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The November Edition Celebrates Our Fires



Matt Plowman, is the Fire Control Officer for the area of Roleystone. He has a busy life having a family, running his own business and has been fighting fires for nearly 15 years. He and his crew are getting ready for the coming fire season. They will continue the controlled burning until the official start of the fire season.

Two weeks ago, while they conducted a controlled burn I was able to take some photos of the operation. There were two burns planned for that day. I followed Matt and his crew: John Anderson, Michelle Thomas, Ryan Maughn, Ryan Sutherland and Beau Moulton from Station 198 to one of the locations in Roleystone. The conditions were perfect that day, I was told. Light wind and no rain. One spark was enough and the first grass tree was on fire. It was spectacular to me. The area Matt and his crew were burning was surrounded by family homes thus special care was required. While Matt's team kept an eye on the fire for the whole time I had the chance to talk to him for a few minutes. He clearly remembers our bushfire on the 6th of February 2011.

'It was a very scary feeling for many people,' he said.

Even if he has longstanding experience in fighting fires, every fire is different. And if the "conditions are right" for a fire it will travel fast; much faster than most people would expect.

Then he explained the reasons why controlled burning has such an impact on the safety of our bushland. Natural rubbish such as dry leaves and fallen branches create great fuel to make it easy for a fire to spread. So everyone can contribute to the safety of our bushland by simply cleaning the gutters from leaves and keeping the lawn short during the warmer months. Those who have firebreaks need to maintain them keeping them clear and accessible. Trees close to the house need to be pruned in an appropriate way. We can all help.

The crew from Station 198 is getting ready; all their preparations have started now. So please walk around your property and make sure you are prepared too.

And if you would like to go one step further to help our fire brigade, simply join up. They will provide you with the training you will need. And don't forget the fire brigade has its season all year around. You need to be over 17 to fight fires but there are plenty of opportunities for younger members too as they can join as cadets. For more information please contact Matt 0407 509 128 or Noel 0408098347 or go onto their website <http://station198.com.au/index.shtml>

For me this afternoon was a great experience in many ways.

Marit Dew

Matt Plowman is pictured on the cover.

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Janice Mclean nee Savage



Peter Stocker



Marg and Vern Bettenay with Henry Zelones

Our City's Pioneers

Over 180 pioneers enjoyed the afternoon tea and the opportunity to reminisce with familiar faces from years gone by.

The City of Armadale hosted its annual Pioneers' Reunion at the Kelmscott Hall on Saturday 4 October to honour its long term residents.

The hard work and contribution of our early pioneers and their spirit helped shape the fabric of the community we all now know and love. Roleystone residents Vern and Margaret Bettenay were selected to cut the Pioneer Cake.

The Pioneers' Reunion is hosted by the City of Armadale every year to acknowledge those who have lived in the City of Armadale for 50 years or more.

If you have lived here for 50 years, continually or otherwise, contact the Mayor's Office on 9399 0175 to be invited in future years.



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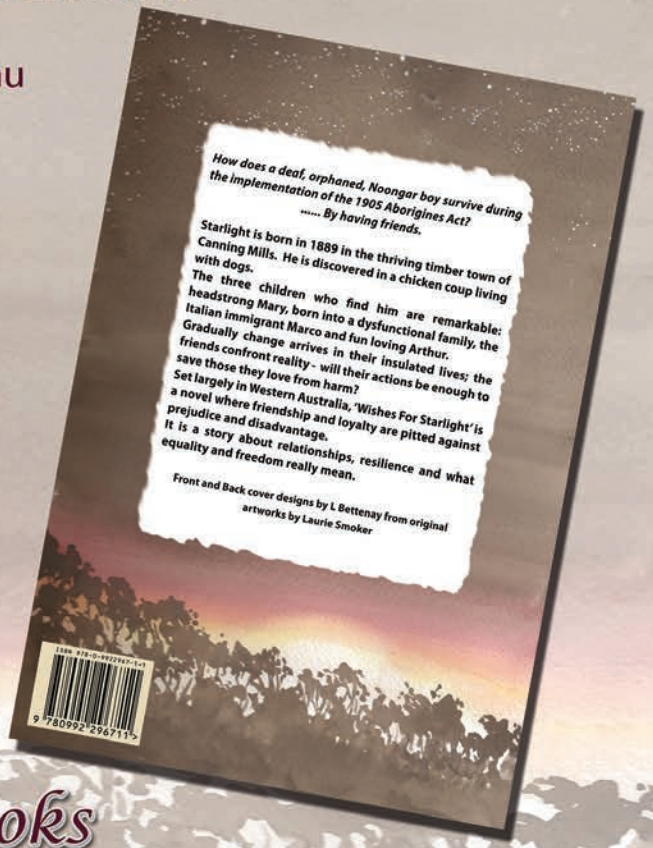
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David Nickels Will Be Riding To Help Cure Diabetes

David Nickels is a local 17 year old and many Roleystone residents will have seen him riding his bike around the hills and marvelled at his fitness and stamina. He rides every day and it is nothing for him to ride over 300 kilometres per week. David also has type I Diabetes.

He is now determined to raise funds to participate in the "Ride to Cure Diabetes" in the Barossa Valley in South Australia on the 17 January 2015. David needs to raise \$3,500 in sponsorship to qualify for the ride.

Roleystone Courier readers are being invited to assist David by signing up to an amazing event - a Vintage Tea Party hosted by Lorraine Broun. This will be happening on the 29 November at 1 Lund Court in Roleystone. Two sessions are planned: 10:00 - 12:30 or 2:00 - 4:30 and the tickets will be limited to 40 people during each timeslot. The cost will be \$30 per person. This is an excellent opportunity to support a young person contributing to the wellbeing of others. The Vintage Tea Party will be donating all of the profits to help David. Vintage clothing is optional so please feel free to dress for the occasion. Phone Lorraine on 9496 1214 to arrange for tickets to this luxurious, decadent experience.

If you are unable to attend but would like to help David in his fund raising why not donate



to his ride? Follow the prompts at the following website to donate to David Nickels: www.jdrf.org.au/ride/ or phone 0428 952162 or 9397 9711 if you need assistance. All money raised will go towards helping David achieve his quest.

MOVEMBER'S 4TH ANNUAL RIDE FOR YOUR LIFE

Our charity motorcycle ride for Movember through the Perth hills is on again on Sunday 23rd of Movember from Midvale to Roleystone.

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on millions of men's faces in Australia and around the world, the aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health issues; specifically prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health.

Three like-minded Mo-Bro's: Jason, Adam & Kirk have been actively helping Movember individually for 8 years, but for the fourth year running have organised what they believe has become an important event on the Movember calendar: a group motorcycle ride through the Perth hills.

This begins with a light-hearted gathering in Midvale before the 99km twisting trek, away from the traffic and through the hills to Roleystone.

"We're so grateful to have the support of passionate Mo Bros like Jason, Adam and Kirk. It's thanks to the hairy dedication of guys like this that Movember is able to raise much needed awareness for men's health in communities around Australia. We'd like to thank all the participants of 'Ride For Your Life'. Your moustaches are helping the global movement to change the face of men's health," said Movember's Tom Betts.

Mo Bros and Mo Sistas will be out in force at 'Ride For Your Life', however being male and growing a moustache is not essential to attending the ride - everyone is encouraged to come along and get involved. Motorised cycles of all classes and sizes are welcome,

and if you're not able to ride with us, why not join us for lunch at the Roleystone Country Club at 6 Wygonda Road Roleystone from midday on the day of the ride?

This year's meeting point is the car park adjacent to Caltex at 375 Great Eastern Highway Midvale, with \$20 registration for the event between 8:30-9:30 and departure around 10:00am. The ride takes approximately 2 hours to complete.

For more information, please visit our facebook page rfyl.mo or contact Jason Kelly-Pages, 0417 989 971, rideforyourlife@hotmail.com.au

To sign up for Movember, head to movember.com and join our team "Ride For Your Life". We look forward to seeing you at 'Ride For Your Life' on Movember 23rd!

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The Garretts End Eight Decades Plus In Roleystone

John and Jan Garrett have now moved to Port Kennedy but the move is bitter sweet. They are happy to be in their new home, which will definitely be easier to care for, but they have many fond memories of Roleystone.

My grandparents settled in Roleystone in the early 1920s on a property in Sawmill Place. Over the years the extended family has held property in Peet Road, Mackie Road, Hall Road, Glebe Road and Hawkstone Road.

My mother and siblings attended the local schools when they were located firstly at Brookton Hwy (it was then part of Croyden

Road). My mother would drive a horse and cart down Peet Road (then gravel) to Kelmscott twice a week to take and pick up my grandfather from the station as he worked in Claremont and only came home to Roleystone on the weekends. All her brothers served in the army during the Second World War. Fred perished whilst a POW on the Burma Railway.

After 32 years in Roleystone we have downsized to Port Kennedy. Although very happy with our new home we regret having to move out of the area. We were anticipating moving into the Seniors Village that was proposed at the Robin Road site. Unfortunately this now appears very unlikely to happen and if it does it is too late for us. There is a need in Roleystone for this type of facility.

Millie, our 13 yo faithful dog came with us. Although very frail she still enjoys a morning and afternoon walk (stroll) at the local parks. We have to drive her to the park, we help her in and out of the car as she is becoming very weak in the back legs.

There are very few regular dog walkers where we exercise her now. Not like at Cross Park where at times there would be up to 14 dogs socialising in the morning. We will miss all the friends we made in Roleystone. Millie says 'Hi' to you all.

So farewell Roleystone and thanks for the memories.

John & Jan Garrett

WELCOME KAIA

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of Kaia Samiotis - daughter to Michael Samiotis and Liv Levinson.

Girls are rare in our family. She has three big brothers and her dad Michael is one of four brothers, so it's pretty special.

Little Kaia is Jean and George Brooks' seventh Great Grandie. They have four children and thirteen grand children. Father Michael said he is not sure how to

handle pink...it suddenly hit him when he saw the four piles of folded laundry, one of which was pink! We are sure he will manage!

Kaia will be a much cherished and loved little girl!

Jean and George Brooks



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Editorial Celebrating 75!

This is my 75th ever Roleystone Courier and what a bumper edition it is! So much has come in that this will be a very short editorial. But like with all milestones it's time to reflect.

The magazine has gone from strength to strength. From the small photocopied A5 6 page first Courier produced by Viv Keelty in August 1977 to the wonderful colour gloss version we put out today.

This magazine still serves a valuable service: informing, reporting and celebrating what is important across our community.

My thanks to all of our wonderful contributors: the quality of the magazine is largely up to you.

Most importantly thanks to our many advertisers whose patronage allows this community magazine to be produced.

This month's magazine carries the evidence of our community coming alive during spring. The two big shows: The Karragullen Expo and the Kelmescott Show both experienced

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great support with large numbers of patrons attending. The Roleystone Market Committee is hoping for fine weather for their upcoming Xmas Market after the fickle September weather forced the last one to be abandoned.

An event which I believe should not be missed is the Remembrance Day Service in Araluen Park. This event commemorates WW1 and with the added significance of this being 100 years since our soldiers left to fight, this event has great relevance.

Every year I am touched by the beauty and serenity of the location but when I reflect that this shrine was set up in 1934 - 80 years ago, to remind us of the contribution of the 88 young Australia League Boys who lost their lives in The Great War, this becomes almost chilling.

This year my brother Kim Bettenay will be playing. So if you have time on the 11th of November, join with us at the Grove for the Unforgotten in Araluen Botanic Park.

I do hope you enjoy the November Courier - 75 and still going strong. Happy reading.

Linda Moore



Farewell Curnow Knuckey; A Pioneer Passes

The recent sad passing of 91 year old Curnow Knuckey marks the end of a pioneering era. Curnow was the eldest son of Mary and Richard (Dick) Knuckey.

Dick was the postmaster and blacksmith and arrived in the district in the late 1880's. He married Mary Parker (the first school teacher and a significant contributor to Roleystone life throughout her life) and they set up their orchard on the hill that makes up the lower west side of Peet Road.

Curnow married Dorothy Bettenay (and his brother Lloyd married her sister Elanor!!!) and they lived in Roleystone until they left the district in the early 1950s to pursue lives elsewhere. Together Curnow and Dot had four children Rex, Geoff, Kevin and Jennifer.

Curnow had a long and illustrious life but never forgot his early life in Roleystone. In two main ways he has left a pioneering legacy.

When in 1950 his brother Ken Knuckey and Ray Pound were attempting to establish a local cricket team in Roleystone, they were told that Curnow, who had played for a few seasons for Kelmescott A Grade, was not allowed into the team as he was 'too good'. This decision was later reversed and Curnow and his brothers Ken and Lloyd played for Roleystone for many years. Curnow never forgot his alliance to RKCC and came to Old Buffers Games as often as he could.

Curnow's mother Mary Knuckey was a formidable musician and the driver behind the establishment of the Roleystone Theatre. In most of the productions in the 1930s and 1940s her own children and nieces and nephews played roles. Curnow was a very talented violinist and singer

and was one of the Hilarions, a well known musical group that played around the district for many years.

The Knuckey's have certainly left a valuable legacy in our District.

Goodbye Curnow.

Below: Richard and Mary Knuckey are shown with their sons: Lloyd, Ken and Curnow



Happy Fiftieth Birthday John Hunter



John's brother Malcolm became the best 50th birthday present yet, when he turned up on the 1st of October as a total surprise from Scotland! This was no mean feat considering how easy it is with social media these days to 'let the proverbial cat out of the bag'! He managed to slink into Perth the day before and strolled into our house behind our son. There were more than a few happy tears to say the least! Well done Malky. This was a fabulous surprise!

Pam Hunter



Fun Time at Storytime in the Hills

Especially my two year old boy. He sat up straight on my lap, eyes wide open and focused on the stage. Honestly, I haven't seen him so interested in something for so long.

There were two sections of the show. The first part was called 12 Angry Pigs and was performed by a junior group. The second part was a short play from Welcome to Oz. It was full of singing and dancing, which was so wonderful.

To my surprise, the Theatre also prepared a free fruit platter and biscuits for the kids at the intermission. At the end of the show, the actors came out to say hello to all the audience. We had some great photos with the scarecrow, Dorothy and the lion from Welcome to Oz. **Pictured: Julie, Brad Towton (Lion), Katy and her son Peter Green**

We all had a good time at Storytime in the Hills. Why wouldn't we love it? There is definitely no reason to miss the shows our Theatre puts on.

Katy Jiang

Over the school holidays, my friend Julie had some spare tickets for a show called Story-time In The Hills at the Roleystone Theatre. I jumped into it with my entire family.

It was fabulous! My boys, my husband and I all sat there watching the entire show from beginning to end.

VALE BILLY WATKINS 11/11/1919 – 18/9/2014

Beatrice Hope Murphy was born in Windlesham, Surrey, England to William and Beatrice Murphy. She was the sixth of two brothers and five sisters. As the tomboy of the family her nickname was Billy, which remained her name for the rest of her life.

After school, where she excelled at hockey and gymnastics, she worked in domestic service. She worked for Vickers during the war assembling

Wellington bombers. Billy was asked by a fellow worker if she could write to Robert (Bob) Watts an ex-worker who was a POW and had no one to correspond with. After the war they married and had one son Tony who migrated to WA where he married Sherry and they settled in Roleystone. Robert died in 1976.

In 1982 Billy came to Australia to be near her grandchildren, and settled in Roleystone with her new husband Eric Watkins. She became an active member of St Christopher's Anglican Church and of the craft group as well as a member of the CWA. She adored her granddaughters: Kate, Amy, Alice and Charlotte and was always ready to help look after them and to attend as many school activities as possible, especially those requiring a grandmother.

Having grown up in a village she enjoyed the village atmosphere of Roleystone and the sense of community. With failing health it was with great regret that she had to leave Roleystone, and especially her numerous friends, to go to an aged care facility. Billy passed away peacefully at Belrose Care in Maddington on 18 September 2014.

A memorial service will be held at 11am Monday 10th November at Saint Christopher's Anglican Church, Hall Road, Roleystone.

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Avocado Festival

Saturday October 11th marked the 31st Anniversary of the Karragullen Expo and first ever Avocado Festival and organisers from the Hills Orchard Improvement Group said: 'The attendees came in droves. We'd like to express our gratitude to the members of our local community who helped make the day an amazing success including our major sponsors. Readers are invited to look at the Expo Highlights (including Vince Garreffas' recipes) on the website @ www.karragullenexpo.org.au'

The Award recipients were:

- Wild Thyme Essentials
Best Small Exhibit
- Digrite
Best New Machinery Release
- Greenline
Best Horticultural Machinery Display
- Honda Shop
Best New Horticultural Innovation
- Perth Region NRM
Best Overall Exhibit
- Anthony Caccetta - Recipient of the John Giumelli Encouragement Award
- Canning Orchard - Visy WA Fruit Producer of the Year Award

• Ben Mercer
Recipient of the Service to Industry Award

Pioneer Medallions

Angela Gina Altinier, Joe Della Franca, Corrado Peter Fantuz, Antonio & Maria Ferrinda, Concetta Furfaro, Tony Italiano, Vince Italiano, Joe Natta, Domenico Papalia, Tindaro Scaffidi, Lilly Vetta.

Colouring Competition winners:

Roleystone CC - Ethan and Lockie, Clifton Hills PS - Eva, Grace, Alex, Mia and Tara
Falls Rd PS - Molly
Pickering Brook PS - Elissa
Walliston PS - Rebecca.

On behalf of the Hills Orchard Improvement Group, a huge thankyou to everyone who attended this year's Karragullen Expo and Avocado Festival. To our fantastic stall holders and sponsors, thankyou sincerely for your amazing support.

And finally, congratulations and thankyou to the HOIG committee and every volunteer we had onboard, for a job well done. Their dedication, passion and commitment to this year's event has been overwhelming!

1. Tracey Rampling and her mother-in-law Judy - Best Small Exhibit
2. Playing on the Machinery
3. Peter and Lyn Hunt
4. Lisa and Neave Liva
5. Old Tractor at the Entry





Katie has spent most of her life in Roleystone and has many friends in our area who wish her well.

The photo of Katie's family at the wedding includes many current and former Roleystone residents. Katie's Mum and stepfather, Frank and Maggie Smith, her sister Sarah Carrington and her step-sister and her husband, Donna & Shane Brolsma - have all lived in Roleystone for many years!

Well done Mr and Mrs Mitchell and may you have many years of shared happiness.

Katie and Jamie Are Wed

Jamie Mitchell and Katie Lethbridge married at their home in Baldivis on Saturday 18 October.

MEGAN'S AN EXPERT ON PRESERVES

Roleystone Family centre is fortunate to have Megan Radaich from foodpreserving.org sharing her abundant knowledge with our beautiful community. She is offering such a diverse range of classes at very reasonable prices and we would like to encourage the community to welcome her to our centre by attending some of her classes. This term she is offering:

cheese making, fermenting foods, jerky and a large range of different kinds of preserving classes. In each course Megan includes fabulous free samples and also available on the day of the classes are a great supply of preserving equipment for you to purchase.

Details for her Term 4 classes:

Fermentation – 8th November (Saturday) 10am to 12:30pm - \$55 (or do both classes for \$105)

Cheese Making – 8th November (Saturday) 1pm to 4pm - \$55 (or do both classes for \$105)

Jerky & BBQ Sauce Preserving Class – 15th November (Saturday) 2pm to 4pm

Christmas Preserves Class (Saturday) 2pm to 4pm

Megan is very open to running classes that the community have requested just like the upcoming Jerky and BBQ sauce making class, so if you have something you would like to request for a future term please email manager@roleystonfamilycentre.com.au or phone the centre on 94961115.

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MARISA IS 21!

Resident of Roleystone Marisa Scidone celebrated her 21st birthday with family and friends at The High Road Hotel in Riverton on the 20th of September.

"I would like to thank my parents Fiona and Laurie for putting on the event. I had an amazing time. Thank you for all the support over the last 21 years."

The picture from left to right. Christopher, Bianca, Fiona, Marisa, Emelia and Laurie.



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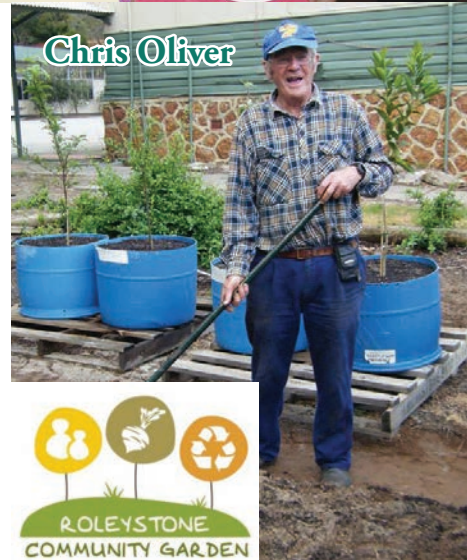
With the Spring Markets cancelled due to bad weather, the scarecrow competition had no-where to go....except to be held the following weekend at the Roleystone Community Garden site. A magnificent display of no less than 25 scarecrows were displayed over four categories. Competition was fierce, which resulted in the judges deliberating for a long period of time. Congratulations to all who participated. We had so much fun with this that it may be a regular event.

Over the last month there has been a hive of activity at the garden, no less than six new earth beds have been created on the ground where the PC house once stood. Lettuce and other leaf vegetables are thriving and recently climbing beans have been planted.

The committee will be looking at scheduling monthly workshops covering topics such as composting, companion planting and the like. We would be pleased to hear from the community on topics which would be of interest to form part of the monthly workshops.

The committee can be contacted via our website or Facebook page. Simply google Roleystone Community Garden. Workshops will commence in the new year.

Those members of the community who take in Robin Road as part of their daily exercise routine, would have noticed that a large area has been dedicated to composting and recycling of dead plant matter. Our worm farm has grown exponentially thanks to the efforts of Henry.



As worm numbers have increased, Henry has been adding them and their castings to growing beds to improve soil conditioning. Thank you Henry.

Some time ago I mentioned that the Hills Orchard Improvement Group (HOIG) would be donating 6 fruit trees to the garden. Those trees are now resident at Robin Road. They look fantastic and are showing signs of new growth. Thank you to HOIG for their commitment to our garden.

Happy Gardening

Laurie Scidone

See Scarecrow pictures page 39.

Awesome Incursion at Roleystone Community College was AWESOME

On Friday 17th October the English Department hosted three guest authors from Singapore.

Sharmini Flint gave an inspiring talk to all years 7, 8 and 9 students, who were mesmerised, entertained and enthralled.

Several classes of secondary students also participated in workshops on creating super heroes. These were led by A.J. Low and husband and wife team Adan and Felicia, who are famous for their Sherlock Sam Series. The students involved were attentive and participated enthusiastically in the workshops.

The Awesome festival and WritingWA also donated three class sets of "Near and Dear" anthologies. These short stories written by authors from Singapore and WA, cover a wide range of themes and issues. They are already being enjoyed by our students and are a welcome addition to our fiction collection.

We sincerely thank the Awesome Festival and WritingWA for providing this great opportunity for our students.

Christine Boulton



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Shannan Achieves 6th Place In National Equestrian Event

The Tom Quilty Gold Cup Horse Endurance is one of the toughest endurance races held in Australia. It is 160km and must be completed in 24 hours. The riders start at midnight and must be across the finish line before midnight the following evening. There are 5 compulsory vet checks throughout the race.

This year the national event was held in Wagin W.A. on the 3rd and 4th of October. Riders and their horses travelled from around the country to compete in the annual race. There were over 120 entries for this year's event. At the completion of the event only 36 competitors and their horses managed to cross the finish line successfully.

Shannan Parker first did a Tom Quilty in 2007 when she was 13 years

old. She finished 2nd in the event, in the junior division, and was the youngest rider to finish and she was riding the oldest horse, Kagre Naadin. This year Shannan was riding Jordaan, and they managed to complete the race and finished 6th in the lightweight division, winning one of the much coveted Quilty belt buckles.

The ride had a few hiccups and Shannan badly sprained her ankle at about the

50km mark. They went on to cross the finish line at 6.40pm. To complete this race is a huge achievement and shows great management skills of both horse and rider.

Shannan has been a member of WAERA since she was 12 years old and has clocked up over 3200km in her log books. This does not include all the hours spent riding in Roleystone to keep her horse fit. Shannan would like to say a huge thank you to Ross & Jenny McCamish. They not only have trusted her with the beautiful Jordaan for the past 3 years, but Ross who could not ride any of his other horses due to injury, selflessly became Shannan's official strapper for the event. Without his vast knowledge and experience the race may have had a different outcome.

She would also like to thank her Mum and Dad and her partner Karel, who were there and supported her throughout the event.

Well done Shannan



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Finalists Announced for Gala Business Awards



An exceptional number of nominations have been received for the prestigious Examiner Newspapers 2014 Business Awards, presented by Business Armadale.

Winners will be celebrated at a gala event on Friday November 7th. Business Armadale President, Paul Harrison said the annual awards are a significant opportunity to celebrate excellence across the business community in Armadale and to recognise the people who contribute to the economic development of the region. "In this critical period of economic growth and change in our region, it's more important than ever to recognise local business excellence and innovation," Mr Harrison said.

The Finalists:

Start-Up Award

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Beaver Traffic Management

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The gala awards night, hosted by 6PR broadcaster Harvey Deegan, will be held at the historical Armadale District Hall, on Friday, November 7th.

Tickets are available at \$110.00 for members and \$125.00 for non-members.

The evening will be a formal event with a sit down meal provided by The Manse Restaurant and wines supplied by Churchview Estate Winery.

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I loved reading your article on 'The Demise of The Rag Trade As We Knew It'

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I still wear my Cardie and remember 3 Sisters of long ago.

Thanks for the memories.

Beryl Atkins

Skateboarders Cause Concern

Last Saturday, 11 October, I was driving on Heritage Drive at the Araluen Golf Resort Estate where it meets the junction of Old Albany Lane. To my great surprise, on the other side of the road was a parked Nissan Patrol, an adult male approximate age 40 and six or seven teenage boys equipped with skateboards. It was evident that they had just completed skateboarding on the main road down the slope of Heritage Drive to the first depression at the junction of Old Albany Lane, presumably transported to the area by the male driver.

I would like to ask the adult person concerned, in which universe, alternative or otherwise, would this be in any way deemed to be a safe practice! Teenage boys speeding down a very busy road on implements with no brakes and little control. I have also heard of skateboarding having been carried out on Ridgehill Rise and further down Heritage Drive to the bridge at the junction of Croyden Road.

Fortunately, in this incidence, they had all finished their skateboarding,

but just imagine being the unfortunate driver of a vehicle coming up the hill to be met head on by a youth on a skateboard. The result would be catastrophic for the youth, not to mention traumatic and expensive for the hapless driver of the vehicle. Would the person who was "responsible" for these youths like to have informed the parents of the victim of his demise? Would he liked to have been involved in removing the remains of the victim and transporting him to hospital? Would he liked to have bought the hapless driver a new vehicle or pay his psychiatrist's bills for helping him cope with the incessant nightmares he would likely suffer for taking such a young life?

It may not be as exciting, but that is why Roleystone, as well as Armadale, have purpose built, expensive skateboard parks. There youths, who rarely have the imagination to see what might happen, may perfect their skills in safety, not on a public thoroughfare.

A Concerned Resident

Roma Bows Out

After seven years of being involved with the Hills Orchard Improvement Group as a co-ordinator of the Karragullen Expo, I now advise I have resigned from this role. I sincerely thank everyone who has supported the event over the years; the growth of the Expo has been remarkable. Special thanks to the HOIG committee for having me on board, they have been wonderful to work with.

Interest and bookings for 2015 have already commenced, please contact Bruno, David or John on 9293 7132 with any enquiries.

Roma Spiccia

95th



On the 6th October Brenda Metcalfe (Jackie Elliott's Mum) celebrated her 95th Birthday. She was born in 1919. Brenda lived in Roleystone for 23 years. Many happy returns.



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After my husband Mike died I wanted a companion pet so I opted for a cat. Although I love cats, we couldn't have one before as Mike was allergic to them. We also felt that cats and Roleystone's wildlife don't go together.

I decided that my cat would be an indoor cat and allowed out only into a cat enclosure. I purchased a sterilised, micro chipped young Snowshoe cat from the Cat Haven.

Then I had an enclosure erected in the garden. It's about 4m by 2m by 2m high with a zip entrance and encloses a little peach tree and a white buddelia that were growing there.

As I wanted easy access around my patio I had a tunnel put in from the enclosure to my bedroom window. I took out the window and replaced it with wooden boards with a cat flap inserted. I made up a ramp with carpet stapled to it on the window sill so the cat can race up and down and in and out of the cat flap. An old wooden step ladder in the enclosure gives her access from the tunnel to the ground. My cat is not allowed outdoors except in her the enclosure. Sadly she still catches lizards that go into her cage but birds are safe and she is safe from other cats and can't go out on the road to be run over.

Perhaps more cat owners should invest in such a structure: it's not cheap but then neither are cats these days when you take into account the initial cost of sterilising, micro chipping and vaccinating plus the cost of registration with local government.

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Denson Baker Films The Dark Horse

Local Cinematographer Denson Baker has recently returned to his home in the hills after filming, 'The Dark Horse' in New Zealand. He filled the role of Director of Photography on the film. Some reviewers are calling it the greatest New Zealand film ever made!

Denson, his Director wife Claire McCarthy and their young son Pax moved to New Zealand for 4 months last year while the film was being shot.

Denson's mum Ros Baker joined them for a couple of months. The whole family declared that it was 'an extraordinary experience'. This film has just been released in Australian cinemas.

Starring an extraordinary NZ cast; Cliff Curtis (Whale Rider and Boy), James Rolleston (Boy) and Kirk Torrance (Outrageous Fortune).

The Dark Horse is an inspiring true story based on the life of a charismatic, brilliant but little-known New Zealand Hero and chess champion - Genesis Potini, aka Gen.

The Dark Horse is an emotionally-charged and inspiring drama about a man who searches for the courage to lead, despite his own adversities - finding purpose and hope in passing on his gift to the children in his community.

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Southern Hills Christian College is again celebrating literary highlights and achievements with two of its students being chosen in prestigious poetry competitions.

Jade Norton (left), a Year 9 student, has been awarded a place in the Roland Leach Poetry Competition, a state-wide competition initiated to encourage the writing of poetry. Her poem was a thoughtful muse upon the meaning of life, and showcased her excellent use of language.

Hayley Mathews (right), who is in Year 10, is now a published poet. Her poem was chosen to be published in the fine anthology entitled Primo Lux, which gathers exemplary poetry from students in Years 10, 11 and 12 across Western Australia. Her delightfully evocative poem about ballet dances off the page.

Congratulations to both young ladies on their achievement.

Mary Gwynne

A Little Christmas Cheer

The call was put out via social media for help!

I asked for any help in making shoe boxes for Operation Christmas child. An organisation that helps create joy to children in need throughout Southeast Asia and the South Pacific.

Over 100 million shoeboxes have been given out to children in over 130 countries since they started in 1993.

In late September I asked for donations of money or shoe boxes to be completed. We only had 3 weeks! This way I could ensure I received them in time, labelled them and could take them to the main delivery centre in Balcatta. Inside would need 6 or more items.

- Something to love like a teddy
- Something for school: notebooks, pencils, crayons
- Something to wear: shirts, pants, underwear, hat or shoes
- Something to play with: ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles
- Something for personal hygiene: toothbrush, soap, face washer
- Something special: sunnies, book, journal, craft kits or a photo of yourself.

I decided to help organise the collection due to my beautiful nephew Lincoln passing away from SIDS in late August.



Our Christmas will not be the same. We will lack the joy of watching a baby celebrate his first Christmas and receiving presents. So why not make other children's Christmas amazing!

The response was overwhelming! Together with the people of Roleystone, I have helped to organise 74 beautiful boxes.

I could not have achieved this without so many amazing and giving families.

Next year I hope to do it again! Hopefully I can achieve 100 boxes and help make a child feel there is a little Christmas cheer in a small box.

So a HUGE THANK YOU! goes out to everyone who took the time to help me.

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It is a requirement of a permit holder to ensure fire fighting equipment is present at all times during the burn, and a minimum of three able bodied persons are in attendance until the fire is completely extinguished.

When conducting a control burn it is important to abide by all conditions on the Permit and make sure you notify your neighbour's at least 24 hours prior to lighting a fire. You must also advise your local Bush Fire Control Officer, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Please note, the lighting of fires in the open air is prohibited from 1st December 2014 to 31st March 2015 inclusive.

Important things to remember are:
No burning on Sundays or public holidays
No burning on days of very high, severe, extreme or catastrophic fire danger
A burning permit may be obtained at the City of Armadale Administration Centre 7 Orchard Avenue Armadale between 3pm and 4pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Permits are also available from the Roleystone and Bedforddale Fire Control Officers.

There is no charge for obtaining a Permit to Burn, however burning without a permit is an offence under the Bush Fires Act 1954 and carries a Penalty of up to \$10,000.

Contact details

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9399 0111

Roleystone Fire Control Officer
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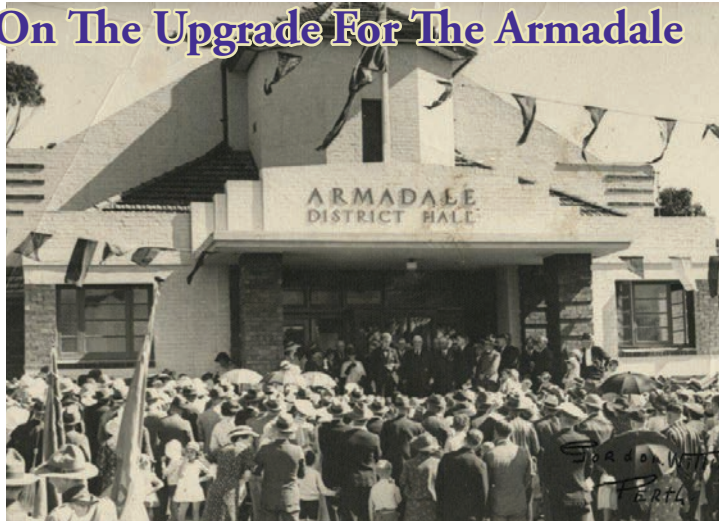


Have Your Say On The Upgrade For The Armadale District Hall

Many long-term locals have fond memories of the Armadale Hall and it is now mooted to undergo some renovations.

The City of Armadale is now inviting residents to have their say on the draft concept plan for the major upgrade to the historic Armadale District Hall. The Armadale District Hall was constructed in 1936 and over the years has seen only minor improvements.

The draft concept plan has been developed to preserve the historic aspects of the building as well as provide a functional facility for many years to come. Heritage Architects have been employed to undertake the work that will be considered by the Heritage Council of WA. Design options under



The photo above was taken at the opening of the Armadale District Hall in 1936, courtesy of the Birtwistle Studies Library.

consideration include enlarging the main hall space by partial or complete removal of the mezzanine gallery which was installed in 1938, two years after the hall was opened. The upgrade includes additions to the building as well as internal renovations to improve functionality of the kitchen, meeting rooms, as well as storage and service access.

The closing date for submissions is 14 November, 2014. A detailed background report including concept plans are available to view on the City's website at www.armadale.wa.gov.au or contact the City on 9399 0111 for further information.

ROLEYSTONE ANIMAL HOSPITAL OPEN DAY

Roleystone Animal Hospital is pleased to announce their first Open Day, to be held on Sunday November 16th from 10am to 2pm. There will be pet photos with Santa, clinic tours, face painting and a sausage sizzle with all proceeds to Darling Range Wildlife Shelter. We will also have a raffle with a Grand Prize of a pet hamper and Houndstooth Studio pet photography voucher, pet show bags and a live animal display from Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

It's going to be a fun day out and the staff at Roleystone Animal Hospital look forward to seeing everyone there!

Tiffany Jacobs

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Byford Poet Sioban Timmer Launches 'Toughen Up, Princess'

Local Byford based children's poet Sioban Timmer will be launching her debut children's book, 'Toughen Up, Princess' at the Gosnells Knowledge Centre on November 1. 'Toughen Up, Princess' offers a new perspective on traditional fairy tales with a distinctly Australian flavour.

The delightful illustrations by Alison Mutton add to the uniquely Aussie feel of the book. The story from which the book takes its title: 'Toughen Up, Princess' draws inspiration from the traditional fairy tale of Sleeping

Beauty. Come on Aurora, you can't just lie there all day sleeping! You need to Toughen Up, Princess! But there are other modern takes on historical classics. Mrs Timmer pokes fun at several familiar tales. Was Jack just a beanstalk-climbing home invader? Was Snow White – maiden or moocher? These and many other fairy tale truths are tested in this set of poems aimed at savvy children (and adults with a sense of fun) who know there is always more than one side to any story.

For more details about her book, please contact Sioban Timmer on siobantimmer@gmail.com or ring 0402 292 790.

REZONING APPLICATION OF SCHOOL SITE REJECTED

On Tuesday 21 October, I made a presentation to the Development Services committee requesting that Council not approve the rezoning application put forward by the Department of Education. This would have changed the current zoning that we had achieved previously which allows for 'small lot - seniors' housing only'. The zoning applied for would have allowed a small amount of seniors' housing mixed with normal housing. With excellent support from the Mayor Henry Zelones and Chair Cr Donna Shaw the committee declined the application acknowledging that the Council wanted to see Seniors' housing only on the site and added a second recommendation that a task force be set up by Council to investigate the current constraints holding back prospective developers. This appears to be related to sewerage and the State Health Authorities.

This recommendation has to go to a Council meeting on 27 October for final approval but I feel very confident it will go through. So our journey for Seniors' housing in Roleystone continues with excellent Council support. Now we need support from the State Health Authorities to achieve success.

Pat Hart

Convenor Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Housing Committee



Vale Kitty Telfer

Late September saw the passing of long term Roleystone resident Catherine Kitty Frances Telfer who had recently celebrated her 101st birthday. Kitty was born on 4th February 1913. Kitty lived for many years in her home on Butcher Road in Roleystone.

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APRIL & JOHN ARE ENGAGED

On October 11th, our son John Scot Hunter became engaged to his beautiful girlfriend April and we celebrated with family and friends in the garden at home. It was a perfect day filled with love, laughter and good company! We were so grateful for the help we had with the food from our wonderful friends and family. It was that wonderful generosity that added that special touch to the day. It made us realise what's important and how lucky we are! We wish the happy couple all the love and happiness in the world!

Pam and John Hunter

Hairrods Has Left the Building

After nearly 23 years of trading from what is now known as Unit 1/508 Brookton Hwy, Hairrods for Hair is moving! When the salon first opened in November 1991, its address was 89 Brookton Hwy and it was certainly not a unit. It was just the little shop at the end of the building.

The decision to move was initially a hard one for Jamie and John. A change in Property Manager in March this year made it clear that they needed to make a change. Jamie told us:

'I have been here for over 22 years and have been, I think a pretty good tenant but the last 6 months have been a real trial for us.'

Hairrods for Hair has been part of the Roleystone Village landscape for about a quarter of the Village's existence. It will continue to be so! Hairrods will be moving 35 metres down the Highway to Shop 3, 2 Soldiers Road.

John laughed when he recalled:

'For the last 6 months our clients have had to listen to our litany of woes. People usually go to a salon to talk about themselves, we've reversed that situation over the last 7 months.'

Hairrods first day of trading in the new shop is planned for the 4th of November. This just happens to be the 23rd anniversary of the doors first opening in the former shop. So Jamie & John are seeing this as the continuation of Hairrods but in a bigger, better and well maintained environment.



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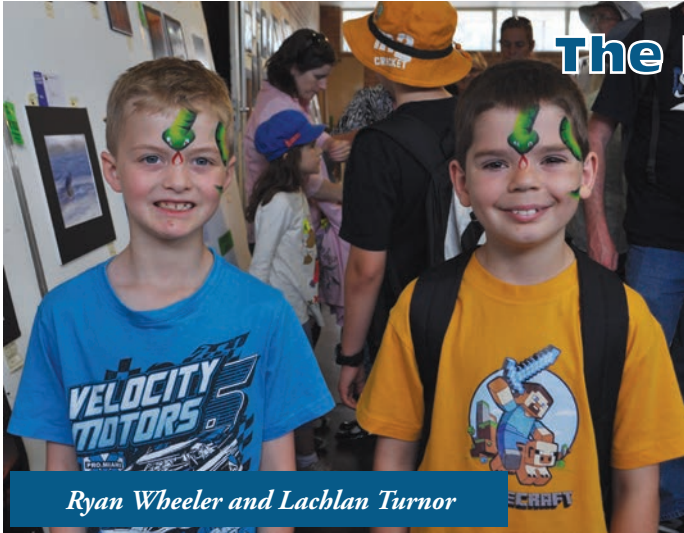
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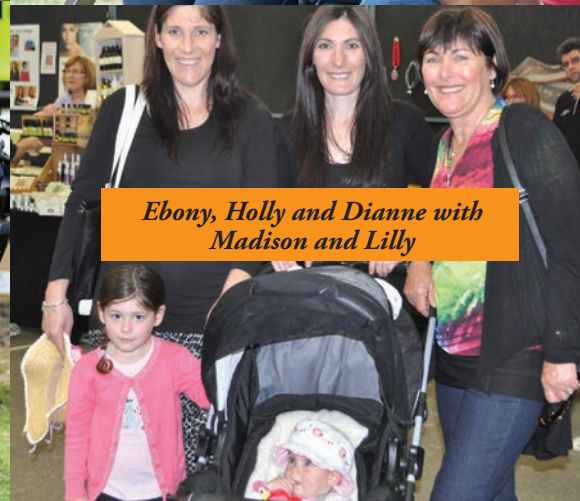
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Farewell To A Cricketing Pioneer

Curnow Knuckey

The results and the kicking off of the cricket season takes a back seat in this month's article as we mourn the loss of one of the pioneers of our great club and a true gentleman.

The eldest of the three Knuckey brothers, Curnow together with brothers Lloyd and Ken and Ray Pound amongst others decided that our community needed a cricket club. Unfortunately the association wouldn't let Curnow play in a B Grade Roleystone-Karragullen side when the club started in 1950 due to his already proven experience playing 1st grade for Kelmscott, so it wasn't until the 1952/53 season that Curnow was able to play for the club and did so up until 1965.

Much like many members of the Knuckey family, Curnow was a talented musician, forming part of local band 'The Hilarions' that comprised Phil Martin, Shirley Brown (nee Winstanley), Joan Richards, Lloyd Knuckey,

Mavis Fuller, Mary Knuckey and Fred Pound. His appreciation for song and camaraderie formed an integral part of the Roleystone-Karragullen Cricket Club and continues to do so today. While the songs may no longer be sung, they remain on the walls of our club in memory of legends past and the club continues to be a place where "we don't care what the critics say if we get a frothing lager at the close of play".

But Curnow's spirit lives on at the club and did so on the weekend of his passing. With black arm bands on arms, one of the great comebacks was witnessed at Karragullen Oval.

While not necessarily at the beloved turf at Cross Park, our D Grade side were hopelessly trying to defend a meagre total of 144. With the opposition at 2/109 after 20 overs, things weren't looking great. We won that game and did so with about 20 runs to spare. A truly remarkable feat.

The annual Knuckey-Pound Memorial Shield (aka Old Buffers Match) will be ever more important this year as we pay tribute to and commemorate the lives of Curnow and the founding members of the Roleystone-Karragullen Cricket Club.

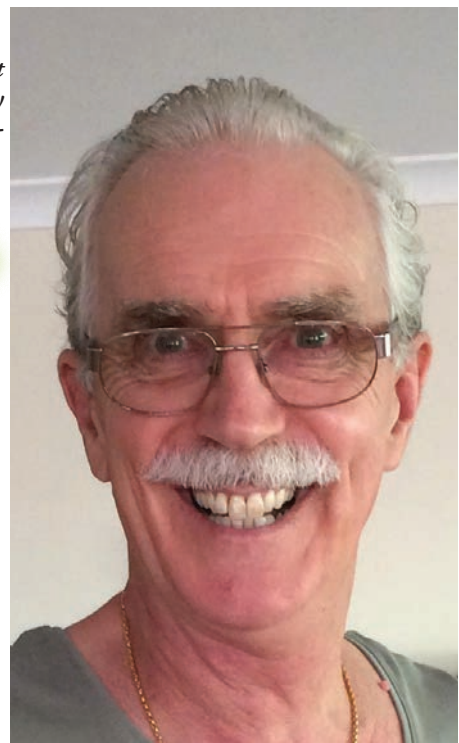
Survived by his wife Dorothy, sons Rex, Geoff and Kevin and daughter Jennifer, our sincerest and wholehearted condolences go out to all the Knuckey family. May Curnow rest in peace.

Todd Bendall



Curnow at the Old Buffers

Phil AKED, at right, is ready for November - are you?



NED MAGNUS Is 80

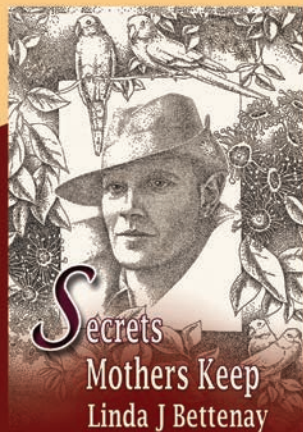
Long term residents of Roleystone recently celebrated Ned Magnus's 80th birthday in September at the Araluen Golf Resort. Pictured: Joan and Terry Barritt and Ned and Sonia Magnus. These couples have been neighbours and friends for 35 years - both marrying and moving to Roleystone at the same time. Happy Birthday Ned.

Joan and Terry Barritt



LINDA J BETTENAY

SECRETS MOTHERS KEEP



'At the Going Down of the Sun', a moving performance based on the book *Secrets Mothers Keep* by Linda Bettenay. Coinciding with the anniversary of the 1914 departure of the 11th Battalion, the story of one Anzac is told via letters from a soldier to his sweetheart; narration by Linda Bettenay, performances by Bree Hartley and Michael Forman (Roleystone Theatre). Musical accompaniment by Kim Bettenay.

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Three of the Roleystone group went to the gathering: Jan Mayze, Jackie Ashford and Margaret Williams. We were there with approximately 500 others from around the country.

The venue was the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. Most of us took advantage of the tram system that operates free from the city. Some of the locals were a little stunned, folks in fancy dress singing together!

The evening functions were Dinner + singing + entertainment.

The Friday night was an International theme, with most people dressing up for the occasion. (The 80+yr old Geishas were a shock.)

Saturday night was The Beatles so you can imagine very colourful. There were about 20 Sergeant Peppers, lots of long hair, beads and colourful outfits. Saturday afternoon we gathered and sang on the banks of the Torrens River with a small audience.

Sunday morning we gathered again at the Entertainment Centre for a sing along. It is an amazing feeling to sing with so many others after singing in our own little group each week.

Sunday afternoon saw the beginning of the Post Gathering Tour. We started in McLaren Vale. Then over the next eight days we visited Sing Australia groups as far north as Roxby Downs and south to Kadina finishing up at a Regional Gathering at Magill. What an eye opener! We stayed in 1- 4**** accommodation but the welcome was the same wherever we went - hugs, smiles, singing and food.



We sang in churches, on river boats, decrepit railway stations, aged care facilities, community centres, war memorials, graves and rotundas. We even sang under a huge old tree in which a family grew up (the trunk was hollow) and another old tree that took all twenty six of us to surround it. What a week, what fun. We met some amazing people on our travels.

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Liz Dunn

ARALUEN NOTES

Remembrance Day Service Tuesday 11 November 1.30pm

The service will be conducted by the Rev Susan Thorpe-Gudgeon at the "Grove of the Unforgotten" memorial within the spectacular gardens of Araluen Botanic Park. This year's service will feature a special guest performance by Kim Bettenay who will be supported by the Roleystone Community School Choir.

A feature of the service is the wreath-laying ceremony, which provides for wreaths to be floated in the 'Pool of Reflection' at the base of the Grove. A number of local schools take part in the ceremony.

Another feature of the service will be local identity Linda Bettenay who will talk on the significance of the Grove of the Unforgotten to the Roleystone-Karragullen region.

To encourage community involvement, normal park entry fees are waived and a complimentary afternoon tea will be served following the service.

The Park After Springtime

After a very busy 2 months and over 56,000 visitors, the Park and the staff now have some breathing space. Our membership base increased from just over 600 to nearly 1000 over the 2 months with people realizing the value of taking out membership to Araluen.

The Concourse lawn took a hammering from tulip beds, water feature, grand marquee and thousands of people. It is now undergoing a little TLC with fertilizer, top dressing and a Verdi mow and it is already starting to look green and healthy again.

Thank you to the Roleystone Musicians Club members who helped entertain the crowds especially Ray Martin who sat under the tree near the train stop and played his music. The Araluen train is so popular but only carries 30 people at a time so it was good to have Ray there playing while people waited their turn - which at times could be up to an hour.

The roses and summer annuals are all in bloom at the moment so the Park has taken on a different look - one of beauty and tranquillity.



Wednesday Wonders Calling For New Members

Every Wednesday a group of dynamic enthusiastic people gather in Araluen Park to weed, hoe, nurture and plant - all in the friendly environment of the Wednesday Wonders Gardening Group. This is a group who have an immense passion for gardening plus they enjoy the camaraderie of working with others.



They are now asking for others to join with them. Volunteers can be of any age and fitness level. You can work as long as you choose (start time is 9:00 am). Men are also very welcome to join the group. They also share an amazing morning tea.

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I would also like to thank our hard working committee. We had a fantastic year this year as a committee and it was great to see all of our hard work over the past few years has finally paid off.

Thanks to: Matthew Walkley - President, Jake Lewis - Vice President, Lisa McConachy - Secretary, Leesa Weaver - Treasurer, Adam Casotti - Registrar, Gavin Olsen - Fundraising/Sponsorship, Mitchell Lewis, Robbie Pearce, Glen Weaver, Josh Caccetta - Members.

The Roleystone Senior Football Club AGM will be held on 23rd November 2014 at 2.00pm at the club.

All positions are declared open for 2015.

Please show your support and get involved in your community club. Please contact Lisa on 0400980116 if you would like more information on the committee positions or can help the club in any way.

The Tigers are also looking for a coach for the 2015 season. If you are interested please contact Lisa to discuss the role and requirements.

Below are the trophy recipients for 2014:

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- Most Courageous: Rob Pearce
- Most Improved: Matthew Walkley
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Dr Perera is also quite pleased to provide Paediatric services - especially first trimester support. Feel free to drop past the surgery and make an appointment to meet Dr Perera and discuss how she can be of service to you and your family.



Fruit Growers Get Lifeline From One Year Extension To Fruit Fly Spray

The Hills orchardists have welcomed a one-year extension to access the only pesticide that kills Mediterranean fruit fly in all stages of the life cycle. The decision by the Australian Pesticides and Medicines Authority has thrown a lifeline to the industry which is starting to harvest their stone fruit now.

Without the protection of fenthion as a cover spray, orchardists fear devastating losses from fruit fly maggot infestation. The Australian Pesticides and Medicines Authority still plans to ban the use of fenthion as a cover spray in 12 months; a decision that leaves the industry scrambling for effective alternatives.

Hills growers produce \$40 million of stonefruit, apples, pears and cherries for the Perth market each year. Industry efforts to develop effective alternatives to fenthion spray are underway but are still two to three years away.

The decision by the APVMA to ban fenthion took little notice of its safe record over decades of use in Australia and that there is no other product on the market to control fruit fly in all life cycle stages.

HOIG spokesman Brett DelSimone said that Perth Hills stonefruit growers and other growers in Western Australia face massive commercial losses when the ban takes effect.

The one year extension is the result of the efforts of many people and organisations Australia-wide that have supported HOIG's stance on the continued use of fenthion. Industry associations and individuals have been arguing for some time that the APVMA system for registering agricultural and veterinary chemicals needs reform.

Governments of both persuasions have listened to decades of complaints and made some peripheral changes. The APVMA's arbitrary approach to science, Australia's agricultural future and the damage it causes to primary producers is a national disgrace.

Brett Del Simone

Hills Orchard Improvement Group Inc.

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The Roleystone Garden Group Outing For November

The Roleystone Garden Group will meet at 10am on Thursday 20 November at the home of Joyce Drummond, 3 Reed Rise (off Mackie Road). We will wander around the garden (bring your secateurs if you wish to take cuttings) and then have morning tea. Please join us. Lynn Matthews. Contacts: 9397 5784 or 0419 927 807



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October Club Night at the RMC

After a week of warm weather, 54 people turned up despite the late afternoon thunderstorm and chilly evening. Thanks to Kristy and Bryan, Four Skin Music, Placid, The Bamboozles, The Hawkstone Boys and Erhard and Jim for their performances on the night.

The Committee have been very busy formulating our membership model which will be instigated at the start of next year. This year the Club has been busier than ever with an average turnout of 60 people each month. We feel that now is the time to bump it up to the next level to ensure the Club's longevity.

We've also been busy organising the Halloween Party for the Kids here in Roleystone and a report with photos will be in the December edition. A Big Thanks to the local businesses who have pledged their support. Roleystone Hardware, Roleystone Body and Skin Care, Aura Hairdressing, Fidock Real Estate, Roleystone Antennas, Campbells Auto Centre, Laptek Systems and our very own Bendigo Bank.

Our next Club Night is Saturday 15 November. Doors and Bar Open at 6pm. Music starts at 7.30pm.

For more info contact Deb de Boer on 9397 7007 or SMS to 0468 62 68 68 or email president@rmcwa.com.au

Deb de Boer



Pictured at the October Club Night:

1. The Four Skins
2. Kirsty and Bryan
3. Placid
4. The Bamboozles



Roleystone

Christmas Market

7th December 3pm to 8pm
Cross Park – Jarrah Road

XMAS MARKETS

With the last market sadly being a real wash out in every sense of the word, the Market Committee are now excited and focussed on presenting an exceptional Xmas Market.

Such is the popularity of our market that the majority of the stalls that sadly weren't able to present their wares in September are all keen to come back for

December and only those who have other commitments have had to decline until next year. As this is the Christmas Market we will again be awash but this time with plenty of Christmas Spirit with choirs, dancers and the fabulous Roleystone Musicians Club providing the entertainment and our amazing range of unique stalls ready for you to pick up those special Christmas gifts. Once again we have an amazing array of food vendors and some exciting new ones looking forward to joining us. As always we will keep the younger visitors happy with the farm animals keen for a pat, face painting and the always popular bouncy castle. Hopefully the weather is kind to us because we don't want anyone to waste one minute of this fabulous event. Last year's Christmas Market was hailed "awesome" and this year will be no different. Bigger venue, more stalls, more food, more music – what could be better? So the Roleystone Market Committee want to invite everyone to come down and share the excitement and the atmosphere of the 2014 Roleystone Christmas Market. Bring your blankets and stay for the concert!

See you at the Market.

Pam Edwards, Roleystone Market Committee



Jack Crocker on his Dad Steve's shoulder, Tim Lardner speaking



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Eskdale Reserve Needs Your Help

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the revaccinating of the trees in Eskdale Reserve against dieback disease. A huge start has been made and will be continued over the next few months. We will continue working down through Hillendale Village and hopefully finish the trees in and around the Fire Station. Lots of help is needed. Tim Lardner ran the day with Peter Blaney-Murphy organising our trailer and a lovely morning tea was supplied by Kathy and Francine.

Seed Collecting

As most of you know, collecting seed is prohibited in our reserves but DPAW will issue Seed Collection Licenses to selected people. A small number of people in Roleybushcare have licenses and will be collecting seed in our local reserves so if you see small coloured

bags or stocking on any plants then please leave them be. Many of the plants are marked with tape so that we can find them and collect the seed. We will be growing them in our new plant propagation bed.

Next Field Day

We will be again treating the trees in Eskdale Reserve on Sunday Nov 9th, starting at 9.00am and working till noon. Meeting place is in Eskdale Reserve. All are welcome and morning tea is provided. Instruction in treating the trees is available with very knowledgeable people. Also, if you help out at the field day you will be allowed to take home our equipment to treat your own trees.

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We make an aqueous extract from the Neem leaf and woodchips for plant protection and fertilizing; towards the end of summer and after fruiting, we also expect to start making Neem oil from the fruit of our trees.

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Gardening Notes November

The sun is beating down with a real vengeance but I'm afraid this is just a precursor to what is to come.

Local tree pruning expert Chris is still working on the rehabilitation of so many of my trees, trees that have for the last ten years been poorly cut back, or had branches just broken off. My beautiful almond tree, the reason we bought this property, had been badly butchered. It has now been shaped and champhon has been applied to the cuts so the cambium layer (the green bit just under the bark) can callous over the mutilated areas. It is hard to realize just how much harm is done by poor pruning.

I still have weeding to do - to liberate all the plants that the kikuyu has engulfed. We got one of the ti-tree bushes free and raised its height so the lawn-mower can get through. Up the top of the yard the weeds are struggling to take over and we are trying to beat them. Sad when the roses look and smell so beautiful and it's hard to access them thru the long grass. It's amazing what a difference a mow makes.

I am turning the old chook-house into a potting shed. The garden will benefit from taking all the droppings out for other plants to utilise.

My team of little helpers have outgrown the stage of their lives when they willingly worked in the garden, in fact they have not come here this last two holidays except for a half hour visit. Picking Mulberries and Mandarines is the main chore for them now.

Last weekend, Denise from Carmel had plants for sale at the Karragullen Expo. I bought a number of the small perennials and annuals that will self seed again next year. She had a selection of seed packets too including white cosmos and also red yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*.) There

were also white cornflowers and larkspurs, all old favourites mum used to grow on the farm. As I look back I am amazed at the beautiful garden she used to have. She did not have much excess water and certainly very little time to spend out in the garden. On the plus side, they had plenty of sheep and cow manure.

Everything hardy from fifty odd years ago is coming back into fashion, especially geraniums and pelargoniums.

Wandering around the garden with a hose in hand I am so pleased with how the tall bearded irises have grown. So many different colours and combinations of colour. I especially like the blue and white combination and the mauve white, with a picotee edging.

Sometimes it is design and lots of times just happenstance. Still nature doesn't really clash. The annual Iris display is on in October at Forrestfield. At that time you can actually see the flowers of the varieties that are available for sale. How can I resist just one more?

The beauty of these plants is they do not need a lot of care and will grow in full sun. Given a modicum of care, you will be rewarded for years to come.

I hope by now you all have your mulch in place for the summer and that whatever type of watering system you are using is going well. I have found the aquapore style dripper hoses are very good and do not waste water, as the water is applied to the roots of the plants.

Time soon to get out the books and just enjoy the fruits of your labour. Get the cameras out too.

Enjoy your garden.
Good gardening,
Jean Evans

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

During the second week of the October school holidays, Roleystone Theatre presented its annual season of Storytime in the Hills.

Children of all ages (and several adults!) were entertained by our junior workshop cast in the play 'Twelve Angry Pigs', which they recently performed at the ITA Youthfest in September, as well as Bree Hartley, Brad Towton and other members of the Roleystone Theatre in 'Welcome to Oz'. The production was well received and enjoyed by all who attended.

This month at Roleystone Theatre, we open our final production for the year, the classic play 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Directed by Lys Tickner, this production promises to be fun for the whole family.

Written by a school teacher, Richard George, this adaptation of Roald Dahl's iconic book is faithful to the original, for entertainment of children of all ages. So come and join Charlie Bucket and the other Golden Ticket winners on an amazing journey through Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. All of your favourite characters from the movie will be there!

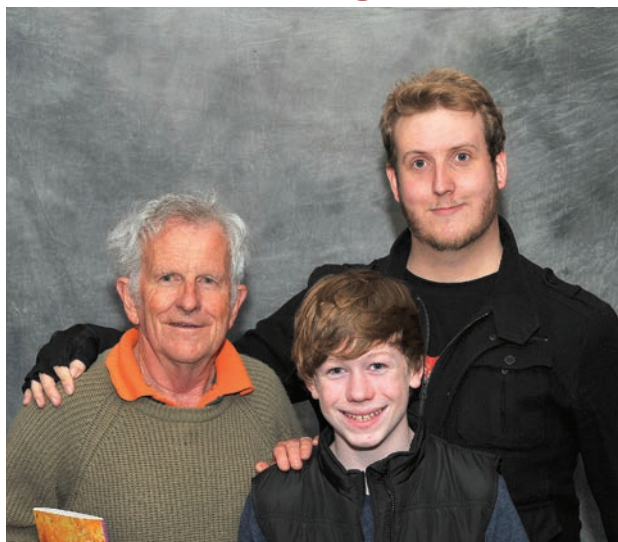
Charlie, Veruca, Violet, Augustus and Mike will lead you on a journey of discovery and disaster as they are led on a tour of the elusive chocolate factory owned by the mysterious Willy Wonka. You will get to meet the Oompa Loompas, who will surprise you at every turn.

This wonderful cast showcases the talented youth we have from all over Perth. This new generation of talented actors includes Seamus Harrison as Charlie Bucket, Stephanie Shaw as Veruca Salt, Elise Maidment as Violet Beauregarde and Patrick Butler as Augustus Gloop.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory plays at 8pm on November 21, 28, 29, and December 5 with a 2pm matinee on November 22, 23, 29 and December 6. Tickets are \$20, \$15 concession – book on 0424 335 964 or online at www.roleystonetheatre.com.au.

As always, we welcome any and all new members!

Cat Ramsell



Pictured From Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory Top and Centre

Top: Grandpa Joe (Kim Fletcher), Charlie (Seamus Harrison) and Willy Wonka (Bradley Towton)

Centre: Mike (Leo Rimmer), Charlie (Seamus Harrison), Veruca (Stephanie Shaw) and Violet (Elise Maidment)

Below: Theatre Members at the Kelmscott Show Captain Hook (Brad Towton) and Mrs Grouch (Linda Bickley).



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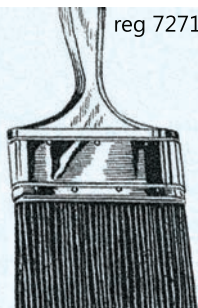
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Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup

We have had some wonderful weather for the end of term 3 and the start of term 4, allowing the kids to have lots of fun playing outside in the sunshine. Some groups have even decided to have morning tea as a picnic on the verandah.

We are looking to find some new committee members for 2015 with both are wonderful registrar and treasurer stepping down from their roles at the end of the year.

If any of our members would like more information about the roles, ask your group leader or contact our President, Kerry Davis on 0439 914 011.

Remember without a committee, our fabulous playgroup will cease to exist! And don't forget - committee members pay reduced fees.

We are running a fundraiser for Christmas with each child submitting a drawing or handprint or footprint to be put on a tea towel, which parents will be able to order. Thanks to Claire for organising and putting it together. We are also looking to do up a Christmas hamper, which we will raffle off as a fundraiser.

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November 12th will be another Bendigo Bank Seniors' Morning Tea. These have proven to be a great success over the last few years. Come and join us.

Albert Chambers



Seniors Club Calendar

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Roleystone Country Club News

It has been a very busy month at the Country Club with 3 weddings and the restaurant packing them in. The Club is the place to be in November.

If you haven't already booked your table for the Melbourne Cup you need to as we have a non-stop day happening. There will be a full buffet meal and sweets, free glass of champagne or wine on arrival, sweepstakes and prizes throughout the day and great sounds. It's sure to be a sensational event.

Also on the social calendar is the Rocky Horror Halloween Drag night on the 15th of November. This was a huge hit last time and is sure to book out fast. The cost is \$50.00 per head and for more information go to our facebook page or call The Club to book your tickets.

And don't forget live music every Friday night where you can bring the kids and let them play in the children's entertainment room while you enjoy a drink and listen to some great music.

What can I say about our fantastic caterers? It's all the talk around Roleystone! Gavin and his team are receiving fantastic reviews for the high quality of meals with attention to detail and the freshest ingredients so you need to make a reservation to avoid disappointment.

Also the men's lawn bowls pennant team have started the season with large numbers of new and present bowlers attending training on Wednesdays 4pm till 6pm. It's great to see such enthusiasm. We wish the boys all the best for the season.

We will be running the corporate bowls in mid-November over four Wednesday nights, with an all new format! There will be prizes and money to be won so you need to enter your teams asap. See our facebook page and flyers for dates.

It is with a heavy heart that I write this as we experienced a huge loss with the death of Gwen Every. She was an original founding member of the Country Club, past secretary, lawn bowler and also life member. Our wishes go out to Ken, Sue, Peter and their extended family. She is now at rest with her soul mate Vic.

See you at The Club.

Michael Hansen

Vale Gwen Every

Gwen Pearce was born in Fremantle and lived next door to a boy named Vic Every who swept her off her feet when she became a beautiful 18 year old young woman. Wearing his best dress uniform and armed with some fresh crayfish he went calling and the rest is history. After a short romance (all chaperoned of course, Gwen's father knew what sailors could be like) they were married in St John's Church in Fremantle and they enjoyed 65 happy years together.

In 1952 they bought a block of land in Roleystone and subsequently built the home in which they lived ever since and raised their family.

Right from the beginning Gwen and Vic became actively involved in the Roleystone community. Gwen always joined Vic at Cricket, and Fire Brigade doos but she also became involved in sports and groups herself. She was a tireless worker for the Roleystone Country Club being

a foundation member in 1972 and debenture holder and she was later recognized with Life Membership. For many years Gwen ran the Armadale Senior High School Canteen and was known to be very understanding when penny pinching students didn't quite have enough for a cheesy at recess! A real Roleystone Pioneer, Gwen Every will be sorely missed across town. The family wish to express their appreciation of all the messages of condolence and sympathy.

Farewell Gweny



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VALE Charles (Chas) Naylor "Giddyup"

Charlie Naylor brought smiles, laughs, tears and a whole lot of joy just from being a generous man, talented with his woodwork. Going back over 20 years, Michael Whiteley owner and pharmacist at Roleystone Community Chemist heard of the wonderful horses Charlie made for other children. Vera Naylor would regularly visit the chemist and tell Michael the latest, and when he shared his desire for a "kids' area" in the store to entertain children while parents waited for scripts, the idea of a rocking horse made by Charlie seemed appropriate for the "kids' corner". A desk and writing pad were designated for the children to play with, and in came the rocking horse named "Giddyup" by Charlie himself. The unprecedented popularity of the horse surprised everyone.

"Kids came screaming in, dragging their mums with them!" said Michael. The children would literally push each other off the horse out of desperation to have a ride. Michael noted how well-made the horse was, and unbreakable despite kids as old as 12 having a turn.

Charlie took the horse away every two to three years to service and repair Giddyup. Denise, retail manager at the Chemist said that whenever Charlie took it for repairs the children would come to the store all excited and then the utter disappointment would show when they realised it wasn't there. The same look and a number of tears came when a young boy, who was a talented reader saw a sign saying: "if you can read this sign, you're too big to ride me," Louise's idea of protecting the treasured horse. The sign soon came off as many of the children were disheartened by their normally uplifting reading talents.

The horse lived on year after year and remained a hit; however it was time for a new "Giddyup" when the shop was renovated back in October of 2011. Charlie made a new model to replace the weary, senior horse and donated it to the chemist. As "Giddyup" lives on, we remember Charlie Naylor and his caring, giving nature that impacted the Roleystone community in many ways. Not only did his horse entertain the children, but the mums and dads were given a moment's rest. Charlie's legacy in the timeless horse will continue to bring joy to generations of children to come. Farewell Charlie and Thankyou. *By Sarah Linnegar*

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COMMUNITY GARDEN SCARECROWS

On Sunday 28th September we held the rescheduled Scare Crows competition. It was great to have the children and family groups bring along their scarecrows for display. They all did a fantastic job and created interesting and imaginative scarecrows.....all shapes and sizes!

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For Starlight
Linda J Bettenay**

The appallingness of the Aborigines Act 1905 is at the heart of Roleystone author Linda Bettenay's second novel 'Wishes For Starlight'.

The Act saw a chief protector appointed as legal guardian to all Aborigines in WA and it spelled the end of civil rights for Aborigines with discrimination, segregation and the loss of the right to move around the state freely. Bettenay tells the fictionised story of Starlight, a mysterious deaf mute Aboriginal boy rescued from abhorrent living conditions by three children, who vow to make it their life's journey to look after his welfare.

His greatest ally is Mary, a strong willed white girl, battered by her philandering father, but determined not to let each and every hurdle life throws at her keep her down.

Mary and Starlight's lives entwine as they endure life without parents, war, depression, death, discrimination and separation from each other.

With her acceptance of Starlight, her attempt to run a business alone when estranged by war and her friendships with men who are not her husband, Mary's life defies what is expected of women of the day. She shows that injustices towards women ran parallel with those of Aborigines.

An array of lovable and evil characters join Starlight and Mary to bring the hills of Canning Mills, Karragullen and Roleystone in the 1900s alive with prejudices, sexism, racism and rich discussions about what is right and wrong in their world.

Through it all Mary and Starlight give breath to loyalty, strength of character, overcoming adversity and challenging the conventions of the day.

Bettenay is bold in her storytelling, she does not shy away from what life must have been like for Aborigines at that time and bravely includes fictionalised accounts of people and places with which she is most familiar, having grown up in the hills where she still lives today.

Take delight in reading a WA author writing about the part of WA she knows and loves.

It will entertain you, affront you and compel you to talk about what life was like 100 years ago in suburbs we all know.

Readers of Bettenay's first book 'Secrets Mothers Keep' will enjoy the reappearance of Bluey, Macca and the now mellowed newspaperman Eustace.

Bettenay's fans can be rest assured 'Wishes For Starlight' has as many shocks and even better storytelling than her first novel.



Linda's Books

COUNCILLORS' COMMENT OCTOBER

On the way home from the Kelmscott Show last Saturday I heard a discussion on the radio about the breakdown of communities. I think we are very fortunate in our area of the hills, Roleystone, Karragullen and across the valley to Bedfordale in that we still have a community that is a fantastic place live.

I like going to the shops and taking half an hour longer because of the people I bump into. It is interesting to try to work out what makes our area a community comparing it to some of the other areas along the Scarp that are similar in topography.

That's what makes our community good is that I feel safe in Roleystone, although safety is always relative. The mini tornado that went through Roleystone a few years ago hit my place and I lost twenty-five trees, sheds, fences and deck on a normal sized block.

We have had bushfires through various areas of the hills, including the one that did so much damage to so many people four years ago. We have had some amazing amounts of rainfall in a short time causing roads and bridges to

be washed away. But after all of this we have responsible people that plan sensible response programs for these natural disasters, and when we do have something go wrong there are people that will come out and help.

We live in an area that is relatively safe from crime, has large blocks, free of unnecessary traffic and clean air to breathe.

The new areas being developed have small blocks, large houses, almost no back yards and no room to grow trees. In my street most people know each other but are there only when needed.

The day the mini tornado went through our street everyone was out helping each other clean up the mess.

We have a great shopping area that supplies the basic goods and services at a reasonable price but also puts so much back into the community through employment and sponsoring all sorts of local events.

This shopping centre and Cross Park across the road, is the centre of the community, our community hub.

In the end I believe it's the interaction of the local people which makes our community good.

The area where we can improve is in looking at our own blocks and assessing the amount of trees, rubbish and undergrowth. If we had a fire emergency would our block pose a risk to our friends and neighbours and their properties? It is not good enough to decide to evacuate when a fire comes and leave your neighbours who are going to stay and fight but have to look after your place as well or suffer the consequences.

We have a great community. Let's keep it safe.

Cr Nixon

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COUNCIL BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

The Minister has confirmed that the boundary adjustment between the City of Armadale and the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale will take place on July 1 2015, at which time the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale will be abolished.

Our new southern boundary will be along Mundijong Road with the northern half of Serpentine Jarrahdale going to the City of Armadale and the southern half to the Shire of Murray.

My concern is that the Advisory Board has recommended that the CoA do away with the ward electoral system. In an area as diverse as the CoA this ward system gives great representation to all areas from the hills of Karragullen to the flat lands of Harrisdale and Piara Waters. But these areas' needs differ greatly and need separate representation.

The CoA will grow in area to 809sqkm and the population to 102,000 in 2015, 139,000 in 2026 and 209,000 in 2050, as we are one of the fastest growing local councils in Australia. The City has already been working hard on planning for the changes with the challenge being to keep the level of service to us while the transition takes place.

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Girl Guides Fill Term 3 with Exciting Experiences

The Roleystone Girl Guides have had an amazing third term with so many fantastic activities and challenges. Their primary focus this term was completing their "life skills" badge. We left the hall many times to attend several fitness-focused activities including a session with Nicole Smith at the Roleystone Gymnastics Club. Nicole took our girls through a Gym Fun session free of cost to share her passion for health and fitness with our unit. We also did a session of Yoga with the gorgeous Rainbow Pammy and a session of "Strike Zone" with the amazing Ammy and Anthony Pheonix from Pheonix Personally Training in Byford.

On top of all of this the Guides went to Rio Tinto's Naturescape in Kings Park where they were able to enjoy the great outdoors with a focus on sustainability and teamwork.

We finished this term with our promise night and a birthday celebration recognising Guiding in Western Australia for its 100th year!

Over the school holidays many of the Guides are going to be attending the Jamboree celebrations with events including a picnic in the park, Freo Frenzie, a Rottneet Island Excursion, a trip to the zoo and a day at Adventure World!

Our unit has grown to a staggering 19 girls. We still have positions for a couple of girls between the ages of 8 and 12.

Please contact Janice Mclean at Roleystone.girl.guides@gmail.com if you would like to see your young lady blossom through Guiding.

Janice Mclean



Guides at Naturescape

Remembrance Day

Araluen hosts its traditional uniquely special Remembrance Day Service on Tuesday 11 November at 1.30pm at The Grove for the Unforgotten in Araluen Botanic Park.

Everyone is invited.



Roleystone Tigers Club AGM Sunday 23rd November 2014 2pm @ The Club

All positions are declared open for 2015.

Get on board and help out your local sporting club. It will be the last season for some key personnel and the committee would like to get some new people into the club to learn the ropes next year.

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The ostriches were totally out of control. Four of these huge flightless birds ran amok through the seated crowd, stomping between the rows of spectators, upending drinks and sticking their beaks in unmentionable places.

The elderly and infirm were mercifully spared the worst of their appalling behaviour but the young, fit and able found themselves confronted by these monstrous creatures as they were tipped out of their seats and chased all over the place.

Do you know how hard it is to get away from a rampaging ostrich? It was clear that something had gone horribly wrong with the race and the jockeys could do no more than hang on until the beasts calmed down.

It was all meant to be just a bit of fun, light relief even, at the Church Camp. The four groups attending the event were to appoint a jockey, choose a bird and barrack for their champion as the four ostriches completed three laps of the meeting hall under the control of their respective jockeys.

The birds themselves were actually costumes which the four "jockeys" pulled on, their human legs acquiring bird like colouring and ostrich feet. The head of the bird was attached to rigid "reins" held by the jockeys and appropriate animation was achieved by waving the reins about.

It was all the more surprising as the four jockeys were apparently respectable and responsible - Hilary and myself and another couple from the Church leadership team. Well, at least the other couple were respectable and responsible.

The trouble began before 'the off' as the ostriches were seen to become nervous and twitchy on the start line, pushing and shoving to get a better grid position.

Then when the flag dropped all four competitors ran off in different directions and the orderly assembly rapidly degenerated into the above chaotic scene. In fact it was hilarious...and totally spontaneous! We had actually planned a "proper" race but something strange happened to each of the four miscreants when dressed up in the ridiculous costumes.

We all experienced a change of persona and indulged in behaviour which we would never have contemplated under normal circumstances. When we resumed conventional attire the four of us looked at each other somewhat perplexed and asked, "What happened there?" Nobody was clear about who started it but we all agreed that the "ostriches" took over somehow.

That was some years ago, hopefully never to be repeated. What it demonstrates is that when we conceal our true identity by wearing a crazy costume or better still a mask of some kind, we can give ourselves permission to behave in a way we would never otherwise consider appropriate.

A prime example of this is the annual orgy of licentious behaviour at the Venetian Masquerade Ball attended by all the principal residents of the island community where everybody's identity is concealed behind elaborate masks.

It can work both ways too. I had to wear a clerical collar whilst officiating at our son's wedding at a Church in Africa and my behaviour was rather subdued as I was conscious of the "weight" of the person I was projecting. Hilary half suggested I should wear one more often!

There's a serious side to all this too. Our so called normal attire or the face we present to the world can sometimes conceal our true identity and nature. I was never more shocked than when a respectable person in a responsible position who I thought I knew very well turned out to be a paedophile. It's serious when we fool those around us into thinking we are somebody other than our real self.

It's even more serious when we try to fool God. No matter what costume, mask or face we present to Him, He sees through it. The Bible says, "Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart."

What does He see when he looks at you or me - with or without an ostrich costume?

Yours in Christ,
David

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Armadale Wildflower Society At the Kelmscott Show

The Kelmscott Show was a great success. There was a steady flow of people through the flower pavilion admiring the 150+ native flowers. People were surprised to discover that all the wildflowers were collected in the Armadale area from members' gardens the day before!

There were also books and other wildflower-related merchandise for sale in the Riverside Market. Many questions were asked on the growing of seed of some native species. Native flower arrangements in the main hall also received many complements.

On behalf of the Armadale branch of the Wildflower Society I would like to thank the co-ordinators in the Flower Pavilion, Julie and Trish, and in the main hall, Val and Yvonne, and all their helpers for making this year a success. And of course, the Society members who collected the flowers, helped setup and man the display. Thanks and see you next year.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers. Members come from all sections of the community – from professionals to backyard gardeners to bushwalkers. All share one thing in common – a passion for the Western Australian bush and its beauty. Feel free to attend one of our meetings.



Pictured: Sue Radford at the 2014 Kelmscott Show Display with some of the spectacular blooms.

The Armadale Branch has monthly meetings and talks start at 7:30pm on the 2nd Thursday each month. We meet at the Field Study Centre, Settlers' Common, cnr of Albany Highway and Triton Crescent Armadale.

The last talk for 2014 will be on the 13th November by Sue Dempster: Wildflower Society - Where To From Here? Come and find out the future of the society and even suggest some ideas.

There will be no talks or meetings in December or January. Look out for details in the February Courier of talks next year.

For more information visit www.wildflowersArmadale.org.au or phone 0438 134 278 or 9399 2388.

Roger Harrington

Some Great Things Coming Up At Your Local Libraries

Is it imaginary or not that as the year draws to an end the pace of life gets faster & the opportunities to be out & about increase?

There have been a string of interesting happenings at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and the Armadale Library.

On 26 October, Bobbie Oliver spoke about Women in the War Years and on 30 October at the Family Tree Group meeting, a film clip of 'Shop Girls' by Tony Robinson related members' research to time's past.

In November we have two special events: On Friday 21 November from 10-12 noon – Linda Bettenay, Roleystone Courier editor & author – will talk on how she has integrated her family & local history into her two books: "Secrets Mothers Keep" & "Wishes for Starlight".

This has caused a buzz of interest in folk

who have read her first book and are keenly anticipating her second. "Wishes for Starlight" is set in our local area and entwines a lot of facts with a measure of the author's fantasy.

On Saturday 22 November from 1:30 – 2:30 ex Mayor of the City of Armadale, Linton Reynolds will talk about his research into the "local lads" who enlisted in WW1 to fight for King & Country. Linton is seeking any photographs, stories or memorabilia that will expand upon the lives of these young people experiencing war first hand.

If you would like to know about other events being held in the Armadale Libraries, look at our Facebook page.

Looking forward to seeing you at each of the listed & wonderful City of Armadale library based events!

Astro Highlights November Greg Lowe, Perth Observatory

November's a funny old month when you're in the business of entertaining people on a hilltop, under the stars, with telescopes, and your victims (sorry, customers) are expecting to see amazing cosmic marvels unfolding before their astounded eyeballs.

If there's no moon and no bright planet to start the ball rolling, you have to start with fairly faint objects and steadily go fainter. That quickly becomes a challenge for those whose vision ain't what it used to be. I'm getting a bit that way myself.

At present there's only one easily visible, though rather forgettable, evening planet: Mars.

It's in the constellation of Sagittarius and in early November you'll find it quite high in the western sky at nightfall. Mars is unspectacular: it just looks like a medium bright star with a slightly orange colour.

The best fun you can have with Mars this month is to keep track, at least for a week or two, of the way it changes position relative to the stars.

If you can be bothered to make a simple sketch showing the location of the planet compared with nearby stars, you'll see within 2 or 3 days that it's shifted. "Planet" is a word with a Greek background, meaning wanderer.

Mars is the closest celestial object you can see in the early evenings now, and its movement is apparent. It's also the only planet that earthlings are planning to visit

in the foreseeable future. It's not too far, it's solid, and it's less inhospitable than all the others. However, the plan to send a manned (humanned?) mission to Mars may be shelved for decades to come: the Sun's current low level of activity looks like reducing the shielding effect that the solar wind usually provides against cosmic rays. Jupiter is the only other easily visible planet, and it's a morning object, a bright one at that - Jupiter's much brighter than any of the stars we can see. It's in Leo and rises in the ENE at about 2am in early November, 1:10am mid-month, and 12:15am at month's end. At daybreak it stands out, well up in the NE sky. The last quarter moon (morning half moon) will visit Jupiter in the early morning hours on the 15th.

The moon's waxing in the first week of November, having gone through first quarter (evening half moon phase) on October 31st. So the waxing gibbous phases - half moon with a hump - will lead on to full moon on the 7th, when the moonrise time will be about 7:20pm. After the 7th, the moon's officially on the wane, though it looks for all intents and purposes to be full on the day before and the day after full moon. Last quarter's on the night of the 14th. New moon's on the 22nd, after which the waxing crescent moon will feature in the early evening sky. First quarter will occur on the 29th.

Wild Gossip

Spring is definitely here and baby birds are in abundance - unfortunately a lot are coming to me for care.

Whenever anyone phones me about a baby bird I always go through the same routine. First I ask the caller to look at the bird to see if it is injured, this includes

gently fanning out the wings and looking on the underside for any damage. It is usually very obvious to spot.

If the bird seems uninjured I suggest placing it back outside on a Y shaped branch in a place as close as possible to where it was found. If no branch is within reach then I suggest placing the young bird on a fence, wall or similar and if this option is unavailable I suggest a wheelie bin be moved to the location and the baby bird placed on it.

The baby bird should be observed from a distance to see if the parent birds come back to attend it and start to feed it. Parent birds have a wonderful way of returning babies by using their wings to flip the baby up in stages to return it to the nest.

If a baby bird is in danger from cats or dogs please confine them for a short time to enable the parents to rescue their baby. If by dusk no parent birds attend the baby it will need to be gently taken inside and kept in a warm, dark, quiet place until morning when the attempted relocation can resume. If the bird in question is a night bird such as an owl or tawny frogmouth, the process needs to be reversed. It needs to be cool, dark and quiet throughout the day and then try the putting out procedure at dusk.

Again you will need to observe from a distance to ensure the parents are attending. Young birds have a much better chance of surviving with their parent teaching how to live and feed than they have with us so please try to reunite them. If a baby bird is injured it will need to go to a vet and be cared for until it is well enough for release. Your local wildlife carer will be happy to assist with this.

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Photos are courtesy of Marit Dew.



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