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## The Roleystone Tennis Club is 70 Years Old

In 2014 the Roleystone Tennis Club is celebrating their 70th year. The club plans to have a series of celebrations. Currently they are compiling a collage for the Club wall throughout the year. The recently completed Club Championships is the first of the events. *Pictured above: Four of the Roleystone Tennis Club Life Members cutting the cake: Jim Brayshaw, Virginia Bird, June Copley and Graham Shearwood.*

*Below: The Roleystone Tennis Courts ten years ago.*



## Happy 60th To Two Old Roley Gals

In April, two girls who have been friends since day 1 at Roleystone Primary School, both reached their big 60th. Happy Birthday to Fiona Bettenay (below left) and Helen Hagdorn (nee Parkin) below. May you both have many more milestone birthdays!



*Kayla Stokes recently competed in the On Stage Performing Arts Competitions in April along with her dance school: The Peppermint Dance Company. She won her brand new Contemporary solo and she also got a Special Mention in her new 'Own Choreography' solo. She dedicated her performance to her late Nanna. Kayla also competed in the company's troupes where they won their Open Contemporary Troupe and was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Open Modern Troupe. Kayla next competes in the Mandurah Festival of Dance in the July school holidays.*

## Kayla Stars in Dancing Comps

## May Cover



*Autumn is well and truly here and the May Courier cover page celebrates the change of seasons with a wonderful photo taken by amateur photographer Rakia Stokell of Roleystone. Rakia loves to take pictures of birds and this shot features a Western Wattle bird Anthochaera lunulata collecting nectar from a eucalyptus caesia flower - commonly called Silver Princess, a native of our wheatbelt regions but growing very happily in many local gardens.*

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**Farewell Miaflora and Welcome HopScotch**

Roleystone residents, the Breretons, have recently taken over Miaflora Garden and Tearoom and want to announce to locals that they will be opening the beautiful gates to visitors on Mother's Day - May 11<sup>th</sup>. John and Sarah, Chris and Fran are full of enthusiasm for their new venture.

'We want to respect what is already here but also add our flavour to this magic place' said John Brereton. 'Locals will be pleased to hear that much of it will remain the same. We want the serenity and beautiful gardens to remain a major feature of our business but we will also be adding our touches to the place.'

The new owners have ideas about expanding the dining experiences, however at first they will be continuing with the tearooms, which they have renamed the HopScotch Garden Centre and Tearooms. They are still keen to maintain the integrity of the gardens and so this will remain as the Miaflora Garden. The range of artworks and garden supplies will be retained and locals will still be able to wander through this iconic and beautifully tended garden.

'We will be expanding the menu but also keeping some of the favourite cakes and slices.'

(John and Bruce have kindly shared some of their most precious recipes with them!)

Their Business will be family orientated, operated by the four owners and members of their extended family along with current staff. The four owners have had very different employment experiences but they all have had a focus on 'service to people' which will

undoubtedly be a most valuable priority of theirs in this very people centred industry.

Some of their first plans involve extending the undercover seating area which will maintain the peaceful, relaxed atmosphere infused with a hint of music in the background. In addition to this they will be setting aside a child friendly area where young mums and dads can also come and enjoy a coffee and the ambience of this beautiful place, while their children play happily. They hope this area will be ready by Spring.

'We will be open for business on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a small gift for the first 100 mums. Please come on down and celebrate our opening with us,' announced Chris Brereton.

'We would like to sincerely thank John and Bruce for their help and support and wish them all the best in their new venture.' See: [www.hopscotch.com.au](http://www.hopscotch.com.au) All the best to the new owners.



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## The Peet Road/Brookton Highway Junction

A bad accident happened on the 1st April. With the diversion due to the closure of Holden Road, this major event held up traffic in both directions and even forced road trains to divert and travel up Peet Road.

The scene was abuzz with Police, Main Roads, Fire and Rescue plus an enormous tow truck. One assumes the Ambulance was there too as the damage to the cab suggested the incident was serious.

Fortunately the truck was only carrying water which had to be emptied prior to righting.

**Michael Sibley**

*Above: Michael captured the Water Truck in his photo.*

## Many Precedents to the Accident on Peet Road Corner

*I guess you will be covering the truck crash at the bottom of Peet Road in which the bus shelter was creamed.*

If history follows its course, like two other shelters in Roleystone that I know of, that went to the good Lord above through deterioration or structural demise by car, the Peet Road bus shelter will not be replaced.

If anyone had thought to consult Roleystone residents, especially old ones about the Holden Road closure for works, they would have discovered that Peet Road has a history when it comes to heavy transport. There used to be a sign on the light slope on Peet Road. The sign was timber on two posts with two cross beams and a sheet of metal was wrapped across. On this sheet of metal on white was painted:

**“WARNING STEEP GRADE ONE MILE”.**

It was a non-standard road sign and was there for many years. It was a childhood target for stones in passing and the last time I saw it, the sheetmetal was dishd almost to the rear of the timber frame and the lettering, all but erased. It was legend then that the section of Peet Road, between Urch Road and Brookton Highway should not be used by trucks at all. The likelihood of brake fade was too real.

The whiteknuckled agitation of going downhill in an old Ford, in brake fade with two feet desperately heavy on the brake pedal, bum high off seat, bottom of steering

wheel all bent from pulling against it for extra purchase, is an embedded memory. The likelihood of running out of gears, stalling the engine or breaking a transmission or axle, then rolling back out of control when driving uphill was also a real possibility.

The buses travelled in low gear down to Urch Road but did not travel the Urch Road to Brookton Highway section at all.

It has been not a matter of if but when, a truckdriver would lose control and run off the bottom. With modern power assisted brakes and steering on trucks and higher engine powers, drivers have come to rely less on anticipating and more on the reliability and power of their vehicles.

A modern automatic vehicle has only to engine stall going down the hill and it could be very interesting as power steer and brakes would be lost to the average driver.

Yet drivers blithely rip down the hill trusting entirely on the brakes and without selecting an indirect gear to keep the engine turning and supplying power assistance to a much slower road speed before it stops. Heavy transport detour should have been to Westbourne Road and not Peet Road except for local delivery.

Since the accident, there is another set of tyre marks from hard cornering from an out of control truck, turning right this time instead of left.

**Bob Hart**

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Autism Awareness**

I am the mother of a 16 year old boy with autism.

Thanks to an early diagnosis at the age of 2, he was able to receive hours of early intervention as well as longer term programs, which have greatly assisted him to be where he is today. He is functioning at an age appropriate year 11 level, at a local school.

He is desperate for a "casual job" and has applied at numerous organisations to no avail.

One of the businesses in our location advised in writing that they were not in a position to offer any part time employment.

I could have accepted this had I not had a recent conversation with a current employee who confided with me that my son wouldn't be able to cope working there because, "the boys would tease him".

I could only assume from this comment that the decision not to offer him some sort of casual employment was due partly or wholly to his autism. I left totally dismayed and somewhat disgusted.

If this was indeed the case, I would have to suggest that the business's employees would benefit from some education about exactly what autism is.

I find it hard to believe that in these days of inclusivity in schooling that the message still isn't getting out there to the wider community that there are people in our society that have special needs but they still have the right to be treated with equal respect.

As a parent of a special needs child, I have to hold out hope that this day is not long in coming.

*Name withheld*

**Hockyroos Item For  
Auction**

I am part of an amazing team called Intensive Crew. We raise money & awareness for the Intensive Care Foundation.

Intensive Crew has received another fantastic item for us to auction off & help us raise some more money for the Intensive Care Foundation. Jade Close, #31 for the Australian Hockyroos Hockey team has very kindly donated her hockey stick & ball, which she has signed, from the 2012 Summer Olympics. We have now had this framed & are auctioning it off.

Bids can be emailed to me on: knappsters@bigpond.com or sent to me by sms: 0427 735 796.

Once you have placed a bid, you will be kept up to date on where the bidding stands throughout the auction.

The Auction closes at 5pm on 18th May. This gives us time to receive the money & add to our fundraising total before the HBF Run for a Reason on 25th May.

Our first bid has come in so bidding is currently sitting at \$100.

If you would like to bid on this item, we would love to hear from you. Our Hero page is also still open & we are still taking donations. All money raised by us goes directly to the Intensive Care Foundation. They fund vital research & training to improve survival rates for ICU patients around Australia & New Zealand. They are an amazing organization who do NOT receive any government funding at all.

A lot of you have already supported us in the past as well as this year.

If you have not already done so, but would like to help us out, or if you feel comfortable about sharing our cause with work colleagues, family or friends, we would be very grateful to you. This would help us reach our target of \$15,000 for this year. Please find the link to our team Hero page below:

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*Sharon Knapp*

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## LOCAL CULTURE – WORTH CONSIDERING

*It is interesting how people interpret words differently.*

Last year, we were advised by Council Officers that the City of Armadale's Environmental Group's normal display at the Minnowarra Festival (which we had been involved with since its inception) did not meet their new theme of 'Arts and Culture'. We were told we could not attend!

It was obvious that their interpretation of 'art' was in the painting and drawings of the Minnowarra Art Festival and also involving local craft groups. 'Culture' they had obviously interpreted as meaning different nationalities – based on foods.

They did not see the outstanding beauty of our natural environment as an art form or the commitment to the natural environment by so many in our community including the City of Armadale as part of our culture.

Fortunately the environmental groups, raised objections and this year we were invited to attend! Our fantastic photographic display of over 80 photos of 'natural wonders of the City of Armadale' drew a huge crowd. All expressed their wonder and appreciation. In the opinion of many, our display was one of the best at this year's Minnowarra Festival. This topic of culture then got me thinking of its relevance to the proposed amalgamation of Councils and the social issues it may possibly create in some localities.

Those who have followed the City of Armadale proceedings over the years would know about the 'us' (the hills) and 'them' (the coastal plain) views held by some Councillors,

City staff and community members.

This division has existed since time immemorial and even led to a recommendation that a referendum be held in the mid nineties for Roleystone - Karragullen to secede from the City of Armadale. This proposal failed.

In the hills, residents have larger lots and have the impact of vast natural environmental surroundings. There is also the distance and separation of Brookton Highway which leads to a different cultural approach. This has compounded the perception of us and them, although this appears to be nowhere as bad as it was in the past.

The Council Amalgamation may lead to many of these clashes of cultures. I think of the very rural Mundaring Council being amalgamated into City of Swan, the Shire of Kalamunda to the very urban City of Belmont and of course a large portion of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale into the City of Armadale.

It is acknowledged there will be large financial costs associated with these proposed amalgamations (boundary changes?) but have the social and cultural impacts been formally identified? If these proposals are approved there should be a lot of thought go into the best ways to blend these new city/ rural partnership right from the beginning. If not it may disrupt the balance that exists in these rural-hills localities for many years.

I think this is worth considering?

*Pat Hart*

### Did You Have a Good Easter?

### Did Your Dog Have a Good Easter?

Over the Easter long weekend, a very distressed dog barked and howled continuously. The dog was situated somewhere in the vicinity of Valley View and Holden Roads. It was obviously being cared for as there were occasional periods of peace. Before owners plan their trips away, perhaps they should ask their neighbours how content their pets are without them. I certainly have enjoyed the wonderful 'bark free' nights post Easter.

*Ed*

### Bowls Returned

A big 'Thank you' to Linda Moore for putting my letter into last month's Courier about the lost bowls bag. Five days ago we had a call from the Country Club to say that the bowls trolley had been returned. Whoever had taken it - thank you. It was the right thing to do and my father is very relieved.

*Name withheld*



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**Opinion Piece** MAY 2014

This month, instead of an editorial I am offering an opinion piece.

**WHAT WORKS IN ADVERTISING???**

As the owner of the Roleystone Courier, I am often asked: 'does advertising in the Courier work?' My reply is: 'it depends'. But there are loads of folks who believe it does.

I am no guru - but I have been around this business for 8 years and I have watched many businesses try to get their message out there. Obviously, I have a vested interest in this area - advertising pays our printing bill, and allows us to all keep reading the Roleystone Courier month after month. But advertisers in the Courier, even the nicest and most benevolent of them, do not advertise purely for socially altruistic reasons - they want to sell/promote their product, service or event.

I have collected a lot of evidence to show that advertising in the Roleystone Courier can achieve results. Some folks put an advert in and pull it out quite rapidly because the business builds up too quickly. Some find that: 'go large when you want to attract attention' and 'go smaller when you just want to keep your name and number out there' - works for them. Some, like Vogels Plumbing, have advertised with us for 38 years!!!

But some folks find their advertisement does not seem to generate the response they would wish.

**Print Media**

I still genuinely believe in print advertising. In our community, if you want locals to see and use your service or product, then you cannot beat advertising in the Courier. Will it always work? Well it depends on what you are advertising, how your advert looks (size, colour, readability.....) and a wide range of economic and social factors. But most importantly it depends if the person looking at it, sees it and wants what you are advertising. Those last bits are up to the advertiser to sort out.

**Technological Based Advertising Modes**

Internet, Face book, email lists, telephone. These are not my core business but I am an expert for two reasons. Firstly, I have recently been exploring these methods and secondly, as a consumer who spends a lot of time on my computer and telephone - I know what I hate!!!!

**My Hate List**

1. Cold call telephone calls, pretending to offer me something I didn't ask for.
2. Junk Emails pretending to know me and offering me something totally useless.
3. Internet adverts that flash up on my screen when I am trying to do something else.

Call me cynical; but if an advert causes anger in the receiver, it cannot possibly work to sell the product or idea!!!

Recently, I have been marketing my book (and I apologize, up-front, for my

enthusiastic marketing stance.)

I have tried many and varied types of promotion. Obviously the one that works the best (by a country mile) is word of mouth. And thank you to all of the beautiful folks who have been kind enough to help me out in this regard.

But the methods that have stunned me have been the ones linked to Social Media. Initially I was not a convert. Personally, I am not a fan of putting blatant advertising on purely social sites. It defeats the socialness and chattiness of such forums. (I think a lot about blurring the line between information/education and advertising!)

I was told that the 'way to go' regarding promotion is to set up a Face Book Business Page. I did so and I have worked on this dutifully.

This was wonderful - at first.....

But over the last two months I have found this to be less and less successful. The stupid rules on 'face book advertising' make the whole process frustrating and useless. Running a Business Face Book page has become decidedly 'Unfriendly'. My main gripe is that the posts are just not going anywhere. My faithful friends who are kind enough to comment are seeing them, but no-one else. And every time I want to do anything, Face Book flashes me a message suggesting I pay for what I used to get for free!!! I recently saw this blog....

*Do you feel like the posts you're making from your business page on Facebook are largely ignored?*

*You're not alone. Sure, maybe some of your posts are getting ignored by some of the people who are glancing at them. But there's a more obvious reason for the dip in your Facebook fans' engagement; "most of your fans aren't even getting the chance to ignore your posts, because they never see them in the first place."*

*Why? Well, Facebook is intentionally limiting the number of fans who see your content. And they've admitted that it's part of their plan to increase those restrictions in an attempt to get you to PAY for further reach (through promoted posts and advertising).....*

ie Face Book has listed on the stock exchange and the shareholders want to get paid! We are even being encouraged to do in others who advertise on face book personal sites. Insidious I say.

Perhaps Facebook and the web works for some. For me, it is not justifying the time and money spent. But the other side of this rant is that I should stick to what I know. I will continue to use and promote old fashioned advertising - like an advert in the Roleystone Courier. You pay for it, it goes in. Readers know what is advertisement and what is not. They can decide.

**So what do you think???**

**Linda Moore**







**SCENIC DRIVE**

**BUT WHERE TO?**

What is the story with the new signage????

At the base of Peet Road hill, where the truck rollover recently wiped out signs and a bus shelter, we have had new signs erected.

While I have no problems with this I question the effectiveness of a sign that indicates this is an alternative route to Kelmscott. While all locals know that there is, this is not as easy route to follow.

If tourists followed this sign they would go straight up Peet Road hill, and, as there are no other signs to indicate how you get to Kelmscott, they would undoubtedly end up back on Brookton Highway - but in Karragullen.

If I was a tourist I would be very unimpressed with this signage.

# Smart Animals

We came home and stopped to watch our cat. He was stalking a magpie - he was in the classic pose, front paw outstretched, belly on the ground, head still and eyes fixed on the prey. The magpie was oblivious and unconcerned. Then, 8 magpies descended from the tree and surrounded the cat. They nonchalantly pecked the ground.

Mardie - our cat - realised something was amiss and slowly surveyed the birds. We could almost see his brain assessing the situation. Mardie sat up and commenced to lick himself, following the ancient cat custom of when in doubt, wash yourself, then quietly left the scene.

Some days later I saw him pause as he caught sight of another magpie. He turned and walked off - the earlier incident was remembered.

*Gerry Chapman*

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## "Well Done" Western Power

Western Power completed some essential maintenance on Wygonda Road over night on Tuesday 9 pm April 2<sup>nd</sup> to next morning, 6am on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Generally, as editor of the Roleystone Courier, I expect to receive negative criticism about such activities but this occurrence passed without any comment. So we thought we would make a statement.

The organisers and the workers completing this very complex task deserve our highest accolades. Not only were we well warned but the whole process was carried out without fuss, noise or unnecessary inconvenience.

We slept easily throughout the



night and their activities didn't disturb our slumbers. Thanks Western Power for your consideration and for returning our power on time.

*Linda and Mike Moore*

## ROUND JOHN VIRGIN

Our son was 5 years old. He had just come home and was excitedly showing us his drawing of the Nativity.

"This is baby Jesus and this is Mary, his mother. Here are the three wise men, and a shepherd." His voice was enthusiastic and

full of pride.

"And who's this?" I asked, pointing to a short fat figure near the manger.

"That's Round John Virgin" he replied.

My son is now a missionary in Mexico City.

*Gerry Chapman*

## BROWN ROT DISEASE

*Locals may have noticed a rise in the incidence of brown rot in the fruit and vegetables they have purchased.*

Apparently perfectly healthy items are consumed by a brown, fungal growth and this can occur very rapidly if fruit is left at room temperature.

Often the producers and grocers selling the fruit are 'at a loss' because no sign of the fungal spore shows when the fruit is picked, packed or sold.

This disease was introduced into Western Australia fairly recently and, anecdotally, was due to the relaxation in quarantine conditions.

Good news has surfaced with UK researchers identifying a new way to control this disease. Researchers at the University of Kent and East Malling Research have identified a new way of controlling a fungal disease that can have a devastating impact on the UK's valuable cherry and plum crops. Brown rot disease, caused by the agent *Monilinia laxa*, attacks stonefruit as well as causing blossom wilt and twig canker.

Traditionally, this has been controlled through the use of fungicide treatments, but in some cases these are now becoming ineffective. Now researchers from the two organisations have identified a new strategy for controlling the disease, using

biological control agents derived from isolates from UK cherries and plums. The researchers identified 12 possible isolates and then narrowed this down to two via a series of tests on detached fruit. Controlled sets of cherries and plums, with and without the biological control agents added, were placed in conditions known to induce the onset of brown rot disease.

Professor Peter Jeffries, of the University's School of Biosciences, said: 'Brown rot disease is a major problem for the UK's cherry and plum producers and in a growing number of cases traditional fungicide treatments are becoming ineffective.'

'Our research found that microbial antagonists against the brown rot disease can be found from indigenous sources in the UK and that they are capable of preventing the disease in controlled conditions.'

'The challenge now will be to see whether these biocontrol agents can be adapted commercially and be used by the stonefruit industry to control brown rot disease.' Current research with commercial companies is formulating the two strains of biocontrol agents and conduct pilot commercial trialling of formulated products.

Source: University of Kent

*Article provided by Brett DelSimone  
Fruit Fly Action Group*



*Linda's Books*

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### LOCALS HELPING US OUT

#### Mt Barker

1. *Jenny Henzell (nee Parkin) born and raised in Roleystone and now happily settled in beautiful Mount Barker. Jenny came to the Mount Barker Launch of 'Secrets Mothers Keep'.*

#### Albany Library

2. *Cindy Bain: former Roleystone resident, is now happily settled and working at the Albany Library.*

#### Joondalup Library

3. *Old friends, Sophie Pisano and Marie MacFarlane helped out at the Joondalup Theatrical Performance of 'At The Going Down of The Sun' on April 23rd.*

#### Dalwallinu

4. *John and Marian Meharry came to the Dalwallinu Launch of 'Secrets Mothers Keep' and met up with John's niece and co-organiser of the event Angella Davey.*

#### Dalwallinu

5. *Mike in the kitchen was helped out by Sue Radford, Roleystone local, nature enthusiast, and employee of Business Armadale. Thanks again, for your help Sue.*

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# AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN

With the significance of the Centenary of WW1 approaching, this Anzac Day was particularly poignant and recent performances of 'At the Going Down of the Sun', sensitively captured the significance of this date.

At both Joondalup and Subiaco, appreciative audiences were entranced by this unique way of bringing historical fiction to life.

'At the Going Down of the Sun', is an extract from Linda J Bettenay's book: 'Secrets Mothers Keep'. The performance features actors reading letters from a sweetheart to her soldier boyfriend in Gallipoli. It brings the audience to tears.

This live theatrical book reading, enhanced by haunting guitar melodies created especially for the book, is performed by Bree Hartley and Michael Foreman of the Roleystone Theatre with narration provided by author Linda. The evening also includes live music by Kim Bettenay.

When the event first played at the Narrogin Inne in Armadale, Jan Pedroli was effusive in his praise:

*'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. Guitarist Kim Bettenay truly is a musical genius, the way he 'knitted' segments together was wonderful and I even more like his little background chords that were so much in tune with the highs and lows of the spoken word presented by the performers. Your collaboration worked its magic! It has been a pleasure and honour, to have been involved with 'At the Going Down of the Sun.'*

Jan Pedroli, Community Involvement Librarian, City of Armadale Libraries.

It has now played at a range of locations across Perth. If you have not seen it yet and would like to go along, the next performances will be at Victoria Park and South Perth. Please ring the libraries for more information or to book your place. **Bookings are essential.**

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Bayswater on 11th November and Belmont on 20th November.

For further information about 'Secrets Mothers Keep' go to [www.lindasbooks.com.au](http://www.lindasbooks.com.au) or follow the progress of this book on [www.facebook.com/lindasbookswa](http://www.facebook.com/lindasbookswa).



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Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones said the prospectus is a high-level document which aims to stimulate interest from businesses that are considering options to set-up or expand their business operations in Western Australia.

The Business Investment Prospectus forms a key outcome of the City's Economic Development Strategy and has been distributed to over 500 key business decision makers including the Top 50 WA companies, WA's Top 50 Rich List, leading property developers, peak industry bodies and State and Federal politicians.

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### WELCOME ELIZABETH CORAL GAUGHAN METCALFE

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## ROLEYSTONE/KARRAGULLEN ORCHARDISTS TAKE CONCERNS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

*On Wednesday April the 9th, at the invite of Shadow Minister for Agriculture - Ken Travers - a committed & spirited group of 25 Hills Orchard Improvement Group members (myself included) gave up valuable harvest time and put their lives in the hands of fellow member & bus driver, John Gregorovich. The HOIG members boarded the bus and took on 2 of the greatest challenges known to mankind - early morning peak hour traffic snarls & the current inhabitants of the Western Australian Legislative Council.*

Our mission?  
To find unilateral support for a credible, proven & long term solution to the omnipresent threat of Mediterranean Fruit Fly, one which would alleviate the fear & uncertainty surrounding the future of the local fruit production industry.  
The local producers were greeted warmly on the steps of Parliament by Opposition Leader, Mark McGowan, Ken Travers, Darren West and our own 'local product', orchardist's daughter - Rita Saffioti.

From there, media questioning was conducted regarding the current dire state of affairs and any hopes that producers had to secure the future production of a valuable food supply industry.

Following this, the producers entered the Legislative Council to view a Non-Government Motion on Orchardists. The ensuing debate, far from being combative, all sides of Parliament agreed that a credible solution to fruit fly control which transitions away from traditional chemical usage needed to be found sooner rather than later.

Much of the discussion focussed around the need of a full and total commitment to Area Wide Management, as well as the emerging technologies revolving around mass sterile fruit fly release.

The issue was of such significance, that the time of debate actually ran out with numerous Senators yet to express their views. All sides of Parliament were impressively committed to working on a united basis on this issue and the HOIG producers were extremely pleased to not see their plight politicised or used for points scoring within the Senate.

After the Senate Motion, the HOIG members were greeted in a Parliament courtyard by Minister for Agriculture, Ken Baston, as well as Senate members from all sides of Parliament to discuss industry issues, principally, the fruit fly issue.

A small delegate of the HOIG group sat down with Minister Baston, and his staff, discussing the appalling crop losses of the

preceding seasons, as well as fears for the upcoming years.

HOIG reaffirmed it's commitment to be an integral part of any solution that helps producers transition away from chemical usage.

Minister Baston was very open to HOIG's concerns and expressed his own view that he did not wish to see any agricultural sector's demise, but would rather see all sectors expand and flourish.

New technologies regarding sterile fruit fly release were discussed and precedents of successful worldwide usage of these methodologies were considered and agreed that action needed to be taken and that time was of the essence.

HOIG would like to thank both the Minister & Shadow Minister for Agriculture, as well as all Senate members who took time to speak within Parliament, or meet our members personally.

It was a morning of open and honest discussion, one that boosted the flagging morale of a once proud industry that was certain of it's future.

The time for discussions is rapidly drawing to a close and the time for action and commitment is now.

The community at large can play a hand in assisting this transitional period to occur by lobbying the State Government and Opposition to commit to funding, trialling and implementing systems that have been proven to work internationally and assist local producers

in their solid commitment to maximise the reduction of chemicals.

To the dismay of commercial producers, at this point we are seeing bits and pieces of internationally proven systems being picked out by DAFWA and held up as a solution.

This is a piecemeal approach of minimal effort and commitment that will undoubtedly lead to the demise of the local industry and is not only being forewarned by HOIG, but also by national peak representative bodies such as Summerfruit Australia Ltd (SAL), amongst others.

It is the producer who is the person in closest contact with the chemical usage point, we have as much stake as anyone in seeing this commitment through to the end and our care and concern for the consumer is of utmost importance in the daily operations of our businesses.

**Brett DelSimone**  
Spokesperson, Hills Orchard Improvement Group & the Fruit Fly Action Group (HOIG)



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BRIGHT FUTURES



# A Fond Farewell From Ann Sims

I came to Roleystone in 1989, nearly 25 years ago. I have seen a few changes, with the revamped shopping centre, the upgrading of Mills Road and the Cohuna Wild Life Park relocation among others, but essentially Roleystone has remained the

same as when I visited to look around and decided this was the place for me.

I came from England from the Cotswolds area, and have been asked many times why did I leave such a beautiful area for Australia. Of course there were many reasons and it was a wrench to leave the UK, but, 25 years ago, we, (my husband and daughter and I), were ready to make a move, and Australia was our choice.

I still have a foot in each country, having left two grown up daughters in the UK, so I have gone back regularly and enjoy the time I spend there. But Roleystone.... how fortunate to have chosen this area. Not having too much of an idea of where I wanted to settle, the choice at the time was by the beach or in the hills, and the hills won.

Roleystone reminded me somewhat of the Cotswolds, and I have never regretted the decision for one minute.

I believe Roleystone is unique to Perth and Western Australia. When I drive up the Brookton Highway or Mills Road and see the views of the hills, any tensions from the city disappear and a sense of peace and tranquillity take over. There has always been a strong community feel, you can always meet someone you know at the shopping centre, the friendly staff in the shops get to know you and you are kept up to date with local activities via the monthly Courier, something that not every suburb enjoys.

But this is farewell. The house is now sold, so the decision has been made and I cannot



change my mind now.

It has taken me three years to make the decision, and I leave behind fond memories, many friends, and will always remember with affection my days in this beautiful suburb. Having done the tree change, I am now looking forward to a sea change, and relocating in the south west in another beautiful area in Margaret River. However, my time in Roleystone will be remembered with nostalgia and affection, and to those who remain, please count your blessings, it is a wonderful area to live in.

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Thirty years later, Ross and Joe, their mother Paola Anile, and their wives Connie and Rina, are still the proud owners of our local Supa IGA.

Mick Anile was formerly the owner of the local liquor store commencing in 1977, only 4 years after the fledgling shopping centre opened for business. This means that the Anile's have been associated with the Roleystone Shopping Centre for over 35 years.

All of their children have worked in the store, starting at very young ages and continuing until finally moving on to their own professional careers. It was a frequent occurrence to see 3 generations working in the business, and who knows maybe a 4th generation may assist one day.

The store has been through various phases including: Supa Valu, Rules, Dewsons and now the current store trades as a SupaIGA store. It has always had the same friendly, locally focused, family owned business.

Their biggest hurdle was on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1993 when the shopping centre was gutted by fire. Although the devastation at the time was extensive, the place was up and running and fully renovated in less than 4 months. The community of Roleystone loyally returned in their droves to support their local shopkeepers and have kept on shopping there ever since.

'The greatest satisfaction of owning and running this type of business is the people we serve. We have met so many wonderful people from all walks of life who in their own right are amazing. Many stories have been shared, most of the time in laughter and, at times, in sadness. Life leads you in many directions and the one that the Anile families took once we sold our farm to become retailers, has been the most fulfilling time of our lives. The whole experience has been rewarding in many ways.'

'The Roleystone Community is blessed with so many people who give and have given their valuable time to make this Community so successful. That is why we are still part of this wonderful community.'

'To our family and staff, past and present, thank you for all your efforts over the years. Without your contribution and dedication we would never have lasted so long.' 'The future is something none of us can predict, so we will continue to cherish our time working at Roleystone SupaIGA serving the needs of the Roleystone and surrounding communities.'

*Ross and Joe Anile and their Families.* Thirty years after taking the plunge, we salute this family and their many loyal and dedicated staff members, for their continued service to our community.

The Anile Family would like to announce to the Roleystone Community that they will be celebrating 30 years of retailing in the area at the beginning of June. There will be more information in the June Courier.



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## Minnawarra Festival Celebrates The City's Diversity and Cultures

Minnawarra Park was a hub of activity with sounds, tastes and aromas from around the world, as visitors to the annual Minnawarra Festival celebrated the truly diverse range of cultures in the City of Armadale.

Mayor Henry Zelones said the event is a major highlight on the City's events calendar and appeals to families and people of all ages.

"The crowd had the opportunity to sample the delights from the international food and craft stalls scattered around the surrounds of the beautiful Minnawarra Park."

"The wide range of music and entertainment throughout the day helped to create a cultural festival ambience, which the happy crowd enjoyed."

"The Children's World tent was once again a key feature of the Festival, bustling with children and the young at heart all working together to create fantastic pieces of art from natural and recycled materials."

"It's always rewarding to see the children using their imagination and getting back to hands on activities, not to mention the delight on their faces when they create something special that they get to take home."

"Another one of the day's highlights was the Natural Wonders tent which provided event patrons the opportunity to discover the stunning natural bushland surrounding the City of Armadale."

"Visitors to the festival also enjoyed the novelty of travelling for free around the Armadale CBD, on board the famous Perth Tram."

"This was an opportunity for the whole community to get together and enjoy a fantastic free day out in our City."

"Each year we bring events to the City which celebrates our community and highlight why we love the place in which we live," said Mayor Henry Zelones.

The festival once again coincided with the prestigious Minnawarra Art Awards, which are on display daily between 11am and 4pm at the heritage listed Armadale Hall until Sunday 13 April.

The Armadale region is home to a vibrant arts community and visitors to the exhibition can view some fantastic artworks created by talented West Australian artists.

For more information on upcoming events, visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au).

## DUAL PERSPECTIVES @ GENESIS

The latest Art exhibition at Genesis In The Hills Vegetarian Restaurant features two local artists: Linda Glover and Kathy Berzins. The display entitled 'Dual Perspectives', contains a range of pieces and encompasses vastly different styles.

Both Linda and Kathy have been long term members of Ian Dickinson's Acrylic and Oils Art classes held at the Roleystone Family Centre. They both thanked Ian for his exceptional teaching talent and for his tolerance and patience.

The exhibition opened on Easter Sunday to a small but appreciative audience. The artists would also like to thank Kathleen from Genesis for her hospitality and her continued patronage of local arts.

*The happy duo are pictured below.*



## National Growth Areas Alliance - Voices of the Outer Suburbs

Once again, the City of Armadale and the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) are asking the community to share their experiences of living and working in the City as part of the Voices of the Outer Suburbs project.

Mayor Henry Zelones said the City of Armadale is one of the fastest growing local governments in WA and statistics show there is an average of 10 people moving into the area every day of the year – which equates to around 30 new homes being built every week.

“By taking part in this project, and relating your experiences of living or doing business in your suburb, your input will enable all levels of government in Australia to hear directly from the people.”

“Everyone’s story can assist with advocacy for infrastructure and services needed in the fast growing outer suburbs,” said Mayor Zelones.

The NGAA will collate the themes from the stories and send them to the relevant local councils for their information, so that policies and advocacy programs can be established for the future.

Contributions can be made in a variety of media including photos, links to videos and audio, and in writing.

You can visit the website and read some of the stories already submitted – then add your contributions to the Voices of Outer Suburbs project.

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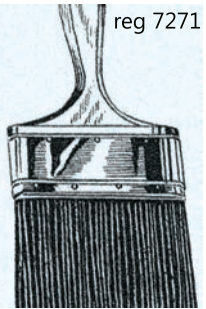
Manager of the Roleystone Karragullen Branch of the Bendigo Bank, Tony Jacobs, with John and Michelle Brace, pictured at the Roleystone Country Club at Deb Wagstaff's farewell. Michelle, the former manager of the bank, now works in a supervisory capacity visiting a range of Bendigo Banks over the southern part of the state.

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## ANZAC DAY FEATURE

### The Parkin Family: A Lesson in True Sacrifice



Anzac Day is a time to remember those who have defended our land and our way of life: in times past and present. A particularly poignant example of such sacrifice exists in our own community with the Parkin family. When one considers the war contribution made by the Ryan family in 'Saving Private Ryan,' the Parkin's of Roleystone clearly rivals this sacrifice.

If you visit the Roleystone Hall there is a Roll of Honour. The name Parkin appears several times (in fact one name is missing – M.R Parkin who served in the RAF). Mr and Mrs A.J.H Parkin were married on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1905, a date that was to become so significant a few years later. The whole family: mother, father, eight sons and two daughters moved to an orchard on Holden Road, Roleystone in 1920. Next time you are on the veranda at the Roleystone Country Club reflect on the view that this family used to gaze upon. All of the children, except the two eldest, enrolled at the Roleystone Primary school.

When war was declared in 1939, all eight sons enlisted almost immediately.

So how did their war end up? W.A.A (Bill) Parkin joined the 8<sup>th</sup> Division signals. He was taken prisoner in Malaya in Feb 1942 and spent the remainder of the war in various prison camps including Changi.

The next eldest J.O.W (Jack) Parkin was not initially allowed to enlist. He had to manage the orchard. However sister Joyce and wife Dorothy, with some outside assistance, were able to relieve him and he enlisted in the Army accounts section in Perth.

M.R. (Roy) Parkin joined the 2/11<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He served in Libya and Greece where he was killed in action.

M.G. (Max) Parkin joined the RAAF, where he served as a driver and mechanic. He served out the war in

Britain and in the eastern states. After the war he went to Indonesia and later Japan, doing airfield construction.

R.G. (Keith) Parkin was a policeman and not allowed to enlist.

C.O. (Charlie) Parkin joined the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Battalion. He served in Syria and was captured in Java. After a period of internment in Indonesia he was shipped to Japan. The ship was torpedoed by an American submarine and sunk. After many hours in the water Charlie and 71 others (out of a total of 250 Australian POWs) were recaptured and sent on to Fukuoka near Nagasaki. Charlie lived through all of this to face the lethal atom bomb 'Fat Boy' dropped on Nagasaki. Even this couldn't kill him in spite of being only a short distance from Ground Zero. Charlie survived the attack and the war. He earned the praise of many of the local people for helping them to evacuate children from the area.

D.W. (Doug) Parkin was the first to enlist. He was a 39er, that is he enlisted before the end of 1939. He saw service in Libya, Greece, Crete, Syria and later New Guinea. Tragically he was killed in action.

G.V. (Geordie) Parkin) was the youngest brother to enlist. He joined the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Battalion also seeing service in Syria and later in New Guinea.

W.G. Savage (Warrick) (Joyce's husband) served in the



*Pictured above: Mrs Parkin (at the gate) looking proudly over her 8 sons.*

*Below: The Parkin family, along with Mr Parkin and two son-in laws, formed the first Roleystone Cricket Team and in the 1930's this team was visited by Don Bradman and some of the touring Australian Cricket Team.*





*The Roleystone Scouts formed a line of honour at the Anzac Dawn Service at Rushton Park Anzac Day 2014.*

### The Parkin Family: A Lesson in True Sacrifice continued...

RAAF as ground crew in Libya and Palestine. He was wounded in action and repatriated. In thinking about those who went to war and their sacrifice we should never forget their loved ones left behind at home and the anguish they were enduring. Just a few days after farewellling Geordie and Charlie, the terrible news of Roy's death would have been received. Ten months later they were told Malaya had fallen and Bill had been captured. Less than a month after that they would have received news that Charlie was missing in action. It was more than a year before the family heard that Bill had managed to survive.

This left just two brothers, Doug and Geordie still in action. As the war was nearing its end these two were placed in the same unit in New Guinea. Then the final tragedy struck with Doug killed in action just 8 weeks before the war ended!

The horrific outcome of their war makes the following ring hollow. (This article appeared in the West Australian Newspaper - date unknown).

#### **Fighting Family Seven Sons Enlist - a Magnificent Record**

*'A remarkable record of service in Australia's armed forces by a Western Australian family was revealed yesterday. Of eight brothers, seven have enlisted in the army and air force. The eighth is a member of the State Police Force and is not permitted to enlist. The eight brothers are the sons of Mr and Mrs AG M Parkin of Roleystone where Mr Parkin has an orchard..... When this family record was brought to the attention of the General Officer Commanding the Western Command Major General JMA Durrant, he expressed admiration for the spirit which had prompted such complete service to the country.*

*'This is the ideal for which all families should strive' he said.*

*Lest We Forget.*

Developed in consultation with Ken Parkin. A range of Parkin descendents still live within our community. First printed in the Roleystone Courier in 2008.



### Secrets Mothers Keep - Book Review

Thank you so much for your wonderful book 'Secrets Mothers Keep', Linda.

I am an amateur historian and I really loved the intertwining of well researched history with a powerful true story. The reality, that your own relatives experienced these horrific acts, makes this a deeply personal tale.

I really enjoyed your coverage of the First World War. This time has been covered by many authors but you managed this in a unique manner. You covered the events and managed to relay the barbarism of the time, but you did so with outstanding humanity. I found myself deeply moved by their experiences.

The brutal murder and attacks on your relatives must have been unbearably invasive for those who endured it. It must have been so difficult for you to write about this however, you did so with

empathy and great eloquence. I could clearly picture what occurred and felt the emotion of those folk living through these traumatic events.

I found your ability to deal sensitively with the burden of mental illness particularly satisfying. I am so grateful that we now live an era where such things can at least be talked about. Following your characterisation, Clifford Hulme has at last found some understanding; many generations after his execution. Your empathy and compassion was immensely gratifying.

I found the way you brought together the threads of these people's lives was amazing. Your writing style is so easy to read and this book is a real page turner.



What is remarkable, is that in spite of the dark subject, this book exudes warmth (although I must admit I had a tear in my eye at the end). You have captured the essence of so many facets of pioneering life: war, love, home life, relationships. I think 'Secrets Mothers Keep' will be talked about long into the future. Thank you for writing it and I cannot wait for your second book.

*Serene Brighton*

*For more information on 'Secrets Mothers Keep' by Linda J Bettenay, please go to [www.lindasbooks.com.au](http://www.lindasbooks.com.au) or Ph 0409496282.*



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## Bogan Bingo

Who would have thought Bogan Bingo would have been so well received in our community? An event this month, held on the 12th April at the Roleystone Hall, proved it was!!

The Bogan Bingo event was organised by the Grimes Family Fundraising Team: Maria Ford, Melati Hall, Gina Cumine, Lynise Miller, Sam Lewin, Belinda Blissenden, Nicole Poretheo and Melissa Addison-Edgar. They aimed to raise funds for Kym Greenshield's husband, Chris Grimes and their children Jessie-Lee and Jake.

It was humbling, beautiful and even overwhelming. We received so many donations for our raffle prizes and so many offers of help across the community.

The support from Roleystone and the John Wollaston Anglican College community, was fantastic.

The 200 people who attended had a great night.

Bogan King and Queen of the night were our own locals Melissa Addison-Edgar and Tony Edgar.

Air Guitar champion was "Shazza" (Emma Pithers Milanese) and the Biggest Bogan award went to "Mazza" (Wayne Mazzachelli).

Amongst all of this, we also enjoyed playing 2 rounds of Bingo!

It was great seeing people from near and far join us to raise funds for one of 'our own' needing a hand in this sad and challenging time for the Grimes family.

The team would like to announce that from our Bogan Bingo Fundraiser we have raised \$10,000 for Chris and the Kids. What an awesome effort. THANKYOU to everyone who supported us with your kind hearts. It is greatly appreciated.

*Maria Ford*



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Above: The Butcher/Darbyshire Medal Winner: Luke Bradford Presented by Kelly Darbyshire and coach Glen Coppin.

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## News From The Tigers

### Round 1

Round 1 of the season saw Roleystone host Bayswater. Bayswater got out of the blocks well, however, we were able to peg our way forward and take the lead three times. At the final siren we were 16 points ahead and after a last quarter where we committed ourselves to the contest, had greater endurance and thus dominated play. Well done to everyone who contributed to our club both on and off the field to get our season off to a good start. Final score Roleystone 11.11.77 Bayswater 10.2.62.



At right: Major Sponsor Mick Hansen of Hansen Environmental Services on Jumper Presentation Night.

Make sure you get down to Cross Park on 3/5/2014 for the Tigers next home game  
**Glen Coppin**

### Tigers Committee 2014

Recently, The Roleystone Seniors (Tigers) Football Club elected a new Committee.

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And the players are quite committed and  
obey the sporting coach

And other managers are watching and  
discussing who they'll poach

This mixed team is quite talented and never  
misses a session

And they'll be there when the weather turns  
and the wind begins to freshen

The whippet is the fastest player, though the  
standard poodle's quick

And the managers are thinking the whippet  
for first pick

He's such a good all-rounder and he's always  
on the ball

A reliable performer and really loved by all  
The cocker spaniels are always ready and  
never miss a trick

They conspired at the beginning and they're  
set to target Mick

They are going to send in Lulu, the strawberry  
blonde who's cute

She'll distract him long enough for the others  
to get the loot

She'll lead him up the garden path, her eyes  
say "Come on hither"

And when she gets him where she wants,  
she'll give a look to wither

By this time the Mastiff's won the bounce  
and passed the ball to Charlie

Who raced along the outer field and kicked  
the ball to Harley

Shadow takes a stunning mark, the crowd is  
going wild

Diesel and Sabre are waiting and ready, the  
opposition riled

The ball is passed along to Jago, then Willow  
makes the play

Barney's coming after her and ready to spoil  
her day

But Marlon blocks him brilliantly, the crowd  
are on their feet

Then Alfie takes a striking mark, this will be  
hard to beat

Not to be outdone by this, young Jamie's run  
amok

And just in time there's Billy, who, with a  
lot of luck

Has shepherded young Jamie across to  
Lady in the wings

With Sala there and Harry, they run him  
round in rings

Till the siren sounds for quarter time, bring  
out the meaty treats!

The crowd are going for a pie, there's a  
hundred empty seats

The Labradors are in a pack, they've gone  
into a huddle

But such as they are, it is not long before  
they're all a muddle

They can't work out just what to do, should  
the ball be passed to Sarah?

But Ollie hasn't had a kick, perhaps it  
would be fairer...

But while all this is going on, the whippet  
flashes past

And takes the ball and scores a goal, it  
happened all so fast

The A team has won by a nose, one that's  
cool and wet

And Poppy leads the victory lap before  
going off to the vet

It seems she was directing play from the  
centre of the ground

Her nail varnish has been scratched and is  
no longer sound

The team is really friendly though Poppy  
treats them with disdain

She thinks footy is beneath her, she's  
finding it a pain

And when the game has finished, there are  
licks and wagging tails

And the team all sit still for a photo, but  
from Poppy there's a wail

Her hairdresser has not arrived, her hair is  
all a mess

And she really, simply must have, her pink  
and frilly dress

But this time the team ignore her and rush  
forward to the bar

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fans from near and far.

*Lorraine Brown, 1 April 2014*

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## PTSD Awareness Day



Parliament recognizes an Annual PTSD Awareness Day. PTSD, or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is more common in society than most of us think, and with the sacrifices and courage of our service men and women just having been recognised again with the ANZAC Day ceremonies, it is a good time to spare a moment to recognise the facts behind PTSD. Importantly, it is not a condition that is solely experienced by members of the Armed Forces; any traumatic event can lead to PTSD, and the ramifications can be felt for an extended time, often without the person knowing what they are going through. Police, Fire and Ambulance Officers, teachers, shop assistants, anyone at all can experience PTSD if they have been exposed to a traumatic situation, especially if the exposure is prolonged or repeated, and the old attitude of having a stiff upper lip and bottling it up inside is contributing to the issues.

Symptoms such as reliving the event, hyper-alertness, emotional detachment, insomnia, worrying, irritability, being in situations that trigger rage and depression, are some of the outcomes.

On the 9th April, Parliament finished a debate and agreed to set aside the last Friday of every May as "Invisible Wounds: PTSD Awareness Day". The call for this recognition was made by the Partners of Veterans Association WA, a Western Australian group, and was supported by both sides of the House. It was a pleasure to see members of the Association observing the debate in the Upper House, including Association Vice President Judith Firth, a local resident and long-time campaigner on the issue.

May 30th 2014 is therefore Invisible Wounds: PTSD Awareness Day for the State, and there will be an information booth set up in Murray St. Mall for the day, as well as other events.

If you are suffering with PTSD, either personally or trying to support a friend or loved one that is suffering, there are resources available to help. It is not weakness to admit that you are suffering, and reaching out may make all the difference in your quality of life, and the lives of those around you.

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Hon Helen Morton MLC

## Partners Of Veterans Salute PTSD Awareness Day

*Partners of Veterans Association Western Australia Inc lobbied all the Western Australian Politicians both State and Federal to have a special day set aside for Service PTSD Awareness.*

On Wednesday 9th April, the Western Australian Parliament declared the last Friday in May to be PTSD Awareness Day, to be celebrated annually.

Western Australia is the first State in Australia to declare a special day for PTSD Awareness.

Partners of Veterans Association Western Australia Inc have organised a series of

events to bring awareness of Service PTSD.

- Friday 30th May - An information booth will be set up in the Murray Street Mall from 8.00 am until 3.00pm.

- Friday 30th May - A dinner has been arranged in the evening. Bookings can be made through Partners of Veterans WA.

- Tuesday 24th June - Seminar in the Theatre at the State Library. 10.00am until 1.30pm. The topic is : A Journey Through PTSD.

Bookings can be made through Partners of Veterans Association Western Australia Inc. (See website above for more information).

*Kerryn McDonnell*





Liz Dunn

## ARALUEN NOTES

*Intrigue, thievery and heart break... continued.....*

### The Dutch History of the Tulip

During the second half of the 16th century, news of the extraordinary flower reached Europe and seeds were then sent to the prefect (Clusius) of the Royal Medicinal Gardens in Prague. This event marked the arrival of the Tulip to Europe.

Some years later (1593), Clusius fled to The Netherlands for religious sanctuary and became the curator of the Leiden Botanical Gardens. Although these gardens were planted chiefly for the supply of herbs and plants for medicinal purposes, Clusius had brought his huge collection of Tulips (rumoured to be one of the most impressive in Western Europe at the time) with him and so planted these also in the gardens.

Historians say that Clusius was a selfish gardener. He was keeping his beloved Tulips to himself and refused to sell or share them with anyone - despite many generous offers. Naturally, with their growing popularity Tulips aroused intense interest and some Tulip devotees became so desperate that they eventually resorted to sneaking into the gardens and stealing some. Apparently this act so disgusted Clusius that he gave up any dealings with Tulips. He never even grew them again.

However, now that the Tulips were 'set free' from the botanical gardens there were plenty of others willing to grow the bulbs. Speculation on Tulip bulbs began building quickly as the middle and upper classes sought them as the ultimate symbol of wealth and prosperity. Along with avaries of exotic birds and large, decorative fountains, there would always be Tulips in the garden of any self respecting Emperor, King, Prince, Archbishop or member of the aristocracy. Often mirrors would be

set up in the garden to give the illusion that the owner had been able to afford to plant many more tulips than he actually had.

Until 1630 the bulbs were grown and traded only between connoisseurs and scholars but more commercially minded people soon noticed the ever-increasing prices being paid for certain Tulips and thought they'd found the perfect "get rich quick" scheme. And so the popularity of the Tulip increased and more and more people became caught up in the trade.

Groups of speculators were meeting regularly in the local inns to buy and sell Tulip bulbs. (The innkeepers of the time really flourished!)

It wasn't long before the majority of the Dutch community became obsessed with these flowers. Those who could not afford the bulbs settled instead for art, furniture, embroideries and ceramics which featured the flowers.

Many of the gorgeous Tulip water colours painted during this period are now considered works of art but were, at the time, painted for catalogues with which to tempt buyers into ever more extravagant purchases. It was only ever the most expensive Tulips (ie those with 'broken' colour) which were painted.

Since bulbs were sold by weight, most people were speculating on the future weight of the bulb once it was dug. All investors had to do was plant some bulbs and sit back on the reasonable assumption that the bulbs would grow whilst in the ground. It was like making money out of thin air and hence this speculating also became known as "the wind trade".

From the period of 1634 to 1637 bulb prices sky rocketed as "Tulip fever" spread like wild fire amongst the normally solid and sensible Dutch. Bulbs of one or two Guilders could be worth a hundred Guilders just a few months later and bulbs would change ownership several times before they even bloomed for the first time.

The period between 1636 - 1637 was known as 'Tulipomania' and absurd things happened. A single bulb could be sold for the price of a house in one of the best parts of Amsterdam. Late in 1637 the inevitable 'crash' happened and many people lost everything they owned although some of the rare varieties still commanded very high prices.

*The story continues next month with the Araluen history of the tulip!*

## Calling For All Bulb Planters

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**MUSIC IN THE HILLS**

'Music in the Hills' held at Affinity Cafe in Roleystone on the 30th March turned out to be absolutely amazing! We were so blessed to have the help from so many people and even had the rain stop for us on the day of the event. It is so beautiful to be able to share my story with the community and spread awareness for a cause that I am absolutely passionate about through this event. We are so grateful that we raised over \$2300 on that day.

*Janet Pan*

**BOWLING ALONG GERRY CHAPMAN**

This is a difficult time to be writing notes for the bowling club as the response to membership for next season has been underwhelming. We need male bowlers - without at least 10 more members, our club will cease activities on June 30th. The Roleystone Country club is increasing membership but the lawn bowls division is in danger of collapse. The ladies have done extremely well and their teams are well placed but without at least 25 men members, the club cannot continue. We have two excellent greens ready for bowlers - are you interested in playing?

The bowls division of the Country Club has been a successful community sporting group since the seventies and it would be a great pity for it to fold but lack of interest will spell its demise.

*Gerry Chapman*

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## GARDENING NOTES: WITH JEAN



Lynn was busily gathering ideas for this year's round of garden visits, talks and outings. We filled two large tables with our ladies, and Gentleman. The weather was beautiful and a lot of us came home with bargains we probably had no thought of buying when we left home.

I have been busy planting Syringia species, (better known as lilacs). The ones that I bought near thirty years ago and transplanted to this garden have thrived and bloomed beautifully.

I think I may have doubled up on 'Kathryn Havermeyer' but Charles Joly, Belle de Nancy, Sweetheart and Madame Lemoine are all new purchases.

I also bought a couple of evergreen hydrangeas. These are very sturdy plants. I like having hydrangeas as they act as barometers in the garden and tell me when I must get the hose going.

The Camellia Society has changed the date and time of their meetings to Sunday afternoons at 1-30p.m. Some of the older members are finding that going out at night is a bit difficult. They meet at the Rotary Hall in Sandgate Street South Perth. Further information is available from our President Bob 9249 2545 and our Editor 92938206. We welcome any people with an interest in or liking for, camellias. We also take an interest in all things growing and green.

I hope by this time next month we will be so grateful for all the rain and our everlastings will be in and germinated, the roses we have pruned will all be in flower and we will have almost forgotten the long dry spell that was our summer.

Until then, Good Gardening.

*Jean*

*The Black Cockatoos were out in force this morning! There were about twenty in one bunch, wheeling around and probably heading inland. Normally this occurs in March, still the other signs of winter's approach are apparent with the ants starting to surround their nests by building upwards, to prevent the heavy rain getting down into their homes.*

I love this time of the year with a brisk bite in the air, and the early camellias out in flower. Splashes of colour are appearing all around the garden. The autumn leaves are colouring beautifully and the Nerines are flourishing. The creek is obviously not so in demand as water is starting to flow. Weeds are easy to pull as they have loosened their grip on the soil.

The Garden Group had a most enjoyable outing to Miaflora for the closing down sale and a chance to say farewell to John and Bruce. It will be interesting to see what the new owners do.

At least the structure of the garden is well in place and with a tidy up, it ought to be a reasonably easy care garden. There are so many unusual and desirable plants in the place.

## The Roleystone Garden Group Meet at John Cole's Nursery

### ROLEYSTONE GARDEN GROUP OUTING FOR MAY

The Garden Group will visit John Coles' Nursery, 348 Beenyp Road, Banjup on Thursday 15 May.

This garden centre has a large range of plants, pots and artworks and serves Devonshire teas. If possible we will squeeze in a visit to an artist specialising in garden features.

We will meet at 24 Orana Way at 10am to car-pool. If you like plants or need an excuse for a morning out, then come and join us.

*Lynn Matthews, 9397 5784 or 0419 927 807*

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## THEATRE NEWS

### A Trip To Bountiful

In just a few short weeks, the next production for Roleystone Theatre will open. Directed by Kim Martin, the play 'A Trip to Bountiful', will see the likes of locals Trish Bona and Kim Fletcher return to our stage.

This play is by Horton Foote - perhaps best known in Australia for his academy award winning screenplays for TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD and TENDER MERCIES.

This play was also made into a movie (for which he was nominated for an Academy award for screenplay) in the 1980s and Geraldine Page won the best Actress award for her performance in it.

It is a poignant story of an ageing widow who lives with her son and daughter-in-law and she has to come to terms with her current circumstances while still longing for the place of her youth.

Her trip to her home town of Bountiful helps resolve this for all of them.

A Trip to Bountiful opens on the 9th of May and runs until the 17th of May. To book tickets to this show, please call 9397 5730 or go online to [www.roleystonetheatre.com.au](http://www.roleystonetheatre.com.au).

In early April, auditions were held for our first musical of the year, The Great American Trailer Park musical.

We are pleased to announce this production has been fully cast. Directed by Lorna Mackie, with Musical Direction by Krispin



Top: Bree Hartley and Trish Bona in 'A Trip to Bountiful'

Above: Trish Bona with Linda Bickley

Maesalu, this musical promises to be a highly entertaining musical comedy fable about women and their imperfect men.

It is due to open in late July. Please watch this space for further information regarding this production.

As always, we welcome all new members!

For more information, please head to our website [www.roleystonetheatre.com.au](http://www.roleystonetheatre.com.au).

Kathryn Ramsell



## The RMC Kids Are Still Looking For A New Bass Guitarist

The RMC Kids band is looking for a Bass Guitarist to take over from Declan this year. Suit 13 - 15 year old with a minimum of 3 years playing experience - with bass or guitar. Practice is every second Saturday 2pm - 4pm.

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Deb De Boer



**Mid Week League**

Thanks to Catherine and Claire our Mid-Week League is going really well. This is held on Wednesday nights from 7pm. We have 20 very keen players who have enjoyed some great matches. We also have about 16 players who are happy to be reserves when needed.

**Club Championships:**

We have completed our 2014 Club Championships with the Men's Singles event being won by Simon Blackmore. Our Special Doubles Event was won by Barb and Mike Stidwell and our Mixed Doubles Event was won by Tracey Backhouse and Simon Blackmore.

Well done to all our Winners.

We finished off with a BBQ and a 70th Birthday Photo - see inside front cover. Many thanks to everyone who put their names down to play without competitors our events wouldn't be held. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and will join in again next year.

**Autumn Tournament**

We will be holding our Annual Autumn Tournament on Sunday 18th May 2014. Sign up sheets will be in the Clubhouse within the next few weeks.

*See you at The Club.*

**Pictured:**

*Above left: Tennis Special Doubles Winners - Mike & Barb Stidwell*

*At left: President Graham Boas with Mixed Doubles winners - Tracey Backhouse and Simon Blackmore.*



**Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup News**



**NOAH SPRY HAVING FUN**

Do you have little ones aged between 0-5 years?

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We ran an Easter Raffle over the last few months and, on behalf of Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup, we would like to congratulate the following people.

The winner of the Cadbury Easter Hamper was Reeann Andrews.

Playgroup Easter Hampers 1st prize: Donna Newton, 2nd prize Lyn Hunt, 3rd prize Kate Meares, 4th prize Ezme.

Congratulations again and we hope you enjoyed your prizes!

*Claire Spry*

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## Roleystone Country Club Notes

April marks the end of our Financial Year and what a very busy Year 2013-14 has been for the Club! We have had some exciting and challenging programs completed over the last 12 months and the Club is now in a strong financial and strategic position to go forward into the future.

### AGM

Our AGM will be held on the Sunday the 29th June. Please keep this date free as we would like as many members as possible to attend. Information regarding the committee positions will be going up on the board over the next few weeks and information packs will be sent to members in June.

Remember; it's **your club** so if you would like to contribute or have a flair for social events put your name up for the committee.

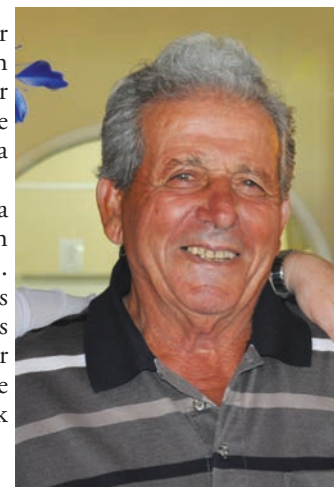
### DERBY DAY

Sunday the 4th of May. Freo VS Eagles. This is always a great day at the club so wear your club colours and come and watch the game.

### ITALIAN NIGHT

During May we will be holding our ever popular Italian Night on Saturday the 24th commencing at 7pm with our popular member Rocky Saffioti in charge of the food preparation. You can be assured of a great night.

The band that will be Sorrento Moon, a well-known 5 piece band who play both Modern and Italian music for all ages. There will also be dinner and dancing plus we will have a dress up competition, raffles and door prizes. Tickets are only \$45.00 per person and are limited so make up a table now. Ring the Club on 93975665 and book your tickets.



### CAR AND MOTOR BIKE CLUBS

On Sunday the 18th May, the Club will be hosting the Ford Custom Car Club along with some Hot Rods and Harley Davidsons and they will be exhibiting their vehicles. So come along have a look and chat to the owners and enjoy a quiet ale at the Club. In the afternoon the Blues and Roots Club will be playing so it promises to be a great day.

### CHANGE OF CATERERS

On a sad note, our Caterers have decided to move on and I am sure all members wish them well in their new venture.

We are in the process of appointing new caterers who have some wonderful ideas for the menu at the Windows on Wygonda Restaurant. The new chef has worked with some of Australia's and the World's best chefs.

### HUMP DAY SPECIALS AND KIDS EAT FREE

The Windows on Wygonda Restaurant is experiencing a surge in demand as the new Wednesday Hump Day Specials, kick in. This includes \$20 meals and a free drink as well as the "kids eat free" promotion on a Saturday night.

We are also installing a new Jarrahdale convection heater to replace our old inefficient unit. This should keep the Wygonda Lounge toasty warm.

### CHASE THE JOKER

Chase the Joker is still on Monday and Wednesday from 4pm. With free nibbles and the fire roaring and we have great winter beers on tap and Guinness in the can, perfect for those cold nights.

So come on down and join the Club to take advantage of these exciting coming events and enjoy some of the best facilities in Roleystone. For all information on the Club's activities, check out our Facebook page or go to our new website at [roleystonecountryclub@iinet.com](mailto:roleystonecountryclub@iinet.com)

I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

**Michael Hansen**

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## Roleybushcare Notes April

### Last field day in Warwick Savage Reserve

Thanks to everyone who came to treat another section of this Reserve from dieback disease. Special thanks must go to Faye Clay and Chris Ranger for preparing our morning tea and also to John Leishman for organising the trailer equipment.

### Next field day

No field day in May.

Invitations will soon be sent out to regulars for our Volunteers Lunch which will be on Sunday 25th May. Don't forget to put it in your diary.

### Plant Sale

Our plant sale will be in early June. Time to think about revegetating those empty spaces on your block. Our website has information about local plants and the accredited nurseries which supply them.

June, July and August will be revegetation field days in the Hall Road Bushland Reserve. We hope Roleystone families will join us on these days. It is a wonderful way to help develop our children's appreciation of the beautiful place in which we live.

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## The Roleystone Redbacks Little Athletics Club

The Roleystone Redbacks Little Athletics Club recently held their trophy presentation which was a wonderful occasion.

The first picture is of our club on Saturday competition day, in our red shirts. Maddison Briggs was our overall girl champion and Tom Stinten was our overall boy champion. At our AGM we also voted on committee places for next season. We welcome to our club 2 new committee members:

Louise Laurijs as Chairperson and Nicki Stone as Treasurer. We have now finished our summer season and have gone into our winter season.

The winter season consists of cross country and race walking. We train on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 16.30-17.30 at Rushton Park, Kelmscott. New members are very welcome.

The summer season will restart again in September 2014.

Julie Jackson



*Maddison Briggs was our overall girl champion (stripy jumper on back row), and Tom Stinten was our overall boy champion (right side back in orange and white top).*



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The Roleystone/Karragullen Seniors Centre, 46 Jarrah Road, Roleystone, are pleased to announce that on the 14/05/2014 at 1.30pm we will be hosting a talk by the well known naturalist Mr Eric McCrum O.A.M.

His talk will be on ornithology. All are welcome. Entry is by a gold coin donation. Please bring a plate to share for lunch at 12.30pm prior to his talk. Telephone Albert on 0418 948470 for more information.



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The Wildflower Society of Western Australia has over 700 members, our aims are to understand our plants, to share information on how to recognise them, to protect the bushland in which they grow; and to propagate and grow them.

The Wildflower Society of Western Australia – Armadale Branch – invites all members and non-members to our monthly meetings and talks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. We meet at the Field Study Centre, Settlers' Common, cnr of Albany Highway and Triton Crescent Armadale (800m South on Albany Hwy from the South West Hwy lights).

The next meeting is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of May at 7:30pm. Dr Paul Armstrong will present a talk on "The Botanist and Mining Exploration".

After the talk you are welcome to stay and talk to other wildflower enthusiasts

and experts.

We really would like you to become a member. As a member you can join in on camps, bushwalks, plantings, busy bees.

We also have monthly newsletters and an extensive range of books in the library.

For more information visit [www.WildflowersArmadale.org.au](http://www.WildflowersArmadale.org.au) or phone 9498 2127 or 9399 2388.

*Roger Harington*

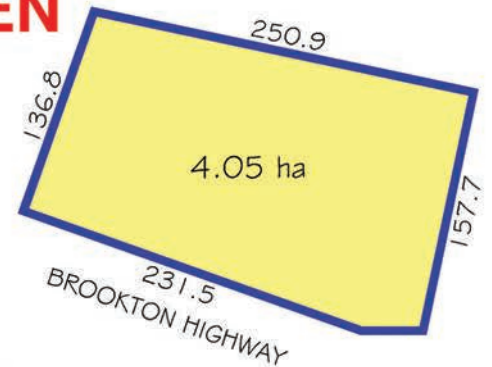


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## Author Linda Bettenay

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We are very fortunate to be living in the hills, surrounded by trees.

And although this brings the ever present risks of bushfire we work to mitigate these by clearing our yards, working with the City to meet firebreak notice requirements and reduce hazards and by supporting or joining our great volunteer fire brigades.

We choose to live in the hills area because of the community, the place and the trees. This always makes me wonder about the people who shift to the hills for all these reasons and the first thing they do is cut down all the trees on their block. The rules for what can be cleared on a new block can be found by talking to the planning team at the City.

Down on the flats the trouble with trees is exactly the opposite.

The new areas have such small blocks and big houses that there is very little room to plant trees. The verge areas are small and have all the underground services needed for a new area, leaving little room for the roots of a decent sized tree to develop.

These areas are also short of available parking so the competition for tree room is huge. It also makes the public open spaces that much more important, as these now become the de facto backyards.

The problems with not having trees around have been noted for years, but the scientific value of having them is still catching up.

I had a friend drive from Roleystone to Canning Vale before heading to Fremantle for fish and chips. It was 33 degrees Celsius in Roleystone, over 40 degrees in Canning Vale and 28 degrees in Fremantle.

Some of this is to do with the



**Cr Grant Nixon**  
0418449611



**Cr Caroline Wielinga**  
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Fremantle Doctor not pushing that far inland but a lot is to do with the Urban Heat Island soaks of tar-seal, rooves, driveways, footpaths, and the lack of trees and grass. The difference was actually even greater when he dropped his friends back later in the day.

Hopefully the City of Armadale's Urban Forest Strategy will work to overcome some of these problems.

The areas I would like to see us start with are along the major arteries into the City, for example Albany Highway from the intersection with South West Highway and Armadale Road to Kelmscott.

It would be great for people to realise they have arrived in our City by the green entries. We have a great team of horticulturists who have made giant strides over the last few years to beautify our City, as can be seen in the gardens and parks we enjoy and in the letters congratulating them on the work being achieved.

I believe we need the benefits provided by trees, such as shade, improvements in air and water quality, reductions in energy use and the links to improved physical and mental health for our community.

We need to make our City more heat resilient by the simple act of planting more trees, and I'm pleased this is being strategically considered.

### Grant Nixon

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## April Weather

Weather Statistics David Elliott:  
Your Official Roleystone Weather Site.

### April Rainfall

Year	mm	# days
2004	18.0	9
2005	33.6	9
2006	36.6	8
2007	82.0	8
2008	131.8	15
2009	6.4	1
2010	62.2	7
2011	45.8	9
2012	53.4	6
2013	18	10
2014	15.8	4

### Yearly Rainfall Average

April average 49.6 on 8 days  
Total Jan 1 to April 27, 40.4 on 11 days  
Ave Jan 1 to April 30, 106.0 on 18 days

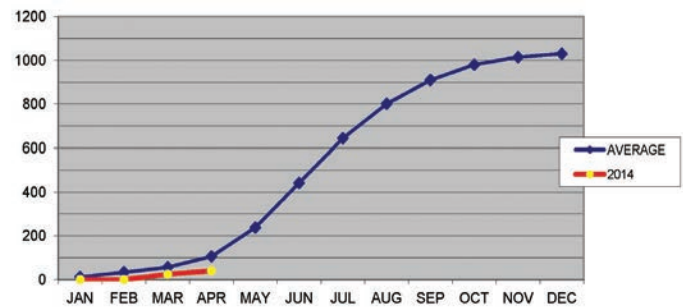
### Temperatures

Lowest Min 5.5 (22nd)  
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Lowest Max 20.4 (26th)  
Highest Max 33.1 (13th)  
Highest Max 37.8 (5th)

### WHAT TO EXPECT IN MAY

Average Rainfall (mm) 131.7  
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# BOWELSCAN

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As of this year, the program is changing over to the same type of test used by the Federal Government screening program: 'Immunochemical'. This German-made test is not only more sensitive, it also requires no change in diet or restriction in medication, making it considerably more convenient.

Rotary's WA coordinator for Bowelscan, Jeff Cairns, says: 'it's hoped the new test will encourage more people to do the test.'

'There were probably people who hesitated because of perceived hassle with the test. We're making it easier to try to get those people over the line, and catch more early cancers.'

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Clubrooms Phone: 9397 7666. Postal Address: PO Box 363 Kelmescott WA 6991  
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Welcome back everyone to another fun filled and exciting season of football! Our kids kick off over the first weekend in May and I know they are super keen to strut their stuff. The committee and I have been very busy behind the scenes preparing for the season to start – I have attended many meetings at the South Fremantle District to ensure our club is represented and ‘has a voice’ when frameworks for season 2014 are put in place and decisions are made. There have been changes made to the role of Match Day Official.

The details are on our website, or have a chat to your Team Manager or Coach. Along with the other parent duties on home match days, this is a very important role, which has to be covered.

We as a collective also tidied up the club and grounds and conducted some housekeeping, regarding stock and property.

As most will know we don't have a Y9's team this year. Unfortunately the numbers were just not there, but 7 of the Y9's have been allowed to play down in our Y8 team, so those boys are able to play and it's helped out the younger kids, who were also struggling with numbers. Also our Y11/12's have combined so these boys can play their last year of games in the Youth competition.

In our Junior ranks numbers are high, with our Auskickers topping nearly 70 kids, and we have teams registered from Pups to Y7's. We also have an ‘old boy’, Jake Bayley, who has taken on the role of coach of the Y7's this season – and he and his parents are loving it! They took on the Y8's in a

scratch match recently and showed some talent and finesse, and very nearly ran away with the win!

I wish Jake and all our volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches and teams the very best of luck for the season.

My thanks must also go to Tony Jacobs Branch Manager of the Roleystone/Karragullen Bendigo Bank who has offered a Spotters Fee to the Club when anyone associated with the RJFC takes out a new home loan or business loan or transfers their exciting loans to Bendigo Bank, and mentions RJFC.

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***Alan and his son Aaron are pictured.***

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I encourage all our members to use and frequent these business wherever possible. Their support is ongoing and fantastic. Check out our Website where they are all listed.

Lastly I hope all our members will get behind our new Fundraising team, which is working hard to raise money for the Club. The first fundraiser of selling chocolates, will be followed by a sausage sizzle, so I hope everyone will get on board and help out. All the funds raised go directly to RJFC, which helps keep fees down, buy much needed footy gear and keep our club running smoothly.

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## Astro Highlights May Greg Lowe, Perth Observatory

The month of May this year brings us views of four out of the five visible planets, though not all at the same time of night. Mercury's out of sight, too close to the sun for observation. Jupiter continues to be the brightest object other than the moon in the evenings. At dusk it's in the north-western sky. It sets in the WNW around 9:30pm in early May, 8:40pm mid-month, and 8pm by month's end. On the 4th the waxing crescent moon will be just to the left of Jupiter at nightfall.

Mars is still bright but its brightness is gradually diminishing - opposition was three weeks ago and the distance between Earth and Mars is increasing as we zoom away from it on the inside lane. Earth's orbital speed is about 30 km per second; Mars does about 24 km per second. The further a planet is from the sun, the lower the orbital speed. You'll find Mars, still noticeably orange in colour, well up in the eastern sky at nightfall in early May. As the weeks go by, its altitude increases so that by the end of the month it's high up in the NE sky at dusk. It culminates (reaches highest altitude) very high in the north at about 10:20pm at the start of the month, 9:15pm mid-month, and 8:15pm by month's end. It sets in the west around 4:15am in early May, 3:05am mid-month, and 2:15am by the end of the month. On the 11th around 9pm the moon will be just above Mars.

Saturn's also visible at nightfall. At the start of the month it's low in the ESE as the evening twilight fades. By mid-May it's higher and easier to see, and by the end of the month it's well up in the east at dusk. Opposition is on the 11th. That's the alignment of Sun, Earth and Saturn, in that order. It's the best period for observing an outer planet because the planet's at its closest, therefore looks its

biggest and best, and is up all night. Saturn culminates high overhead around 1am in early May, midnight in mid-month, and 11pm by month's end. Generally the clearest views of a planet (or other celestial object) will be had at culmination - it's when the shimmer of our atmosphere is minimised. In early to mid-May, Saturn is still visible at daybreak in the western sky. By the end of the month it's setting just after 5am. In the early evening of the 14th, the moon will pass between Earth and Saturn with the result that Saturn will be occulted (hidden) from view for about an hour. Start watching at dusk - evening twilight.

Venus continues to prompt calls to the Observatory along the lines of, "What's that *really* bright star in the eastern sky in the early morning?" To me, it's remarkable that so many people just suddenly "discover" Venus when it's been around for ever. But we're not all astronomers, are we? Still, from time to time I encounter someone so out of touch with things that they could easily be people of the dark ages, believing that the Earth is the centre of the universe. Anyway, Venus, the "morning star" if you will, rises in the east at about 3:40am in early May. Then its rising time gradually gets later: about 4am mid-month and 4:20am by the end of the month. On the 25th and 26th, Venus and the waning crescent moon will make a fine sight for early risers.

The moon starts the month in the waxing crescent phase, grows to first quarter (evening half moon) on the 7th, and keeps on growing to reach full phase on the night of the 13th-14th. Then it starts to wane, with last quarter on the 21st and new moon on the 29th. The new crescent moon should be visible in the western sky at dusk on the 30th and 31st.

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If you've ever read the labels on health and hygiene products, you know it can be a challenge to find a product that doesn't contain long lists of ingredients you can't even pronounce, let alone know what they are or what they're for! Plus, there are the occasional headlines that yet another standard ingredient in the products we use every day turns out to be counter to the very health and cleanliness the product is supposed to promote.

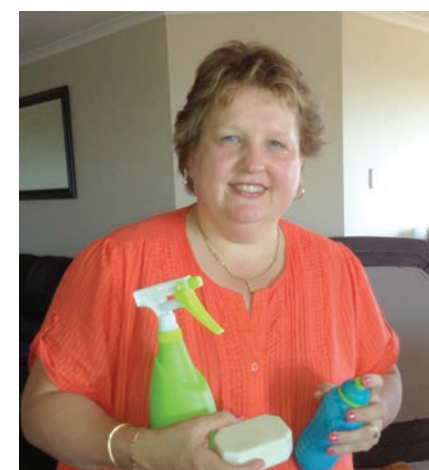
Sometimes the easiest way to ensure that you're using the best, healthiest products — from soap to toothpaste — is to simply make your own. You can easily make safe, effective toiletries — including lotion and deodorant — at home, using simple, healthy ingredients.

At the May meeting of Roleystone Organic Growers, local Cathy Willey is going to talk about why we shouldn't use chemicals and how we can use simple recipes using products from our pantry to make effective household cleaning and personal care products. Cathy will demonstrate how to make products such

as toothpaste, deodorant, toilet cleaners, washing detergent.

The meeting is on Wednesday May 14th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3-members free. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.

**Lisa Porter**





## Armadale Young Writers' Awards Writing Workshops

Budding young writers have the opportunity to attend a series of writing workshops, and improve their writing skills in the lead up to the Armadale Young Writer's Awards.

There will be four free workshops for students from Years 3 - 10, one for each of the year categories in the Armadale Young Writers' Awards.

The workshops for Years 3 - 6 will be conducted by mystery crime novel author DJ Stutley, author of the thrilling Operation series of mystery crime novels for young people.

Western Australian author Deb Fitzpatrick will share her knowledge and expertise during two workshops, for Years 7 - 10 students.

Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones said the workshops are a great way for young writers to get creative and refine their writing skills.

"Children are often read to by adults from

an early age, well before they can read themselves, and the writing workshops are an opportunity for them to learn how to create and tell a story instead.

"If they have a love of writing, this is an ideal opportunity to learn some tips and tricks to help them get started and work on their style of writing."

"We are keen to continue encouraging young writers and helping improve literacy levels in the community, so we are excited to host these workshops every year," said Mayor Zelones.

Bookings are essential. Call the Armadale Library on 9399 0125 to secure your place. All of the workshops will be followed by refreshments.

Saturday 3 May  
Years 3 & 4, 11am - noon  
Years 5 & 6, 1 - 2pm  
Saturday 10 May  
Years 7 & 8, 11am - noon  
Years 9 & 10, 1 - 2pm

## Thick Paint and Dusty Layers

Leesa Padget's exhibition is called 'Thick Paint and Dusty Layers' and runs from the 22nd May till the 22nd June at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant.

Opening night will be Saturday the 24th May from 4.30pm onwards.



### Wild Gossip

**Syl Cooper**  
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I am still getting lots of calls regarding roof space invaders but can only offer the same advice I have given before. If your roof space invader is a possum, it will usually leave around dusk and return around dawn. Depending on your roof and its access the process of arriving and leaving can take several hours and be very noisy. Mine usually starts at about 7pm and lasts until about 9pm when the possum goes out to eat, then starts again at about 5.30am until about 7.30am when the possum returns to sleep.

Rats have no specific times and tend to run about day and night at no specific times.

Possums are usually very clean animals and will not foul where they live, so they go out to pee and poo. Rats pee and poo everywhere and the evidence is often seen as a yellow stain on the ceiling. A good way to check what is living in your roof is to go up into the roof space and look for droppings - possum droppings are quite large usually about 2cms long whilst rat droppings are smaller at about 1cm long and much thinner. A sample can sometimes be helpful for me to make an identification. Once it is established what is living in the roof then steps can be taken to remove it.

If the guest is a possum then you will need to watch and see where the possum is exiting the roof and when it has left quickly secure the area so that it can't get back in. This can be harder than it seems as possums are very clever and can easily remove an insecure blockage. My husband actually watched a possum come down and try to remove the mesh he had just installed. He tried to shoo it off with a broom and the possum fought back quite vigorously. The possum was back in the roof the following day. Rats are even harder to deter as they can get in through the smallest of gaps. We have a tin roof and the ends provide a perfect entry; the only solution would be to seal every corrugation which is both impractical and expensive.

We use live catchers as a way of keeping numbers down without killing animals we don't want to kill. Naphthalene flakes (moth balls) are said to be a good deterrent but now have been declared a carcinogenic so perhaps these are not a good idea. I will be sticking with my live catcher and releasing the possums I catch!

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

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## Roleystone Karragullen Cricket Club

### Winners are Grinners!

For the second time running, WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS! The Roleystone-Karragullen A Grade side have captured the premiership from the grasps of a desperate Helena Valley side who are without a top side flag for about 500 years.

In the semi-final rematch, this time played in miserable conditions, heroes Michael Mobilia, Darryl Kipping and Mitch Stuart guided the talented Roleystone side to another memorable win. But things didn't always go as planned. Before Mobilia and Kipping formed their match saving 116

run partnership, we were looking shaky at 4/24 with key bats Patrick Fisher, Richie Allen, Michael Chmielewski and Trench 'Digger' Stuart failing to make any real impact.

When Kipping fell for just 1 run shy of 50, the RKCC were still not out of the clear at 5/120. Enter the 'Manchild' Mitchell Stuart, the better looking of the two brothers, came in and with the rain starting to pour, managed to put on a quick fire 20 to raise our hopes of a victory. The rain unfortunately decided to douse the flurry of runs however and play was abandoned with Roleystone 6/158 off 72 overs. Helena Valley came out on day 2 full of confidence but they soon experienced the same dismal start that Roleystone had.

The Stuart's powered through the Helena Valley top order, leaving their legs trembling and their eyes looking down the barrel of a thrashing. When they were done demoralising the opposition, things were looking pretty good at 8/54. Just two more wickets were required but it took a few bowling changes and a slight of luck to break through a resilient Ben Keeler and eventually Tim Lyons to win by the slim margin of just 19 runs.

Ask any of the boys and they will tell you though that it was always in the bag but there were a few chewed nails on the boundary where half of Roleystone was cheering on.

*Todd Bendall*



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