why not treat yourself to one of the edible kind made locally, especially for our spring celebration and only available from the Roundhouse Gift Shop.

Sandra, Penny and I, along with our dedicated volunteers, welcome you all to experience this wonderful time of the year. Come and visit us soon.

Patricia Derrett

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THE CHICKENS & THE EGGS

The children at Mulberry Tree Childcare are overjoyed!

They had a project to get fertilized chicken eggs and

watch them as they hatched, they went right through the incubation and the little chicks hatched and then they watched them grow. They are now adults laying their own eggs. The children now get to feed them and collect the eggs every day.

The cycle of life has gone a full circle.

*Rebecca and Kathy
Mulberry Tree Day Care*



VALE ROSS HAMILTON

In deepest sympathy.

Ross Hamilton passed away on Wednesday 21st August.

Ross had worked at Roleystone Family Meats for 18 years. He died after a short illness. Brian and Sandy Weir would like to offer their deepest condolences to the family and thank him for his many years of loyal service and friendship.

Recently the Rotary Club of Armadale held their Annual Changeover Dinner at the Roleystone Country Club.

Throughout the world, from the World President to officers in our local clubs, all positions change with new Presidents being inducted to their new office. Changeover is also a time to reward not only Rotarians but members of our local community for service which they have rendered, usually over an extended period and not necessarily for Rotary.

This year it was appropriate to award Brian Weir of Roleystone Family Meats a "Paul Harris Fellow" for his dedicated service in assisting not only Rotary but the wider Roleystone Community of sporting and community groups.

Geoff Woodard, who has been a member of Rotary for thirty years, says that he can recall Brian assisting many clubs from those early years.

Paul Harris founded Rotary International in Chicago in 1905 with the motto, "Service Above Self" which reflects the spirit of the wide-ranging community projects undertaken by members across the globe.

In 1957, The Rotary Foundation created the [Paul Harris Fellow](#) Award, the awarding of which is Rotary's way of honouring deserving members of Rotary and the community. Brian Weir was considered a very worthy recipient.

The Rotary Club of Armadale meets most Tuesday evenings at the Armadale Bowling Club and welcomes, without obligation, enquiries from potential members. For further information about Rotary International or Rotary Membership call Geoff Woodard on 0407 424 160.



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(a device which see things smaller than a human eye). It was put over peoples' arms, hair, eyes and even up someone's nose. This was really cool and got the attention of just about everyone in the room.

Then they talked about careers in science, how maths and science are involved in careers and a few quizzes. This was when we got to use our little remote device. They asked us questions to do with the golden ratio (a mathematical measurement of beauty in one's face). We also looked at some videos of certain careers and had to vote for which one we wanted to watch. The presentation was fun and interesting. It showed us how important science really is.

By Shane Allison
Year 10

The multi-media presentation was called 'Beyond the Beaker', and taught us that science and maths are involved in absolutely everything we do in everyday life.

We watched video clips about people with different careers in science and learnt that studying maths and science opens many different career pathways.

The presentation was very interactive; the students were given automatic response systems each, at the start of the presentation, which enabled us to partake in the quizzes. There were live experiments and the presentations were fun and interesting at all times. It was a pleasure to have them visiting our College.

By Emma Truffet
Year 8



'Beyond the Beaker'
Scitech Visit

On Wednesday, 16 of August, two women from SciTech came out to the College and talked to us about science and jobs that use science. The presentation, called 'Beyond the Beaker', was shown on an overhead projector. They gave us a little TV like remote, which was pretty weird and later used it to interact with the presentation.

The women got started with talking about a set of glasses. They talked about who made them and how if you look through them you see things upside down. The man who invented them wore them for seven days and later saw everything upside down for the rest of his life. Two volunteers were picked and put on the glasses. Then they had to throw a ball to each other, which was quite amusing and didn't go so well. The next thing we did was look at things using a Dino light



SUPA IGA Competition
Winners

Roleystone Supa IGA Raffle, One Direction Chupa Chup Tin. Winner Dana Folley above. Roleystone Supa IGA Competition, Guess How Many Lollies In The Jar. Winner Melissa Nicholson pictured below with her family.



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Join Tiina and co-host Helen Frost of Red Hot Health for a night of nutritional education and support the children's charity Nutrition Plus at the same time.

Like all Mums, Tiina has been through that journey of sick kids and trips to the doctor. But, not content with this as a reality, she embarked on a crusade to rid her family of illness. From this, she discovered that if you give the body the right tools, it is equipped to maintain good health and vitality. Now Tiina is passionate about good health and sharing the simple 'tools' she has discovered with everyone seeking better health.

She will be hosting a movie night featuring the movie Hungry For Change bringing the latest in nutritional thinking to her local community. Endorsed by international peak performance expert Anthony Robbins, who called the film 'inspiring' and said

it will 'transform your health', Hungry For Change features interviews with healthy food crusader Jamie Oliver, as well as best-selling authors and leading medical experts.

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Often we have been lulled into thinking that being overweight, having food allergies, feeling sluggish or run down and using daily medications is just part of life and ageing. It's not true and with access to solid information, we can start making better choices for our health. This film helps us help ourselves and shows us how to take control of our health and weight – naturally.

On the night, leading Perth nutritional educator Helen Frost will be available to host a Q&A and explain some of the tools she and Tiina have discovered.

Entry to the movie night is free, with the request for a donation to Nutrition Plus, a children's charity supporting better nutrition in remote schools. Seating is limited so please register with Tiina on 0417 45 45 65 or feelhealthywithjuiceplus@gmail.com to secure your seat.

RNFC Photography Competition

The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre is again inviting locals to enter their 'best snaps' for consideration for the Photography Competition.

Photos must be submitted by the 3rd September at 3pm. This year the categories are 1: Roleystone Community or 2: My Family.

Entries will be on display on the 7th and 8th of September. Visitors are invited to vote for the People's Choice and Highly Commended Awards.

The display opens on Saturday 7th, the only day to vote for your favourite piece, so why not come

and check it out after voting in the Federal Elections.

SueAnn Tilby, will be displaying her beautiful work along with other local artists. There will be many things to see and everyone who comes will be able to vote for the people's choice prizes, so come and support your favourite photographs.

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Why not enter your pet animal in the Children's Farmyard Nursery? There is even a pet-rock division! For more information, don't hesitate to contact the friendly Stewards in charge of the respective divisions; they are always happy to help and keen to see the competition between local talent.

Vaughan James



MEN'S SHED SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Well, after a lot of negative progress due to the recent vandalism attacks, I am very pleased to report that since the five culprits were caught, hauled down to the Armadale Police Station and their parents informed, there have been no further incidents! In addition, although it has been at some cost, we now have various security measures in operation, so if you think you are being watched, smile!

On the positive side, we have various projects in hand. The Roleystone Gymnastics Club has asked us to make some items for their young gymnastic members to practice on. In addition, we are making two items for the next Roleystone Markets, progressing funding for the Roleystone Bowls Club to make their bowling ball boxes and Chris J is moving his Bird Box project forward. We will, of course, be attending the next Roleystone Market and will be manning a stall and have the Shed open for visitors.

I'm very happy to announce that Fidock & Co Real Estate, has agreed to sponsor us for this coming year. As part of the sponsorship package, Rob asked us to man a sausage sizzle that was held at the shopping centre on Saturday 17th August. He provided the consumables, all we had to do was run the BBQ. I'm pleased to report that we made a considerable sum of money to help with our running costs at The Shed, by charging a 'gold coin' donation. A big thank you to Fidock & Co Real Estate, for their sponsorship and their help with the sausage sizzle.

Pictured above: Rob, Arthur, David, George, Eugene, Gerrit, Phil and Andrew - armed and dangerous!! Phil Aked, Roleystone Men's Shed.

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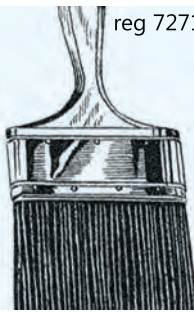


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Many Roleystone people will be saddened to hear that Wendy Weaver, who has been a very active participant across our community over many years, is facing a massive battle as she fights with an inoperable tumour.

Wendy has faced her battle with stoic optimism and has kept family and friends in the loop through all of the stages of her treatment. She has managed to put a positive and funny spin on every painful stage. Wendy has entered the time when pain relief and palliative care are now her only options. We wish her all the best and great joy from her



family, as she shares very precious moments with them. Wendy, you have made a difference to so many people's lives and to our community. We love you dearly and this is surely an example of life again being totally unfair.

Linda Moore



SPRING CLEAN MARKETS AND CAR BOOT SALE

The next Roleystone 'Spring Clean' Market will be held on Sunday 8th September, from 9am until 2pm. It will feature a 'Car Boot' Sale, with bays available to anyone with treasure to sell. The cost is only \$10 and yo book a bay contact Maria Ford on: 0407 985 319.

The last market saw the first 'Unique Machine Display' with people from all over bringing their unique and interesting machines along for the public to see. This was such a success we have decided to open the gates and hold the display again. Should you have an Unique Machine to display, contact Wendy Vanderlaan on: 0408 920 817 to book in.

The markets offer a distinctive mix of quality art, craft, provisions and produce, the committee attempts to keep the products as locally produced as possible and again we have a wonderful and varied range of stall holders booked in to sell their wares.

There is plenty for everyone to do; for the children there will be a Bouncy Castle and Small Animal Farm, both for just a gold coin donation for entry. Pony Rides and Face Painting will be available too.

For those not so interested in shopping there will be a Unique Machine Display, musical entertainment, plenty of delicious food vendors and of course our wonderful stall holders.

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Caren Dorman



Letter to the Editor

My Favourite Restaurant

Without any doubt, the most consistently delicious meals I have eaten in Perth over the last 6 years have all emanated from the loving kitchen at the Genesis in the Hills Restaurant in Roleystone. Many peaceful afternoons have been shared with dear friends over a relaxing meal in its picturesque leafy surroundings. I am constantly amazed how the care and generosity of Rivka and Ita are manifest in every mouthful of every dish they serve from their perfectly crafted menu. Like only the finest artworks, or the most beautifully crafted music, there is never anything unbalanced in any of their dishes, which are always perfectly poised ensembles of the freshest, locally sourced ingredients that never fail to satisfy. And of course one cannot forget to mention the extraordinary array of freshly baked cakes that always bring a broad grin to my face every time I arrive. Every time I leave, I walk peacefully to the car in the knowledge that I will be back at the earliest opportunity.

Chris Malcolm

Director, John Curtin Gallery



It's The Staff Who Make Genesis Special

September marks the sixth birthday for Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant. This picturesque and popular eating place on Croyden Road has become a Mecca for vegans and vegetarians across Perth; owners Ita and Rivka believe that much of the reason for their fabulous success hinges on their wonderful staff.

Barista, Guy, has proved very popular with clients. His easy friendly manner is completely disarming. Guy reflected on his experiences while working at Genesis.

'I have met lots of lovely people while working here. Over the last two years, a major highlight for me has been meeting James and learning to sign so that we can communicate.'

James does not speak or hear but that certainly has not held him back. Not long after commencing work he insisted on waiting tables and working 'front of house' and this has been a huge success. James easily communicates with the customers and they respond very well to him.

'I have learnt so much while working here. Everybody has embraced me for being deaf and I feel part of this wonderful community,' James reflected.

Rivka is assisted in the kitchen by Kathleen and Tracy. Local, Kathleen Stokes has worked here for two and a half years and she reflected on why she first came to work at the restaurant.

'This was my favourite place to eat while I was growing up. And I knew I wanted to learn to cook from Rivka - she is an amazing cook. Now it has become like family here.

I love it.'

So as their sixth birthday approaches Ita reflects:

'This restaurant was our dream and now its success means so much to us. The highlight is definitely the opportunity to be part of this wonderful community. We have met so many inspirational people.'

Clients travel from far and wide to sample the treats from the vegetarian restaurant and join in with the many and varied events that are scheduled. The restaurant has provided a venue for a range of events from exhibitions, to musical recitals to the very popular, monthly Jazz performances.

'Live Jazz' has been going since the beginning and has featured some of WA's finest Jazz musicians.

The exhibitions have also been very popular and they are now booked out for over a year. Happy Birthday Genesis and may you continue to thrive and grow into the future.

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RCC Students Perform at WACSSO

The RCC choir students performed at the 79th Annual Conference of The Western Australian Council of State School Organisations earlier this month - to rave reviews.

Mrs West and her Year 5/6 Choir were invited to sing and the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the delegates and guests in attendance at the Astral, Crown Perth at Burswood.

Mrs West said 'it was a wonderful experience for the students. They all behaved extremely well and performed beautifully.'

Photos taken by Kapture Photography from the 2013 W A C S S O Conference.

Vicki Sallur
Publicity
RCC



Amy Mackenzie, daughter of Suzanne & Brian Mackenzie, turned 21 yrs of age on the 18th August. She celebrated with family and friends at home in Roleystone. Amy attended RDHS & LSHS and now is a hairdresser at Karizma Hair Studio. Amy is about to celebrate turning 21 in style as she sets off on a trip of a life time to the USA just a week after her 21st birthday.



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LOCAL STUDENTS REACHOUT TO MANILA

Two local teenagers, Jenna Phipps and Adelane Hawkins, returned last month from a pilgrimage to impoverished communities in Manila in the Philippines.

The senior students at John Wollaston Anglican Community School had this opportunity through the annual Reachout Programme, organised by the Anglican Schools Commission.

The students spent two weeks experiencing what it was like to live among communities which are materially poor yet rich in spirit and life experience.

The pilgrimage was led by The Reverend David Lord, Reachout Coordinator for the Anglican Schools Commission.

Both students said the experience was life changing and that neither expected it to be such an emotional journey.

"I have learnt so much from my pilgrimage, but I think the most important thing I learnt was to love everyone unconditionally and treat everyone as family," said Jenna Phipps.

Adelane Hawkins said, when it was time for her to leave:

"I burst into tears, it finally hit me how much I loved these kids and how much they have changed me into a better person already."

"In those short five days I had never felt so happy and loved in one place," said Adelane. Accompanying teacher Lauren Downing said

she was privileged to be a part of this opportunity. "It was such a special experience and I feel very fortunate to have been able to make even the smallest difference in these remote communities," said Ms Downing. Principal Anne Ford says it is important that John Wollaston students develop a wider sense of community. "The benefits to participants in terms of an opportunity to serve others, develop interpersonal skills, and perhaps most importantly, reflect on one's own life, were a significant catalyst for personal growth."

ADELANE COMMENTS....

The best aspect for me personally was being with the kids. They make you feel like you are the most important person. So I made sure that I did the same for them. Every single kid was so happy and they would be more fascinated with a balloon rather than a video game. The kids love education and they take nothing for granted. I now have another family whom I hope to visit again. This trip has allowed me to personify poverty. I have met people in this situation. The thing that hit me the hardest was that they were happy, regardless of their circumstance. I feel a passion to help all in poverty, even at home in Perth where we have homelessness. Overall, even though there were times of difficulties, I am pleased I went as now I am more focussed on what to do in the future. I would recommend this to anyone who wants to see change in these amazing communities. But remember it will also change you. There was certainly no time or space for a holiday! Adelane Hawkins, Roleystone



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The first of Araluen's renowned tulips and other spring floral treats are in bloom, the creeks are flowing, the birds are chirping and the popular Araluen Train is running. This irresistible combination beckons visitors to take advantage of this very special time at Araluen Botanic Park, Roleystone.

'Camera enthusiasts now have even more incentive to photograph the beauty of Araluen through a photo competition that features great prizes,' according to Araluen Botanic Park Foundation General Manager, Rod Ross.

The photo competition commences on Saturday 24 August.

It will be promoted in the Travel Section of the West Australian and details may be accessed by visiting www.araluenbotanicpark.com.au/photo-comp.

Prizes include: a 3-Day Accommodation stay at Seashells, Yallingup, an Armadale Dining, Accommodation and Golf package, Breakaway Accommodation and Breakfast packages at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle by Rydges and Gerry Gibbs Camera House vouchers.

Competition judging will be conducted through Curtin University via the Curtin Marketing Association and Curtin School of Marketing.

"The internationally recognised Camellias are peaking, with Magnolias, Rhododendrons and many, many more exotic and native spring blooms bursting into floral splendour... including the ever-popular tulips," he adds, "Araluen is a living legacy of a special bygone era and just the perfect place to spend quality time with family and friends, especially at this time of year."

With flowing streams and waterfalls, stunning gardens, beautiful scenic bush walks, idyllic picnic and BBQ areas, heritage structures (including the ambient Chalet Healy Tearooms and Roundhouse Gift Shop) as well as the ever-popular Araluen Train (weather permitting), there's plenty to do and see.

Local visitors are encouraged to consider coming on weekdays to avoid potential heavier traffic and parking loads on weekends. Araluen Botanic Park is open every day from 9am to 6pm. Simply phone 9496 1171 or visit the website – www.araluenbotanicpark.com.au



*The tulips are in bloom now.
Above: Sandra Schmidt with a few of the blooms.
Photo taken by Grant Nixon.*

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Springtime at Araluen Botanic Park is the best time to see one of the State's top tourist attractions at its beautiful, blooming best.

And it's also the ideal time to capture on camera breathtaking images of the 100,000 tulips and countless daffodils, jonquils, azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias and lilacs on show.

To enter, you can upload your finest Araluen photographs to araluenbotanicpark.com.au/photo-comp and if the People's Choice and Curtin University judges select yours you could win great

prizes, including a 3-day Seashells, Yallingup Resort stay, 1-night Breakaway package at Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges and an Armadale overnight stay, dinner and golf package; or win one of two Gerry Gibbs Camera House new technology poster print vouchers.

The Park is open from 9am to 6pm each day.

For all the competition and other details call us on 9496 1171 or visit araluenbotanicpark.com.au





Firearm Licensing Helen Morton MLC

I recently hosted a meeting for members of Sports Shooting Clubs, stores and individuals of the shooting industry. Many residents of the Roleystone area are involved in Sports Shooting and my office has been contacted a number of times regarding the recent increases in licensing fees. My friend and colleague, the Hon Liza Harvey, Police Minister attended and answered questions about the reasons for the increases, as well as outlining steps that were being taken to look at the

Act to try and streamline the process.

I know that it is a subject that a lot of people are passionate about, and any changes that make it harder for people to participate in the sport have the potential to drive guns underground, which nobody wants. My office is noting all of the correspondence that comes in, and forwarding it to the Minister where appropriate, but I want to hear your views on the matter, so I can best represent your interests in Parliament.

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Letter to the Editor

US Fruit Imports

Locals would be well aware that the first ever shipments of US stonefruit have arrived on Australian shores and retail shelves. Whilst consumer choice has to be and is respected, there is always a down side to produce importation.

California is home to 17 different species of fruit fly, the worst being Suzuki Fly. A pest that caused over US\$500m of crop losses in 2008 alone. A pest so genetically superior to our own Med Fly that it would most likely eliminate it from our backyards due to its vastly quicker breeding and reproduction period.

This at a time when local growers are struggling to control Med Fly in our own orchards due to restricted applications of our best defense, fenthion. The residential population has been left with even fewer options. Whilst there are quarantine protocols in place to reduce the risk of Suzuki Fly entering Australia, no system is perfect and no one is willing to give us any guarantees of protection from this vicious pest. This is not an industry trying to protect its market share, it is an industry trying to protect itself from new pests and diseases.

So next time you are considering a choice at the retail shelf, remember a dollar spent on foreign produce is a dollar not spent on local produce and that dollar spent on foreign produce just may be the one that opens the door to pests and diseases entering our country. At a time when industry is desperately trying to reduce chemical usage, these risks are the last thing anyone needs. Consumers or producers!

Brett Del Simone

Roley Club News



The Roleystone Country Club has had an extremely busy time since the AGM with all of the new committee working extremely hard to get the Club ready for our busy spring period.

Our new caterers continue to receive rave reviews from our members and their guests. Most Friday nights are fully booked and both Wednesday and Saturday nights are now attracting excellent numbers to Windows on Wygonda Family Restaurant.

The new Spring Menu will be launched in the first week in September so make sure you ring the Club on 93975665 and make a booking to try out Chef John's fantastic new offerings.

Our Members would also have noticed that the Cottage has now been completed and it looks amazing! The renovations have brought it back to its glory days of the 40's and 50's. The Club has signed a 12 month lease with one of our regular members, who is looking forward to enjoying the refurbished premises.

Some forthcoming functions during September are:

The Bowls Division Open Day

This will be held on the 15th September so give Tony 0418909704 or Sylvia 94962973 a call if you would like to know more about this event.

AFL Grand Final

We will be holding a BBQ from 12 noon on the 28th September.

Father's Day on the 1st of September

We will be hosting a Breakfast Buffet from 9-12 so ring the Club and get your booking in early so you don't miss out.

The Chase the Joker Competition

This has restarted with a new and exciting concept 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, WJ & K.S. Automotives and Brickcarters W.A. The prize money has now jumped to over \$1300, so come on down to the Club on Mondays and Wednesday nights to be in the draw. This takes place between 6.30pm and 7.00pm.

The refurbishment of the Club is nearly completed with new furniture in the Restaurant, the awning installed on the south-eastern corner, the new kitchen equipment installed, a new hot water system and all external painting completed.

So, come on down and join the Club, to take advantage of the facilities and have a quiet drink with some of the 350 Members and their Guests.

Michael Hansen

President, Roleystone Country Club

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Roleystone Local Wendy Lamotte MP Candidate



Long-term Roleystone resident Wendy Lamotte said she was prompted to join the Palmer United Party after hearing from many members of the community of the difficulties facing their families or businesses.

"Local residents are tired of the two party duopoly and are ready for a Real Change" Wendy said.

"I am a third generation West Australian and I have lived in Roleystone for over 15 years. I am a mother, a business owner and an active community member.

"The residents of the Canning Electorate are in need of a Federal representative who will not only listen but ACT to their everyday struggles and is committed to achieving the best for the electorate."

"Many local residents are struggling with the high cost of living and the current sitting member for Canning appears to have been doing little to alleviate the stresses of many families over the past 12 years" she said.

Wendy says that Mr Randall cannot possibly be in touch with the thoughts and concerns of Canning voters when he does not reside in the seat and is untouched by local issues.

"Mr Randall lives in Waterford which is in the electorate of Swan, several suburbs away from our Canning district" Wendy said.

Having lived through the Roleystone 2011 fires, Wendy said she is acutely aware of the value and commitment of our Roleystone Volunteer Fire Service. "I will work with the Fire Service to ensure the valuable service is appropriately supported" Wendy said.

Roleystone is a hub of small business activity, especially the local orchardists.

"One of Palmer United's central policies it to cut down on compliance," Wendy stated.

"It's evident that excessive regulation is literally strangling small business. We need to simplify systems to let small business owners focus on their core business, rather than wrestle with excessive regulatory requirements that distract them from what they are good at."

"A vote for Palmer United Party will give them, and the Hills economy, a significant boost."

Wendy Lamotte would like to hear from members of the community on any issues that affect them. She can be contacted via her webpage www.wendylamotte.com or phone on 0427 981 461.



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RMC SEPTEMBER

The RMC Kids kicked off our August Club Night performing 4 cover songs, ending their set with a sample of their first original, as yet unnamed, song.

“Our members were very surprised to hear how much the kids have progressed since the Xmas Bash last year,” said Gary Kemp.

“We can’t wait to hear their original when it’s finished. It’s got a great hook and shows how talented they all are.” RMC Club Nights are a great platform for the kids to refine their stage and audience skills.

RMC Kids meet once a fortnight at the president’s house. For more Info call Deb 9397 7007.

Mike Stone joined us again, this time for an acoustic set and at the end of night Jam. A new band from Byford, See You Next Tuesday, finished their terrific set with a pumping version of Jets, “Are You Gonna Be My Girl”. We hope to hear more from them in the future.

To complete another great night, Founding Member, Dave Nolan joined us with Pat O’Connor & his Novax Bass. Dave and Pat have been gigging down south this year as Axolotl so it was great to catch up and hear what they’ve been playing.

The End of Night Jam featured 2 drummers, Rick and Dave, along with Kim, Enno and Mike. As usual, it was a treat to hear.

The September Club Night is Sat 14 September at the Roleystone Senior Football Club, Cross Park off Jarrah Rd. \$5 Entry. Bar & Food Available. Doors open 7pm.

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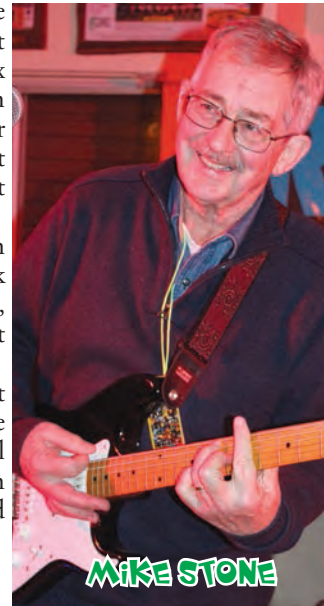
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Linda's Books

Owner and editor of the Roleystone Courier, Linda Moore, writing under her maiden name Linda J Bettenay, has released her first book!

'Secrets Mothers Keep' will be available from late September. Here is the background to the remarkable tale behind this book.

Only 1 year ago, Linda's husband Mike found out that his grandfather had been brutally murdered.

'Secrets Mothers Keep' is the fictionalised account of what led to this event and the impact that this horrific occurrence had on the people involved. And the book is all played out in our own back yard with scenes from across Western Australia interplaying with the accurate presentation of historical events.

Some sections of the story take place in our local area. The Narrogin Inne, the Canning River Valley and Buckingham's Mill all feature.

Mike had always been told that his grandfather died in an airplane crash, a hero performing his duty in the First World War. The reality was that he had been shot in the back by a trusted employee in Wubin, Western Australia, ten years after the war had ended. The murderer had also brutally abused his wife and their three children.

Upon exploring the true story, the family uncovered a fascinating mix of deception and misunderstandings but interspersed with wonderful acts of humanity and kindness.

'This was an amazing story and right from the beginning I wanted to research and understand not only what occurred but why it happened to such a lovely, apparently normal, family.

Our own involvement in it led to our

initial interest but the more we explored the more we uncovered a spellbinding yarn; the radically different understanding and treatment of the mentally ill in that era, created this situation. The murderer today may have received treatment so perhaps this event would not have happened and my husband's family's history would have been radically altered,' surmised Linda.

'I was also horrified when I read about the graphic reporting of the crime in the newspapers of the day. In 1928, these publications put our worst scandal rags into perspective, they invaded every aspect of the victim's privacy. The morality of reporting the exact truth despite the devastating effect on a victim is a theme that still resonates in every reporter's mind today,' Linda reflected. 'So after seeing the very public exposure of a very private humiliation, I can better appreciate why the story was kept hidden and not talked about. The strict morality of the time and the shame of the abuse led to the family weaving a fabric of subterfuge to keep the story quiet,' Linda recalled.

'But now, nearly one hundred years on, I feel that this amazing tale needs to be told. Our state has been built by inspirational people and often these people were responding to events they did not choose. Secrets Mothers Keep tells the story of some of these amazing pioneers.'

In her review, Jean Henrickson from Roleystone, wrote:

'So if you want a really good read, with an intriguing plot which is well paced and holds one's attention very compellingly, buy it soon. This is the type of book that one cannot put down and when the end is reached it is done so with a sense of regret. One has lost an old friend!'

For more information go to www.lindasbooks.com.au or follow the progress of the release of this book on www.facebook.com/lindasbookswa

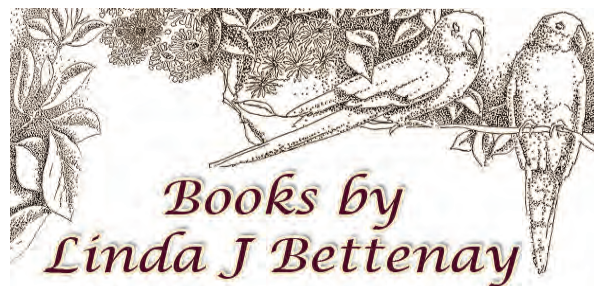
From October, you can purchase Secrets Mothers Keep from the website: www.lindasbooks.com.au (Thanks to the hugely talented Chris Horgan for this work of art.) (Electronic versions are available from the website mid September.)

Linda will have the book for purchase at:

- The Roleystone Launch: Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre, 6pm - 7.30pm, 29th September
- The Karragullen Expo, in the pavillion on the 12th October
- Business Armadale's 'Business After Hours Function' at the Manse Restaurant on the 14th October
- At the Kelmscott Show on the 19th October
- and lots of other places too

Thanks everyone for your support and I hope you enjoy reading my first book!

Linda



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Linda's Books

Secrets Mothers Keep

Review

An amazing insight into a bygone era. Linda J Bettenay has given us a real 'page turner' in Secret Mothers Keep that whisks you back in time to share the love and tragedies of a long forgotten past. And it all takes place in our very own backyard.

You will personally travel with the characters as if you were there sharing their lives, making both romantic and torturous journeys with them. Right to the end it is hard to believe that this is a real story about real pioneers of our harsh and unforgiving outback.

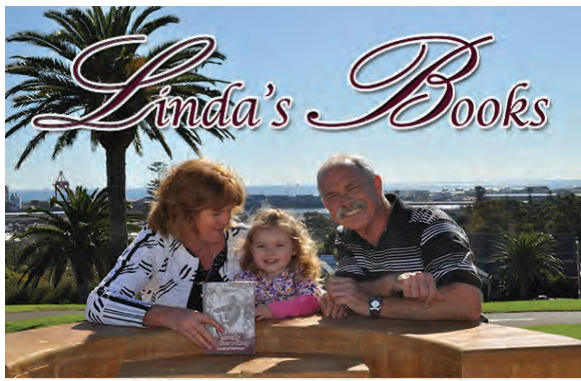
A brilliant writing debut.

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August 2013



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Books by Linda J Bettenay

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Please enjoy reading:

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From The Archives

Last month we published the first part of 'A Visit to Canning Jarrah Saw Mills,' first published in the West Australian, 5th December 1893.

This month we include the second part of that article.

Inside the Mill there is a large volume of waste material. Some of this is used for fuel at the settlement but sufficient wood is allowed, perforce, to run to waste at the mills to supply Perth city.

The timber turned out from the mills include jetty piles, sleepers, joists, beams and planks of all kinds, flooring boards, scantlings, posts and rails, and in fact everything that is useful in the different branches of building.

The contract for sleepers for the Yilgarn Railways is held by the Company.

The mill is essential to railway construction. These are being turned out at the sleeper mill alone at the rate of about 900 per day over a 10 hour period.

In the Yankee mill, which was the first I visited, there is an engine of 40 horse power, with a large tabular boiler, and the machinery here, as elsewhere at the mills, is of the best character.

Leaving this mill we got on board some trucks attached to a locomotive and proceeded into the forest.

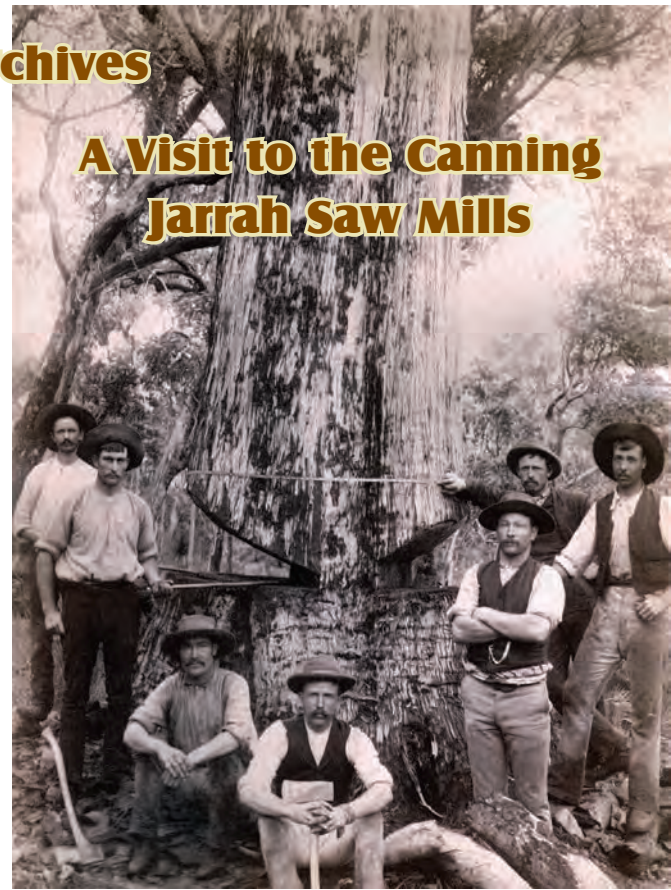
The way was strewn with fallen trees and huge logs, six or seven feet high; piles of fencing poles and posts, neatly stacked and heaps of fuel.

Away in the distance we heard the constant tapping of the axes of the fallers and the occasional dull thud of a tree, as it was brought to the ground.

Mr White, the Mill Manager, informed us that the company is still extending its branch lines, and some of these pass through absolutely virgin forest, hitherto untouched by the axe or saw.

At a distance of about three miles from the main camp, we stopped at the Number One sleeper mill where we found

A Visit to the Canning Jarrah Saw Mills



Above: The fellers. The axemen pause in their job of felling a giant tree. Manager Lionel White (who also did the engineering for the Zig Zag Railway) is on the far right.

another considerable settlement. Here were piled huge stacks of sleepers and a steam cross-cut saw was busily doing the work of a dozen men with unerring exactitude.

Leaving this mill we returned to the train.

It seemed almost sad to reflect that it had taken many years for this timber to grow and this was now being taken for good.

This time we mounted the engine and our last glimpse as we were whisked away was of the portly form of Mr McLarty, the Government Inspector, passing the sleepers. We crossed and re-crossed the now famous Munday's Brook, which does not seem improved with contact with the mills.

Proceeding up the line we are met by a small puffer or locomotive. We passed siding after siding, with piles of timber of various kinds, shapes and sizes.

The palms, blackboys and vegetation generally were in luxuriant profusion, while the rich chocolate soil and the many brooks and streams, demonstrated that here is

The New Loco arrives at Canning Mills circa 1893





Coming down the Darling Ranges on the Zig Zag railway

one of the most fertile spots to be found anywhere in Western Australia.

The engine stopped and we dismounted and strolled away into the bush, the tall trees towering above us, and almost shutting out the sky in places.

Some of these giants had been laid low, and we passed fallers hacking at the trees with their axes from rough stages several feet above the ground.

It seemed almost sad to reflect that it had taken many years for this timber to grow and this was now being taken for good.

The veritable kings of the forest, would be dethroned, but against this was the mental picture of fertile orchards and vineyards, which will assuredly clothe the sides of these ranges just as the once forest-clad Pacific slopes are now covered with orange groves and trout farms.

Remounting our snorting steed we proceeded back to the main camp and visited No 3 mill, yet another human hive of industry and mass of whirring, whirling

machinery. Here another of the irresistible steam cross-cut saws was at work being driven by an 80 indicated horse-power engine.

We passed into the large blacksmith's shop, where all the most important branches of smithy work are carried on, and into the workshops, where the company make their own wagons and then into fine stables, where between thirty and forty horses are accommodated.

These are the animals belonging to the mill but besides them a number of teams are hired during busy times, the latter, to the number of about 150, including bullocks.

There is not an idle man at the Mill. Everyone is working as if prosperity depended on his own individual exertions and everyone seems contented.

Strikes and disputes, I learn, are unknown, for the men know when they, are well off and well-treated. It is, in fact, a model business!

Those who are anxious, to acquaint themselves with the conditions of labour and life on a timber mill in Western Australia cannot do better than visit the Canning Jarrah Saw Mills.

Continued next month.


For more information visit the Pickering Brook Heritage Society website.

4 Wheel Whims for dragging timber plus horse and bullock teams. Photos are from 'The White Collection' and provided by Gordon Freegard.



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Last Game & Anton Wichem Medal

On Saturday 10th August, the last game of the season, the Roleystone Tigers hosted the annual Anton Wichem Medal match. This was attended by a great crowd at Cross Park. The audience were treated to an inspirational game by the boys who all played in the spirit that Anton would have been proud of. It was great listening to the team song at the end of the game.

Anton was a much loved player for Roleystone who earned the respect of everyone who had the pleasure of playing with him for the way he played the game and lived his life. He was a true champion.

Sadly, Anton was struck down with a brain tumour aged 24. Despite his determination to beat it, as he did on the field every week, the tumour took his life. Each year a medal is presented to the player who played with the passion and spirit that he did.

The 2013 worthy recipient of the Wichem was Joel Harrison.

Joel dominated the play all day, doing the hard stuff at the bottom of the pack and feeding the ball out to his team mates. He pushed back hard in defence and produced a brilliant show of skills in attack to ensure the Tigers had a victory. With Joel at the helm, playing with pure guts and courage, the Tigers all put in a great performance ending the season with a stellar game.

Once again the Roleystone Senior Football Club would like to thank their sponsors, the committee, the volunteers



and our members, for supporting the Club over the season. Special thanks to the volunteers who work in the canteen and bar each home game. They play important roles in the running of a home game and give their time without reward. And above all they make they Best Burgers in the League.



The Tigers formal presentation night will be held on Friday 11th October 7pm at the Perth Convention Centre. For further information and tickets contact President, Matt Walkley on 0430 509 441 or Secretary, Lisa Casotti on 0400 980 116.

Cameron Whan, Jocelyn Jones
 Photos Jocelyn Jones, see also page 5.

Below: Coach Rick Uchtman, Joel Harrison winner of the Anton Wichem medal, Glen Coppin and Life member Cameron Whan.





Liz Dunn
Araluen Botanic
Park Foundation

ARALUEN NOTES

SPRINGTIME AT ARALUEN

The first of the tulips are in bloom and after all the rain the creek is flowing and the train is operating so it's a perfect time for a visit.

As you know the Park is more than tulips. The Daffodils, Azaleas, Camellias, Rhododendrons, Magnolias and many other spring flowering plants are all in bloom.

Camera enthusiasts now have even more incentive to photograph the beauty of Araluen through our photo competition (see page 24). Details and entry forms are in the West Australian Travel Section commencing August 24 to September 21. Conditions of entry and form will also be available on our website and from the Park. Prizes include a 3-day accommodation stay at Seashells (Yallingup), Dining and Golf package, Esplanade Fremantle by Rydges Break-away package, Gerry Gibbs Camera

House vouchers. Competition judging will be conducted through Curtin University via the Curtin School of Marketing.

Saturday 7 September the Western Australian Band Association will be performing in the Amphitheatre. This is a great opportunity to see nine of Perth's leading bands.

- Melville Air Force Association Brass Band
- City of Perth Concert Band
- Challenge Brass Band
- Mandurah Concert Band
- Town of Victoria Park Brass Band
- Combined Districts Concert Band
- Canning City Brass Band
- Perth Concert Band
- Armadale City Concert Band

A mobile coffee facility will be operating in the Concourse offering the full range of teas, coffee and muffins. This area will be transformed into a beautiful outdoor café where visitors can sit amongst the tulips and enjoy a coffee.

The Chalet Healy Tearooms operates from 10am to 4pm, offering morning/afternoon teas and lunches. You are also welcome to bring a picnic or BBQ and you will find a number of wood fired, gas and electric BBQ's free for your use.

Liz Dunn



TOY LIBRARY

Spring is here and with it comes lovely weather, a beautiful range of colourful flowers and also the much anticipated Roleystone Spring Markets. We are happy to announce that Toy Library will be holding a stand at these coming markets on Sunday 8th of September from 9 am to 2 pm. We would like to invite Toy Library members and the broad community to come along and get some yummy food, purchase some beautiful handmade products, and, of course, come and see us. As it will be a "Spring Clean" theme, we will be selling some of our pre-loved toys and will also be doing a chocolate basket raffle.

So please come along and check out our toys and get a ticket or two for a chance to win a basket full of sweet prizes.

In the meantime, if you would like some information about our Toy Library, please feel free to contact us on 0438 884 601, or by email at 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 sunshine playing!

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Wayne and Jo have enjoyed their first fifteen years and plan to keep on going but hope to take more time off to indulge in their passion for travelling.

They would like to thank the Roleystone Community for supporting their business over all these years.

Above: The Team from WJ&KS, Wayne, Brandon, Jo, Aron and Karel.

It's Time To Hunt For Orchids

July/August is the time for all of the green orchids and during September and October, the bush is ablaze with the coloured orchids. Below: this photo of a spider orchid was taken by Miranda Webb.



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Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup

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In playgroup I know the children have made lots of things for their Dads and Grandads. Enjoy your day.

We would like to welcome a new addition to

Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues

Sunday August 11th was the latest get-together for the local enthusiastic Acoustic Muso's, at the Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues.

'Miking' everyone, or giving everyone the chance to get in front of a Microphone, certainly gives a new, ambient and warmer sound to performances. Some solid bass playing from Roleystone's Harmonica King, Erhard, gave everyone a warm and rich sound. Occasionally he handed over to bassist from 'Beatzwukin' Band, Patrick, and the top end fills were provided by Richard on Violin.

Again our visitor from China, Mr Lin Zhong Jiang kept us all spell bound with his playing of the Erhu. The next time we meet will be the 8th of September. If you play a little or sing and are hesitant about performing, don't be, we encourage the less confident and will give any support you may need.

Mel Young

Roleystone Bushwalkers

Meeting together out in the quiet bush at 7am to begin a bushwalk is a great way to start a Sunday. Our walks take us to places we, as individuals, would not see --- wildflowers, kangaroos in the wild, many varieties of birds. Visitors are welcome. All that you need are trusty shoes, a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle. (Though we do bring a little morning tea for the chat at the end before we go off home.) For information please phone Terry or Frank on 9397 5225.

Coming walks: Sunday 8th September, Gosnells, Sixty Foot Falls. Sunday 22nd September, Jarrahdale, Kitty's Gorge.

our Friday playgroup from the Spelt family, a little sister for Harper. Haddie Grace Bell was born on the 19th of August at 6 pm. She weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces. I believe mum and baby are doing well. She looks beautiful just like her mum and big sister. Last week we had Melissa Cochrane from Creaa Direct pop in to show us some wonderful idea for parents for Christmas presents.

They have some wonderful Education toys to choose from. I liked the Hide & Seek First Words Book and the Fish and Count toy where you have to catch fish with a fishing rod and count them! Then I saw the Volcano kit for my daughter in Year 1. I can see that my only problem is which toys do I get?

If you would like Melissa's contact details to get a book please contact us and we can pass on your details. You can look at the web page to see what amazing items they have: www.creatadirectlearning.com.au

If anyone is interested in helping coordinate the Family Fun Day this year, please contact me on 0400258681 or see me at Friday's playgroup session.

The more parents who help, the easier it is to have fun with the kids on the day.

The Fun Day is just that - a day where we, as parents, get to have lots of fun with our children, from making toys, to watching them bounce on the bouncy castle with their faces painted.

If you would like to pop along to playgroup to see what we do, please contact our Register Maria Hoffman on 0404 996 670.

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GARDENING NOTES BY JEAN EVANS

Some time ago I bought red and blue potatoes from the local IGA, mainly with the intention of tasting them but also to try to grow a few. Well, last week the Roleystone Garden Group, visited Jetto's Patch in Maida Vale, and I was inspired to plant them, even though it was pouring with rain. So I went out, dug over patches in a heavily grassed area with lots of sour-sop, pulled out a few of the more resistant weeds and put the potatoes in. I did so as Michelle had advised, so that the mulch and the potatoes would aerate the soil and smother the weeds. Later, I will mulch it quite heavily then put some added manure on top. I had previously planted legumes, potatoes and Jerusalem artichokes in the area.

Jetto's Patch is a delight, where trees grow close together and vegetables are grown under the trees. The ground had fallen chokkos and these were starting to grow again, plants that to my eyes were weeds but each had a set purpose.

The dragon cactus was being grown for its delicious edible fruit but it also has lovely flowers. Passion fruits drip down over the trellises. There are Pawpaws, Babacoa and Pepino. A wonderful perennial squash that has already been there for five years, grows rampantly along the ground and up along fences and trellises.

There is wonderful large leafed greeny/purple mustard, lush stands of rocket, and some hundreds of different varieties on a quarter acre block.

At the most unproductive time of the year, the patch produces at least eight different fruit and this contrasts with about 32 varieties in the more productive seasons.

The rain poured down while we were there and the drain-pipe from the verandah sloped down to end as a cascade above the fishpond where tadpoles and frogs breed happily. The pond has

trellis over it so I do not think there is any danger of the pond occupants becoming bird food.

They have about 6 hens in a section they call 'Pooh Corner'. These birds are so content they are not interested in worms or snails except when they are let out to forage. I liked the idea of treasuring the chick weed and other plants and lots of things are managed not weeded out. As we get older we at least have reasons not to pull everything in sight. That will be my excuse anyway.

On Monday I once again looked around the Camellia patch at Araluen. I hope all of you will take time out to see the wonderful garden at our disposal and enjoy a spell with nature. We had a grafting session at the Camellia Society meeting that night and I wanted some of the rarer varieties that are only grown in the Park. Of course, I obtained permission to get the few cuttings that I needed!

Looking around my garden I am delighted by the number of daffodils that are blooming. The yellow looks so good against the purple of the Iris Germanica. I have been busy trying to plant up magnolias in the garden. We saw a beautiful pink, full-flowered one in Kalamunda Road today as we made our way home. I think the ones I purchased are smaller flowering than the solangeas. I also managed to buy a Ribes Sanguinea (a red flowering currant), some more Blueberries, a white luculia and a Gordonia axillaris.

I think the rain has eased off, so maybe I will wander back out into the garden, or maybe I will look at some of the books, that would make great Father's Day reading.

*Enjoy the garden
Jean*

Roleystone Garden Group

The next meeting of the Roleystone Garden Group will see our little group heading off to *ALL PALMS GARDEN CENTRE, 163 Birnam Road, CANNINGVALE.*

Apart from the large garden section, there is a gift shop and book exchange room to browse through, before ending up in *Kelly's Café* for a coffee or perhaps lunch.

To car-pool, be at Jean Evan's place, 24

Orana Way, at 10am - OR meet us at the garden centre at about 10.30.

If you think you would like to join in on this outing, please do! You will be most welcome.

The date of the next Garden Group outing is **Thursday 19 September.**

Lynn Matthews: 9397 5784.

Jill's Garden

Jill from Phillips Galleries in Wymond Road, would love more people to come and take a look at her beautiful spring garden.

Please contact Jill on 93975394 to confirm opening hours (generally 11-5).



Spring Daisies



Roleystone Karragullen Junior Cricket Club

Kids, that special time of the year is rapidly approaching, it won't be long before football and soccer are a faint and distant memory. That's right CRICKET SEASON is about to start.

If you fancy yourself with the cricket bat and ball, you still have limited time to register with the RKJCC for the coming season. We cater for junior players from ages 6 – 16 years.

At the RKJCC we are passionate about cricket and would like to share the game with as many of you as possible. Come along and get involved, you will be made to feel welcome. Simply call one of the numbers below before Friday the 13th of September.

For further information contact Tim Clarke - 9397 7313 or Mike Cirillo - 0448 878257.

Mike Cirillo

Pictured above: Emma King from the Western Fury and Hilton Cartwright from the Western Warriors, with RKJCC players Rachael, Lucas, Poppy, Patrick, Thomas and Joseph.



Controlling Mediterranean Fruit Fly in the Backyard and Orchard

Mediterranean fruit fly or Medfly is a serious horticultural pest in the Perth Hills and southern regions of Western Australia. It attacks a range of cultivated fruits including some fruiting vegetables.

The first sign of Medfly damage is often larvae-infested or 'stung' fruit. Stinging is caused by the female laying eggs into unripened or ripe fruit.

Larvae may develop from the eggs, depending on when they are laid and the fruit type. For example, stings can occur in apples and peaches when they are unripe, but the eggs do not hatch at this stage. As the fruit ripens the eggs can develop.

Fruit trees such as stone fruit (apricots, peaches, plums, nectarines) can be difficult to grow free of fruit fly in areas such as Perth where Medfly populations are high. Backyard fruit can be a significant source of Medfly to commercial orchards where they occur close to each other. Therefore, it is vitally important for everyone to control Medfly.

At the September meeting of Roleystone Organic Growers, Ernie Steiner from the WA Agriculture Department will be discussing a variety of solutions to control

Medfly, including hygiene, traps, exclusion strategies and spraying. He will also be talking about the Fruit Fly sterile insect program.

Ernie has a Diploma in Agriculture and has 37 years' experience in the WA Ag Department. He has worked in entomology for 30 years and is also the Community Liaison Officer for Fruit Fly, so he is well qualified in this area.

The Roleystone Organic Growers meeting will be on Wednesday September 11th, at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3, members are free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.





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40 YEARS OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The 40th Anniversary of the Roleystone Junior Football Club will be held on the 7th September, at Springdale Oval. The anniversary part of the day will commence from 2.30 and go on until late.

On the day there will be a junior parade, followed by a game with all the 'old boys'. The organisers have tried to contact many old players but if readers know of anyone who either played or was involved in the club please email us. We would love to see everyone there.

After the games there will be a spit roast, followed by a presentation for past and present members and then we'll be kicking on into the night with music provided by 'The Ferrymen' and Kim Bettenay. There will be an auction of football memorabilia.

It is BYO alcohol, however we request that there is strictly NO GLASS! Soft drinks and snacks can be purchased from the canteen. Please bring a picnic blanket or chairs and we do not welcome dogs.

RSVP's can be directed to me, Nat Hale, on natrat@iinet.net.au or Samantha Saffioti at stony@bigpond.net.au

Hope to see everyone there.
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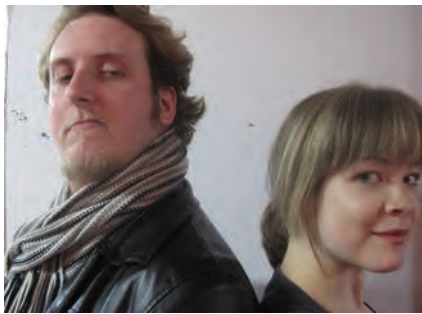
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THEATRE NEWS

Roleystone Theatre's next season is a One Act season, showcasing two One Act plays and a melodrama. This season is very limited - to one night - the 7th of September. Local Brad Towton debut's as a director at Roleystone, with the play 'Stalemate'. The Theatre's second offering for the night, is the Laughing Horse Production of 'Kecks'. Directed by Adam Salathiel, Kecks is comedy/drama, set in England. Our third performance, directed by longtime theatre member Gerry Chapman, is a melodrama based on the script 'She was Only a Miller's Daughter'. This promises to be an interesting selection and we look forward to seeing you there. Book now at www.roleystonetheatre.com.au.

In October, we have a busy month planned, commencing with the Roleystone Theatre Open Day, on Sunday 6th of October.

The Theatre will be open to the general public with displays of previous shows in the form of photography, costumes and makeup. There will be tours of the theatre, given by local members and a sausage sizzle. We are also hoping to give people a sneak peak of our end of year production, Peter Pan, with excerpts from the show.

The following week we have our second year of 'Storytime in the Hills'. This show runs on October 9th, 11th & 12th, with two performances each day. Nicole George returns as playwright and director. Early in August, we held auditions for the theatre's final production of 2013, Peter Pan.

We are pleased to announce casting in the following roles - Peter Pan - Celeste Underhill; Captain Hook - Brad Towton; and as Mr Smee - Andre Victor. Please watch out for further information regarding this show, over the next few months.

And lastly, here are 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

Kathryn Ramsel

Pictured at top left: Brad Towton (Captain Hook) and Celeste Underhill (Peter Pan)

80 Years of Performance

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Anne first joined the Theatre in 1973 when her husband Geoff was in the Merchant Navy. She nervously auditioned for "Calamity Jane" and to her delight got into the chorus. She then went on to spend 40 years at the Theatre. In fact, she appeared sometimes in three shows in one year.

Comedy was her forte, although she did enjoy singing. She was on the committee many times and was secretary for three years, and Treasurer for one. Her final show was 'My Fair Lady' in 2010.

Geoff became involved in the Theatre when he left the Merchant Navy and got a job ashore. He could never be persuaded to go on stage, however, except for one unforgettable occasion when he had to sing a song at a club night. His talent lay in set design and painting, and some of you may remember some of the wonderful sets he was involved in.

Geoff was an extremely good director and did win a Finlay Award together with some minor awards for: 'It's a Girl'.

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I have had a varied career in business administration, working mostly in the trustee and banking industries. I am now semi-retired, driving a school bus. Sadly it is becoming increasingly evident that Australia and its culture are under serious threat; our land is being sold off to foreign owners; farmers are being forced off the land; food we once grew is now imported, and on top of that, we are forced to pay a religious tax by way of Halal certification.

Rise Up Australia Party will:

Develop prudent tariff policies to support or re-establish diverse manufacturing, agriculture and support our farmers.

We will reduce and limit foreign ownership of Australian Assets and retain minimum 51% Australian ownership of infrastructure.

We believe that parents and schools should have the right to discipline children, within sensible, non-abusive guidelines. This will give children the boundaries they need and develop in them respect for law and order.

RUAP will protect freedom of speech and religion for all Australians. We welcome all those who genuinely wish to make Australia home and who accept our Australian culture and law. This is why I have chosen to run in this election with Rise Up Australia Party.

See also page 25 for Palmer United Party



Liberal Don Randall

Based on electorate wide surveys I have conducted, tackling crime in the community, securing Australia's borders and reducing cost of living pressures are consistently the three top issues for Canning voters.

The Coalition has policies that directly address people's concerns in all these areas.

We will deliver crime prevention infrastructure such as better lighting and CCTV cameras, if in government after the next election, under the Coalition's Plan for Safer Streets.

The Coalition's border protection policy involves Temporary Protection Visas, rigorous offshore processing and turning back the boats where it's safe to do so.

Reducing cost of living pressures is one of the greatest issues the Coalition plans to address. Canning households will be an average of more than \$550 better off next financial year alone as a result of abolishing the carbon tax – and we will keep the current income tax thresholds, pension and fortnightly rates.

This election will be your best chance to choose Real Change. For more information on the direction, values and policy priorities of the next Coalition Government visit www.liberal.org.au/real-solutions



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Seat of Canning

Greens Candidate Damon Pages-Oliver



Damon Pages-Oliver for the Greens Party, has worked with Bridging The Gap and the Green Corps, and has extensive experience in dealing with issues such as homelessness, health, and employment for disadvantaged people. He currently works with vulnerable families, dealing with youth and mental health issues, coordinating services in Armadale, Gosnells and outer district regions. Previously Damon has worked as an advisor to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, gaining much experience dealing with economic issues and with sectors including manufacturing, construction, local government, horticulture, mining and finance.

Damon has lived in Canning for most of his life and knows the area well. He is passionate about being the representative the area deserves - someone prepared to

put in the hard-yards to meet the social, economic and environmental challenges the community faces today. He is frustrated with long standing environmental and social degradation problems in our region that lack a true champion to put in the hard-yards and secure essential services to improve the quality of life of our residents.



Comments about local issues from the Labor Aspirant Joanne Dean



In relation to the the Fenthion Ban.

"I believe good governance means following the scientific advice of experts,

like the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority."

"I am committed to delivering strong representation to the people of this electorate. I want to see investment in our health, education and infrastructure. This is vital for building a strong future Canning. I want to defend our community from Tony Abbott's cuts."

"I believe in lightening the load for the families in Canning. I'm proud to be a part of a Labor team which has a strong track record of helping families. For example, the Rudd Labor Government has increased Family Tax Benefit payments as part of the Household Assistance Package to help families pay the bills. We're delivering the Paid Parental Leave Scheme to allow new mums and their partners to spend time with their babies."

"I believe in investing in education, skills and training. The Better Schools Plan is supporting a better education, before and after school care and the School Kids Bonus is helping parents buy uniforms and pay for excursions."

"I want to see continued support for skills and training - Federal Labor has made record investments. I'm pleased that Federal Labor's uncapping of university places has allowed a 39 per cent increase in students from Canning. I want continued support for programs like Jobs Services Australia, which have placed 10,631 people from Canning into work since it began."



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Farewell and Thanks to Mike Beilby

Last month the Roleystone Dieback Action Group (former name of Roleybushcare) lost one of its foundation members when Mike Beilby died.

Our early members hold Mike in very high regard and affection - he was such an influential member in our shakey, formative years.

I still remember the first dieback busy bee. It was held at the local high school where an area of forest had died and only 7 jarrah trees were surviving. Our aim was to inject these trees with a fungicide; but it was an extremely frustrating procedure. Our injection gear involved second-hand 'horse' syringes, small metal plates and an assortment of springs. I saw Mike's frustration when the umpteenth spring twanged into the bush. At the end Mike turned to the group and said 'I can design something that will make this job a whole lot easier'.and after a week or so in his shed he did.

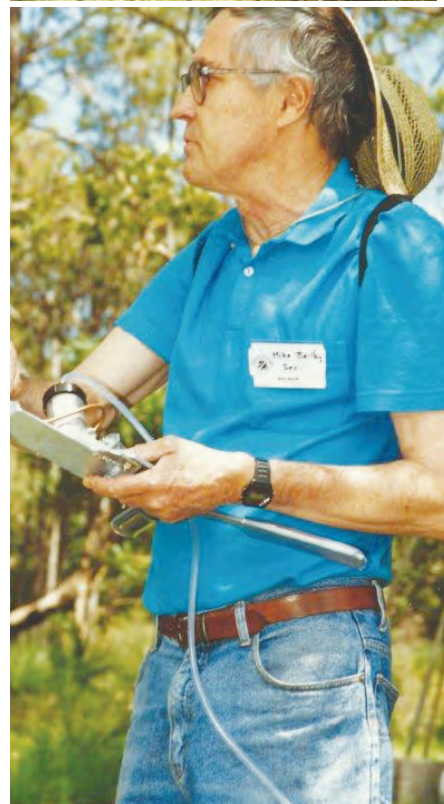
He took some scrap metal and the brake system off a Nissan Urvan to construct the Group's first hydraulic tree injectors. He built over 20.

Later we got a grant to buy 5 commercial tree injectors (\$1800 ea). But they turned out to be just as problematic as the horse syringes. We gladly went back to Mike's injectors.

Mike was our solid backbone during the early years, making and maintaining the injectors, charging the drill batteries and looking after our trailer....and also keeping me and others in line when we didn't use the injectors correctly or when we messed up his 'neat' trailer.

Roleybushcare and thousands of local trees we protected from dieback owe a lot to Mike's ingenuity, dedication and determination. We will miss him. However, even now I smile when I think of Mike tinkering away in his shed in the skies!

Ian Colquhoun



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Left: Joel Hoefs (regular roleybushcare volunteer) joins his best friend Danny Rowe (Roleystone Scouts) seedling planting for National Tree Day.

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Roley Bushcare Notes

Roleystone Scouts Join Roleybushcare for National Tree Day

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The date is Saturday 14th September starting at 1.00pm. The place is yet to be decided, so go to our website nearer to the day for confirmation or ring Diane on 93975300.

Next field day

This will be a dieback treatment day. It will be held on Sunday 15th September between 9.00am and noon at Warwick Savage Park. Go to Simons Drive, Roleystone. a sign will be on the road.

Note: If the weather is looking very stormy, then check our website at 8.00am on the morning of the field day for a cancellation notice.

At left: Scouts with Ian, John Meharry and Mark Thompson, who is their leader, measuring the age of the trees.



At left: An overview of the Scouts and the Roleybushcare Crew - enjoying morning tea.

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State Government's Council Merger Proposal

On Tuesday 30 July the State Government announced its proposed plan to amalgamate the City of Armadale with the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire (SJ).

The State Government has proposed the amalgamation of the two neighboring Councils as part of the restructuring of metropolitan local Government.

City of Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones has said Armadale did not seek an amalgamation or merger but we will now respond to the decision of Government.

"The State Government has made its intentions clear and we've been given until 4 October to fall in line.

"This is not a result that the City was seeking, however we must now get on the front foot and continue to move forward. If we don't act to ensure the best outcome for our community our region will fall behind, in Perth's highly competitive growth market.

"Armadale and SJ make up a vital growth area. We need to work together to ensure our communities receive the best outcome and to

achieve a solid plan for the future.

"Total costs to the City and its ratepayers are unknown at this stage as we are still in the early stages. Residents are to be assured that the City will do everything in our power to mitigate the burden of additional costs for all ratepayers.

"We expect assistance from the State Government to be able to meet the needs of our growing community. We anticipate some financial setbacks due to the extra demand from new areas requiring infrastructure development, facilities and services which already lag behind.

"A larger City should not mean that areas, especially those already disadvantaged by their rapid growth, will experience any further disadvantage. The State Government will need to support the new entity in providing services and facilities to our expanding community and we will continue to advocate for assistance for our growing communities," said Mayor Zelones.

Re-elect Caroline Wielinga for Jarrah Ward

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 development be referred to the Development Services Committee. **Jul 2010, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of Public Open Space Strategy Trust Fund Account consideration of proposals for the upgrade to the skate park at Cross Park be referred to the City Strategy Committee.** Dec 2010, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of additional green waste bins or bulk verge collection in January. Mar 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of specifically for verge landscaping opportunities and constraints for residents be referred to the Technical Services Committee. Apr 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of accuracy and bias of the 'fire retardant garden' brochure be referred to the Technical Services Committee. May 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of an Urban Green Strategy be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jun 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jul 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Aug 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Sep 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Oct 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Nov 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Dec 2011, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jan 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Feb 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Mar 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Apr 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. May 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jun 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jul 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Aug 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Sep 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Oct 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Nov 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Dec 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jan 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Feb 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Mar 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Apr 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. May 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jun 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Jul 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Aug 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Sep 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Oct 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Nov 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee. Dec 2013, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the City Strategy Committee be referred to the City Strategy Committee.



Councillor Caroline Wielinga

Getting The Job Done
Feb 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of an allocation in the 2012-13 annual budget for a bushcare crew be considered. Feb 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the Fletcher Park trail assessment be included in the 2012/2013 budget. May 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of extending the footpath, parking and kerbing in front of the Roleystone College be referred to the Technical Services Committee. May 2012, Cr Wielinga: That 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 east-west routes for light rail be investigated and identified within the Local Planning Strategy. Nov 2012, Cr Wielinga: That the matter of the Keane Road / Nicholson Road to accommodate 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.

Authorised by Caroline Wielinga

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Budget time in the City is a busy time for Officers and Councillors.

There are nearly four months of meetings and workshops to balance the programs and projects across the city with the financial advice to ensure that we make the necessary decisions to progress the annual budget.

Each of the Directorates (Corporate Services, Development Services, Technical Services, Community Services and the Chief Executive's Office) produce a budget showing their goals and the financial accountability to achieve this.

Local government delivers a vast range of services and this budget allocates the resources for our professional staff to deliver the programs, policies and projects set by the community via their councillors.

These include the never ending asset management and maintenance costs of our roads, drains, parks and buildings but also the staff costs to deliver the services such as planning, building, health and community assistance to those that need it.

One of the big items this year is a landmark building to be built in the centre of Armadale.

This multi-storey building will provide office accommodation for a State Government agency, while providing much needed space for some CoA staff. This is a strategic achievement for the Armadale city centre as the extra office workers will help to keep it socially and economically vibrant and active.

The assessment of the submissions, business case costs and funding of the building have been handled very professionally by all staff involved in the process. The building should be finished by the end of 2014 and will be a great addition to the City of Armadale.

An additional step in the annual budget this year is the adoption of the Corporate Business Plan as legislated by



Cr Grant Nixon
0418449611



Cr Caroline Wielinga
0488 900 307

the WA Government. Basically this plan outlines the City's key actions to deliver the outcomes and strategies of our Strategic Community Plan, including a balanced strategic financial plan for the next five years.

All this amounts to an incredible amount of reading, cross checking budgets with other strategies and many hours of discussions between Caroline and myself to make sure, not only that we get the best for Armadale, but we do the best we can for Jarrah Ward.

I can't believe that two years have passed so quickly bringing around the biennial local government elections. With the proposed amalgamations on the horizon the outcome of this year's elections may be a little different. If a new local government is established in 2015, (it is proposed the City of Armadale will amalgamate with Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire) a commissioner would run the new entity between July 2015 and Council elections for the new district in October 2015.

From my experience of living in Roleystone, our Jarrah Ward has best been served when the Councillors are able to work together to provide a united front to the other Councillors when items need to be raised.

I look back to the time when Roger Stubbs and Deb Hopper represented Jarrah Ward to achieve great things for our region.

Jarrah Ward is quite different to the other Armadale wards and needs good communication and strong representation between its Councillors to achieve this.

Cr Grant Nixon

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the **Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre**

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August Weather

Weather Statistics David Elliott:
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Temperature

Lowest Min 4.5 (16th)
Highest Min 15.1 (7th)
Lowest Max 14.5 (15th)
Highest Max 21.6 (4th)

August Rainfall

Year	mm	# days
2007	122	18
2008	24.8	4
2009	222.2	22
2010	70.6	9
2011	97.6	12
2012		
2013	150.8	17

August average 157.0 on 16 days

Total Jan 1 to August 23 2013 633.4 on 94 days

Average to August 31st 800.8 on 81 days

Courier Deadline Dates

2013/2014

Month	Deadline	Delivery
OCTOBER	18 September	28 September
NOVEMBER	23 October	2 November
DECEMBER	27 November	7 December
JANUARY		no publication
FEBRUARY	22 January	1 February
MARCH	19 February	1 March
APRIL	26 March	5 April
MAY	23 April	3 May
JUNE	22 May	1 June
JULY	26 June	6 July

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So please make the time to visit our local bank and pick up your free pass.

Be quick - they will not last very long.

Bruno Del Simone,
President of HOIG



STANDING IN by KEITH WHEELER

I am not Dr Lesley Borowitzka of Saint Christopher's Anglican Church Roleystone.

I am a male, I am older; I don't have the good looks of Lesley nor the intellectual capacity of the lovely priest.

My claim to fame is that I have 'survived' the Anglican priesthood for 45 years. I have been invited to be the stand-in priest until the church finds another Anglican priest to replace Lesley as the permanent priest for this community. Also, I was a Commonwealth Games athlete (and I have commemoration medals to prove it, but not any gold, silver or bronze).

I jumped out of aeroplanes with a parachute when in the S.A.S. as a chaplain; swam quite a long way in three Avon Descents (falling out of the double Kayak on many occasions because of my lack of expertise).

I think I am reasonably sane and I think Jesus got it right all those years ago about loving, not hating - even the people who are not nice to you.

Pretty gutsy!! Just try it!!

However, with the Federal Elections coming up, I would like to make comment about your choice and mine - without trying to sell you any party:

OLD IS GREAT

A lovely old woman was asked: At your age would you prefer to have Parkinsons disease or Alzheimers?

The wise one answered: 'Definitely Parkinsons. Better to spill half my wine than to forget where I keep my bottle.'

I think the coming elections are a little like the question to the old lady, which party is most likely to take away your bottle?

Both men - Kevin Rudd and Tony Abbott have obvious attributes that have seen them rise to the top of the ladder in their respective parties. Two questions I would ask about these leaders:

Kevin Rudd: What has changed

either in the Labor party or in Kevin Rudd that makes him any better than he was before he was replaced by Julia Gillard?

Of Tony Abbott: Can he move from a position of negativity and attack on Labour policy to positive and inspirational leadership?

Policies are only as good as the finances and financial planning that can make them work.

BWARE OF THE ICECREAM!!!!

At a suburban school, a year five classroom teacher decided to let the children choose the class captain. She called for nominations and two peoples names were put forward: Peter and Sarah. Each candidate had to give a speech as to why they should be elected as the class captain.

Peter spoke first about working hard to make the classroom the best possible environment for learning in the school; to give the children more say in the running of the class etc. A very fine speech indeed. He then sat down.

Sarah then got up to speak. She was very competent and eloquent. She paused before she spoke and then said: 'If you vote for me I will give you icecream.' She then sat down.

The class expected her to say more but when it wasn't forthcoming one student asked:

'Will the school pay for the icecream?' Sarah replied: 'I don't know.' Another asked if her parents would pay for the icecream. Again, Sarah replied that she didn't know.

The teacher then called for the class to vote and Sarah won a landslide victory.

Our politicians are offering us icecreams. I would contend that it isn't so much the policies that are being spruiked but the integrity of the persons putting themselves before us that we need to be voting on.

Pray for wisdom.

Keith Wheeler

Please also see p50 for another Spiritual article from Mike Bullard of the Roleystone Community Church entitled 'Cleaning Up'.

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CLEANING UP WITH MIKE BULLARD

I have a friend who loves to cook barbecues.

Any time of day, he just loves to light a fire and put something on to cook. He convinced me to buy a small fire pit that could be used to cook, and also to just enjoy the fire on.



I went to clean it the other day. It had built up quite a bit of charcoal on the inside. As I cleaned it out, I got somewhat dirty.

Life happens like that. We pick a bit of charcoal here and there in our travels. It can be our unresolved disputes, things we did we now regret, or just the issues of life in a messy world building up over time.

Lady Macbeth was famous for being troubled for the rest of her life by a spot she could not remove. She was feeling guilty for something she had done.

Perhaps some of us have spots that we feel we can't remove.

I wonder how you clean out the charcoal in your life. Does it sit around just building up? Do you have times when you can get the soap out and have a good scrub? What does that look like for you?

It seems to me that one of the essentials in a guiding philosophy of life is this ability to help us deal with the charcoal that builds up, and in some way guides us as to how we can remove it...

Mike Bullard is on the pastoral team at Roleystone Community Church.

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All are welcome.



TENNIS NEWS:

WENDY TUCKER



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Thank you to all the members who attended our recent Annual General Meeting. Our 2013/2014 Committee is: President - Graham Boase, Secretary - Tracey Backhouse, Treasurer - John Meharry and our Club Captain - Wendy Tucker.

Thank you to all the members of the outgoing Committee for your hard work on behalf of the Club is very much appreciated. A warm welcome to all of the new Committee members. We are looking forward to another successful year at the Club.

COMING EVENTS

2013-2014 Open Day

Our Annual Open Day will be held on Sunday 15th September and will commence at 1.30pm. Weather permitting, we will have the Ball Machine in operation, sets of tennis will be played and we will have some games for children and afternoon tea. If you would like to come and 'give tennis a go' we would love to see you. Everyone is welcome so please mark it on your calendar.

Spring Tournament

This year the Spring Tournament will be held on Sunday 20th October. This will commence about 9.30-10.00am. Please put your name down at the Club if you are available or email: roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au. The cost will be \$10.00 with lunch and prizes included.

Roleystone Bowls Report: Gerry Chapman



Winter is officially over. The greens are resplendent and the Country Club is humming along.

If you want an activity that will get you outdoors with a great bunch of people and engage in a challenging competition but one that is just fun, then come down to the Country Club on Wednesday or Saturday afternoons.

Those who have been hiding indoors through the winter, can come out of their hibernation and join us - you will be warmly welcomed. You may have seen our fliers and are aware that there are some benefits to joining now - a reduced annual fee and an offer from local businesses.

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

Pictured above: At the Winter Games Day, Malcolm and John contemplate the task ahead.

At left: How close can you get?

Photos by Melissa Rickman.

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Astronomical Highlights September

**Greg Lowe,
Perth Observatory**

At this time last year there were no bright evening planets.

Now we have Venus standing out as the "evening star" (there's no such thing) and dominating the western sky at dusk.

For those who like the idea of a Christmas star (there's no such thing), Venus will still be visible in the western evening sky until late December.

Anyway, back to the present: this month Venus will feature in some encounters worth seeing. On the 6th, Venus and the star Spica, also known as Alpha Virginis, will be side by side. On the 8th the 3-day-old crescent moon will be beneath Spica and Venus will be above and a bit to the right of the star.

On the 9th the 4-day-old moon will be above Venus and Spica, with Saturn being above and a bit to the right of the moon. The setting times for Venus go from about 8:50pm in early September, to 9:15 mid-month and 9:40 by the end of the month. Its latest setting time this year will be about 10:20pm in early to mid November.

Saturn's the other evening planet of note. It's not nearly as obvious as Venus, but is a much finer object to see in a telescope. Venus is just bright and exhibits phases, rather like the moon does. Saturn's ring system can be seen in even a modest telescope. The first view of it makes a big impression on most people.

Saturn looks like a medium-bright, yellowish star in the western sky, well above and to the right of Venus at the start of the month. Having the crescent moon go past it on the 9th and 10th will help you locate it.

On the 18th, Saturn and Venus will be side by side. After that, Saturn will be

setting before Venus. Saturn's setting times go from about 10:15pm in early September to 9:20 mid-month and 8:30 at month's end.

Mercury will be visible in the early evenings from the middle of the month. Look for it low in the west at dusk. By late September it'll be easy to spot, with a setting time of about 8pm. Jupiter is the dominant morning planet, showing out as a bright starlike object in the NE sky at daybreak. Its rising times go from about 3:45am at the start of the month to 3am mid-month and 2:15 by month's end.

Mars is the other morning planet - it doesn't look like much, remaining low in the NNE at daybreak throughout the month.

Strange to relate, the stupid story about Mars looking as big as the full moon in late August is still doing the rounds, 10 years after it surfaced at the time of close approach in 2003. It was rubbish then and it's still rubbish.

The major phases of the moon in September are: new moon on the 5th, first quarter on the night of the 12th, full moon on the 19th, and last quarter on the 27th (then new moon on October 5th). On the 19th the full moon will be rising just as the sun's setting - a good time to be on a high vantage point where you can watch both sunset and moonrise; or maybe out in a boat, or on a salt lake ... anyway, in a place where you can see low down to the west and the east.

The spring equinox (the autumn one in the northern hemisphere) occurs on the 23rd at 5am WA time. That's when the sun's crossing the equator, heading south, and the days and nights are about 12 hours long.

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The Roleystone Community Chemist invites all local seniors to a special presentation: High Blood Pressure The Silent Killer.

This will be presented by Peter Ghali and Steve White on Wednesday September 4th.

This will be held at the Roleystone Karragullen Senior's Club at 12.30pm.

This will be followed by a Q&A session.

If you have any questions about your heart health, come along.





Wild Gossip: Spring is Here

What a strange month it has been, it almost seems as though Spring arrived in August.

I have had baby birds coming in which normally doesn't happen until mid-September. I have also had calls regarding ducklings on the road and ducklings brought to me, which again is out of the normal time frame – obviously Spring has decided to be early this year. If you find orphaned ducklings it is important to keep them warm and dry or they will die. Ducklings get their feathers oiled to make them waterproof by running and cuddling under mum's feathers, but without mum they quickly lose their waterproofing and so if you put them on water they will sink and drown.

I once had a duckling fetched to me by a lovely young girl who had found it near her school; she had filled her lunch box with water, put the duckling in and travelled to Roleystone by bus to bring it to me.

The duckling did survive and I told the young girl that the easiest way to provide warmth is to put it up your top and use body heat.

I received a phone call from the school inviting me to visit and talk to the pupils about emergency care and actions.

I have also had numerous marsupial

callsouts after road hits and these are usually unsaveable.

If a Kangaroo has a broken leg there is little that we can do as they go into myopathy and die usually regardless of any treatment. Possums tend to fair better and are usually treatable and bandicoots seem to be semi indestructible.

If you are unfortunate enough to hit a marsupial please stop and check if it is still alive and if it is get urgent help. If the animal is dead then be sure to check for pouch young as they will need urgent help – remember that a bandicoot has a backwards facing pouch.

If young are found, warmth is vital so again putting it up your shirt and using body heat is the answer to keep them alive until help can be found.

On the good side I had a delightful pinkie (furless joey kangaroo) brought to me still in his dead Mum's pouch as the people who found it on the road were frightened of causing harm by removing it. The lovely people took mum home to bury her on their property. The little boy is doing really well, though the constant feeds are time consuming. I also received an adorable little possum who is now really well though again time consuming.

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

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The Seniors Elect a New Committee

Recently the Roleystone Seniors held their AGM and a new group of office bearers were elected.

The President Albert Chambers, Vice President Jenny Corry, Treasurer Alan Douglas, Secretary (until September) Christine Kent (after September) Arthur Towse.

The Committee consists of:

- Ruth Martin
- Rae Reynolds
- Christine Kent
- Pat Colwyl
- Albert Chambers

Seniors Club 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
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Spring Family Bushwalks

Spring is the perfect time to get outdoors and enjoy the City of Armadale's picturesque bushlands and reserves with the annual Spring Family Bushwalks series.

There will be four bushwalks at locations including Bungendore Park, Settlers' Common and Wungong Dam. The popular Night Walk through Settlers' Common will once again be a highlight, allowing walkers to take in the city lights on a guided hike.

The walks have been showcasing the City's landscape for more than a decade. Walks range from a leisurely 2.5 kilometres to a challenging 6 kilometre hike led by local bushwalk enthusiasts.

Spring Bushwalks are a great way to get outdoors and experience our local natural beauty first hand.

Spring Bushwalks

- Bungendore Park
Sunday 8 September, 8.30am – noon.
- Southern Hills Christian College car park, Admiral Road, Bedfordale.
- Settlers' Common.



Saturday 14 September, 8.30am – noon.

Corner Carradine Road and Albany Highway

- Settlers' Common – Night Walk.

Saturday 5 October, 5 – 7.30pm
Corner Carradine Road and Albany Highway.

- Wungong Dam.

Sunday 20 October, 8.30am – noon.

Lower Dam car park, Admiral Road, Bedfordale.

All participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing, enclosed shoes, a hat and sunscreen and bring along a bottle of water. Those attending the Night Walk are asked to bring a torch and register their interest by calling the Armadale Arena. For information call the Armadale Arena on 9399 0840.

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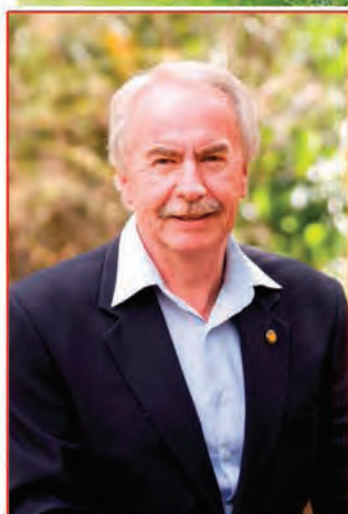
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