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Above: Beautiful Jasmin, born 12/12/13, 3.9 kilos from birth, full off beans. She is Roleystone's newest wonder to join our great community. Andy and Julie Smith

AROUND TOWN

Top left: Bar Manager at the Roleystone Country Club, Jane is leaving to pursue a career in music teaching. The club now welcomes newcoming Bar Manager - Enya. See p35 for RCC news.

At Left: Gabrielle and Stacey Lyon are pictured with Business Armadale President, Paul Harrison. Stacey was awarded National Employee of the Year for 2013. She is employed at Byford Newsagency. Congratulations Stacey.

February Cover

This month we celebrate entering into a new year - 2014 and how better than to congratulate some of our community's high achievers. Winner of this year's Gold Roley (awarded for selfless devotion to the Roleystone Theatre over 2013) is Kathryn Ramsell, who also writes our Theatre Notes each month. We also congratulate Paul Treasure for being awarded Life Membership.

Well done and congratulations to all who have achieved great things - or are poised to during 2014!

The Red Hats Go Sailing On The Hi Seas

A great trip was taken aboard the Leeuwin with over 130 Red Hatters taking to the seas for a twilight sail. The sea was very calm but the wind was up and so were the sails. The event was organised by the Highland Highnesses of Kalamunda, who gave us Scarlet Darlings a fabulous voyage, for four hours. Some dressed as Pirates and some were in Red and Purple attire, the traditional colours of Red Hatters. Some of us pulled the ropes to get the sails up and a few brave ladies climbed the masts.

MAUREEN WOLTERS DORF
QUEEN SCARLET GLITTER

Below from left to right: Beth Clark, Sylvia Williams, Gloria Down, Sherrill Wallis, June Cranfield, Jenny Corry, Sue Bremner, Lois Zabor, Ann Sims, and Maureen Woltersdorf. Photos by Zyg.



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Martin Becomes An Aussi

Roleystone's Martin Cogar has used this year's Citizenship Ceremony held at the Armadale Hall to become an Australian Citizen.

Martin first arrived in Australia in 2008. He was following his 'soon to be wife' Vikky Trewick, back to her adopted country (she had come out as a 10 pound Pom forty years previously).

They met in England when Vikky had gone back to visit her mum in the south western English village where Martin lived. Martin followed her out and after their marriage they settled in the Kelmscott Hills.

They were unlucky enough to lose their home on Canning Mills Road in the Kelmscott bushfires and have now brought a property in Roleystone. Martin loves living amongst the trees and the rural environment and relishes our community lifestyle.



CONGRATULATIONS MARTIN

'I love this country and want to be part of it. I felt it is important to give back to the country that has given me so many opportunities, becoming an Australian citizen is part of this. I want to give back to the local community as they have given me a lot of support and what better way than apart from becoming an Australian citizen but being a proud member of the Roleystone Fire Brigade.'

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Outstanding Nominee’s Win Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards

Roleystone’s Dr Ian Colquhoun, a founding member of Roleybushcare and chair of the Roleystone Dieback Action Group was awarded the Environmental Contribution of the Year Award at a special ceremony hosted by the City as part of its Australia Day celebrations on Sunday 26 January.

Ian has worked tirelessly both in the professional arena and wider community, to prevent the spread of dieback and minimise the impact of the disease on our State’s reserves and enhancing our bushland communities. (See more about Ian’s contribution on p37).

This year the City awarded the Active Citizenship Award for a person 25 years or over to two worthy nominees in recognition of their outstanding contributions to community programs.

Well known Roleystone identity, Gerry Chapman is a shining example of what volunteering is all about.

He has given endless hours of his time to various organisations such as the Roleystone Theatre, where he attained life membership for his tireless work since joining the theatre in 1976. Gerry has written notes for the Bowling Club and the Theatre, and submitted numerous other contributions and anecdotes for the Roleystone Courier over many years. Well done Gerry.

Mayor Henry Zelones said Gerry’s community service is extensive and varied, having served on the Roleystone Church board for 30 years, been a weekly volunteer at the Leprosy Mission Op Shop and a scripture teacher at Roleystone Primary School.

“For the last three years Gerry has been a volunteer with the Adult Migrant English Program where he takes weekly conversation classes. His contributions to

the local community are endless and to be highly commended.”

For over 19 years, Mal Osborne has been the popular face of Armadale Youth Resources and instrumental in developing community programs aimed at creating opportunities for ‘at risk’ young people.

Mal is also a key member of the Armadale Independent Film Festival contributing his musical skills and industry knowledge to events such as the Australia Day fireworks celebrations, Youth Music Festival and numerous youth music programs within the community.

Many local young people in the Armadale community have benefited from Mal’s mentoring and gone on to have successful careers in the music industry.

Members of the Armadale Kelmscott Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Inc., winners of the Community Group category, were acknowledged for their fundraising efforts. Since 1964 the Auxiliary volunteers have raised over \$1.4 million through running the hospital kiosk, which has contributed towards much needed equipment for patient care.

The Active Citizenship Award for a person under 25 years was awarded to James Devine, a Year 12 Chapel Prefect at John Wollaston Anglican Community School in 2013. James was a role model to Year 8 to 12 students, and was involved in fund raising for the Light Home Orphanages during his mission trips to Bible Schools in India.

Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones presented this year’s winners with framed certificates and said the awards recognise outstanding contributions to the community by local residents and groups.

“The winners all demonstrate community leadership and are ideal role models who deserve to be recognised and I congratulate all the worthy recipients.”

“The calibre and diversity of all the winners this year is an example of how many wonderful, selfless people we have living in the City of Armadale,” he said.

Well done to all winners and nominees for your achievements.



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Albert Della Franca and 'My Barruffini'

My name is Albert Della Franca and I live with my family in Karragullen. I have lived in this area all my life.

My grandfather Giuseppe, grandmother Caterina, father Frank, his brother Lui and sister Ann, came to Australia from Baruffini in Valtellina, Italy in the late 40's as did many others from the same region.

They came because....., they believed their family would have a better opportunity for success here than in post war Italy.

My Grandfather returned to Baruffini in 1983 to live. He renovated the original family home built by his father in the early 1900's and remained there until he passed away in 1996.

This house is now owned by his grandchildren, of whom I am one.

For the last six years I have returned to Baruffini for a month or two with, at different times, my wife, children, relatives and friends from Australia.

My father Frank was passionate about his

home land and instilled that love of Valtellina, its people and culture in me.

I, in turn have enjoyed passing on his passion to my family, friends and relatives and anyone who will listen.

In the last year, I have discovered the phenomenon of facebook and began to post about my experiences in Valtellina this year on my personal site: <https://www.facebook.com/mybaruffini>.

I am very interested in the history of this region, its people and especially the story of emigration to Australia by the many families that did so over the last 100 years.

The history of "contrabando", the smuggling of goods from Switzerland to Italy, of which the people of Baruffini were heavily involved, is also an interesting story I would like to know more about.

I have created the facebook page in a hope to interact with people who have a connection with, or interest in Baruffini and the area around Tirano and Sondrio in Valtellina.

It is designed to be a place to post personal experiences and stories and discuss with others our shared history. I have begun this page by copying from my personal timeline all of my posts relating to my trip to Baruffini in August and September 2013.

Please feel free to visit, comment and place your own posts. Anything you like!

A picture or a story, or even just saying who you are and something about your family's history. Please 'like' my page to keep up with new posts and 'share' or tell anyone you know who might be interested in having a look.

They may have family names like: Della Franca, Della Vedova, Della Marta, Della Bona, Del Dot, Del Simone, Coda, Bombardieri, Cometti, Natta, Donati, Bormolini, Moltoni, Rinaldi, Panizza, Omedei, Veletta, Duca, Pedrotti, Della Maddelena, Mazza and DiCampo.

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Jon Rides the Length of the British Isles

If I had a bucket list, which I don't, then I can guarantee that peddling from the top of Scotland to the bottom of England would not be on it.

My husband, on the other hand, has been dreaming of doing exactly that for some time and in October 2013 he achieved his goal and became one of the elite band of JOGLERS – John O'Groats to Lands Enders.

After many months of planning, reading books about it, blogs of other like minded folk and hours spent with the UK road map and pieces of string (distance!) in September 2013, we flew from Perth to London Heathrow.

We landed on the Sunday night and just 48 hours later, on Tuesday morning, we had the bike in the back of a borrowed car and we were heading up the motorway to Scotland. The borrowed car belonged to our daughter who I should point out was not best pleased with the swap she had made, her large Volvo easily held the bike and was luxury in comparison to the smaller vehicle we had hired for her to drive, she had forgotten that windows used to have winders!

Two days drive up to the very bleak and barren John O'Groats to begin the journey down the countryside.

I was the back up crew, the tour coordinator, carrier of all gear and the booking agent for our overnight stops, basically anything that required action and didn't involve peddling a bicycle.

I had determined before leaving home that I would attempt to write a blog of the trip and although I was not confident in having either the technical knowhow to figure that side out nor the dedication to complete it, I did and I am really glad I did.

We had a blog/diary entry for each day which, when we returned home I made into a book, reading through the entries is a great way to relive what was a great trip. Blogging is something I would highly recommend, others apparently

do read it but do it for yourself!

For those who are into detail and numbers, the ride was 1724km and took 14 riding days. It took us south west from John O'Groats across the highlands of Scotland to Oban on the West Coast. From there we travelled South to Tarbet (delightful place) and across on the ferry to the Isle of Arran where the sun came out for the first time on the trip.

I don't think either of us will forget sitting at Lochranza looking across the waters enjoying a cherry and almond scone for morning tea. We crossed the Isle and another ferry onto the mainland again.

The trip down was at times confusing for the Cyclist where he managed to cycle back and forth on the same narrow country roads, I think its called being lost! We both enjoyed the amazing variety in the countryside, from the stone walls of the North to the lush green hedges as we got further South.

I am still amazed at the hills he managed to pedal up and slightly concerned at the speed at which he must have descended the other side. He had close encounters with red squirrels, deer and pheasants and stopped to let a hedgehog cross the road, but never had to fix a puncture or change a tyre, amazing!

The final day's ride to Lands End and the journey was over: 15 days, 1724km. I'm pretty sure if he had been able to, the cyclist would have turned around and done it all again the other way.

Pam Edwards





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Editorial

LINDA MOORE

FEBRUARY 2014

Welcome to 2014. I hope everyone is refreshed and enthusiastic, ready to take on the challenges of a new year.



Once again the February Courier is full of great stories.

Congratulations firstly, to Gerry Chapman and Ian Colquhoun for the recognition they have received in the recent Premier's Awards. Both of these gentlemen have been regular contributors to the Courier over many decades and I have marvelled at how much they do and the enthusiasm with which they do it. It is wonderful to see such worthy people recognised.

My congratulations also to everyone who has won or was nominated, your efforts make our country richer.

The February Courier recognises the passing of some significant stalwarts of our region - in their different ways.

The tragic and untimely passing of Wendy Weaver will affect many of us deeply. Our condolences are extended to the Weaver family.

Two Nonnas, well loved matriarchs across

their extended Italian families, the Cacceta family and the Casotti family, have recently died, having both reached venerable ages. Their passing gives us a chance to reflect on how significant the Italian immigration has been to Roleystone and Karragullen. This importance is further borne out by Albert Della Franca's article celebrating his Italian home town 'Barrufini'.

We have been enormously enriched by the Italians joining our community. 'Molte grazie', to you all.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the enormously hard working and tenacious members of the Roleystone Musicians Club Committee and the Roleystone Markets Committee, for their hard work in getting this year's combined 'Concert in the Park' and 'Twilight Market' up and running.

This event was looking seriously in doubt! With the loss of venue (the old oval is now no longer a possibility) and the phasing out of the City of Armadale's Concert in the Park series, Roleystone was set to lose this wonderful event.

THANK YOU so much to those folk who refused to let it die. And a huge appreciative thanks to the City of Armadale for providing funding. Well done!

See you all in the twilight at Cross Park on the 2nd of March!

Happy Reading.

Linda Moore



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WENDY WEAVER'S FINAL JOURNEY

On Monday 13th January 2014, Wendy Weaver lost her long struggle with cancer.

Her family lost a wonderful mother, wife and grandmother and we all lost a sensational friend. These are the hardest obituaries to write; when the person is too young and too full of the joy of life - Wendy was only 61 and had so much more to give... and be given.

Wendy was always so positive, she shone with suppressed energy and enthusiasm. Many across Roleystone will recall her as the receptionist at the Roleystone Medical Centre, always with a smile and a welcome.

Long term locals will remember her as the mother of Glen and Darren Weaver, helping out at school events or serving at their football games. Wendy

was instrumental in the early days of Roleystone's Neighbourhood House, she was a committed member of this community.

She was an involved resident, a member of the tennis club, an exceptional artist and joined in with anything going. She loved reading and nature and never failed to see the beauty in everything.

Wendy loved and missed the farming life, so Earl and Wendy moved to Westdale fifteen years ago. But Wendy used this as an 'outer suburb of Roleystone', coming in to work, to visit with her mum and sister, to see her sons, their lovely wives and very soon to babysit a bevy of wonderful grandchildren.

As they had retired, Wendy and Earl were full of plans to travel, they were going camping, to climb mountains and really discover Australia.

The early discovery of cancer just after they had returned from a trip to Tasmania, was just a mild inconvenience and would only delay their leaving for a few weeks, months, perhaps a year.....

She endured and faced each hurdle convinced that she would survive and conquer it. Earl and the family stood by her. Her soul mate Earl was by her until the end.

Wendy bounced and conquered and laughed and this was the same way she tackled this cruel disease. Wendy was always going to defeat it and I have never seen anyone who could always see the bright side in everything. Even her tumour!!!

Goodbye my friend - my heart is saddened at your loss. I cannot imagine how Earl, Glen and Leesa, Darren and Emma, Pat, Ian, Donna and the grandies must feel. My fondest wishes go out to them all as to have lost a beacon like you would leave a tragic hole in their lives.

The last words are Wendy's:

I have reached the end. I have just had another painkiller & need to sleep.

I do hope you all have an enjoyable, family CHRISTMAS. I do think of you all often & thank you for being a part of my life, you mean such a lot to me. I can't believe how supportive you all are.

Earl will notify you, especially family overseas when my demise occurs. No news is good news! Earl is not good at typing his one finger emails!

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Letters to the Editor

Skate Park Accolade

I am sending this story to you, at the suggestion of Mrs Lesley Choules, to illustrate that the younger generation still are mostly well behaved, considerate and good citizens. To protect the subject of this letter from ribbing by his peers, I ask you to withhold my name from publication to avoid identifying of him.

I have a 14 year old grandson who, through no fault of his own, has faced problems during the whole of his school life, both socially and scholastically. Until recently, his main activity outside school was playing computer games. Then he discovered the Roleystone skate facility at Cross Park. Ever since he has spent most of the daylight hours after school and throughout non-school days performing old and new tricks, returning home exhausted each time.

Recently, his uncle (my son) visited the skate park with his 8 and 5 year old sons and was pleasantly surprised when the teenagers already there made way for the younger arrivals and politely acknowledged their father. He was further pleased by the reaction of several lads who chastised a peer for swearing in the presence of the smaller boys. He has had similar experiences on subsequent visits.

So impressed was he that he told his sister (my grandson's mother) of these experiences, including a Facebook message in which he congratulated her for her son's manners and behaviour, signing as "A proud Uncle".

And I am a proud mother and grandmother.

Name withheld by request

Underground Power

When we heard that the recent Stoneville bushfires were started by a fallen private power pole, my wife and I looked at each other. We just knew – it could so easily have been us. Twice in the last two years our private power line has been brought down by falling tree branches, though in each case we were lucky: it happened in winter. All the same, we knew it was only a matter of time.

Last September we took the plunge and went for underground power. We thought it was going to be difficult, disruptive, and very expensive, but were surprised to find it was none of these.

The first stage was to get Western Power to place a connection dome at the front corner of our block where a neighbour potentially could share it.

This was the most surprising thing: if we'd insisted that the dome be where we wanted it by our gate, the fee would have been around \$16,000, but if we accepted it in the corner, it was a flat \$681



Ella shows her grazes

Awesome

It is awesome at the skate park. There is a level of acceptance there and a sense of community that the kids have created. All ages and skill levels are equally accepted and the older kids have a great awareness of younger kids like Ella, which makes it very safe. My young, tough Ella-Boo still managed to ride all the way home and up the hill despite her grazes.

Linda Schaudin

courtesy of a State Government subsidy. We didn't argue.

Then it was our responsibility to get the power to the house, a distance of 101 metres over steep and very rocky ground. We thought our block would end up looking like a Pilbara mining operation, but no, local operator Terry Close completed the job in a day for just a few hundred dollars – a very neat piece of work. The power line was the most expensive part, mainly because of the very long run required in our case – the cable costs \$40 per metre. But the installation itself was not at all expensive and was carried out with minimum fuss by local electrician Bill Macaulay who only turned the power off for a total of about half an hour. And then it was all over – we hardly felt a thing, and there was an unexpected bonus: a new firebreak right where we needed one.

So if you have an overhead power line, I recommend you think about converting to an underground line. That way you can never suffer the anguish of starting a fire from it, and you won't come back from holiday to find your freezer has defrosted (as we did!).

Thanks to Western Power, and to Terry and Bill in particular, for a job well done.

Mike Green



Tony Wins National Award

Our local bank manager, Tony Jacobs of the Roleystone/Karragullen branch of our community bank, has been recently acknowledged with an award that recognises service to customers. Tony has been involved in banking for over 43 years and the last three of these he has been in our local Roleystone branch.

Last month he was nominated and won the 'Being The Bendigo Moment Winner' - an award recognising excellence in customer service. He was selected from 12 other nominees across WA. The bank then flew him to Bendigo and he was successful in winning the national award. This means that he beat nominees from the other seven states.

'I enjoy my role and believe that how I interact with the clients is paramount. But winning this award has made me quite humble. Of course this is a recognition of our whole staff performance. We are always focussing on how we can do the best for our clients,' said Tony. *Congratulations to Tony and to his lovely bank staff.*

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Pictured: Antonio Caccetta, Maria Rucchin, Paolina Doetsch, Carlo Caccetta, Carmela Fiola, Rosa Nicolosi, Leo Caccetta and of course 'Nonna' in the middle!

VALE Rosaria Caccetta

Sarina Carmela Tranchita, known by most as Rosaria Caccetta, was born on 6 April 1922. Rosaria was the eldest of five children, of Sicilian-born parents Michele Tranchita and Rosalia Agnello.

Rosaria and our Nonno, Antonino, met during their childhood years in Sinagra. Antonino was undertaking National Service in northern Italy, when he was told by someone the woman he affectionately came to call "Sara", was promised to another man. Upon hearing this, he wrote a letter and sent his brother to hand deliver the letter to Rosaria which read "I love you and will you please wait for me to come back".

On 25th July, 1940, at 18 years of age, Rosaria married Antonino Caccetta aged 24, in Sinagra. Soon after, they purchased their own property and continued to work on the land. In 1941, they welcomed their first daughter Carmela, and in quick succession came Rosalia, Antonino, Maria, Paolina and Leone.

In 1955, Antonino left his pregnant wife and six children behind in Sicily and departed for Australia in search for a better life. Calogero was then born in 1956 and for the next 5 years, Rosaria raised livestock on a shared farm, and grew fresh produce which was then traded for other necessities. Rosaria and her sons survived after the family home was struck by lightning which caused a pig living beneath the house to die.

After five years, Antonino returned to Sinagra, and in 1961, Agostino was born. Only 10 days after his birth, Antonino set sail again for Australia, only this time leaving Rosaria with eight children to care for.

Finally, two years later, Rosaria and her children departed for Australia arriving in Fremantle on 20th September, 1963. They purchased their first home on ten acres of land which is where they remained until today.

Neither Rosaria nor Antonino held a driver's license and there was only one bus a week that travelled to Perth city to do shopping. In light of this, Rosaria and her family were self-sufficient, growing much of their fruit and vegetables on the land.

In 1980, tragedy struck as Rosaria and Antonino lost their youngest son Agostino in a car accident near the family home. Rosaria especially, was overwhelmed with grief in coming to terms with the loss of her baby son at only 19 years of age.

As difficult as it was for Rosaria, she carried on with life. The company of others gave Rosaria comfort and there was always someone passing by or someone staying for dinner, there was always something cooking on the stove.

Special occasions were always celebrated and it was very crowded and very loud! The family grew so much

that Rosaria and Antonino extended the house twice to accommodate the growing family.

In 2005, Rosaria lost her husband of almost 65 years and once again Rosaria was left broken-hearted. For the next 8 years she was cared for by the family and enjoyed her life with her children and grandchildren.

Rosaria was never alone, as her beloved companion Giorgio was never far from her side. Sadly, whilst Rosaria was in hospital, Giorgio passed away. We suspect he died of a broken heart when Rosaria didn't return home.

This year marked 50 years since the family were reunited in Australia.

Rosaria left behind 74 members of her extended family. This includes 19 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Her courage and strength throughout her life is an inspiration to us all. She endured great hardship and tragedy and survived the toughest of times for the sake of her family.

Rosaria Caccetta will be sadly missed by her many friends and our great big family.



Farewell Eufemia Casotti

It's almost impossible to describe an incredible 93 years of a life in just a few words.

To us, it's not because Nonna was born in a small village in Italy, or that she immigrated to this country that makes her unique or special. It's the wonderful life she lived surrounded by the love of her family and friends that we know she will be remembered for.

Nonna was born Eufemia Maria Baisi, on the 7th December 1920, daughter of Giosefata and Viola, and in 1949 arrived in Australia to start a new chapter of her life.

She met and married our Nonno, Giustino Casotti, in 1950 where they began a life together in Roleystone.

The family property was initially used to grow vegetables and over the years grew into the current family orchard of today that always held a special place in Nonna's heart.

Everything Nonna did was for the benefit of her 6 children: Renata, Clara, Peter, Nancy, Peena and Paul. She worked hard in tough conditions to provide only the best for her family. From making sure they received a good education, to buying their first cars, her children always came first.

We thought we would mention just a couple of memories. Like the time she chased Richard out of the house with a broom after bringing Nancy home late one night. Or when her and Nonno pleaded with the headmaster of Peena's Catholic school to re-enrol her after one of her more rebellious teenage moments.

However, times spent together as a family, are what Nonna would treasure most. She often spoke about days spent at Como beach and even in recent years - still pointed out the place they would go together referring to it as "our beach" whenever she passed by.

Nonna was thrilled when the family began to grow, with the addition of her daughters and sons in law and eventually welcoming 24 grandchildren and great grandchildren into her world. To us grandchildren, Nonna was an irreplaceable part of the family.

For us girls, she was like a second mother, providing guidance, helping shape us into the women we are today.

For the boys, she acted as their unofficial matchmaker, always

trying to set them up with yet another "lovely girl" she happened to come across.

Religion was always a big part of Nonna's life, devoting a large amount of her time to her prayers. You would often find Nonna quietly reading from her prayer book and her rosary beads were never far from her reach.

Nonna loved playing cards and spending time with her closest friends, with a special few having always been there for her throughout her life.

There are two fundamental skills Nonna never quite managed to master: speaking English and driving a car. One of her early attempts to drive ended in tears after she launched the ute over the creek in the orchard. Luckily we were only happy to take her wherever she needed to go. Nonna thrived on the daily interaction with people. She was famous for being the self-appointed concierge of the shed, sitting at the front door, and greeting people day in, day out.

Nonna's personality was unforgettable and sometimes even inescapable. Her natural ability to tell a story and make people laugh was priceless. And how could anyone forget her cheeky smile when she knew she had everyone laughing, this is when she was in her element.

Nonna truly was one of a kind. Anyone who had the privilege of getting to know her will understand what we mean when we say, it was an experience just to be around her. Generous, spirited, hard working, special... there are lot's of words we could use to describe Nonna. However, above all, we know Nonna would want to be remembered as a proud, devoted and loving mother and grandmother.

We can only hope that one day when we start our own families we will be even half the parent and grandparent our Nonna has been to us.

Nonna, the space you have left in the family can never be filled but we hold comfort in knowing that you and Nonno will be looking down on us together now.

Thank you for everything you have done for us all. We will always love and miss you.

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RACHAEL'S RESULTS ARE WELL WORTH CELEBRATING

Roleystone's Rachael Graham is a very well rounded young lady.

She recently left for Fiji, having volunteered to teach in a small village called Bureta on the island of Ovalau. She will be there for nine months assisting at the local school, as part of the global volunteer program 'Latitude'.

Rachael finished year 12 on a high note, with awards in English, Art and Biology to complement outstanding academic results. She recently found out that her ATAR score was the highest of any student at Lesmurdie SHS.

She earned a Certificate of Distinction in English (this placed her in the top 0.5% of students in the state in this subject). She achieved an outstanding ATAR score of 97.55. Rachael was also the top art student, with one of her paintings displayed in 3 separate public exhibitions during 2013.

Although she has a great amount of natural ability, Rachael demonstrated dedication to her studies and a strong focus on achieving the best she could, which is reflected in her results. She also attributes her success to the support from her family and friends – her mum, Linda, and best friend Elsie Beales, as well as some stand out teachers from Lesmurdie – Ms Fairbairn, for making English fun and helping her discover her abilities, Ms Richards, for encouraging a passion for biology that they both share, and of course Mr Markovic for recognising her artistic talent.

This young lady is very environmentally focussed and has a real passion to preserve our natural environment.



Rachael Graham is shown above, with her award winning piece displayed at an Art Exhibition at Edith Cowan, Mt Lawley.

Rachael would like to pursue a career in Biological Science but will be deferring her studies for a Bachelor of Science at Curtin University until 2015, to enable her to pursue her humanitarian interests for the rest of this year.

John Stone, Principal of Lesmurdie Senior High School commented:

'We are very proud of Rachael's achievements. She was certainly respected by all teachers for her endeavour and pursuit of personal goals. To achieve the top ATAR score from the entire Lesmurdie Senior High School Year 12 cohort, is just reward for her efforts and her examination preparation.'

'We believe Rachael is a self-directing young person who will achieve at the highest possible level in any area that interests and challenges her. We wish her well.'

Well done Rachael.

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TWO LOCAL STUDENTS ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE AT LUMEN CHRISTI COLLEGE

Two local students from Lumen Christi College can be very happy with the results of their schooling.

Lumen Christi College student, Tim Joseph of Roleystone, is very pleased. With an ATAR of 95, Tim has been admitted to UWA and will be studying engineering in 2014. At the end of 2013 Tim was awarded the 'Proxime Award', for second highest academic achiever at the school.

Tim was reflective when he was asked why he did so well. 'I was very conscientious and I worked hard both at school and in my studies. I would like to thank all of the teachers at Lumen. They were very supportive and they helped me to get through'.

The Head Girl of Lumen in 2013, Kaylish Menzie, managed to combine her wide array of extra commitments with hard work, to score a very commendable ATAR of 91.05. In her own words, she was 'fairly busy' at school. Along with the many and varied responsibilities required in being the Head Girl she also was Editor of the Year Book. She also completed her Bronze Medallion having served as an ACC swimmer for the five years she attended Lumen.

Kaylish was lucky enough to receive an early offer of Law and Behavioural Science at Notre Dame University in Fremantle. At the end of the Year Awards Night, Kaylish won seven Awards:

Course Awards for: Modern History and Religion and Life, the Lumen Christi Excellence Award for Physical Education, English 3A/B and Mathematics 2C/D. Added to these subject awards, Kaylish won the Australian Defence Force Award for

Kaylish and Tim Jacobs (below right) are pictured.

Leadership and Teamwork, The Father Tom Prendiville Award for Service.

'Personally, I would like to thank not only my family for their continued support, love and guidance over the past five years and I would also like to thank the Lumen Christi College community, my teachers, past and present, and my graduating Class for the opportunities, memories and life lessons they've respectively taught me over the years.

Mr Darren O'Neill, Principal of Lumen Christi College, spoke highly of these high achieving Lumen Graduates, 'The wonderful results achieved by both Tim and Kaylish are reward for their consistent effort and applied diligence. They were very generous in their service to our College and, like all our graduates, we are very proud of their fine achievements'.

The final words are from Kaylish, as she quotes Dr Zeuss:

*'You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...'*

Well done Kaylish and Tim, you show that top students can also achieve in other areas too.



2015 Scholarships

Applications for 2015 Scholarships Now Open

Scholarships for students entering Year 7 in 2015

Lumen Christi offers academic scholarships and music scholarships tenable for years 7-10 inclusive. Please see the website for Year 7 Academic Scholarship online registration or to download the Music Scholarship application.

Academic Scholarship Applications close Wednesday 5 March 2014

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Lumen looking for local talented students

Lumen Christi College is looking for local gifted and talented students to apply for their 2015 Scholarships.

Academic scholarships are available for students going into Year 7 and students going into Year 11 in 2015.

Students interested in applying for the Year 7 Academic Scholarship are requested to register online through the Lumen website using the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) link.

Music scholarships are also on offer. Students with musical talent, who are entering Year 7 in 2015 are invited to apply for a Lumen Christi Music Scholarship.

2014 Yr 7 Academic Scholarship Recipients

Lintilla Dall - Pioneer Village PS
Kate Lange - Good Shepherd PS
Patrick Morton - St Brigid's College

2014 Year 7 Music Scholarship Recipients

Payton Fisher - Good Shepherd PS
Sarah Reincastle - Sacred Heart PS

2014 Year 11 Academic Scholarship Recipients

Monique Tait
Jackson Morfitt

We congratulate the recipients of the Lumen Christi Scholarships for 2014.

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**Please refer to the Lumen Christi website for details on what is included in the scholarships and closing dates.*

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of our wonderful families! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas.

We are back in the swing of things after our break. We had a fantastic Christmas party this year with lots of families attending. We also had the Kindy graduation for those children who are heading to pre-primary this year.

This was a wonderful evening, giving me and the other educators time to say goodbye and good luck. Vacation care is going well, with lots of great excursions happening. School returns on the 3rd February. We have vacancies on every day for before and after school care so please contact me with any queries on 94961665.

Kathy Martin-Loader
Centre Manager
Mulberry Tree

Pictured:

Left top: Kylie Potter with Kablan.

At left: Eimhir Kennedy on the slide.



Enjoying Carols at Araluen Park

Above: the Williams Family: Ladies in the front, left to right: Eileen, Eva, Tessa and Jill.

Gentlemen at the back Fraser and Michael.

At left enjoying Carol Fun: Hailee, Tessa and Katherine.

Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Branch - News

The Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank was once again proud to be the sponsor of The Bendigo Bank Carols by Torchlight at Araluen Botanic Park. This very important community event gets bigger every year.

Sunday 15 December was a beautiful warm night and of course the Amphitheatre at Araluen is the perfect setting for this magic night of carol singing.

Over 90 children from the Roleystone Community School took their place on stage looking very colourful in their green and red t-shirts sponsored by your Community Bank. They were joined on stage by the Carradine Singers and renowned tenor Jay Weston and backed by the talented Town of Victoria Park Brass. As the night skies grew darker the amphitheatre took on magic with coloured lights from 600 flameless candles. These candles are donated each year by Steven O'Neil from ISCAH and always add something very special to the night.

Thank you to our Bank staff, Debbie and Wendy, who volunteered their time to help the Araluen staff with the sausage sizzle and to Shelley despite almost losing her voice, still managed to say a few words in support of the Bank's involvement.

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My daughter Beth gave me your book 'Secrets Mothers Keep' for my Xmas present and she had you sign it for me. I have just finished reading it and I was amazed at your writings as it kept me suspended to the very end. I will look forward to many more of your books.

Josephine Currell, 10/1/14

I have just finished reading your book 'Secrets Mothers Keep'. I would just like to tell you that I thoroughly enjoyed reading the book. I loved the way you included so much history of that era and what people's lives would have been like at that time. You allowed me to feel like I was a fly on the wall in good times and bad. I loved the way you built your story line and slowly moulded the background to the unravelling story. Becoming very involved in the book was easy with your great ability to include the human emotions into your story and prove that human nature never dates. Congratulations, you should be very proud of this fantastic book. I loved it and cannot wait to recommend it to my friends

Shelley Powell, Northampton

I absolutely loved this book. I couldn't put it down and was enthralled from the 1st page.

The era that it was written in and the history surrounding the story was awesome. I will have to get to the Dally pub and go back in

time over a brandy. It has to make it to the big screen! I can't wait for Linda's next book!!

Kerry Kenny, Perth

I have just finished "Secrets Mothers Keep" which was a gift to me from my own mother. I absolutely loved the book and you have done a wonderful job writing it. As an avid reader and keen student of history, I have read quite a few historical novels and this story ranks right up there with the best of them. I may be biased but it is amazing to have such a tragic yet well told and ultimately uplifting story set in this beautiful part of the world. Please keep up the good work. I look forward to reading more of your books in the future.

Michael Minson

Linda has woven a warm and human story around a dark event in WA's history, a brutal murder in the town of Wubin in 1928. She has brought together the threads of people's lives in that time in a skilful and insightful way that has made this book a page turner. She even brought tears to the eyes of this reader at the end. What is remarkable is that in spite of the dark subject this book exudes warmth. Linda has captured the essence of so many facets of life, war, pioneering, home life, relationships, that the novel has a great Sense of Place. One feels fortunate to live in WA.

Mary Clayton, Kalamunda

Local Author Talks

'Secrets Mothers Keep'

Linda Bettenay's 'Author Talk' held at the Gosnells Library on January 18th was a great success with over 50 people taking the opportunity to learn more about the amazing story behind 'Secrets Mothers Keep'. A large proportion of the audience also had their own stories to tell.

In her presentation, Linda revealed how her husband Mike only recently discovered that his grandfather had been murdered and grandmother, mother and two aunts had been savagely assaulted and so unearthed a carefully kept secret that had existed in the family for over 80 years. She also explained how she then researched the story, discovering strange links across the globe, that assisted her to develop a complex set of extraordinary characters and bring this pioneering yarn to life. This is all revealed in her book 'Secrets Mothers Keep' written under her maiden name Linda J Bettenay.

'My talk at Gosnells was a fabulous experience with participants from Book Clubs, and Writers Groups joining in with others who are just passionate about reading. Sharing the joy behind my first book is a fulfilling experience. Thanks so much to Lizanne and the staff at the Knowledge Centre in Gosnells - their support and assistance was greatly appreciated,' Linda said.

In February, the closest talk for Roleystone readers will be at the City of Kalamunda Library on Monday 24th February at 7 Williams Street, Kalamunda. If you would like to come, please phone Kalamunda Library on 9257 9969 or Email: kala.shire@kalamunda.wa.gov.au

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Pictured at left: Edna Buckley, at the Gosnells Library Author Talk.



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Linda's Books



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Linda you should be so proud of what happened last night!

Rarely have I seen a crowd so enthralled by a performance; from the back I could see that not a single person made a move throughout the performance.

This morning I spoke with one of the attendees with whom I am organising the Write along the Highway event and she too was still excited about the event.

Your brother truly is a musical genius, the way he 'knitted' segments together was wonderful and I even more liked his little background chords that were so much in tune with the highs and lows of the spoken word presented by the 3 of you.

Roleystone collaboration worked its magic!

It has been a pleasure and honour, Linda, to have been involved with you and your promotion. Trust me to promote your efforts in the library community.

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Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant is under new management with Kathleen Stokes taking over from the first opening day this year.

Kathleen has been at the restaurant for two and half years and in her own words she has learnt everything she can from her wonderful mentors Ita and Rivka. Kathleen is a truly local girl having grown up and gone to school in the area.

This was always her favourite place to eat so when she decided to re-commence her love affair with the food industry she was determined to learn her craft from the experts.

In numerous ways this wonderful restaurant will remain the same, providing wonderful vegetarian meals in idyllic surroundings. Kathleen would like to keep the regular exhibitions, showcasing the arts, plus she will be happily hosting the monthly jazz sessions.

Many of our old favourites will remain with Guy, James and Aviv staying as staff and Kathleen will be the main cook. There will be a similar style of food with Kathleen focussing on fresh, energy rich foods. She will also be retaining the range of scrumptious cakes and top quality coffee.

'I'd like to welcome back the regulars and encourage the locals to come down and try us out.'

The restaurant will be re-opening on 6th February with a slight change because they are now opening on Thursdays. The opening hours are Thursday 10.30am - 5.00pm and on Friday- Sunday 8.30am - 5.00pm.



PS: Ita and Rivka could not be happier with their decision. They are proud of what they have set up and are more than pleased that Kathleen is prepared to carry on their wonderful 'Genesis In The Hills' legacy.

They both now have more time to indulge in their many passions.

CITY OF ARMADALE: DRAFT URBAN FOREST STRATEGY

The City of Armadale must be commended for recognising the need to formalise and enhance what we already are aware of, and that is the City of Armadale's urban forest and landscape character.

Something that is not so evident when you drive north of the river.

In the executive summary there is a paragraph that appeals to me, that states: "By unifying, understanding and strengthening this landscape character, there is opportunity to provide future generations with a resilient, healthy and diverse urban forest canopy".

Formally recognising: 'providing for future generations' is something that should, in my opinion, be taken into account in all

decision making both at local, State and Federal Government levels. It is very hard to find most of the time but extremely pleasing to see it recognised, along with our natural environment, this time.

While the submissions for this document will be closed by the time the Roleystone Courier is published, the basics of what the City hopes to achieve in this Urban Forestry Strategy are very positive.

I know there will be quite a number of submissions with suggestions, but overall it is a very positive move forward in light of climate change and as the City of Armadale continues to expand.

Pat Hart

Well Done 'Skippers'

Ashlee Garske and Sarah Conlin were awarded their 'Skipper's Tickets' over the holidays.

"Look out Rotto here we come!"



Twilight Markets Coming Up: March 2nd



Julie and Janice - 2013



Benita Piesse - 2013

The hardworking Committee that brought the community four great markets last year has enjoyed a short break and is now back at work planning for an even greater year in 2014.

Once again the first market is going to be a fantastic merge of music and markets with the Roleystone Musicians group joining the markets to entertain from 5pm.

There is a change of venue for the first market with Cross Park hosting this event, the location for the remainder of the markets is still very much a "work in progress".

With so much more space available we can really 'spread the love' and the market stalls, and those stall holders who have regrettably been rejected previously because of a lack of space! This time we hope we can accommodate everyone.

Once again we will have a great range of food vendors, with those who have been so well received at our previous markets and some great new ones keen to join us.

This is a twilight market from 2pm to 8pm with the Musicians taking stage at 5pm. The early part of the day will focus on the younger visitors. Plans are underway to have the children's favourite – the Bouncy Castle and a new exciting treat for the kids – we will keep that secret for now.

So, stay tuned for more info on the first Roleystone Market for 2014. The market that is truly produced: 'By the Community For the Community'.

Pam Edwards

PAUL PEACOCK AND DEBBIE REYNOLDS IN NEW BOOK

Roleystone's Paul Peacock gets a couple of mentions in 'My Hi-De-High', a book released recently by Peter Keogh, an internationally known theatrical entertainer.

Peter was married to one of the most popular British comedy actresses of the 1980s, Su Pollard. My Hi-De-High Life documents the story of how Peter an unknown drifter from Australia, came to live the celebrity life in London and mix with some of the most iconic stars of the time. In this no holds barred account Peter spills the beans on his life with Su, his arrest and trial for theft, meeting Princess Diana and living the high life with well-known household names of the time. He goes on to document his subsequent divorce from Su, living in America and working with film legend Debbie Reynolds.

Peter has now returned to his home town and lives in Perth. In 2008 Peter directed 'Irene' starring Debbie Reynolds and our own Paul Peacock.

My Hi-De-High has quite a few references to Paul, who Peter feels is: 'an amazing performer with a fabulous voice.'

How right he is.

For readers wanting to buy Peter's book look up www.apexpublishing.co.uk/pubdetails.aspx?Num=425

This book is a rollercoaster ride and you won't want to put down.

Pictured: Paul Peacock (at far right) with Ian Toyne, Debbie Reynolds, and Chrystal de Grussa in the Finale of Irene.



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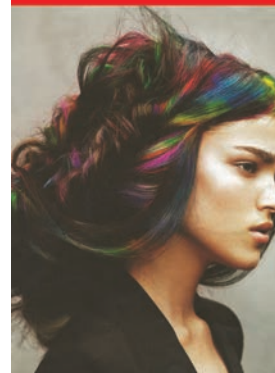
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West Beach



East Beach

Cape Leveque after Tropical Cyclone Christina

On Monday 30th December 2013, my daughter, Stacey and I headed off to the airport to fly to Broome in the early hours of the morning, only to be told that our flight had been cancelled.

We returned home and headed back down to Perth airport in the afternoon, finally flying to Broome early that evening. It wasn't a very comfortable

flight as we had to fly around Christina up there. On arrival the streets and car parks in Broome were covered in puddles from the heavy rain and it was just so steamy. Apparently at 6pm it was 24°C but it felt so much hotter.

Stacey lives up there and works for one of the big resorts. She had time off until 2nd January. We had a great time with some of her friends and on New Year's Eve I joined in on the Hash House walk. The theme for this walk was 'Medical' as many of the members are medical professionals and so we had to go dressed up in a medical costume. This was so much fun. For Christmas, Stacey paid for me to go on a scenic flight over the Horizontal Falls. What a wonderful experience. After flying over the falls we headed to Cape Leveque for lunch. This was a very strange experience as my father, Jim Hay, Stacey and I had driven to Cape Leveque in October 2013. At that time it had been so busy but his time there were only the 5 of us on the flight and a few staff. Cape Leveque during the dry season is the most beautiful place to 'go and chill' as they say. The beaches are beautiful and so many people from everywhere to talk to.

When we were taken to the swimming beach, I couldn't believe my eyes. All the sand had been completely washed away on both the West and East beaches. The East beach is the swimming beach as the West beach has a very strong current and is too dangerous. The tide rose 14 ½ inches in a matter of hours. This is a normal occurrence each year for the beaches to be washed away and it takes about 3 months for the beach sand to come back.

I have taken a couple of photographs of the beach as it is now. In the photograph at left, the large group of rocks in the middle, is where we used to put our towels and clothes last October. Sand covered the beach and no rocks were to be seen.

During the dry season the tide goes out to the reef and people walk along collecting some beautiful shells. When the tide is in you can see the reef and it's wonderful for snorkelling. With this last visit, the reef could not be seen as it was totally covered by the beach sand.

The photo on the upper left is of the West Beach. This is a beach that is lined with large red cliffs. Although it is easy to walk along the cliffs, it is not allowed as this is Aboriginal Sacred Land.

I mentioned that it was a pity the top of the cliffs were covered in broken bottles. Our guide told us that they were the remnants of WW2 when a secret radar station was based on top of the cliffs. This was set up to protect the west coast of Australia from Japanese invasion.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day out and recommend it to anyone. There are several airlines that do this tour but I flew with King Leopold Aviation.

Margaret Agar



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At a very long lunch, at De Bles Café, a group of friends celebrated their 60th year. Helen, Pat, Fiona and Robyn began school together at Roleystone Primary in 1960 and all of the group attended Armadale High School, graduating in 1971. Pat, Helen and Jill still live in Roleystone and the Bettenay, Brockway and Parkin families all have roads named after them!

There were years of shared memories to discuss and well as plans for the future, and the staff at De Bles locked up at closing time and left us talking on the terrace, beside the river covered with water lillies.

Pictured above (maiden names only given) l- r:

Fiona Bettenay, Maureen Marsh, Helen Parkin, Robyn Brockway, Joe Bertolini, Susan Bettenay, Jill Hickinbotham, Patti Mitchell and Happy Birthday to you all. My, my 60 seems so old!



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At left: seen at the 'Thank you Party' for the Roleystone Markets and Community Garden

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December Club Night "That's a Wrap" for 2013

Resplendent with Christmas decorations, the Clubhouse was rocking, to wrap up another successful year for the Roleystone Musicians Club.

We had a nine-in jam at the end and, judging by the photos, everyone was buzzing in celebration of a fantastic year at the Senior Football Club at Cross Park.

A Very BIG THANKYOU to Lisa, Diesel and the Footy Club Crew for allowing us to use their space. Our members really do appreciate being able to play each month! The Footy Club at Cross Park on Jarrah Road will be our home again for 2014.

Also, I'd like to say thank you to Linda for publishing our reports and photos in the Courier; to John for administering Facebook and dealing with my 1000's of photos; to Dale for putting up our Posters; to Gazz for assisting with the mixing; to Kayleen for managing the bar; to the Committee and core members for assisting each month and making the tough decisions; to our regular bands who ensure that we have great music to deliver each month and lastly, to our loyal audience, who encourage us to perform at our best.

Thank you to all!

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ANOTHER RAILWAY WANTED. Karragullen to Kelmscott DEPUTATION FROM ROLEYSTONE

A large deputation representing the orchardists and other settlers in the Roleystone portion of the Kelmscott-Armadale Roads Board waited upon the Premier yesterday morning and asked that the Government would favourably consider the construction of a railway from Karragullen to Kelmscott.

Mr Turvey, M.L.A., who introduced the party, said that the railway would serve one of the finest fruit and horticultural districts in Western Australia, in fact he doubted if there were any parts of Australia better adapted for the production of fruit and for dairying. The fertility of the land was such that given the opportunities, a densely populated district would be created there.

He regretted that up to the present, the Premier had not been able to pay a visit to the district, but the other members of the Government who had seen it had been struck with the marvellous fertility of the country. The Kalamunda, or what was known as the zigzag railway, which at present brought down to Midland Junction from the Hills District large quantities of timber and road material, had given, he believed, a fair amount of trouble to the Railway Department, and the line which the deputation was asking for would greatly facilitate matters so far as the Railway Department was concerned.

It would be only an eight or nine mile proposition to link up the line with the South-Western railway at Kelmscott and would enable the timber and road material to run on the downgrade by way of Kelmscott to Perth or Fremantle.

The population, more particularly in the Roleystone portion of the district, was rapidly increasing, and with railway facilities there was sufficient fertile soil in that part to supply the metropolitan district, if not the whole of the State, with fruit and market garden products.

If the Government could not entertain the proposal at present they hoped that the Premier would at least have inquiries made and a thorough survey put through. If that was done, he believed that the Premier would be satisfied at a later date to give the proposition favourable consideration. The outstanding feature of the benefits of the railway would be the impetus that would be given to settlement, and it was a comparatively small proposition considering the large number of people with small holdings that it would serve.

The Premier, replied saying that he was sure that the deputation did not expect him to commit the Government to the construction of the line that day. His object in receiving them was to hear from the settlers of the district some of the reasons why the Government should take the proposition into consideration.

He was pleased to hear about the fertility of the district and its possibilities in the direction of producing supplies for the local markets.

From the point of view of the working railways he was inclined to think that the proposition they had put forward was one worthy of favourable consideration, but the question at present was just how far they could reasonably go in railway construction. Already they had more miles of railway in proportion to the population, he believed, than any other part of the British possessions. It worked out at a mile for each 108 persons, and in those circumstances it was of course difficult to make the railways pay.

They were thus faced with the fact that they must see that the persons who lived in the districts served by the lines used the service sufficiently to make it pay.

In connection with the water supplies the holders of property, whether they used the water or not, were compelled to pay taxes, and he thought that much the same thing should apply with regard to the railways.

The man who held land adjacent to a railway and did not make use of the line, so that it became an unpayable undertaking, for which the general taxpayer had to answer was not treating the State fairly.

They had-to seriously consider whether a railway proposition was likely to be payable. At present he thought they had just about reached their limit. Of course, he admitted that the lines opened up opportunities for further settlement, but he did not know that the population at present was increasing at a rate commensurate with the railway construction.

They had had bad seasons which had affected the railway earnings, but he hoped they would not recur. He was not losing heart, but he thought that the districts that were well settled, and where intense culture was taking place should be the first to receive consideration, more especially at this stage. He thought it would be a distinct advantage if such producers in the district represented by the deputation were brought into closer touch with the consumers, and if the proposed line would help the railways from the point of view of working expenses and capital outlay, it was one that they might well take into favourable consideration.

Their representations would receive careful attention. They would have to consult the working railways with regard to the junction with the South Western line, and he would not make any announcement in that respect at that stage, but they would not lose any time in obtaining particulars with regard to the proposition which would provide the facilities which they wanted as producers to supply the consumers in the metropolitan area.



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Liz Dunn

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The One Spirit business involves providing complimentary health solutions for animals. The larger premises mean that Emma, an equine and small animal therapist, has been able to join them at the same location too.

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Sue Radford Starts With Business Armadale

Well known Roleystone resident Sue Radford has recently commenced work with Business Armadale as their new Member Liaison Officer.

Sue has lived in a number of locations around the world, most recently, Cambridge UK, but she always had a passion to return home - to her life amongst the jarrah forest. Sue has a broad knowledge of different cultures. Her main interests are the environment (she has been a long term member of Roleybushcare) music, theatre and garden development. 'I am finding the role very stimulating, meeting extremely capable people across the business world. We're very lucky in Roleystone with our sense of community. I see this role in helping to extend this sense of community over the whole region but with a real focus on the important building blocks of the community - those involved in business. I firmly believe in the importance of an association of businesses to further the successful growth of this sector.'

As Member Liaison Officer, Sue will be responsible for supporting and growing the membership of Business Armadale. Sue will work alongside the Board and other members of the Business Armadale team in supporting and promoting business in the Armadale region.

Good luck in your new role Sue.

Lessons From the Parkerville Fires

The terrible events of the 2011 Roleystone /Kelmescott fires are still fresh in the minds of a lot of local residents, and the rebuilding process is still under way. I recently attended several community meetings in Parkerville, with another community that has been ravaged by fire, and one of the responses that came across, again and again, was that they didn't think that it could happen to them. The Department of Child Protection and Family Services, of which I am Minister, is the lead State Government agency in helping communities recover from disasters such as this, and while they are well trained and good at what they do, the hope is that their services aren't needed.

I, myself, live in similar surroundings to a lot of the residents of Roleystone and Kelmescott, and want to exhort people that it is critical that everyone has a fire preparation plan, including plans on how to get out if a situation develops. Small things like reducing the amount of fuel you have on your properties, ensuring the gutters are clear, protecting the house against embers that are flying far in advance of the firefront, are ways that we can all assist in our, and our neighbours, safety. There are information resources on how to prepare, as much as anyone can prepare, at www.dfes.wa.gov.au/ and also through the City of Armadale.

Hopefully, it never will happen, but a little preparation now can make all the difference, and allow choices to be made, rather than simply reacting to a developing situation.

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Keep an eye out for the posters around our community and pencil the 2nd of March into your diary. Judging by the comments after last year's event, you won't want to miss it!

Bring your friends and neighbours down to Cross Park; browse the Market Stalls from 2pm and enjoy the best of the Roleystone Musicians Club performers at Twilight on the Green from 5pm for FREE.

Food Vans and Stalls will cater to your every whim; all you need is a picnic rug or chairs.

This event is very proudly hosted and organised by The Roleystone Musicians Club and The Roleystone Markets and sponsored by the City of Armadale. For more info please send your enquiry as an SMS to Deb, President RMC on 0468 62 68 68.

Deb De Boer



Ashleigh and Keira at Last Year's Market

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GARDENING NOTES

I hope that, as we enter this hot period, everyone is well prepared. I feel for the people over the other side of the ranges who are enduring the devastation that affected Roleystone such a short few years ago. No-one can afford to be complacent or careless.

There's so much that we take for granted and our Australian: 'she'll be right' attitude means a sort of nonchalance. Let's get back to the past in care and consideration of others. Look back to the December copy of the Courier for the 'Virtues' lift-out. You may have been so busy then and just skimmed over it.

I hope you haven't lost too many of your garden plants! Again, I have lost some camellias. I really do not mind too much because a lot of varieties were not bred for our conditions.

Among the losses I do mind are specially grafted plants like 'Alta Gavin' and my backup grafted seedling plant, 'Pioneer Ginny Megan', which should have survived as it was in the shade-house. As the plants have grown they blocked off the sprinklers spraying it and I failed to notice. Now it will need Seasol and a miracle to save it.

On the subject of Camellias, this is the time to take cuttings while the plants are still slightly flexible but could easily break off. Also keep an eye out for seeds dropping. Plant the seeds as soon as you can because the fresher they are, the more viable they are.

Stephanotis is one wonderful creeper which ought to be more widely grown. This plant starts to bloom at Christmas every year and continues through the hottest months. If the roots are in the shade the creeper happily grows and flowers in the sun.

The seeds form after flowering and the seed-pod looks a bit like an a mango seed. When it

is ready, it spurts its seeds to the four winds hoping some will grow. If you want to catch the seeds, either use a paper bag or a net cloth over the seed-pod and catch them before putting them in a seed-tray of good seed-raising mix. Keep moist but not wet and watch for germination.

The Amanda Young Foundation are after plants, especially agapanthus and other perennials, to use for their fund-raising effort. If you have any spare, I am sure they will be eagerly accepted. The Garden Group is always willing to assist with cuttings and assistance, just ask.

I have noticed the effect that taking out the trees along Brookton Highway has made to our home. The trees were a wonderful habitat to the quenda and rabbit populations. We certainly have a lot more diggings on the block again and the fruit that drops is eaten before I can pick it up for the chooks.

The clearing has made the noises carry so much more too. Previously it was almost impossible to hear noises from across the road. Luckily, we have solid walls and still plenty of green cover between here and the road.

I feel distressed when I notice all the bushland being cleared, especially the sandy dessert that now surrounds Tonkin Highway. All the trees, shrubs, birds and animals are gone, now it will take another decade for what was there to be replaced.

Keep your own little patch watered and cared for. It's all we can do as individuals. Enjoy the quiet time in the garden and only go out into the sunshine in the early morning and evenings. It is amazing what we can do in half an hour twice a day.

Good Gardening, Jean

P.S. Try to go and see the frangipanis at Pioneer Gardens Nursery, they are brilliant.

CAT ACT WELL RECEIVED

The long awaited Cat Act is now being implemented and greatly appreciated by many.

I had never really thought about the number of cats we have within the City of Armadale but on reading the numbers registered, so far, it is considerable. 1694 at this stage and this number will obviously continue to increase with the population growth.

I am sure it would have been a lot higher if the community organisation: 'The Cat Sterilisation Society', run by Cherry Leonard and supporters, had not been offering reduced prices for cat sterilisations for many years. So much time and effort has been spent by this group fund-raising and working with cat owners. Their love for cats is their motivation. They have recognised that there is a need to assist low income cat owners with sterilisation. They are worthy of wide recognition.

The City of Armadale has now received some state funding to assist pensioners and low income families with cat sterilisation. A special license is now required for cat

breeders and when cats are sold they must be sterilized and micro chipped.

All cats should now be registered and are recognised by having a collar with an identification tag. If you are concerned with a cat coming onto your property and creating a nuisance or killing wildlife, the Council has cages for trapping. There are strict guidelines for their use.

We still only have one location within the City of Armadale where cats are prohibited and that is on the large Churchman's Brook Estate which backs onto the State Forrest and water catchment area.

It is very reassuring to know that those residents understand the possible impacts of cats on our native animals and accept the conditions required to live there but also the benefits.

I recognise that we do have many responsible cat owners who accept their responsibilities to the environment and to their neighbours and go to great lengths to do so.

Pat Hart



Outbreaks Cause Concern

A recent outbreak of Queensland Fruit Fly in the Riverland, the first in some 20 years, has rapidly reinvigorated local producers' memories of the devastating crop losses suffered in the Perth Hill's region just one year ago.

This is of the highest concern to producers and the SA State Government alike as lucrative and important export markets could be jeopardised if Q Fly was to set permanent roots in the region. The Riverland area of South Australia is considered one of the luckiest growing regions in Australia and has market access that growers in other regions could only dream of.

However, this prized status comes at the expense of a lot of hard work, not just by producers, but by Local and State Government Authorities. It also takes a LOT of funding which the SA

Politicians Listening - At Last

There are some interesting and critical political events taking place in the Perth Hills, revolving around the fight to keep our industry alive and profitable, whilst we continue to battle against Mediterranean Fruit Fly.

On Friday, the 31st of January the Federal Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Joel Fitzgibbon is travelling to our producing region to view the Med Fly situation.

Mr Fitzgibbon will be attending 1 or 2 site visits before a private meeting and light lunch during which HOIG will have the opportunity to discuss measures & obstacles regarding Med Fly in a semi-formal, but intimate basis. (NB This will have occurred by the time most residents read their February Courier).

The Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport

Government is happy to commit, as they can clearly see the benefits of a prosperous food production region.

It is from the lead of the South Australians, as well as DAFWA and FruitWest, that local producers are hard at work implementing and testing other systems and products to assess their efficacy in local growing conditions. This assessment will require something that producers are very short on at the moment, TIME.

No product or system can be verified of efficacy in just one season as there are so many variables that affect fruit fly populations.

It is a sad fact that your local producers can't survive on the orchard practices that they implement, alone. Fruit fly is not just a Federal, State or Local Government issue, it is not just a producer issue. It is a backyard issue - mine, your's and your neighbour's. If this local growing region is to survive, we need as many hands pulling in the same direction as possible, that starts with controlling fruit fly in your own backyard.

There is now legislation in place within growing regions that if commercial or backyard crops are left to infest with fruit fly, fines of up to \$5,000 can apply. As a local producer whose crops' fate often lies in your hands, I am asking that you not let fruit fly get to the stage where legislative measures are enforced. Please be responsible and proactive in your own backyard. Baiting, trapping, tree hygiene, monitoring, safe disposal of infected fruit are all measures that can be implemented with no great cost to the household budget.

Control mechanisms, such as the Cera Trap, are available at the Roleystone Hardware and the Roleystone IGA at a significantly reduced price, compared to warehouse style operations. More information can be found on the HOIG (www.hoig.org.au) & DAFWA (www.agric.wa.gov.au) websites or for those without internet connections you can phone DAFWA on 9368 3333.

Brett DelSimone
Fruit Fly Action Group (HOIG)
0413 343 227

Committee will be arriving in Perth on Monday the 3rd of February to commence the Inquiry into Fenthion and the ramifications for industry if the product was to be immediately removed from usage against fruit fly.

It is a rare honour for a Senate Committee to take the time to visit our region. The Committee will be taken on field tours of several properties including: HOIG guided tours to Byl's & Ghilarducci's orchards and then independent tours of Wilkinson's & Vincenti's orchards.

I believe that this will unequivocally show our position on the retention of fenthion whilst a transition towards products/systems, that have yet to be proven in WA field conditions occurs, will be justified.

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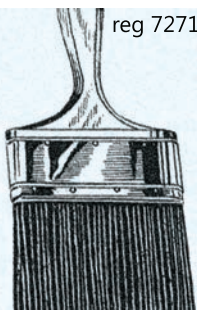
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THEATRE NEWS

ROLEY AWARDS

Roleystone Theatre has started the year with our annual Roley Awards night, honouring those who have made significant contributions to the Theatre, those who have done exceptionally well (in any aspect of theatre) in the eyes of the life members as well as funny anecdotes from the previous year.

This year's Gold Roley went to Kathryn Ramsell and the Life Member's Achievement award was presented to Bradley Towton.

We also presented a new life membership – to long time member: Paul Treasure.

It has been 20 years since Paul started with Roleystone Theatre and he has been involved in all aspects of our theatre's life including: actor, prolific and talented director, mentor, committee member, secretary, kiosk, bar..... anything and everything!!

Despite being involved in productions at numerous other theatres around Perth, Paul continues to make Roleystone Theatre his 'home' club.

ANIME SCREENING

Our next event is the Anime Screening and Cosplay on the 31st of January and the 7th of February. We have such small opportunities to embrace our anime-loving culture, with conventions few and far between and screening locations even fewer.

So come, dress up, and enjoy! Yes there will be costume prizes! Doors open 7pm for 8pm movie start. All tickets are \$10 and this is open to the public. The Bar and kiosk will be open beforehand and at intermission (strictly no BYO alcohol, but you'll find our prices very reasonable!)

The likely program will include:

5 Centimetres per Second.

Oblivion Island.

Brave Story.

Possible: Bleach: Memories of Nobody.

NEXT PRODUCTION

Our next production: 'A House That Jack Built', is a locally written play. The show has been cast and rehearsals are well underway. This production goes on in mid-late March. Tickets for both the Anime Screening and A House That Jack Built are now available at our website – www.roleystonetheatre.com.au

A TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL

Lastly, the auditions for our next show: 'A Trip to Bountiful', are on the 8th of February. Directed by Kim Martin, this show goes on in May. To book an audition please contact Kim directly on 93975669 or email him at kpmartin@westnet.com.au to make a time or find out more about the play.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event and always welcome new members.

Kathryn Ramsell



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Pictured at the Roleys:

1. Brad Towton with medallion - Winner of 2013 Life members' Achievement Award (for his acting in the One Act Season) - also recently seen as Hook in Peter Pan.

2. Linda Bickley surprised at her nomination for the life members' Achievement Award (for her acting as the witch in Unwanted Wishes the pantomime).

3. Bobbie and Gerry Chapman receive their thank you certificate from the director of A Month of Sundays (Phil Mackenzie).

4. Kim Martin - receiving his nomination for Life Members' Achievement Award (for his acting in A Month of Sundays).



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UNPLUGGED - 2014



Once again a big thanks to The Roleystone Country Club.

I have had several enquiries from persons interested in joining the happy throng, including a 5 piece from Denmark, that's the European Denmark.

I hope to run much the same as before, although there is a possibility of a 'country/folk house band' I'm still working on that one!

I hope everyone has a few new songs to throw in and a load of enthusiasm. So take care and get your fingers moving, you only have 3 weeks to get with it!

Mel

OK!.... is everyone ready and tuned up for the 2014 'Unplugged Acoustic Folk Roots & Blues'?

It's official we are starting on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16th, starting at 3pm running until 6pm-ish.

We are set to run on the 3rd Sunday of every month for the year.

FAREWELL CARL

The dog walkers of Roleystone have all mourned the loss of their dear friend Carl Muller (Jacobus) who died suddenly, one week prior to Christmas. Carl walked his dog Betty every morning, with military precision, and would arrive at the oval just on 7am rain, hail or shine. He was well known amongst the early morning walkers and will be missed as a strong personality with very definite opinions. His faithful dog Betty is now being cared for by his family.



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Chase The Joker

Perry Fulton pictured above with Club President Michael Hansen, was the winner of the Chase the Joker competition at the Roleystone Country Club on New Year's Eve. He is a club member and also is one of the sponsors for the 'Chase the Joker' competition. He was a very popular winner.

Pictures from 'The CLUB'



Welcome Back to Diane

In the November edition of the Roleystone Courier, I published a letter from a correspondent in England thanking Roleystone for their hospitality and encouraging locals to visit (and join) the Roleystone Country Club.

Diane recently made contact because she is back (for the sixth time) and this time she has brought her husband Paul and dad Terry. Last week I caught up with them at the Country Club enjoying the camaraderie of Chase the Joker on a Wednesday evening. Club Vice President Ross Meadows said they had been a very welcome addition and they had been awarded Honorary membership while they were here!

Margaret Comes Over to Visit with her Daughter and the Grandies.

Margaret Blair (pictured at right with her friend Pam Mazzucchelli) has been visiting Roleystone from Scotland over Christmas. Her daughter Sharleen Blair, lives here. Margaret and her husband also took the opportunity to join in with the merrymaking at the Roleystone Country Club.



ROLEY CLUB NEWS

The Club continues to go from strength to strength. New member numbers are increasing in leaps and bounds as more Roleystone families try out our newly refurbished Club premises and find the restaurant and bar facilities to their liking. Don't forget about our live music on Friday nights.

Coming events over the next two months, include:

A Valentine's Evening Dinner at Windows on Wygonda on Friday the 14th February. This will include a special 'shared sweet surprise' and live music plus special cocktails.

St Patricks Night. The Ferrymen will be playing on Saturday the 15th March. Further details will be published in the Courier next month.

The regular Blues and Roots group will be meeting on their normal Sunday afternoon dates. Please see our Facebook page for further details.

Whilst we are talking about Windows on Wygonda Restaurant, come on down and try out the fantastic Summer Menu in the newly air conditioned Wygonda Lounge. This is open on Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays but please don't forget to book as we are quite busy at the moment and we don't want you to miss out on a dining experience to rave about.

The Club will be moving on with further renovations over the next few months with the wall between the function room and the bar to be removed and new bi-fold doors to be installed. We have also just completed a

sign on the cottage which now directs visitors to the car park on first entering the club driveway, and are about to build a new brick entrance to the Club off the Wygonda Road access. We will also be line marking the car park and refreshing parking signs for staff and the committee. We apologise in advance to patrons who may be inconvenienced while this work is carried out.

So come on down and join the Club to take advantage of these exciting changes and enjoy some of the best facilities in Roleystone for a very low membership fee. You will be able to enjoy beer and wine at prices well below all other licensed premises.

The Chase the Joker competition is up and going again after one of our members 'Perry' won the \$3200 jackpot on New Year's eve. The current jackpot is now up to \$650 with over \$1000 to be won in consolation prizes if you don't get to pick the Joker! So come into the Club on Monday and Wednesday to have a chance to win the jackpot.

We would like to thank Jane our Bar Manager, who is leaving us to follow her chosen profession as a music teacher.

We wish Jane all the best and thank her for her fantastic work and we will miss her friendly personality.

For all information on the Club's activities check out our Facebook page or go to our new website at roleystonecountryclub@iinet.com.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

*Michael Hansen
President*



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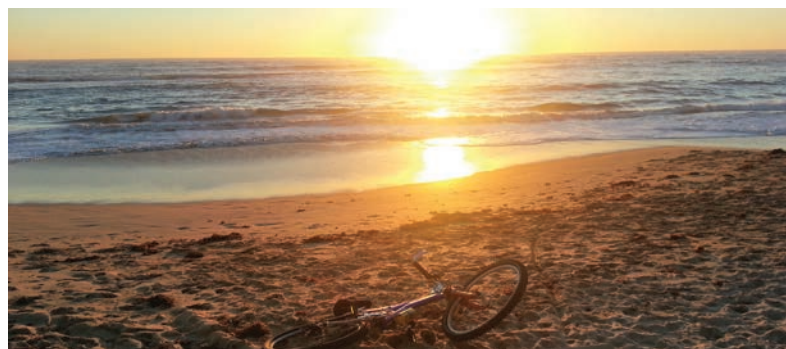
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Congratulations - 2014 Canning Calendar winners!

Two photographers from the Canning electorate have their images displayed on Federal MP Don Randall's calendars that will hit residents' letterboxes next week.

Lenka Pesch's photograph of the sun setting over Florida Beach in Dawesville is being distributed on calendars in the southern half of the electorate, while Ron Iannello's photograph of a flowing Gooralong Brook in Jarrahdale is on calendars going to residents in the north of Canning.

The photos, selected for each of the calendars will be seen by around 50,000 people.

The photos will also be placed on his website and will become part of an archive of Australian politician's online publications with the State Library of Western Australia through its PANDORA project.

Mr Randall said there were about 60 photographs submitted from residents and they each captured a unique and beautiful image of a different part of the electorate.

"The photographs really reflected the diversity of the Canning community," he said.

"Congratulations to Lenka Pesch and Ron Iannello! And thank you to all photographers for capturing the electorate in such an amazing way and creating memories of this time."

Many of the images will be displayed in Mr Randall's office in the coming months.



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Morning tea is provided and everyone is welcome.

Important Note: Please check our website at 8.00am on the morning of the field day for any cancellation notice.

Congratulations: Ian Colquhoun

Environmental Contribution of the Year Award

Twenty four years ago Ian and his wife Mady Colquhoun advertised for 'others with an interest in the environment' to join with other like minded people in the newly created: Roleystone Naturalists Club. Since that time, Roleystone has become renowned across Australia and Internationally as a community that knows about and cares for its bush environment.

Dr Ian Colquhoun has been instrumental in achieving and keeping this reputation.

Ian was fundamental to discovering and highlighting the effects of 'Jarrah Dieback' after first noticing it on the site where the Roleystone Community College lies today. Ian led a team to discover the physiology and method of spread of the waterborne, soil dwelling mould *phytophthora cinnamomi*.

This organism has now been shown to cause dieback in a range of plants across the world and Dr Ian Colquhoun is an internationally recognised guest speaker and expert on it.

Since those early days, the naturalists club, became the dieback group and has now morphed into Roleybushcare.

Their model of environmental care of our bush environment is best practice across Australia. Ian has chaired this group and never given up his passion to save our native forests over all of this time. At the Australia Day Ceremony on Sunday 26th of January, Dr Ian Colquhoun was awarded the Environmental Contribution of the Year Award.

We salute you and say thank you.

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The appointment of one of the most outstanding playing/coaching members within the Community Football ranks, will be a huge asset to playing coach Brett Edwards, who has already been appointed to coach the clubs 'B' Grade League team.

Brett comes from ARARAT (Vic) where he founded a strong start in his football career.

The BULLDOGS are also pleased to announce that Local Builder ROSS ASHBY has been selected to coach the Dogs RESERVE TEAM in 2014.

The club will be announcing the Colts and Amateurs (3rds) team coaches over the next 2 weeks.

The club's first OFFICIAL PRE-SEASON training & meeting will be at the Bulldogs Home Ground, John Dunn, Third Avenue Kelmscott on Wednesday the 29th January at 6.00pm. If you are a past, present or interested player, you can contact League Coach:



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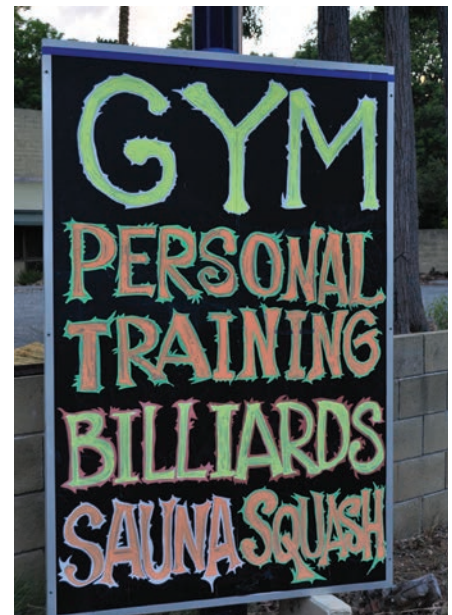
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Steve, Elaine and Audrey



COUNCILLORS COMMENT JANUARY

By the time you read this it will be nearly three years since the Roleystone/Kelmscott bushfires headed down the Brookton Highway to cause such devastation across the foothills. And even with the Stoneville fires just last week I still think a large proportion of residents are either blasé or just think that it won't happen in Roleystone.

So many of our properties are still surrounded by trees, shrubs and leaf litter that will create a ladder effect to allow flames to climb into the canopies of the surrounding trees and recreate

the devastation of 2011. There is still time to trim, rake and remove the litter to give your house the best chance of surviving a bushfire.

URBAN FOREST STRATEGY

The Urban Forest Strategy is out for comment, and submissions on this were to be in by the end of the month. The Public Meeting scheduled for January was rescheduled to 11 February 2014, in the City of Armadale committee room. **The public comment period has consequently been extended and now closes 4pm Friday 28 February.**

An urban forest is the collection of trees that grow within the CoA and in the wider sense may include any kind of plant.

Urban forests play an important role in filtering air, water and sunlight, providing shelter to animals and recreational areas for people. They moderate local climate, slowing wind and stormwater while cooling and shading homes and businesses.

The CoA Parks and Gardens staff has already made an extensive start to this forest with 12,767 trees planted during 2010. These include residential streetscapes, tree replacements, parklands, estates and general street trees.

This is a great opportunity to have a say in how you would like Armadale to look in the future.

A great Chinese proverb says the best time to plant a tree was 50 years ago. The second best time is right now.

E-WASTE

New legislation requires that e-waste becomes the responsibility of the electronics industry, and the Regulator has identified preferred suppliers.

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must, under new arrangements, be accepted free of charge. Therefore the COA has reduced the Waste Tipping Charge for TV and Computer Screens from \$14.00 to \$0.00. Hopefully this might reduce the number of screens being left on the side of the road and in the bush.

One of the regular queries I get is regarding the motorbikes and 4-wheel drives that are driving through the bush and private property. The drivers of these vehicles are cutting fences to gain access, causing damage to property and allowing livestock to wander. I would encourage the public to take down vehicle number plates and report these to the Police and Rangers.

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November Rainfall

Year	mm	# days
2007	21.6	4
2008	0	0
2009	6.6	2
2010	1.4	1
2011	26.8	6
2012	34	4
2013	13.4	6
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DELIGHTED TO BE AUSTRALIAN!

Dear People of Roleystone,
I have been in Roleystone for over six months now – and I have survived!!

I delight in Roleystone and the outstanding people I have met and share with.....

Ron, who cleverly produces queen bees and breeds them so that they will become immune to diseases and so help the world's honey providers;

Chris who is a champion at Medieval Games but cares in such a way that he wants to bring a healthy spirit to those who are struggling to cope with life;

The Wednesday, 6.30am Araluen Walkers Group who delight in the walk, the environment, in each others company and some 'morning tea' vitals in the Park before getting into their day;

Chris who was given life membership for her community service;

the great number of persons involved in conservation, care for the trees and wildlife,

and just on Wednesday morning past, a writer who returned a year ago to her boyhood sweetheart after forty or so years 'growing up' and experiencing life.

Wow!! Roleystone is so much more.

For over ten years I have gone down to the city foreshore on Australia Day – just to be there!! Just to enjoy our freedom, our multiculturalism, our diversity and our specialness as Australians. We survive in a world of mayhem, chaos and pain and in a world where the community within community that I belong to, is being challenged to 'walk the walk' rather than 'talk the talk'.

Too many have become prejudiced against and dismissive of the message of: 'faith, hope and love'.

That is a good challenge to we Christians and although we can not re-invent ourselves with a different message of love, joy, peace, forgiveness and self sacrifice, our rhetoric needs always to be changing.

We live in a world where 'non – believers' are doing very much the same things that we are; trying to develop a healthy world and environment.

All people need to pool their wisdom and resources to give united leadership to a cynical and confused world.

There is a story I would like to share with you from my army time:

A German soldier wrote this letter after the second World War, from a hospital bed:

'I was well forward of our front lines, in 'no-mans-land', checking our land mines with some other men. Out of the smoke and mist emerged a group of Australian soldiers and there was a frantic battle.

The Australians are great bayonet fighters and we were overpowered. I was badly wounded. When I came to, I heard a noise in the darkness and reached for my weapon.

This Australian pounced on me and said: "don't you do anything stupid or I'll knock your block off. Stay still and let me have a look at your wound. You have a hole in your side big enough to drive a truck through. When we left I thought you would still be alive but in need of help, so I have come back to have a look. I'm going to dress that wound and take you back to our medical hospital."

He dressed my wound and saved my life. I had lost a lot of blood. But I told him: "Please don't take me back to your lines, my men will find me soon". He agreed and I asked him for a cigarette. He said "You light up out here and you will have every Tom, Dick and Gerry shooting at us" but he gave me a cigarette and told me not to light up until he was well out of the way. We heard a noise in the darkness just then and this Australian soldier disappeared. My men found me and now I am recovering in a German Hospital.

I would like to know more about these amazing Australians.'

Fantastic isn't it when you hear such stories from other cultures and countries.

When we act with integrity and courage we put mankind above self centered ideologies and win some friends to the cause of 'Peace on Earth, goodwill towards all.'

Keith Wheeler
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COMING EVENTS AUGUSTA TREK

Our Annual Club TREK TO AUGUSTA will be commencing on Friday 28th February through to Monday 3rd March. We will have a dinner at the Augusta Hotel on the Friday night.

After an afternoon of tennis followed by a BBQ on Saturday evening, we'll then enjoy The River Festival on Sunday. We finish off with a Chinese dinner and travel back on the Monday. As accommodation is hard to get down there, please book your accommodation in advance. The Augusta Club need to know numbers so please let Wendy Tucker or Bob Rowe know so that we can confirm.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Roleystone Championships will be held over a few weekends. The likely dates are 23rd and 29th & 30th March (& if needed 6th April depending on numbers for each event).

Sign-up sheets will be up at the Club soon, so all financial Club members should get their names down. The cost will be \$10.00 for one event, \$15.00 for two events and \$20.00 for three events.

We will have a sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the Mixed Doubles Event.

TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER



RECENT EVENTS CHRISTMAS BBQ

At Christmas, we had a few people come down for tennis & then we finished with a BBQ, which was most enjoyable. (See photo above.)

COURT RESURFACING:

Our courts are finally finished being resurfaced. It has taken 5 years to be completed and we would like to thank the City of Armadale and the Department of Sport and Recreation for their contributions. We have selected blue courts with green surrounds and they look fantastic.

ROLEYSTONE OPEN:

The Annual Roleystone Open Event will be held on Sunday afternoon, 2nd February. It will start from 3pm and we will have a sausage sizzle at 7pm. This will be a doubles event and everyone will receive a prize. Cost is \$10 for financial members of the Club with supper included. Please sign up at the Club or email through to roleystonetennisclub@yahoo.com.au

Serious Accident At The Corner of Coventry and Chevin

The terrible accident at the intersection of Chevin Road and Coventry Road last week, is a caution for us all to be much more careful. This is a deadly section of road. A six-year old girl who was a passenger in a Volkswagen panel van is in hospital with serious injuries. This car collided with a Peugeot Hatch. We need to all drive carefully - especially on this notorious stretch of road.

ARKS JUNIOR Rugby Union Club



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Poor February, sandwiched between the two bigger months of January and March: even when it has a big year, it can't match their 31 days apiece. Noting that even ABC presenters pronounce it as Feb-u-ary these days, I consulted Wikipedia and found that there are at least two good reasons for doing so. Firstly, it's right next to Jan-u-ary. Secondly, it's easy to say. When enough people use it, it becomes "correct". Looks like we'll never return to the ancient Roman pronunciation Februarius.

Februa was a Roman purification ritual held at the full moon every February 15th, but that was back when they used a lunar calendar. The lunar calendar got so out of whack with the seasons that Julius Caesar turfed it out and instituted his Julian calendar, the forerunner of our present Gregorian calendar. The lunar cycle, from full moon to full moon (or new moon to new moon) is about 29.53 days. At best, February can only muster 29 days. So it's possible for February to have no full moon, if there's a full moon late on January 31st. It's just a quirk of the calendar, with no cosmic significance.

This February actually has no new moon, as the new moon was on January 31st and the next will be on March 1st. By February 2nd the thin waxing crescent moon is visible low in the

western sky at nightfall. First quarter's on the 7th and full moon's on the 15th (Februa?!); that's the end of the waxing half of the lunar cycle. Then the moon's on the wane, with last quarter on the 23rd and the waning crescent phases following.

Jupiter continues as the dominant planet. At the start of the month it stands out in the NE sky at dusk, passes due north around 10:20pm, and sets in the WNW around 3:10am. Mid-month it starts in the NNE, is due north around 9:30pm, and sets at about 2:15am. By month's end it's almost due north at nightfall and sets in the WNW around 1:15am.

Mars comes next, rising just to the south of east at about 11pm. By dawn it's very high in the north. Its orange colour is a giveaway. By mid-February it's rising around 10:15pm and is high up in the NNW at daybreak. At the end of the month it's rising at about 9:25pm and dawn finds it high in the NW.

Saturn follows Mars. It rises in the ESE just after midnight in early February and is very high in the ENE at daybreak. Mid-month it rises around 11:30pm and is virtually overhead in the NE at dawn. At month's end it rises around 10:40pm and is overhead at dawn.

Venus is back in view as the brilliant "morning star" standing out in the eastern sky at dawn. It comes up in the ESE, with the rising time going from 3:50am in early February to 3:10am mid-month and 3am at the end of the month.

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I would like to thank the wonderful people who have taken the time to stop and pick up injured wildlife and bring it to me. Without your help, a lot of our precious wildlife would not survive. I'd also like to thank the lovely people who have dropped off bedding for wildlife use and special thanks to the people who have given cash donations to help preserve our precious wildlife. Without your help, I probably could not continue. Please contact me for help for or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.

What an amazing time of year it is to see all the young birds growing up and becoming independent. It is also lovely to see some of the young Bandicoots starting to emerge from Mum's pouch, although many are still inside.

We can all help our wildlife throughout the summer by ensuring that fresh water is available at all times. Water should be provided in shallow containers to prevent any wildlife from falling in and drowning. They should be untippable and some should be located off the ground to protect from predators.

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Why not come down and enjoy the fun? It is wonderfully cool on the greens.

But, for how long?

Our Bowling Club is in danger of collapse as we are lacking members. Many of our present bowlers are in the twilight of their careers and we need members to keep the club going. It would be a great pity to see the demise of this sport.

On the positive side, our ladies' and men's pennants are going along well.

Last week saw the finals of the Men's singles championship - congratulations to Gerry Chapman, winner and Clive Boyle, runner - up.

The plate event saw a great game between Steve Rickman (winner) and John Smith (runner up).

The Ladies' championship continues next weekend.

So please come on down, join the Club and be a part of a great group enjoying a great game.

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Men's single champion for 2013/14 Gerry Chapman and runner up Clive Boyle (left)



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Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

Summer is well and truly upon us and it's been heating up not just off-the-field, but on it as well.

The last two months have seen the RKCC participate in one-dayers across all grades and the second Dogtainers T20 competition.

This year, the T20 competition is split into two divisions with the RKCC having 3 teams.

Some cracking results all round with our Division 1 side sitting pretty on top of the table. Pat Wilkinson has lead the way with the bat including an unbeaten 72 against Forrestfield which saw our Division 1 side win comprehensively by 10 wickets! With one game left to play, it's still very tight and a win will see them through to the final, and a loss could see them out.

Yes, it's THAT tight.

Division 2 is shaping up for a potential RKCC derby final, albeit fate rests in the hands of others. While one of the sides sits in first place and are virtually guaranteed a spot in the final, the other is a win away and again with one round to go it all comes down to the wire. Ben Chmielewski has been the shining star with the bat with a cracking 50 in the RKCC derby which required some fantastic stroke play through third man and fine leg by Charlie Rowe to win with a ball to spare.

Brad Beurs has been beautifully deceptive with the ball, picking up 8 wickets at an average of 7.13!

The A Grade Presidents Cup is also in to the last round and despite a couple of curious results, we're looking likely to take part in one-day finals action.

Michael Mobilia's two 50's have certainly helped them on their way along with 50's from Darryl Kipping and Michael Chmielewski. Trent Stuart and John Lewis have both helped seal the deal on most occasions with 16 and 10 wickets respectively.

B Grade, led by fearless mathematician, Greg James, is all but confirmed for finals action after a resurgent last two months. Although third at the moment, 4th and 5th are a long way off and 6th may as well be in C Grade.

Greg has led from the front with his

contribution of 21 wickets so far this season at an average of 14.05 and has been well backed up by Brett Turner and Jon Stockey with 19 and 15 respectively.

E Grade are up against it for the first time in a few years and currently sit in 3rd spot with 4th hot on their tails. E's are likely to make finals given the distance between 4th and 5th/6th but must put in a strong effort to push Dreamtime Warriors off 2nd spot.

Matthew Faranda as always is leading the batting with his century and two 50's which has contributed to his 522 runs at an average of 57. Vince Baeli has also lead from the front with an average of 37.40 and 19 wickets to his name.

C Grade remain winless in what has been a disappointing but positive season for them while the D Grade sides sit in 5th and 6th and are also a fair way off the pace.

Not many positives to note with bat or ball excepting stalwart Paul Manning who's managed to notch up 19 wickets so far this season and Justin Dickenson who's managed 16 wickets and 160 runs thus far.

We hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and as always, we look forward to seeing new faces up at Cross Park.

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