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'A Long Way From Devon' - Kelmscott and Roleystone Pioneer Remembered

June Cover

Thomas Buckingham Junior aka Hugh Carder and his wife Hannah aka Reilly, were the stars of the show A Long Way From Devon. This performance celebrated the Buckingham Family. Thomas Buckingham Junior's father was the first settler to take up and farm land in Roleystone.

Aspects of Mr Thomas Buckingham Junior's life were presented to an appreciative audience in St Mary-in-the-Valley Anglican Church in Kelmscott on 30th April and 7th May as part of the annual WA Heritage Festival.

Many of the audience were Buckingham descendents.

The drama was written by Hugh Carder, with themes from Thomas Buckingham Junior's diary. The work was commissioned by the City of Armadale Local Studies Librarian, Susan Hall, and enacted by City of Armadale Library staff, the Rev Ben van der Klip and Carder family members.

Thomas Buckingham Junior and his father farmed on 5550 acres (this is now a large part of Roleystone) from the 1860's.

There are only ruins left of the old home but Thomas Junior's cottage at Poplar still exists and is inhabited.

Thomas Junior, a true pioneer, worked hard at many tasks to make a life for himself and his family in a number of places within Western Australia. He hauled timber and other freight with his trusty bullock team and set up a water-powered saw mill to further the timber trade.

He built the first St Mary-in-the-Valley Church, married his treasured wife and helpmeet Hannah there. Thomas Buckingham Junior along with his father, mother, wife and many

other local pioneers of the district, now lies at rest in the heritage listed St Mary-in-the-Valley graveyard.

Pictured below: Anthea Carder who played an urchin.

Pictured above:

1. Hugh Carder delivering his oratory
2. William Buckingham's cottage (on Araluen Golf Club Land) before restoration
3. Poplar Cottage (Thomas Buckingham Jnr's home)
4. The Old Buckingham Mill.



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Happy Sixtieth Birthdays

Over the last few months there have been a range of significant sixtieths.

In April, Sue Spry Manager of the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre, reached the milestone and told nobody. Her family ignored her and gave her a party anyway!

Sue is pictured at right.

In May, when Jill Havekost reached her big day, only her family was allowed to know! Jill is pictured below right in Kalbarri.

And now it is June and the indomitable Ian Coquhoun, enemy of the phytophthora mould and defender of Jarrah forests everywhere, will be reaching his big day.

Ian is getting in early with a red. Happy Birthday to all three of you.



Local Araluen lad, Joe Osborne from Southern Hills Christian College is doing his Work Experience placement with Paul Eubank from Cambells Auto Service Centre.



Maggie Burke

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TESTIMONIAL

12 May 2014

Hi Maggie!

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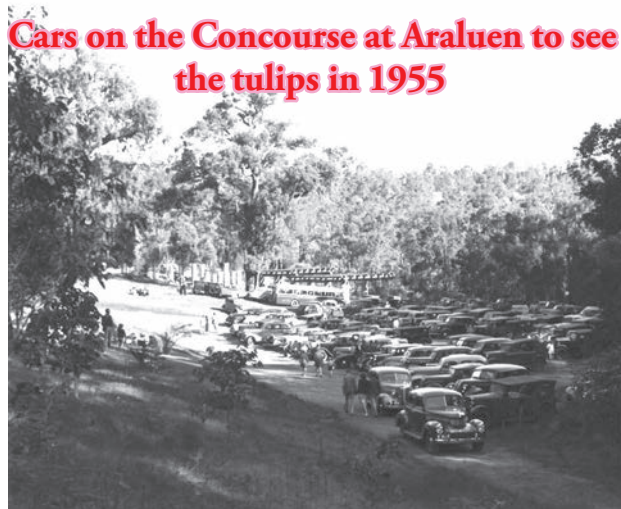
RNFC Gets a New Sign



The impressive new sign at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre was the result of a lot of hard work. Ann Johnston (who is untying the ribbon) coordinated it. Tony Simpson supported it. Tom Reilly from ACCREDIT BUILDING SURVEYING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PTY LTD donated his time. The Bendigo Bank provided the funding. And the Committee and staff did the hard work to get it done. It was officially opened on the 23rd of May by Tony Simpson MLA.

Wanted Tulip Planters

Cars on the Concourse at Araluen to see the tulips in 1955



This year we will celebrate Araluen Park's largest ever planting of around 120,000 tulip bulbs.

We are asking for as many volunteers as possible to assist in the bulb planting process. Many have become regulars and consider it to be an enjoyable, wholesome family outing.

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Well Done Sylvia and Tina For Your BIG Morning Tea

On Tuesday 20th May many locals attended a Big Morning Tea to support the Cancer Council. This was held at Tony and Sylvia Byrne's home on Westbourne Rd.

Each year Sylvia and her sister-in-law Tina Betts, another Roleystone resident, hold this event at each other's home. This year over forty people attended and \$880 was raised. How generous Roleystone people are!

Sylvia and Tina would like to thank all who attended.

John & Norm Smith

Shirley and Thom Say Goodbye



After over 37 years Shirley and Thom Dercksen have left their home in Hilton Road, Roleystone. The Dercksens spent most of their married life in the area with Shirley heavily involved in the art scene and both engaged in a range of community organisations and activities over the years.

Shirley and Thom needed to down-size as the garden was getting too much for them. The couple now live in "Rowethorpe" near Curtin University and have settled in very well.

All the best Shirley and Thom and we hope you enjoy your years as residents of Bentley.

Red Dragon Fruit Flower

Two years ago our great friends Kelvin and Maureen Oliver gave us a beautiful 'Claire' rose and a Red Dragon Fruit cactus to commemorate the passing of our beloved daughter Claire.

The dragon fruit, a native of South America, grew huge and was affectionately called 'The Monster' but it never flowered. Kelvin used to say, in desperation, that he would buy some dragon fruit at the market and staple them on to

the cactus while we were away on holiday to show that the Monster could flower!

Suddenly one warm sunny autumn day this year, two tiny flowers appeared. One vanished within a day but the other bud grew and grew – sometimes as much as 2 cms in a day. On getting up on Anzac Day I was amazed to see a huge flower had opened. The inner-flower was 17 cms in diameter and the outer circle of petals was 40 cms in diameter.

The sight of the fully opened flower was magnificent but lasted barely three hours before the flower faded as rapidly as it arrived. We hope to harvest a tasty red dragon fruit before not too long. Do other people in Roleystone grow Dragon Fruit? We'd love to know!

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Editorial JUNE 2014

A Letter to the Editor in last month's Roleystone Courier entitled 'Autism Awareness' caused a great deal of conversation across town. While some of this was just quizzical, some was quite focussed.

I felt for the people involved, especially as much of this was conjecture, but I do not step back from my responsibility to publish such pieces of correspondence. This is what a public forum is all about - it raises issues, creates debate and hopefully achieves improvements.

From my perspective, I will always publish letters which I believe air genuine concerns, irrespective of my own attitudes on the matter.

The author of this particular letter is pleased with the outcome on two fronts:

1. awareness about the issue was raised
2. her own child's circumstances were improved.

The difficulty with the letter was that, in our small community, sensitivities were raised. The location where the alleged comment occurred, expressed disappointment that the mother had not approached them directly. They felt saddened that they had been given no chance to rectify the situation. As a business with a proud history of supporting the community, this allegation was hurtful.

From my perspective, as an ex-school principal, any time we are alerted to the possibility of discrimination it improves our world. Every workplace, school, community area, even our private homes, can be made more supportive of those who face the daily battle of attempting to cope in an able bodied world.

Most people with a disability will make it; they just need a bit of extra support, perhaps a bit more time and a huge dollop of understanding. We all need to be vigilant about off-hand comments. Even those that are well meaning, can hurt, especially if they are made to a parent of a child with a disability.

We can all become more tolerant.

So how does our community stack up in being tolerant and supportive of folks who are different? In one aspect I think Roleystone is exceptional. I think most Roleystone folk are kind and will help others, especially those less well off than themselves. In my role as editor of the Courier I have seen numerous examples of this occurring. Our local people will get involved and pick up and support folks with particular needs.

Recently I was approached by an organisation wishing to make our community more Alzheimers/Dementia tolerant. I pointed out to them that our community is already well down the road in this regard. We are very tolerant of the elderly and infirm, even though our physical surroundings are not always supportive. I think even in our treatment of people with physical disabilities we have all come a long way.

I see many of our local businesses taking on work experience students, no matter their level of competence. Most of our employers give locals a go, even when they have had a bad track record of 'going off the rails'. All in all, most of our local employers get the 'thumbs up' from me.

But perhaps Roleystone could improve in

the number of permanent or casual employees with disabilities in our workplaces.

I have been concerned for some time that the area across our society, that we lag behind in, is how we treat folk with mental health conditions. Often these people look the same as other folk. Sometimes, for the vast majority of the time, they 'are normal'. But their coping skills may not be as fine-tuned or they may need extra help with communication or social interaction. This is a huge challenge for us all.

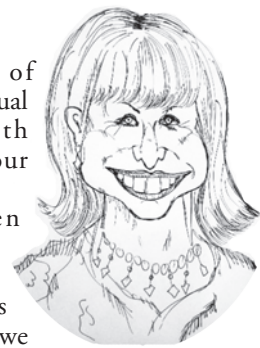
The mother of the child with autism who penned the letter was overjoyed when a local business rang up and offered her son casual employment. What a step, what an achievement! I hope to bring his story to readers in the next edition of the Roleystone Courier when the details have been settled.

Making our workplaces more inclusive of all employees may not be a possibility for all businesses. Some may not yet be able to cope with such a challenge. But it is important that we all take steps to try.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this debate. Only by talking about it, reviewing our own actions and acting on it, will we make things better.

Happy Reading
Linda Moore

'Good Luck' To Rebecca Moore on the successful delivery of Mirrabelle Moore due in early June. Pictured below: Violet is showing the location of Mirrabelle at four months.





RIP Kevin Fuller

In mid May, Kevin Fuller lost his battle with cancer. Kevin was an early resident of Roleystone and was the son of Val Fuller the late Neil Fuller. He was a staunch member of the Roleystone Tennis Club and, of course as one of the Fuller siblings, he has represented the family on many occasions with the Roleystone Tennis Club in their annual Fuller Cup.

Our thoughts are with his mother, wife and children and his siblings Graham, Julie and Karen over this difficult time.

Linda and Mike Moore



VALE PETA VAN UDEN

On Monday 19 May, a large gathering of friends and family farewelled long time Roleystone resident Peta VanUden who passed away on 12 May after a difficult 18 months battling Alzheimer's. Peta, who was previously married to Harry Newell, was the wife of Robbie VanUden for 20 years and was involved in many aspects of community life. In particular Peta was associated with netball and was the first life member of the Roleystone Netball Club. Peta played an important role supporting Robbie in his long commitment with the Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade. They enjoyed numerous overseas holidays. In the last few years Peta has been part of the Roleystone patchwork group, who have given her great support. Peta was a lovely gentle and sincere lady with a terrific sense of humour and a great laugh.

Peta leaves behind Robbie, her children Greg and Judy, grandchildren Renee and Jay and her step family - the Van Uden's, who played a very important role in her life. We are all very fortunate that Peta came into our lives.

Pat Hart

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The Youth Shed initiative evolved from the 2010 Bendigo Bank Big Ideas Forum and is endorsed by the Roleystone Community Alive Group.

The College would like to thank everyone who donated money.

Many RCC students participated in a

'Free Dress Day' opportunity. Another fund raiser came from Mums and Dads and some students who also chose to jump on a 'spin bike' and rode for several minutes to generate further donations on the night.

The area was a hive of activity with many families making further donations as they passed through from the Book Fair.

Thank you one and all!

The Roleystone Youth Shed kicked off on Tuesday 29 April and is for students in Years 8 – 12.

Registration is essential.

For any enquiries please contact Joyce Arnott on 0408 956 559 or email joyce.arnott@suwa.org.au

Vicki Sallur

Happy Mother's Day

Mothers Day at HopsScotch. Gran Suzanne Hutchinson with Susan Osland and her sons Keiran (number 14) and Jamie.

Happy Mothers Day To All.





ARMADALE MUSICIANS – A TOUCH OF HISTORY

The Armadale History House Museum has a number of musical instruments that have been archived in the collection. With the efforts of the Museum Curator Christian Bell, the Museum recently held an exhibition “Playing Tonight”. The exhibition looked at the story of performance in the City of Armadale. It remembered our pioneering performers who

sang, recited, acted and played not only for their own enjoyment but also for the enjoyment of those around them.

But therein lies a dilemma; the purpose of a musical instrument is to be played and enjoyed by all, yet a museum’s policy is generally “look and do not touch”. How can we then appreciate the instruments in their true glory and purpose?

So in conjunction with the exhibition, the Museum also held a “Musician in Residence” program that was run by the talented David Hyams (musician/song writer/producer).

Members of the local community were invited to the Museum to create new music inspired by the musical collection and to have the instruments used in a performance. Some of the instruments have not been heard for decades.

On the 3rd May, the final performance was held at History House. I had the pleasure to play with musicians: David Hyams, Kim Bettenay, Cathie Travers, Mark Peacock, Meg Travers, Piers Smith, Adam, Wendy Penton and Vince Domenico.

The pictures are from that performance night.

The instruments included in the collection that we played were: the Ronisich Piano (1857) owned by the Dumsday family, the Kelmscott Church Organ (1910), the Dumsday Fife (late 1800), Banjo Mandolin, Irvin Phillips’ Harpsichord and Mrs Lillian Turner’s Wooden Flute. Mrs Turner once owned the music shop on Jull Street where the KFC is now.

Following the performance we recorded all the playable instruments and these audio files will be stored in the Museum archives.

Thanks to Morley Johns from Classic Sounds who helped repair some of the old instruments and thanks to the support of the Department of Culture and the Arts and the City of Armadale.

Special thanks to Christian and David for giving life to this fabulous concept, and for helping us to rediscover our local history.

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Unsigned correspondence.

Response Araluen Estate PA

The note left under this lady's windscreen has nothing to do with the Araluen Estate Progress Association and is probably from a local resident on Mount Dale View.

No-one has complained or brought this matter to the Association.

Araluen Estate Progress Association

SKATEPARK DISMAY

The new skate park at the back of Roleystone Hall is a huge success and it is wonderful to see so many youngsters, predominantly boys, having good, clean fun in the open air.

Unfortunately like so many things in life, there is an unpleasant downside to the new amenity. Despite the fact that there is a bin for rubbish in a very prominent position at the skate park, the youngsters are leaving the area in a disgraceful condition. There is a sea of plastic bottles, chocolate bar wrappers and even fish and chip wrappers just carelessly strewn on the ground. Not many mothers go to the Skate Park so who do these selfish youngsters believe will pick up their mess?

Come on Lads! Learn to respect yourselves firstly, then Planet Earth and leave the Skate Park clean and tidy for the next users.

Name and address supplied.



Letter Causes Offence

At right is a letter that was left under my window wipers on the 8th of May.

First of all I would like to reassure all the residents of Mt Dale View Road that my constant presence (which in fact is only one hour give or take a few minutes a morning and the occasional Saturday evening) and my suspicious behaviour is nothing more than me taking my dog for a walk.

I would have thought that taking a dog out of the car and putting her back in a hour later, would have indicated this to the person responsible for the letter. The letter writer has also let down one of my tyres and has taken photos of my car every morning for a month as, in his opinion, only people who live in Araluen have a right to walk there.

I did live in Araluen for seven years and there is no Araluen Estate Authority however there is a lovely manager who has no problem with me still walking my dog there. As an ex-resident, I am fully aware of the walking times and have always abided by them. As I still work in Roleystone I will continue to do so.

The section about my window tinting being illegal is confusing as we asked the police to check it with their metre when we reported his behaviour and it is perfectly legal. As for reporting me to the police, the letter writer is the one doing the wrong thing and not me.

I think the letter writer really needs to get a life!

That's what I love about Roleystone 'the community atmosphere' and yes I mean that sarcastically!

Barbara Stewart

LOCAL EATERIES

Last month, I saw a range of comments on social media relating to the recent closing of a range of our eateries.

Nearly all of the comments were polite and sympathetic and overall decried the 'loss of choice' that had occurred with so many of our local Restaurants closing their doors.

Interestingly, many comments also indicated that the respondents had not eaten there in a while (or at all) or had eaten there only a few times.

I think therein lies the problem.

If we want to have choice, in any industry, we need to support the local businesses.

After all, the reason most businesses close is purely financial. If it doesn't pay they can not survive.

Let's eat, drink, be merry and SPEND close to home and keep our local businesses afloat.

Linda Moore

Autism Comment

My son is 5 years old with Autism and also had an early diagnosis at the age of 2.

We returned to Roleystone from Sydney to leverage family support and also the wider community. The letter in last month's Courier sickens me to the core as we receive no financial support from the government and are totally self funded - as are most families who are all trying to give our children the best intervention so they can proceed to live a normal life.

Surely one of the reasons we want our children to work is to give our children the pride and understanding of belonging and understanding that if you want to succeed you need to work hard. This is the cornerstone of society.

As an ex-special forces soldier having served in Afghanistan and all the major combat zones throughout the world, the total focus and single minded attributes associated with Autism leads me to state, I would rather have a colleague with Autism than without. The fact that a number of corporate companies are now actively recruiting Autistic resources tells you something.

If "the boys would tease" is the real reason that the employer is unwilling to engage, it is a sad day indeed when the tail wags the dog.

We are all proud of our Armed forces and offer support to returning soldiers yet we seem to offer little to no support to families who are doing it tough every single day, not just for a tour but life and it certainly has put things into perspective for me personally.

I am a proud father of a son who has Autism and would happily engage to educate those who would like to know more. This dilemma is not going away with 1 in 68 children born now diagnosed with Autism.

*Francis Kennedy
Roleystone*

Friendliness PLUS

I happened to be in the Bendigo Bank depositing some dollars and cents this month and our new teller Helen rightly pointed out to me that a 20 cent I had given her was not an Australian version and so was not designated as acceptable currency. I did not have any extra money with me and stated that I would go back to the car to retrieve my wallet. A lady and a gentleman who were both in the bank at the same time overheard my dilemma and both offered to pay the 20c themselves. My foreign currency was given to the bank as a donation as the lady did not want it as a souvenir. She commented - 'what's 20c between friends'? Yep, I made a new friend that day. Thank you again ma'am. Does this happen in the concrete jungle?

Mike

Top Of The Class

Big thumbs up for JMC Tree Services... They were doing a job for my neighbour and needed to use our driveway to access, after asking us extremely courteously to use our drive and then backing the truck up... They then proceeded to shred the huge mound of green waste I had lying there! What a lovely thing to do and saves me several trips to the tip!

Top of the Class JMC!

Anna Bamber

Mates Helping Mates

We may never be aware of how powerful good friends are to our souls. I had not been too well for some times and was delighted when a friend rang, asking if I could be home on Anzac Day. She was 'coming over with a few friends to help out'. As promised, at 9:30 the friends arrived in working clothes with gardening tools. They set to task, working in my garden. They laughed, discussed local events and put the world to rights. After several attempts calling them to finish and come in and have some morning tea they did call it a day. Under protest!

What a wonderful gesture of love and camaraderie they gave me that day. They gave their time. These remarkable strong women all volunteer in various important and needy groups: Araluen, Kaarakin, Roleybushcare, Sing Australia, Meals on Wheels and Pony Club.

No age was a barrier - they were from 50 - 86. I am truly fortunate to have such good friends. I am also lucky enough to have chosen Roleystone as my home for the last 16 years. This community has given me so much. It is a close, caring and a celebration of all that is good in life. I thank these special people.

Jan Mayze

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TEAM BOO BEES STAY ON TRACK

In the April edition of the Roleystone Courier, there was an article about three sisters and the Team Boo Bees who were participating in the 24 hour relay for life.

That was a couple of weekends ago when there was still some heat in the day but definitely cold at night and together with another 17 teams the Team Boo Bees managed to stay the course and keep their Bee Mascot on the track and moving for the full 24 hours.

The event took place in Byford under the auspices of a terrific Committee who managed to keep everyone fed, entertained and moving.

Altogether they raised an amazing total of around \$70,000 which all goes to Cancer Research. Team Boo Bees were proud to have been involved in the event and with team leader Maggie Munkley and her sisters Isabel Colenutt and Pam Edwards together with Roleystone locals Kerry Fidock and Maria Ford plus husbands, friends, family and children (youngest team member just 8 months old) they raised \$6,000. They pass on their thanks to all of those who supported them in this great cause and they can't wait to do it again next year.

Pam Edwards



The Hills Cafe and Lunch Bar catered for the City of Armadale Grand Fondo on the 18th of May. Pictured: the Signage Crew who stopped off for lunch!

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EX ROLEY FOLKS

Former Roleystone Folk we have run into recently:

1. Wendy and Graham Shearwood - happily ensconced in Augusta Life and busier than ever!
2. Ken and Jeanne Hogarth were the caretakers at Araluen and have very fond memories of both Araluen and Roleystone. They are now resident in Balingup.
3. Doug and Sue Burtenshaw lived in Roleystone for many years. They were stalwarts of the local church and leaders in the push to build a secondary school in Roleystone. They now live in Byford and Doug has recently completed a book exploring the background between creationists and evolutionists and how he found his way through - *The Way Of Jesus*.
4. Chris Beije lived in Roleystone for many years but moved away when her husband died unexpectedly. She is now happily residing in Geraldton.
5. In the 1950's, 60's and 70's many locals knew the beautiful Hearne family. I recently ran into Penny and Janice Hearne who both now live in the city where they had come to Subiaco to attend the Subiaco Theatrical Performance of 'At The Going Down of The Sun'.



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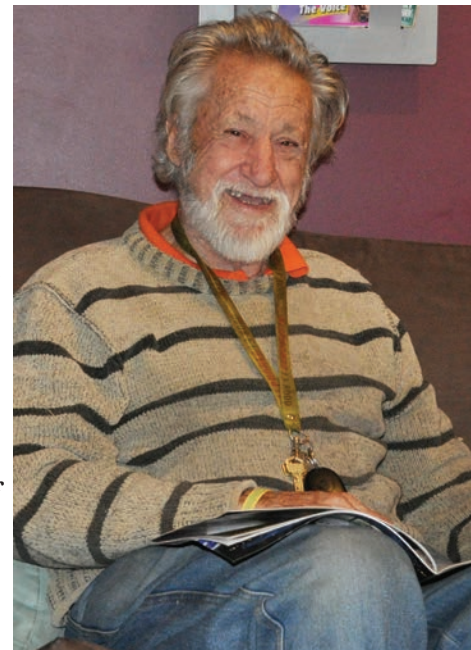
On the 21st May, a larger than life personality,
Mr Benjamin Seabrook, passed away.

Benjamin was a prolific contributor to the
Roleystone Courier.

He had so many passions and causes. He loved
trees, his little dogs, education, nature and
football. He was not afraid to make his opinions
known and was perhaps the most regular author
of Letters to the Editor the Courier has known.
Ben had taught until he had turned 70 and for
the majority of his teaching career he had taught
English at Kelmscott SHS. Many generations of
local young folk benefited from his passionate
teachings.

We will deal more fittingly with Ben's passing in
the next edition of the Roleystone Courier.

His passing will leave a huge hole in our
community.



ONE LAST LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reprinted from May 2013:

As long as I've been connected with Roleystone, I first came here in 1956 and have lived here since 1975, at this time of the year I have gazed in wonder at the beautiful flowers that arise in Autumn. They seem to grow anywhere, in rows, solo long the roads and in great masses especially on steep hill slopes along our highways.

After the long hot scorching days of summer, the appearance of the Easter lilies shows that Sol is finally losing its power. They come from the dry parched soil and they resurrect themselves. Long straight stems with no sight of leaves, they finally burst into bloom; white, pink and deep pink, almost red. Their flower life is only about a month and then they appear to go back into their crypt to await another resurrection day.

Their name is *Amaryllis Belladonna*, the Easter lily or Belladonna lily. They grow in the older sections of the community, so it must have been a flower much cherished by our early

pioneers. When I see them flowering I know that our battle with sol is over for a while and Easter is on its way. To me they are a symbol of the crucifixion and resurrection. They are a very welcome sight to me.

Benjamin Seabrook
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A Tribute To Our Volunteers

The City of Armadale Parks and Reserves team has planted a tulip tribute to all volunteers on the corner of Armadale Road and Church Avenue. We hope it will be in full bloom by spring.

Red tulips have been planted in the shape of a V as promoted by Volunteering Australia.

They are surrounded by white alyssum.

They will look delightful.



HILLS CAFE & LUNCH BAR

Hills Cafe and Lunch Bar on Brookton Highway in the Kelmscott Hills, has now been opened for two months and locals are discovering Jenn's wonderful new menu and enjoying the relaxed and friendly surroundings. The breakfast is proving a real treat as Colin Aston and Bradley Eames discovered (see picture below). They were heading to the Araluen Golf Course and needed a tasty, substantial breakfast to get them started. They both declared their breakfast was 'wonderful'.



Part of the shop has been converted to a comfortable Cafe Lounge. Patrons can come in and try the wonderful coffee, Tortes and Cakes and Italian home cooked biscuits. Jenn and her son Albert are pictured enjoying the ambience of the Cafe Lounge.

Manager Jenn Tham has already started to put some other ideas in place. "We have a set menu each lunch time with very reasonable prices. Plus you can order your favourite dishes whenever you please. Plus you can order all day breakfast if you wish."

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Roley Winter Market Approaches

As the weather changes the Market Committee are working hard to bring a great winter market to Roleystone. Once again the Market will be held at Cross Park and the range and quality of stalls continues to impress with some old favourites and some new exciting stalls including a fruit and vegie vendor and an array of plants and garden stalls.



The Market offers the opportunity for local Community groups to participate in the markets to raise funds but also raise awareness for their activities.

The Roleystone Men's Shed have been busy working in their amazing shed and at this market, will be proudly demonstrating their wares with a variety of goods for sale.

For those 'green fingers' amongst us, you might like to take advantage of the experts who the Community Garden have invited to attend the markets. They will be providing advice and guidance so if you have a desire to learn about pruning, what fruit trees to plant or identify what is killing your favourite shrub then look out for the detail of the roster for our Community Garden Experts.

We welcome back the ponies and animal farm for the kids and we are delighted that the Roleystone musicians club will return to entertain in our newly developed busking area ensuring that everyone can enjoy the ambience of the winter market.

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Pam Edwards

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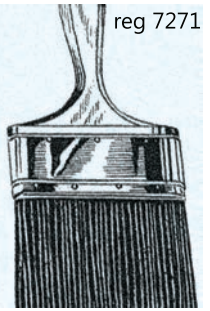
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Merv Mundy is 90

Merv Mundy celebrated his 90th birthday in Roleystone on the 11th May. The celebration was held at his Granddaughter Lainey Holroyd's home in Tyers Road.

Merv and his wife Audrey were pleased to see a sprinkling of his generation in attendance with Verna and Dick Buckley, Pol Buckley, Marg and Vern Bettenay all making the trip despite their advanced ages.

Merv is the son of pioneers. His father was ex state wicket keeper Morris Mundy and his mother Lillian Parker - was the third school teacher to ever teach at Roleystone Primary school. Happy Birthday Merv.

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THE PASSING OF THE HORSE

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The really marvellous strides that have been made in mechanical means of locomotion, lend strength to the belief that so many of the uses of horsepower being already usurped by the machine, the time will come when all its other avenues of usefulness will also be supplanted.

Indeed, it is not unlikely that a time may come when mechanical devices may have evolved that will encompass the whole gamut of force as applied to motion.

Even now we are familiar with the sight of self-propelled vehicles doing work which was once the exclusive province of the horse. When Stephenson made the locomotive a practical certainty, he laid the foundation of a new and wonderful adaptation of mechanical force that has revolutionised transport.

The advent of the railway was the first step in a process that has been going steadily on ever since, by which the domain of the horse has been rapidly and surely encroached upon, until today there is scarcely any field that he has to himself.

The steam-engine invaded one channel after another with dogged insistence and continued to score in every encounter by showing a better rate of profit on the work it was able to perform. And as if the steam engine were not in itself a sufficient competitor, there has risen up in these later days yet another aspirant for supremacy in the internal combustion motor which threatens to speedily complete his overthrow. Already it has invaded the highway, and given the world a means of speedy, safe, cheap and luxurious travel that has never been nearly approached by any previous means.

The stagecoach with its 12 to 15 miles an hour gait, when it was running well, and its many stops for a change of horses, has given place to the motor car that glides along, insidiously hurling a strip of white road behind it at a 30 to 40 miles an hour rate for as many hours as you care to sit in it. And the perfectly effortless way in which it performs the task is a source of wonderment to anyone receiving his first experience of these fascinating vehicles. To reflect that under its bonnet, a small engine of comparatively light weight has the energy of 30 horses stored within it, is a striking fact as is also the complete control it is under.

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Neither does it flag when hills are steep and long, nor halt when sandy stretches appear. No haunting fear of cruelty to a dumb creature need spoil the pleasure of the longest or the fastest journey one's humour

may suggest.

Is it not wonderful, then, that this means of transit has captured the highway, and that not only in the cities and towns, but in the country as well, the horse is giving way to the motor, until the farmer's car is becoming as common a sight as his buggy and pair used to be.

Another field in which the internal combustion engine is ousting the horse is that of traction. Long since, the lorry-work of the great cities has seen the invasion of the newcomer to the advantage of business. And in older countries where roads are better made than here, the motor trolley has in recent years secured a rapidly increasing proportion of the heavy goods traffic upon the highways. Even in Australia we are getting the first evidences of the invasion of the new force, and as progress gives us better road surfaces, so will the motor wagon increase in numbers, and in the variety of the avenues of utility it appropriates. For speedy and convenient delivery vans it has no approachable competitor. It is so perfectly tractable, and does work at a cost ratio far below that of horse-drawn vehicles.

Already in our cities we are familiar with a steadily increasing number of utilities being served by motors: heavy lorries, light delivery vans, cabs, fire engines, mail-carts, street sweepers, and buses. With these, work is now performed, and done cheaper, faster, and better than by horsepower.

Indeed, it is very probable that the time is not far distant when the horse will not be seen at work at all within the boundaries of large and progressive cities.

The question has already been raised in other parts of the world as to whether the horse should be permitted to enter the busy thoroughfares of large and congested centres, from consideration of a sanitary nature.

Nor does he mix well with the faster, and more controlled traffic, either, but is often the cause of accidents due to his inclination to exert 'his own will' at a time when safety requires that he should go exactly where he is bidden.

This Aggressive New Force is making it hard for the horse in some of the indirect results of the change that has come. For instance, the road conditions that suited the horse are not those that suit the motor. The motor likes a hard, smooth surface under it, and in all countries where it has been upon the road long enough to demand conditions which suit it, it has secured them.

On the Continent, in England, and in America, the number of self-propelled vehicles is so large, and their tax revenue so great that they have been able to get the kind of road surface that they require. And in securing it the horse has been rendered less able.

A striking illustration of this was when the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held in London stated that in

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The Passing Of The Horse
continued...

regard to the demand of motorists for an improvement on the surface of roads throughout the kingdom, changes had effected a reduction in the foothold for horses on the roads that had been tarred. The Royal Society suggested an improvement in shoeing which would give the horse a better and surer grip,

while at the same time avoiding the danger of puncturing the surface of the road.

In order to stimulate interest a prize of £100 was offered for the invention of a suitable horseshoe. The offer of this prize is a striking sign of the times. It clearly indicates the coming of a new order. It seems but yesterday since the motor was grudgingly permitted to use the highway at all, and then only in the most restricted manner. Today it is in the ascendant; it demands the kind of road surface most suited to it, and those demands are being met. The outcry against the machine for frightening horses is answered by calmly asking the horse to get off the road.

The nuisance created by the dust it raised, instead of resulting in penalties being imposed upon it, has set the road authorities inventing a road surface material that would meet the demands of the newcomer. *So is it time for the old to make room for the new?*

No matter how long or how well the old order was served, at the appearance of the new it is ruthlessly cast aside, and in a short space forgotten. One feels that an injustice is being done and that an ungrateful world is calmly shutting its eyes to the lasting obligation it is under to the horse for thousands of years of patient, efficient and sympathetic service.



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And if he really served me one, it would be a short trip to the bin.
He comes into the study and puts his paws upon my knees
The look he gives me clearly says, "It's sunny with a hint of breeze.
Let's go off round the corner, there's a mate I'd like to meet
And have a little chinwag about a blonde he thinks is neat."
Poppy's small, with a longish fringe, and such enormous eyes
I should set him straight but he's in love, she's worth two big meat pies
He does not know her haughty style; she's tough on all the blokes
He's heard the rumours sure enough but thinks it's all a hoax.
He's seen her at the oval and watched her strut her stuff,
Her frilly dress, her lippy and her pink

powder puff
Charlie cannot bear to see her break his best mate's heart
The Great Dane is surely smitten; Cupid has fired off his dart.
And I explain to Charlie, the duty of a friend
Is to be standing at the ready till his heart is on the mend.
I get his lead and we're out the gate, his friend's in Jarrah road
I'm puffing up the hill until we reach his mate's abode.
The Dane is waiting, his name is Max, he wears a sloppy grin,
He softly woofs to Charlie from behind the recycling bin
"Poppy passed this way today", he tells Charlie, "and guess what?
She licked my nose, right through the fence, I got a little hot."
"That's nice," says Charles, "but play it cool, you know that she's a tease,
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Thanks from the Crew at HopsScotch

My brother and I, Chris and John Brereton, would like to extend our sincere and warm thanks to all the people who came to visit us on Mother's Day at HopsScotch (Previously known as Miaflora).

Due to a fire in the main house just prior to settlement and hand over we had a few extra interesting obstacles to work around but as we had already promised families to be open Mother's Day, we therefore decided to go ahead.

So, it's a big Brereton Brother's (As we are often referred to...along with the tag 'The twins...born twelve years apart!) THANKS that is extended to all the people who came either for the first time to visit this serene and iconic part of Karragullen and Roleystone or like many people, were simply curious to see who the new people, now call this amazingly beautiful place HopsScotch might be like.

As both Chris and I with our rather large families reside in Roleystone with extended family in nearby areas, one of the best outcomes has been the opportunity to meet so many more wonderful and inspiring local people who for a long time have, as we ourselves have had, a great affection and love for the surroundings, the art work and of course the birds and incidental wild life of what is now HopsScotch

And yes it's HopsScotch with two ss's!

We also want to extend our thanks for the openness and willingness of our guests to tell us the aspects that are important to them to be kept much the same at HopsScotch as before but also the expressed support and excitement over some of our near future plans that we have been most happy to talk about when asked, as we know how much this place truly matters to everyone, with the indoor/outdoor enclosed weather proof area for cosy dining down at the main house and for the nature inspired playground for our families with children drawing the biggest smiles.

So while we get on with the baking, cooking and the creating of coffee decals a little more adventurous than just the odd love heart or fern leaf (Last week, cherub bum cheeks and a frog on a log were said to be seen) we would love you all to know that we have very much appreciated the support so far and look forward to offering a space for the all important serene moments along with many good belly laugh moments for many years to come.

*Cheers
Chris and John Brereton.*



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I'VE BEEN EVERYWHERE MAN

Linda J Bettenay (yes the alias of Linda Moore) along with her husband Mike (who seems to have a new role in life as Driving Miss Daisy) had an amazing May with Book Clubs, Author Talks and the odd Theatrical, all over the state. High points of the month included the Subiaco and Victoria Park Theatrical presentations of 'At The Going Down of The Sun' where local performers: Michael Forman and Bree Hartley of the Roleystone Theatre and Musician Kim Bettenay were again standouts. Our two big country trips started with an amazing visit to Augusta - organised by Wendy Shearwood and Annie Jorgensen and hosted by Augusta Events.

This talk was held at the breathtaking Hamelin Bay Winery. From there, we went to Pemberton, Manjimup, Balingup and Harvey. The week later, we held events at Kalbarri, Geraldton, Northampton, Leeman and Green Head. These were all great fun and we had a wonderful chance to catch up with new friends and old.

We had the chance to speak to numerous Book Clubs where we are able to discuss the secrets in 'Secrets Mothers Keep', how they were discovered and how the book was written.

"Thank you to all of our hosts and to everyone who has attended one of our events. I am indebt to everyone who has read my book, provided feedback and for your ongoing support," said Linda. Linda Moore is well into her second book 'Wishes For Starlight' which is based in our local area. This will be released in November this year.

For more information on this book and the author please visit www.lindasbooks.com.au or try logging into facebook - just search for Linda's Books.



Top: At Hamelin Bay Winery, Annie Jorgensen from Oceans FM, Annette nee Cummings former Armadale resident, Linda with Wendy Shearwood formerly of Roleystone.

Above: Susan Hall of the Birtwistle Studies Library at the Subiaco Performance of 'At The Going Down of The Sun'.

Below: Lisa Currie of the 'Other Kalbarri Book Club' introduces Linda at her presentation at the amazing Black Rock Restaurant in Kalbarri.



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- 2. Brooke Boardman and Andrew Rooke
- 3. Flappers: Brooke Boardman, Clare Jongaling, Kym Buckingham, Kylie O'driscoll, Renee Carpenter, Catherine Georgiante
- 4. Karson and Sarah Pasznicki
- 5. Local DJ: DJ Adamo (Ruban Birch)
- 6. Shannon Beech, Carly Smith, Rebecca Graham, Teneal Grant Webb
- 7. Harrison Rooke and some cake.



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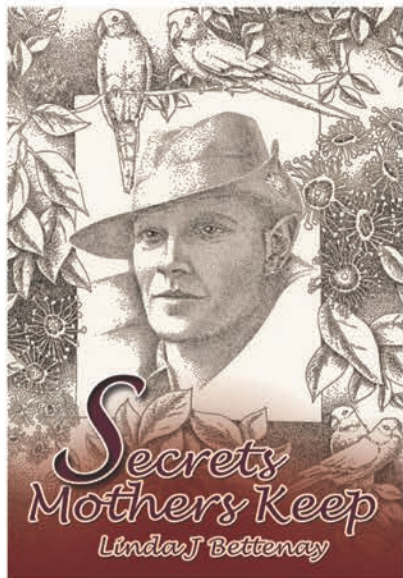
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Writers in the Library

Linda J Bettenay



Hear Linda talk about her book and the fascinating family story that inspired it.

'*Secrets Mothers Keep*' is a fictional tale, based on the true story of a brutal murder in rural WA in 1928. In 2012 the author's husband learned that his grandfather had been murdered and had not died in the war, as previously believed. Against an historical background Linda Moore (writing under Linda J Bettenay) has woven a story of what led to this murder in the quiet country town of Wubin.

Linda was born in Roleystone into a pioneering family who have farmed the land since 1901. She has been the editor of the Roleystone Courier since 2008. '*Secrets Mothers Keep*' is her first novel.

Date: Friday 6 June at 2.00pm

Venue: Mandurah Library
331 Pinjarra Road, Mandurah

Light refreshments provided

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SIMPLE SAFE RECIPES

Over 30+ locals gathered recently at the Organic Growers Meeting held at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre to learn about the chemicals around us and how to make simple recipes for soaps, washing powder, etc!! Here are a few of the recipes for readers' interest.



Toothpaste

Basic

3 tablespoons Iodised sea salt

3 tablespoons bi carb.

Grind the sea salt into a powder and add bi carb and add enough water to make a soft paste. Store in a sealed container, place pea size on your brush. You can add 1 table spoon coconut oil and 2-3 drops flavour like spearmint oil or peppermint oil. Mix and use as normal.

Deodorant

¼ cup bi carb

¼ cup arrowroot powder

Coconut oil

Mix bi carb and arrowroot together and add enough coconut oil to make a firm paste. Add 1 or 2 drops of either tea tree or eucalyptus oil. In summer you need less as the oil is more a liquid where in winter it stays firmer.

Face cream, body cream and saving cream

Use organic unrefined cold pressed coconut oil. Use as a day and night cream, body cream and make up remover. Mix a teaspoon of oil with ½ teaspoon sugar as a face scrub or body scrub. For a body scrub or foot scrub: mix 1 tablespoon oil with ½ tablespoon sea salt. Use coconut oil as a shaving cream for men and women. You can use coconut oil as deodorant.

Sun cream

½ cup olive oil

½ cup coconut oil

2 tablespoons zinc oxide

1/3 cup beeswax

2 tablespoons shea butter

Place all ingredients in a small pot and melt gently over a low heat. Place in a sealed container and if it gets too soft place in fridge.

Shampoo

Place 1 tablespoon bi carb into a cup and while in the shower fill the cup with water and stir with your finger. Place the mixture on your head and wash your hair as normal. Rinse. This works well but might take a few days to get used to. Use the apple cider vinegar as conditioner.

More recipes are available.



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At the June meeting of Roleystone Organic Growers, local horticulturist Chris Oliver, will show us successful techniques to replant a whole range of plants. Chris will talk about how to condition the roots, how to eliminate transplant shock, what to look for when buying a new plant and what plants you shouldn't try to move.

Chris has over 40 years of experience as a horticulturist, including 33 years of teaching experience at TAFE, a Degree in Botany and a Diploma in Horticulture, and is very keen to share his knowledge with others. The meeting is on Wednesday 11th June at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312

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Roleystone Community College's achievements are being acknowledged as part of the Department of Education's Top Performing Schools theme for its 'Annual Report' to be released later in the term.

Students Erin Hight and Bradley Husbands will feature in the short script (See Below).

Pictured: The winning Year 8 Film and TV students of 2013 with Teachers Mrs Anne Bullock and Mr Phil Springett.



ROLEYSTONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The school's current 2014 Year 8 Film and TV students have just begun the process of brainstorming ideas for their Smarter Than Smoking commercial with the guidance of Mrs Bullock.

Roleystone Community College

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Erin Hight, Student Roleystone Community College.



Mother's Day @ Mulberry Tree

Recently Mulberry Tree held a Mother's Day afternoon tea, which was a great success. Parents enjoyed watching the children do yoga with Rainbow Pammy. We all then enjoyed some cakes and drinks together. The Kindy children have been focussing on Sandy Robson, the lady who is kayaking around the world. We have been lucky enough to have a canoe brought in by a parent so the children can pretend to be doing the same as her. The children have also been looking at camping and what we do when we go camping. The children even slept in the tent on a few days! We have the following extra-curricular activities scheduled:

Tuesday – Happy Feet

Wednesday – Yoga with Rainbow Pammy

Friday – Dance classes

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APRIL CLUB NIGHT

As always we had a great night of music with forty people attending. Young Roleystone band, Placid, performed their songs for the first time at the Club.

The RMC is a terrific forum to play; we're all there to support and

encourage each other. Thanks to Brad, Joe and Jack for coming along and we hope to see you back again soon. *'Placid' are shown below.*

New member, Chris brought his band, Final Frontier.

The Redeemers, always the jokers, played under the name, Bravi Ragazzi. These two bands gave us very distinct versions of Foster the People's Pumped Up Kicks. I love to hear different interpretations of popular songs and both were fantastic!

Mike Stone performed Leonard Cohen's Bird on a Wire, in memory of his dear friend Harry.

We finished off the night with Dale and Mike playing Metallica's Nothing Else Matters with Joe, from Placid, joining in on drums.

Our next Club Night scheduled for Saturday 21st June.

Why don't you come along to one of our Club Nights? Doors and Bar Open at 6pm. Come along early for a chat before the music starts at 7.30pm. For more info call Deb 08 9397 7007 or 0468 62 68 68 or email president@rmcs.com.au.

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Helping Those Who Need it Most

The State Budget has been released and even in these fiscally tight times, the Barnett Government is putting extra resources into areas that desperately need them. The huge influx of people moving into the State is putting strain on most services, so as a government we are committed to ensuring that people don't slip through the cracks.

Child Protection:

The Department of Child Protection and Family Support is having its budget increased by \$33.5 Million over the next year, to a total of \$624.7 Million. This significant increase, coming when many agencies are having to find savings, will allow us to properly care for the more than 4,000 children in care, and allow us to perform safety assessments for 18,500 children who are the subject of Child Protection concerns.

Mental Health:

Our Government's expenditure in Mental Health funding has risen 68%, by \$321 Million since we took office in 2008. In the next year we will fund 136 new mental health beds spread over the Metropolitan area, in both adult and children's care.

Disability Services:

The State Government has provided \$58 Million for the NDIS Trial in the Hills from the 1st July 2014, as well as funding an additional 1,135 people to receive support services, including accommodation, family and carer services.

In this Budget, grandparents who look after their grandchildren full-time can receive Grants of up to \$400 for the first child and \$250 for each additional child, per year.



Your Government has ensured that, even in these times when we have to be fiscally careful, those that need it the most are not being left behind.

As the Minister for Mental Health, Disability Services and Child Protection, it is gratifying that we can not only maintain the high level of support that we offer, but are able to provide for the needs of tomorrow, with the influx of people coming to WA.

You can get more information on the Budget at www.ourstatebudget.wa.gov.au

Helen Morton

Enter Now for the Armadale Young Writers Award

The talents of young, local creative writers will be showcased again with entries opening for the annual Armadale Young Writers Awards.

Entries must be lodged with City of Armadale libraries by close of business on Monday 30 June 2014.

The prose-only award is open to students in Years 3 to 10 who reside, or attend school, in the City of Armadale. Stories must be 2000 words or less, and poetry cannot be accepted.

City of Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones said this type of competition would showcase the depth of local talent there is in our community.

There are two categories in the competition: General Creative Writing and Living in the City of Armadale.

The General Creative Writing category features a 1st prize of \$200, 2nd prize of \$150, and 3rd prize of \$100, awarded to each of the grade groups: Years 3 and 4; 5 and 6; 7 and 8; 9 and 10.

A single prize of \$200 will be awarded to the winner of the Living in the City of Armadale category, to be judged across all age groups.

An extra prize will be awarded for the best overall entry. This will be judged from all the award winning entries, and the winner will receive a \$50 book voucher.

The City will collate the stories by Armadale young Writers Award place getters into a book. These, along with a trophy and a certificate, will be presented to each place getter at the award ceremony.

A Perpetual Shield will be presented to the school of the student whose work is considered Best Overall.

For students who enter the Living in the City of Armadale category, and would like to know more about the area or past events and people, a wide range

of relevant material is available to view at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, located at the Armadale library.

To enter the Armadale Young Writers Award collect an entry form from Armadale, Kelmscott or Seville Grove library from 1 June, or download a form and more information from the City's website www.armadale.wa.gov.au.

Pictured below: Grace Busby and her Mum Janet receiving her award last year.



ARALUEN NOTES

**INTRIGUE, THIEVERY AND HEART BREAK...
CONTINUED**

The Araluen History of the Tulip

Tulips were first planted at Araluen in 1934. Ninety years ago!!!!

They came from Holland in wooden boxes with each bulb wrapped separately in appropriately coloured paper. The first planting took place on the terraces on the 'Grove of the Unforgotten' It was reported in the YAL magazine 'The Boomerang' that the tulips presented a beautiful sight.

Having researched back through some of the records held at Araluen, we have discovered the following:

September 1940: The tulips were not as numerous as former years due to the very dry weather.

September 1944: Due to the hard work of Jack Italiano there is a fine display of tulips, though the inability to import bulbs has made it difficult to keep the display up to standard. It has been found it is hard to 'breed' the bulbs in the average west location, hence the necessity to frequently fortify with new stock.

During the war years bulbs were imported from New Zealand as they couldn't be supplied from Holland.

September 1946: The number of weekend cars is up to pre-war level again. About 500 tulips out at one time.

Tulips continued to be planted in a small way until changed circumstances saw the Young Australia League sell Araluen in 1985. With strong community support, the State Government purchased the Park in 1990.

On the 27 August 1991 a media release was set out with the heading "Araluen is Blooming". Ten thousand tulips donated by Yates once again saw this once mighty bulb take its rightful place on the slopes of Araluen.

This year we will be planting a record 120,000 tulips. Maybe we can take a word from history and say 'Tulipomania' is coming to Araluen in August/September.



*Above: Tulips in Araluen in 1948.
Below: Tulips in the Vale of the Unforgotten in 1955.
Bottom: Tulips return to Araluen in 1991.*



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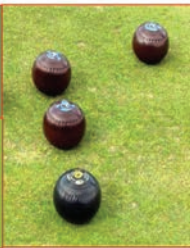
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The rumoured death of the Roleystone Bowls club has been greatly exaggerated!

For many years the bowls club has been a vital and enjoyable venue for a host of entertaining and challenging events. Many of you will remember the hilarious antics of bowlers during the 7 or 8 performances of White Faces, many of you thoroughly enjoyed the Pro Am carnivals and the highly successful Corporate/community bowls series that have been a prominent part of the annual bowl's calendar and of course many of you have enjoyed social bowls on Friday evenings and a variety of pennant competitions.

Roleystone boasts two magnificent greens - rated as good enough to host state bowling events - and a spectacular outlook. We also have a solid core of members who are wonderfully welcoming, hard working and always ready to instruct new bowlers. Throughout the year there are many fun events and competitions organised, from soup days, gala days, a variety of invitational and competitive events and social activities. This is a group that will extend your competitive urge and broaden your social horizons.

But - and there is always a "but" - we need members. Everyone is welcome and assured of a good time - if you have been at the club on the Wednesday evenings in February, you will appreciate what I am saying. You will see that our members are not all over 70 years old, there is room and need for younger people.

Why not come down to the club on a Friday evening or a Saturday afternoon and join in to our open events? We will provide the bowls and you can play barefoot or with flat soled shoes.

It is one of our abiding regrets that so many "Roleystonites" do not know the joys of belonging to a group of people dedicated to having fun - seriously. That so many do not know the sublime joy and thrill of sending down, on a manicured lawn, a perfect draw bowl. That so many do not know of or use the facilities of the Roleystone Country Club with its public bar, dining facilities, dance floor and entertainment.

Don't wait - act now. We need you!

We are alive and well and would welcome you when you come down to the club. Every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon - 1.00 pm for a 1.30 pm start.

All equipment and coaching will be provided.

Winter is a great time to get involved as it affords you an opportunity to learn some of the skills and finer points of this great game.

Any enquiries, please contact Gerry on 93975730 or Alison Brown on 94961191'

Why not come on down?
Gerry Chapman

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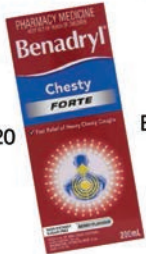
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GARDENING NOTES BY JEAN

As I sit here writing, the rain is gently persisting. This is the rain that soaks into the ground and actually wets the understory, soaking into the under-layers of the ground.

We often dig and find the ground is only wet in the very uppermost ground then bone-dry right down. If we plant into this the roots spread across the surface and weaken the plants structure so it is susceptible to strong winds and may blow over. Keep the plant above the ground level but unwind the roots gently and plant them deeper. A lot of the plants 'on special' are root-bound and need sorting out or splitting up to give them a chance to grow. It is better to cut off half the depth of roots and allow these to regrow as they are pretty useless and only good for anchorage.

When we visited John Coles Nursery we were given Lemon Grass which had grown through the pot and was about three foot high. This could have been cut back and divided into several plants but a nursery often has no time for re-potting so it is easier for them to get rid of it.

Giving it to a customer makes the nurseryman happy and the customer will remember the gesture more than they remember the plants they bought. Win/win. This time my car was mostly occupied by people not plants. I only purchased one Camellia: a lovely japonica 'Nuccio's Carousel'. This is one I admired several years ago and one of the ladies from the Camellia Society had a beautiful bush growing in the Bickley Valley.

Over the last two weeks, I have visited:

a range of nurseries, as well as dining at "HopsCotch" (formerly Miaflora).

Many of these nurseries are well established but some feel a little tired. We need to get out and support them, otherwise they will close down and the diversity of plants will be lost.

The family owned nurseries provide advice and helpful service. I think the large nurseries are no cheaper than the small ones and there is no-one who actually assists you in putting together your plant collection. By having the diversity, you can mix and match plants, check colour schemes and similar growing conditions.

Most of the purchases I made were chrysanthemums, and then when I got home I discovered the ones I had planted last year were in flower too. This time I went for a mauve selection, so now I have a good collection. The taller yellow ones came from the local garage on Brookton Highway.

This month saw some new faces at our gardening outing and we all had a good time. We swap information on how plants grow for us and even get inspired to try new things. Cherry, our selector for the open-garden scheme was able to come along this month and her knowledge of plants and plant placement is quite overwhelming. At least we were not walking around in the dark and she knew which plants warranted a place in the garden.

Seeing that we are having wet weather we have the time to put our feet up, relax and let the garden look after itself.

Good Gardening Jean

The Roleystone Garden Group

This month the Roleystone Garden Group will travel to Guildford to visit two garden centres. The first, not surprisingly named, the Guildford Garden Centre, 96 James Street (on the corner of Meadow Street), specializes in ornamental and fruiting trees, rare and unusual plants, and carries a wide range of local and interstate garden art.

The second, Poste, just a short distance away at 24 Stirling Street, is housed in the

old Guildford Post Office. A garden design centre, the premises displays rare plants and trees, a collection of antiques, pots and outdoor garden furniture.

We will meet to carpool in the cul-de-sac of Orana Way, Roleystone at 10.00 am on Thursday 19th June. Why not come and join us!

Lynn Matthews

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Join Our Bushwalkers

The hills are alive with the sound of walkers enjoying the wonderful winter bush. Our local Bushwalking Group has two walks planned for June. They are: Sunday 15th June, Railway Reserve Darlington, and Sunday 29th June, Hewett's Hill Mundaring. The walks begin at 7am to allow for the day's other activities and are about 10 - 12 km long. If you are interested in coming along, please phone Frank/Terry on 9397 5225 a/h.



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THEATRE NEWS

The Trip To Bountiful

This month at Roleystone Theatre, we opened our second production of the year - The Trip to Bountiful, directed by local (and life member) Kim Martin.

For once (not actually being involved in the show itself), I was able to take the opportunity to come see the production myself and I was not disappointed!

Performing to intimate audiences for the duration of the season, this production was a wonderful, moving and thought provoking tale about looking back at ones past and the decisions we face letting go as we move into the future.

It was also a wonderful look at the relationships within families 50 years ago as well as the relationships we form on every journey we take. Trish Bona and Simon O'Neil returned to our stage as mother and son for this amazing production and delivered outstanding performances. This show also welcome backed Linda Bickley and Kim Fletcher to our stage.

Rehearsals for our next production, The Great American Trailer Park Musical, directed by Lorna Mackie, are now in full swing. This production will be our first musical for the 2014 season and promises to be a highly entertaining one. With a funny script and amazing score, the cast were bringing all the characters to life (and for three of



the cast members - that is as many four each!) on their very first read through. This production is aimed at an older audience and does contain strong adult themes and language.

Opening on the 18th of July, we hope to see you there! To book tickets please head to our website - www.roleystonetheatre.com.au or call 9397 5730.

As always, we welcome any and all new members and look forward to seeing you next time at the theatre!

Kathryn Ramsell

Pictured above and below: Trish Bona playing Mrs Watts and her son Ludie played by Simon O'Neil.

Bottom left: Sarah Shipcott. Bottom left: Linda Bickley, Trish Bona and Kim Fletcher.



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MID WEEK LEAGUE:

This is held on Wednesday nights from 7pm. Thanks to Catherine and Claire, our Mid-Week League is going really well and the first season will come to a finish on 4th June. We have 20 very keen players who have enjoyed some great matches. We also have 16 players who are happy to be reserves when needed. Sign up sheets for the next season are in the Clubhouse.

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT:

On Sunday 18th May, we held our Annual Autumn Tournament. We had 12 players participate and we enjoyed five rounds of tennis and then had lunch and presentations. Our dual winners for the day were: Nick Fairweather and Tracey Backhouse. We were lucky with the weather again as the rain held off until we had finished all our games. Many thanks to everyone who put their names down to play. Without competitors our events wouldn't be able to be held. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and will join in again next year.

COMING EVENTS

Xmas in July

We will be holding our Annual Xmas in July Dinner with a tennis afternoon for our friends from Augusta. This will be held on Saturday 5th July with Tennis from 3pm. The cost for our catered Roast Dinner will be \$30 a head.

We will have a quiz and games on the night, so please join us for a fun evening. Our numbers are limited to 55 so please put your name down early. Sign-up sheets are in the Clubhouse.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 4th August 2014 commencing at 2pm.

Roley Roamers

Walking is a great way to get fit and stay active, but it can be hard to get motivated to walk by yourself. Join the Roley Roamers if you're a women of any age who enjoys walking and wants the support of other women who share your fitness goals. We'll explore the beautiful walks that Roleystone has to offer at a comfortable pace. Whether you've been walking forever or are looking to start a new routine, all women are welcome in this group!

DAY: Every Monday

TIME: 8.00am-9.00am

COST: FREE

WHERE: Meet in the Roleystone Recreation Centre Car Park

CONTACT: Pam Bailey, 0409 989 260, bayls@aapt.net.au

Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup News

Roleystone playgroup needs your enrolments. We gather at the Roleystone Family Centre every morning for two hours where children have fun playing and creating. We have a wonderful outdoor playground and many toys for your children to play with. Come down to the Playgroup and let your children enjoy themselves whilst

you watch them have fun.

Playgroup also hire toys out to groups who hire a room at the Family Centre for an event, for a very reasonable price. These toys are for ages 0-5 years old.

For playgroup enquiries contact our President Kerry at kerry.s.davis@gmail.com or on 0439 914 011 or our Registrar Marie at rpgregistrar@gmail.com or on 0404 996 670. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Roleystone Country Club News

Once again May has been a very busy month at the Club with some amazing functions, including the well-attended 'Hot Rods and Harleys' Day when a large number of people turned up to view some fantastic machines and enjoyed a sausage sizzle and quiet beverage as well. My thanks to all those people who brought their beautiful motor vehicles and bikes to the Club for members and guests to enjoy. It was a special day to see some of the beautifully restored cars of yesteryear.

During May we also held the ever popular Italian Night, and my thanks go to our popular member Rocky Saffioti who was responsible for the excellent food which Members and guests enjoyed on the night, whilst dancing to the great sounds of "Sorrento Moon". The large numbers of people who attended had a wonderful evening.

Our new Caterers open their new Menu on Thursday 5th June in the "Windows on Wygonda Restaurant". Meals will be served from 6pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturday and Sunday lunch to start with. More information re our opening times will be on our Website and our Facebook pages.

Our new caterers are Chatford Creations and is headed up by Gavin Chater as Head Chef. Gavin has worked with some of the best Australian and International Chefs including Neil Perry from Rockpool for the last 3 years, Alain Fabregues from the Loose Box, Catherine Adams, Heston Blumenthal, Guillaume Brahimi and Thomas Keller. Gavin describes his cooking style as: "to cook light, fresh produce with full flavours creating artistic dishes that are full of colour and texture".

Our AGM will be held on Sunday the 29th June at 11.30 am and I would like to remind all members to put this time and date in their diary. It is important that we have a large number of members attend this day



to discuss those important issues that we need to consider to ensure the Club continues to go from strength to strength.

On a sad note, one of our Life Members Rob Van Uden's wife Peta, recently passed away. We would like to extend our sincere sympathies to Robbie and his family over the loss of Peta.

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

I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Michael Hansen
President



New Caterers

At Windows on Wygonda



Gavin Chater

My exposure to food & textures was as a child with my grandmother, who has been the best cook I have ever met in my life.

My culinary life started about 20 years ago, when I moved to Australia to further my career, I had the opportunity to qualify after 4 long hard apprenticeship years in a 3 chef hat restaurant The Loose Box one of the toughest kitchens in Australia. Cooking there taught me anything was possible.

Throughout my career it has been a privilege to learn/train and cook alongside some of the most talented chefs in the world such as, Neil Perry, Alain Fabregues, and pastry legends Catherine Adams and Emmanuelle Molloy.

The highlight of my career this far has been, Head Pastry chef at the Rockpool Bar and Grill by Neil Perry in Perth for the last three years. I've represented Rockpool in Dubai for the Qantas and Emirates merger where my desert highlighted the evening of 700 guests.

October 2013 I was honoured to work alongside the industries greatest chefs with the likes of Thomas Keller, Grant Achatz, and Ben Shewry, where I got the chance to plate a dessert for the ultimate Dinner a charity for Starlight Foundation.

My Cooking Style is to cook light, fresh produce with full flavours. I love sharing my passion for creating artistic dishes that are full of colour and texture with my guests.



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INVITATION TO FAMILIES TO JOIN US

Our next field day will be in Hall Road Bushland Reserve on Sunday 8th June starting at 9.00am and finishing at noon. Please join us to plant seedlings in the south end of this reserve. We will be revegetating the south end of this reserve between Michael Road and Norman Road. The meeting place will be in Lund Court, Roleystone. (Lund Court comes off Norman Road)

We will plant in the rain so bring your raincoats. Morning tea is provided and everyone is welcome.

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

PLANT SALE

Our plant sale will be early in June. (Probably Sat 14th) I can't confirm the date or place so watch our notice board and the website. *(Janice is pictured selling to Jeff at a previous stall)*

SNOTTYGOBBLE FRUIT WANTED

Do you have Snottygobbles (Persoonias) in your backyard and they have fruit on them that you do not want? *See Persoonias below.* Roleybushcare would like the fruit so that we can grow seedlings for our local Reserves. Please give Ian a ring on 0427 800732.



WICKED WOMEN ADVENTURES

Share the spirit of discovering something new with like-minded women by joining the Wicked Women Adventures. Each month we go on a new journey to try an activity you may never have tried before or may not have attempted for some time. This is your opportunity to discover new places, enjoy yourself in a safe, supportive and fun environment, try something different and meet some fabulous new friends.

DAY: Fridays

DATES: 6th June

WHERE: Locations and activities change monthly

COST: Cost will vary depending on activity.

BUS: Participants can meet at Woman's Health and Well Being Service in Gosnells to access our shuttle bus service to the location of each activity. This is strictly limited to 10 people and bookings are essential. The cost for the bus is \$10 per person. Please see our website www.whws.org.au for more information and upcoming adventures!

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Talks, bushwalks, plantings and camping are just some of the activities members can join in on. 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.

Feel free to attend one of our meetings. The Armadale Branch has monthly meetings and talks on the 2nd 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)
Roger Harington

*Pictured above right: Fringed Lily
 At right: Cats Paw*

Last month the Roleystone/Karragullen Seniors hosted a talk by the well known naturalist Mr Eric McCrum O.A.M. on Wednesday 14th May 2014.

The talk was preceded by a snack lunch at 12.30pm and over 40 members and guests attended.

Eric's talk was very interesting and covered the birds of Australia and their habitats. He also explained how some of our country towns got their names from the birds that were found there.

This was of great interest to those who came along.

The talk finished at approximately 3.00pm and was enjoyed by all.

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Every Thursday	Yoga	9.30 am	\$10/\$12
Friday	Bowls	1.00pm	
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ROLEYBUSHCARE SAY THANKYOU

Once again Roleybushcare volunteers were given a wonderful luncheon to say 'thank you' for the wonderful effort they put into looking after our local bushland. This year the celebration was held on Sunday May 25th at the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre.

The RBC volunteers gave many hours of devoted service with over 70 volunteers giving over 2000 hours of voluntary service.

Well done to you all.

Pictured above: Henry Williams and Yvonne Ward from the 2013 celebration.

Bendigo Bank

WELCOME HELEN

The new face in the Bendigo Bank in Roleystone is Helen Gissing. Helen is a local Karragullen lass and has fitted in very well:

'I am really enjoying it here. The staff are so supportive, the customers have been so welcoming and this is such a beautiful place to work,' said Helen.

So please come in and say 'Hello to Helen' soon.



Karragullen To Host The First Australian Avocado Festival

Attention all Roleystone Courier Readers

The Hills Orchard Improvement Group are excited to announce the launch of Australia's first avocado festival at the 2014 Karragullen Expo. This promises to be an exciting event and really put our little part of the world on the map. Congratulations to the organisers for achieving this coup. So come spring time it will be time to think about everything green from avocado recipes to artwork. Celebrity chef Vince Garreffa from [Mondo Butchers - Mondo Di Carne](#) (World of Meat) will also be joining us on the day to create healthy avocado inspired recipes. Plus there will be a variety of fun activities and giveaways for everyone to enjoy at this year's Karragullen Expo on Saturday 11th of October.

Organisers are already inviting potential stall holders to make contact and book a stall. See you there!



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Burning Off

It's that great time of the year to get out and clean the back yard after a long hot summer.

Some people are going to decide to burn off their leaves and sticks.

A permit is required between 1 April and 31 May 2014.

Permits can be obtained from Ranger Services at the City of Armadale's Administration Centre, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's between the hours of 3pm and 4pm. The permits are issued for a maximum of 3 consecutive days and are not issued to properties under 1200sqm in size.

There is no charge for obtaining a Burning Permit, however burning without a permit is an offence under the Bush Fires Act and carries a penalty of \$500. As can be seen on the variable message boards on Brookton Highway, burning of any type is not permitted, including incinerators on Sundays and Public holidays.

The Urban Forest Strategy

The Urban Forest Strategy was adopted at the 12 May Council Meeting. The final document was quite different to the draft after many interested parties and community members provided feedback, especially in relation to bushfires.

The Urban Forest Strategy is not a Bushfire Management Plan and recommends a city-wide plan be prepared to address those regions historically considered bushfire prone.

The Urban Forest Strategy does consider 'firewise' landscape planning including recognising WA's latest state bushfire guidelines recommending appropriate planting within building protection zones and hazard



Cr Grant Nixon
0418449611



Cr Caroline Wielinga
0488 900 307

separation zones.

One of the areas that bothers me around the City is the building of car parks without including adequate shade. There are always conflicts between trying to maximise the size of the building to what is required for car park bays. It is at this time that the designing of adequate shade for the people using the car park should be allowed for.

There are many new techniques for achieving these shade goals without losing the required bays. Some of these new techniques are by using GeoCells filled with good soil under the compacted road base, allowing the trees to reach the desired shade canopy. This is something I will be pursuing as a follow on to the Urban Forest Strategy.

The Garden Crew

Over the next few weeks the gardening crew from the City will be installing paths, planting gardens, mulching and generally finishing off some of the small jobs around the skate park. They have already done some re-graveling in the car park and some minor work on the skate park and now with the rain falling it is a perfect time for them (and us) to start planting.

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Courier Deadline Dates

JULY	25 June	5 July
AUGUST	23 July	2 August
SEPTEMBER	27 August	6 September
OCTOBER	24 September	4 October
NOVEMBER	22 October	1 November
DECEMBER	26 November	6 December
JANUARY	no publication	
FEBRUARY	21 January	30 January
MARCH	18 February	27 February
APRIL	25 March	3 April

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Lovely Rainfall This Month but Look What's Happening to our May averages....

May Weather

Weather Statistics David Elliott:
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May Rainfall

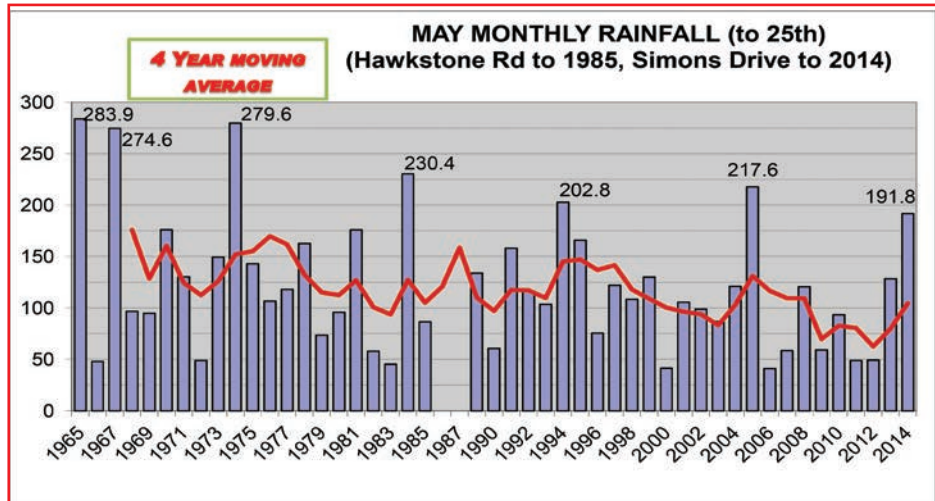
Year	mm	# days
2005	217.6	12
2006	41.0	9
2007	58.4	12
2008	120.6	15
2009	59.2	4
2010	93.2	8
2011	48.8	6
2012	49.2	10
2013	128.4	10
2014	181.8	17

Yearly Rainfall Average

May average 135.0 on 12 days
Total Jan 1 to May 25 250.0 on 29 days
Average Jan 1 to May 31 237.7 on 30 days

Temperatures

Lowest Min 3.9 (2nd)
Highest Min 13.6 (21st)
Lowest Max 15.6 (24th)
Highest Max 22.0 (3rd)



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Hills Orchard Improvement Group (David)	92937132
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Roleystone Women's Hockey Club	9397 5939 or 9398 7426
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Barry 9397 6600
St Christopher's Anglican Church	9293 8273

Take Part in World No Tobacco Day

Every year World No Tobacco Day is observed on May 31. This initiative aims to raise awareness of the health risks associated with tobacco use and to advocate for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption.

The City of Armadale supports smoke free environments and reducing the negative impacts of tobacco in the community.

Mayor Henry Zelones said smoking is recognised as the largest single preventable cause of death and disease in Australia.

"As a former smoker that was able to eventually quit a 20 year addiction, I am fully aware that smoking not only negatively impacts on the health of the individual smoker, but exposes those around them to the dangers of second-hand smoke.

"Having personally lost four family members to smoking related diseases, I understand only too well that smoking, and even second-hand smoke, can cause serious cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, including coronary heart

disease and lung cancer.

"There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke. Breathing even a little second-hand smoke can be harmful to a person's health.

"A smoke free environment is the only way to fully protect non-smokers from the dangers of second-hand smoke," said Mayor Zelones.

Armadale Health Service will be the first to utilise this opportunity as part of their World No Tobacco Day activities, and in support of their smoke free policy.

Staff, patients, visitors, contractors and volunteers are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the Armadale Health Service's grounds, including the walkways, car parks or in vehicles.

The City of Armadale praises their commitment to providing a healthy, safe and smoke free environment to the Armadale community.

To utilise this smoke free signage or for more information on smoke free environments, please contact the City of Armadale on 9399 0111 or visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au

Be Part of StreamCare

Since its inception in 2002, the City of Armadale Streamcare Project has helped hundreds of landowners take care of their local riverside environment.

The aim of the program is to revitalise local streams and improve the habitat for native fish and wildlife through the planting of native flora and careful use of weed control, fertilisers and pesticides by landowners.

Mayor Henry Zelones said some landowners are unaware that there is even a stream running through their property, as some streams only flow for a few months a year.

"The best way of caring for these waterways is by educating the residents, to ensure local

natural habitats are protected and also improving the quality of waterways for everyone.

"The success of the program means the waterways in the area are protected for future generations.

"Improving the water quality here means we are contributing towards a significant difference to the waterways of the metropolitan area as these streams flow into the Wungong, Southern, Canning and ultimately the Swan River.

"The City's Streamcare Promoter provides landowners with technical advice on the management of their land and waterways, and provides technical advice on weed control, pesticides, property planning and revegetation.

"Some landowners may also be eligible for free native plants through the program, to revegetate their waterway and create a healthier environment," said Mayor Zelones.

Landowners who have a stream or creek on their property are invited to participate in the program, and can contact the City's Streamcare Promoter on 0409 116 985 or via email on Streamcare@bigpond.com.

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GALA PUPS FIELD DAY

Springdale Park will be the venue for 45 Pups teams from the South Fremantle District for a Field Day, kicking off on Saturday 7 June.

This is an important event for the Club, so everyone is invited to come and watch and help our Pups parents showcase our Club.

There will be hundreds of families travelling to Springdale Park, so there will be lots of jobs to help with – from manning the barbeque, general clean-up, checking toilets, and helping with set up and pack away. Parents from all teams are encouraged to come along.

Any enquiries regarding the Field Day contact President Adam Hancock on 0429 353 019 or Club Secretary Natalie Hale on 0410 618 723.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Roll Up Roll Up for the RJFCs Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings in Armadale on August 23 and 24.

If anyone can volunteer to cook some snags, fry up the onions and slap the 'dog' together, or help out in other ways, please contact our hardworking fundraiser, Shelley Graham on 0402 078 711.

There will be loads to do, so please don't hesitate to put up your hand.

This is one of the Clubs many fundraisers for the Season so please support us by spreading the word and heading to Bunnings that weekend.

All proceeds go to your kids at Mighty RJFC.

Vicki Sallur

Words with Wine

Linda Bettenay



The gruesome 1928 murder and attack on a family. A modern quest for information about the WW1 plane crash death of a Grandfather. The love of a soldier in the trenches for his girl back home. An 85 year old secret.

These threads come together in "Secrets Mothers Keep", the debut novel of Linda J Bettenay (Moore). The story is based on historical fact and set in Gallipoli, Fremantle, Egypt, Leeds and the small wheat-belt town of Wubin.

Roleystone Theatre actors Bree Hartley & Michael Forman join Linda to read excerpts from the novel as guitarist Kim Bettenay plays music composed for the event.



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Astro Highlights June Greg Lowe, Perth Observatory

June the 1st, officially the first day of winter in Australia, is with us again. For years I've been muttering about starting the seasons at the solstices and the equinoxes, in the old-fashioned way. It would boost the recognition of astronomy and astronomers in the community; but nobody else cares, so I'll let it be. Suffice it to say that the winter solstice will occur on the 21st: the time of shortest days, with the day length being 10 hours and 3 minutes for Perth. That's the time from sunrise to sunset. Approximately 10 hours of "day" and 14 hours of "night", if we count the twilight times as part of the night. In high summer it's the other way around.

Jupiter's run as the dominant evening planet will draw to a close at the end of June. The giant planet is still the brightest starlike object in the early evenings. It's located in the north-western sky at dusk and is setting in the WNW at about 8pm in early June, then some 3 or 4 minutes earlier from each night to the next. By mid-month it's setting around 7:15pm. At the end of the month it'll be low in the WNW at dusk, poised to disappear into the glare of the Sun. Watch for the pleasing sight of the crescent moon near Jupiter on the 1st and the 29th.

Mars, now visibly less bright than it was a month ago, is still easy to spot by virtue of its orange colour. You'll find it high up in the north-eastern sky at dusk early in the month, when it'll reach culmination (highest altitude) very high in the north around 8:15pm and will go down in the west at about 2:15am. As the weeks pass, Mars will be found higher and further to the west (left) at nightfall. The time of culmination or "meridian transit" will be about 3 minutes earlier day by day, hence

7:30pm mid-month and 6:50pm at the end of the month. Similarly with the setting times: around 1:30am in mid-June and 1am by month's end. The Moon will be just to the east (left) of Mars at nightfall on the 8th. While it doesn't recommend itself to the unaided eye, Saturn is sure to knock your socks off if you see it through a decent telescope. In early June Saturn's well up in the east at dusk, passes high overhead around 10:45pm, and goes down in the WSW at about 5am. By mid-month it's higher in the eastern sky at dusk, culminating at about 9:40pm and setting around 4am. At month's end Saturn begins the night high in the ENE, culminates 'way up overhead around 8:45pm and goes down at about 3am.

Venus is a grand sight as the brilliant "morning star" standing out in the ENE before dawn. Its rising time is getting later by about 2 minutes per day: around 4:15am at the start of the month, 4:40 mid-month, and 5:10 in late June. It'll still be visible, though not as nicely – steadily losing altitude – for the next couple of months. Watch for Venus with the waning crescent moon nearby, at daybreak on the morning of the 25th.

The Moon begins the month in waxing crescent phase: crescent moon in the western sky at dusk. Remember the rule of thumb: if you can see the Moon at nightfall, it's waxing. Up until full moon, that is. The major phases this month are first quarter on the 6th, full moon on the 13th (Friday the 13th!), last quarter on the 20th, and new moon on the 27th. In the last couple of days of June, the waxing crescent moon should again be visible low in the western sky at dusk.

The City of Armadale Shows Excellent Support for the Environment

Over the past years, the City of Armadale has really made a strong commitment to the management of our natural environment. In recent Council recommendations they have agreed to an additional environmental officer to continue the implementation of the State of the Environment Report and to increase the funding for the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group.

This will mean 3.4 environmental officers, plus ongoing support for the two Armadale Gosnells Landcare officers in addition to the 3 person bushcare management team.

As a long term environmental volunteer, I have a letter we wrote in 1997 to the then Mayor Roger Stubbs requesting that Council consider employing an environmental

officer. We had made this same request over the previous 5 years. We were not successful on that occasion but two years later, in 1999, Council finally employed our first Environmental Officer the late Ron van Delft. Ron was an amazing environmental trail blazer for our community and Council. It has been a long journey but it is very rewarding to see the commitment we have been asking for rolling out over the years to assist in the management of the outstanding natural environment that we have all around us.

Our magnificent natural environment that, I believe, should be the key selling point for the City of Armadale.

Pat Hart

Armada Council Warns Dog Owners to be Vigilant When Walking Their Dogs

Reports last month of dogs dying from poisoning now seem to be linked to a single private property, rather than a public open space.

In April the City's Rangers Services received reports that several dogs had died, as a result of suspected poisoning in the area of Rushton Park, Kelmscott.

Further recent cases of dogs suffering from what appear to be effects of poisoning have now highlighted a single property in Mt Nasura as the common link to all of the suspected poisoning cases.

Chief Executive Officer Ray Tame said that as a precautionary measure the City acted swiftly to advise residents to be vigilant when walking dogs in the area of Rushton Park, due to the speculation that baiting may have been involved.

"The City's Rangers undertook thorough searches of the reserve and its surrounds on several occasions and were unable to identify anything suspicious.

"Ongoing investigations by Ranger Services have found no evidence to support the speculation of dogs having

being poisoned at Rushton Park, or any other public open space within the City of Armadale.

"Unfortunately two more dogs have recently died under suspicious circumstances, and the common denominator is that they all resided at, or visited, a private property in the Mt Nasura area.

"Last week local vets sent off samples for toxicology tests and are waiting on the results to determine if poison was involved, and if so what type, so the property owner can act on the results to remove any poisonous substance.

"The RSPCA are continuing to look into the matter, in consultation with local vets and the property owner," said Chief Executive Officer Ray Tame.

Whilst at this time there isn't concrete evidence to pinpoint a specific location, the City urges owners to be vigilant when exercising their dogs in open space areas, and report any suspicious behaviour or substance to Ranger Services on 93990111 or 1300 886 885.



Wild Gossip

Syl Cooper
9397 6184,
0417972930

The cooler weather is starting to bring back roof invaders looking for a warm, dry place to spend winter. My phone is ringing with enquiries as to what might be in the roof and people wanting me to go to investigate and remove whatever it is. Unfortunately I don't climb ladders or go investigating roof spaces so the problem remains yours and all I can do is offer advice.

If the noise occurs at dawn and dusk then it is most likely a possum, but if it continues day and night then it is likely to be rats.

The quickest way to decide what is living in your roof is to go up and investigate any droppings. Possum droppings are much bigger and fatter than rat droppings.

If you have a possum, the first thing to do is to find and secure all possible entry and exit points. Wait, watch and listen for the possum to leave

and then secure that remaining entry / exit point.

This can be harder than it first appears as possums are very cunning creatures. The one living in our roof pulls the gutter away from the roof and enters through the gap - a very noisy process both on entry and exit.

One morning my husband waited outside with a broom to ward off the entering visitor but it stood its ground on the roof and fought back for quite some time before running off. The following day it was back in the roof and continues to come and go as it pleases.

You can set a live catcher to trap the possum but if you take it off and dump it in the bush it will have no shelter and not know where to find food or water and is certain to die. The best solution is to buy or make a possum box, put it up a tree in your garden and make it nice and cosy with some straw or bedding inside and a feed platform on the outside on which you place food - then catch the possum put it in the box and hope it stays there!

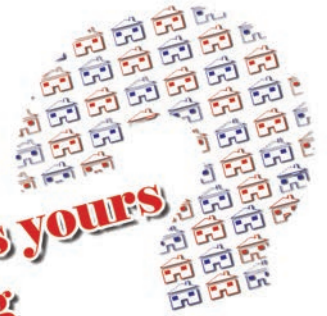
You must be sure to completely secure your roof or all you will have done is left a warm, cosy, possum smelling roof just waiting for another visitor to move in.

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Roleystone Community Garden



Roleystone Community Garden's next community market is on Sunday 15 May 2014 from 10:00am to be held at Cross Park.

Aside from the usual market and food stalls, the RCG will be having information sessions by various experts with gardening, horticulture and environmental experience at the ready to answer your questions. At the time of publication, Chris Oliver and the Organic Garden Growers have confirmed their attendance. However we are hopeful that Roleystone Bush Care and the Hills Orchard Improvement Group will confirm their attendance.

THE RCG is hosting a Neighbourhood Watch Street party on Sunday 29 June 2014 from 2:00PM at the garden in Robin Road. If you have recently moved to Roleystone and would like us to invite your street, so you can get to know your neighbours, please let me know. Invitations can be arranged. Further information can be sourced from our tent at the community market day. All are welcomed to register their interest to attending as this will be a catered event.

Last month we were delighted to welcome along the girls brigade, who have leased a bed. The girls don't mind getting their hands dirty and are enjoying learning about agriculture. Thank you to the parents who are also coming along each Sunday.

Harvest times at the garden are changing. We are now meeting at the garden each Sunday from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. Come along for a cuppa tea and a chat; not forgetting that our resident horticulturist is always on hand dispensing his knowledge.

Hope to catch up with you at the markets.

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Pictured above right: Pam, Peggy and Wendy working on a new banner.

At right: Chris and Wayne in the garden.



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