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PETER PAN GOES TO ARMADALE HOSPITAL

On Friday the 18th of July, The Armadale Health Service Children's Ward received a special visit from Captain Hook and Peter Pan. Brad Towton and Celeste Underwood from the Roleystone Theatre donned their costumes when they visited. (Brad and Celeste played these characters in last year's production of 'Peter Pan'.) The Roleystone Theatre chose to donate all of the royalties raised from this production to our local hospital. The Hospital greatly appreciated the donation and Celeste and Brad enjoyed themselves immensely too. Well done Roleystone Theatre.

August Cover

For our August Cover we celebrate when 'Old Meets New' and we welcome the Harris Family to the Community of Roleystone.

This family of 5 recently moved from a busy part of the City to a little place of heaven. Only 4 weeks in their new home and they have made lots of friends.

Local Photographer Marit Dew of Pink Umbrella Photography took some family photos down in Stocker Road on a property that is truly Old Roleystone. This property has been in the Stocker family for generations. Mark and Trisha with Kane, Jai and Aaylah came together to celebrate their new place in Roleystone's bush.

Bendigo Bank Starlight Foundation Fundraiser

On Tuesday 1st July, the staff at the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank Branch held a dinner to raise funds for the Starlight Children's Foundation Australia, in conjunction with MasterChef. A large number of locals came along to support this good cause. It was a very successful night and we raised a grand total of \$2500.

Thank you to all who attended the event, the businesses who kindly supported us, and the great staff volunteers from Roley's on the Ridge and Views 101 Restaurants.

Pictured: The Brace Family below and at left The Bendigo Bank Table Centrepiece.

Wendy Scott



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We have some great new stalls and many old favourites and as before we will be striving to ensure we maintain our goal of variety, quality and locally made.



Above: Phil Akhed is getting very excited about the Spring Markets.

As we get closer to the date we will be letting the folk of Roleystone know what exciting additions we will be showcasing at our Spring Market but you can also check out our progress via our FB page.

See you in the Spring!

Go Along to the Great American Trailer Park Musical

Despite living in Roleystone for nearly 7 years, I have only JUST gone to a show for the first time at The Roleystone Theatre. And I am somewhat regretful that I hadn't discovered this amazing little gem for myself much sooner! The Great American Trailer Park Musical is a fantastic show; funny and witty with great acting and singing.

There's something really special about live

theatre, and combined with the quaintness of the Roley Theatre, it was just a fabulous night out. Tickets are only \$25 and that includes a complimentary drink! I will certainly be using this wonderful venue as much as I can; it is not expensive, it is close and it's quality entertainment. Gosh I love Roleystone!

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Let Denson and Claire Know About Your 'Magic View' of Roleystone In Winter

Local Film Maker Claire McCarthy and Cinematographer Denson Baker are working on a special project while they are waiting until their next film is ready. They want to make the most of the moody winter weather which is occurring at the moment.
 So here is a call to readers of the Roleystone Courier - can they come and shoot some footage from your view? Claire and Denson have been getting up early most mornings to photograph misty, foggy mornings but have been limited to views they can find and access.

So if you have an amazing view of the hills, valleys and creeks around Roleystone, Karragullen or Bedforddale why don't you make contact with them. You need to take some shots and send the photos of your views, then let them come around with a cinema camera and shoot those views for use in the movie.
 If you are interested, you can contact Denson densonbakeracs@gmail.com and your view could become immortalised.

What's On At Your Local Library

The City of Armadale Libraries hold regular storytime sessions, suitable for children aged two to five years. Storytime fosters a love of reading, stimulates the imagination and encourages social interaction with other children. During the sessions the children will hear stories, sing songs, learn nursery rhymes and can also enjoy a craft activity afterwards. This is also a great time to choose some items to borrow such as books, puppets, DVDs, discovery packs, story boxes or chatterbooks for the children to take home and enjoy. These storytime sessions will help your child learn pre-literacy skills. A Saturday storytime session is also available at the Armadale Library on the

first Saturday of every month. These sessions are the perfect opportunity for working Mums and Dads, or grandparents, to spend some quality time with the child in their life. These sessions are free and bookings are not required, just come and join us at your local library, from 10.30 - 11am.

- Kelmscott Library - Monday
- Armadale Library - Tuesday
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Editorial AUGUST 2014

When I sat down to start the August Courier I thought it was going to be a small one. It is winter right? No-one does much in winter right? Well how wrong I was! The articles flowed in and I am once again amazed at what is happening within our community. Here are just a few examples:

Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant is planning to be very busy in August: celebrating Erhard's birthday with a free to the public, Jazz session. Plus two local artists have their exhibitions: Tammy Stowe's is on currently and Stephanie Boyle's is coming up in late August.

There is a lot of benevolent activity going on across town at present. A group of enthusiastic people from our Bendigo Bank ran a dinner at Roleys on The Ridge, collecting money for the Starlight Foundation. With the support of local businesses and those who attended, they raised \$2 500!

Our Roleystone Theatre is currently putting on 'The Great American Trailer Park Musical' AND they made a decision to donate the royalties from last year's Peter Pan performance to the Children's Ward at the Armadale Hospital.

A group from the Roleystone Community Church have just returned from the Philippines and Joe Attwater has written a moving piece to document their journey (see the centre pages).

This group was aiming to help the people devastated by a fierce tropical cyclone which annihilated many local communities. It was also obvious they had a fabulous time. 'Christianity in action' - well done to all who went along.

And back in Roleystone another group from the Community Church ran the Holiday Club Activities for children.

Our local Libraries too have been busy with a range of holiday activities and now they are planning activities for: mums with toddlers teaching relaxation techniques, story time sessions for children and loads of activities for seniors.

Plus our City has instigated free Wifi in the Jull St Mall and they are gearing up for the annual Kilt Run. Very timely with everyone thinking about 'all things Scottish' with the Commonwealth Games on

all of our minds.

We are all being reminded that Spring is coming soon and then our community really hots up.

Of course the tulips will be out this month and with the biggest ever planting, this is a must visit for everyone. (It is a great time to bring friends in from afar and really show others what 'our little place in the hills' has to offer.)

And we have to mention that the Spring Markets Committee is planning for a bigger and even better event, on the 21st September, so make sure you keep this free.

We have lots happening across our town. I hope you make certain that you are part of it.

Henk Vogels has decided to retire; and may I say I hope he has a wonderful time but I was sad to see The Courier lose Vogels Plumming Services as an advertiser. Henk and Mary were the last of 'the original advertisers'.

Still, it gave me an opportunity to go back to 1977 and see what Roleystone was like then (see page 10).

It just shows - some things change and some things are just the same!!!!!! And of course it is all here in your Roleystone Courier.

Happy Reading
Linda Moore

PS For all of those who have been kind enough to ask: 'Wishes For Starlight', Book Two in the 'Secrets Series', is finished (yippee)! It will be out on the 1st November.



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It is winter and Roleystone residents are being encouraged to check their back yards to reduce fuel loads. If this grasstree catches alight in summer it will explode.

Check out your regulations for the safe burning of your grasstrees; burning them will keep them alive and could save your home and keep you alive in bushfire season.



Whose Time Is It?

Over the last six months we have been doing a spot of renovating and a number of tradesmen have been employed. While we can do some of the grunt work we need to employ the qualified people for many of the more complex tasks. Now anyone who has built or renovated knows that the amount you think it is going to cost and the amount it ends up costing is often widely different. One aspect that does concern me though is when a tradesman charges by the hour and the time we are billed was not spent on our job. Too often I have noticed they are on the phone. Now if this communication was essential for our job (ie accessing materials etc) I wouldn't mind but I suspect that it is often teeing up the next job. So when a Tradesman is at my place and I am being charged by the hour **this is my time**. I should have the right to ask them to turn their phone off. Only reasonable I say.

Name and address withheld by request

In Response to Angry Tirade

In response to "Angry Tirade":

Did it ever occur to you that maybe if you were going to do a burn off on your new property the neighbourly thing for you to have done (seeing as you were about to contaminate their environment with your toxic smoke) was to at least warn everyone so they could close their windows and doors or bring their washing inside?

Maybe something along the lines of your quote "Hi I'm your new neighbour from down the road" I am going to be doing a burn off today, hope the smoke doesn't worry you too much.



Searching For Albert Hood

I came across the Roleystone Courier whilst researching my family history and hope you may be able to assist me in my quest.

I am looking to find Albert F. Hood who would now be approx 86 years old. Albert placed an ad in the Melbourne Age in 1979 seeking family members of WILLIAM HOOD from Victoria. I cannot find a phone listing for Albert formerly from 5 Palm Road - the address he gave, and the numbers I have called are not relatives.

Can any of your readers please let me know if Albert is still alive? Perhaps he is residing somewhere else (maybe a nursing home)?

As I have a close link to Emily Hood would love to make contact. Any information would be very welcome.

You can ring me on 03) 9383 6543 Mob: 0407 043 630 or Email: raracoburg@live.com.au Thank you.

*Moira Vosper
Victoria*

Having a permit is one thing, but just going ahead with no consideration for your new neighbours is just asking for trouble. Smoke is a health hazard and can make some people quite sick. It's bad enough we have people who refuse to operate their wood burning heaters correctly either because they are stupid, lazy or just DON'T CARE.

We live in a "DON'T CARE" society.

May I also say to Jean (gardening notes) I have the family of wrens come to visit quite often and they are a delight. We have a WILDLIFE FRIENDLY property with possums, (see one pictured left) bandicoots, lizards etc. They are all welcome.

We get few cats unlike poor Syl (wild gossip) who has a cat problem on her property. Why do you have a cat if you "DON'T CARE" where it is? If the Armadale Council ever plucked up the courage to ban cat ownership in places like Roleystone, I would be the first to say "I DON'T CARE."

Lorraine Wallis

A MESSAGE

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Darren is a real success story. He has not let illness dampen his quest for life and success.

'This book outlines a little of my story and my principles of resilience which have helped me get through it all; it's designed as a platform for my public speaking, workshop work and executive coaching,' said Darren.

This is Darren's personal story and deals with his life struggling with multiple diseases and disorders and his ability to work through them to lead a normal and happy life. It is available on line as an ebook or interested readers can wait until it becomes available as a book version after the 31st July.

Darren is planning to write three books. He is currently working on a full biography with a complete history of Haemophilia, HIV and Hepatitis C in Australia which he hopes will be available next year.

Here is the back page blurb for his latest book:

'From time immemorial, people have overcome seemingly impossible odds—whether recovering from a near-fatal illness or facing up to the demands of an ever-changing, competitive market place. Success, both in life and business, calls on us to dig deep, to master and manage our resources wisely. Success also demands that we never give up; and those who succeed do so because they have learned how to bounce back from the brink—they have learned the lessons of resilience.

While my story is intended to inspire others who struggle, or have struggled, with a life-threatening



disease, it has a larger purpose: to inspire anyone who desires to succeed—in whatever aspect of life they commit to. Naturally, this includes entrepreneurs and business leaders, as well as anyone who has looked into the dark eyes of the Grim Reaper. As the title says, this is a book about bouncing back from the edge of death—both literally and metaphorically.'

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Are You Switched On?

Low income households urged to take part in electricity trial.

The City of Armadale, City of Gosnells and Shire of Serpentine/Jarrahdale are urging low income households to register for the ground-breaking Switched on Homes electricity trial commencing in 2015.

The program is the first in Western Australia to monitor energy use in low income households in real time. Results from the study will be used by the Councils to provide feedback to the Government on the electricity needs of Western Australian households at a time when electricity charges have spiked with yet another increase of 4.5 per cent per unit from 1 July 2014.

The trial requires participants to complete a telephone survey in 2014, receive one text message per week in 2015, and then complete another telephone survey in 2016. A qualified electrician will fit participating homes with a metering device that gives electricity feedback during the trial.

Eligible volunteers must live in the City of Armadale, City of Gosnells or Shire of Serpentine/Jarrahdale, have a mobile phone that can receive SMS messages, have a household income less than \$51,000 a year and have lived in their current house since January 2014.

The City of Armadale, City of Gosnells and Shire of Serpentine/Jarrahdale are urging residents to sign up for this trial before September. Eligible participants will receive \$150 of Woolworths vouchers for their efforts.

The trial is provided at no cost to participants through project partners and the Low Income Energy Efficiency Program.

Homes connected to three phase power or public housing homes are unable to take part in this trial.

To find out more information or volunteer for the trial, contact the Switched on Homes Program Coordinator on 9397 3207 or visit <http://www.switchyourthinking.com.au/switched-on-homes/>





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Henk Vogels Retires

Henk Vogels advertised in one of the first ever Roleystone Couriers in 1977 and he was in nearly everyone one since.

He has been in business for 39 years - all in Roleystone. Henk and his wife Mary came to Birtwistle Place in 1971 having acquired their land in 1969. Two of their three sons Henk and Leon were born in Armadale Hospital.

Three Vogels went to the Olympics, Henk himself went to Tokyo, his son Henk went to both Barcelona and Sydney and son Leon went to London as a physiotherapist for the Triathletes.

Henk is a bit bemused by it all but he knows that retirement will give him more time to spend with Mary and to be involved with his beloved cycling.

Thanks from the community for your dedication and service Henk. Particular thanks from the Roleystone Courier as we farewell our longest term advertiser.

Enjoy retirement Henk.

*Pictured above right: receiving the Volunteering Sports Star of the Year
At right: eating Rollmops in Holland*

When Henk Vogels started to advertise in the Roleystone Courier.... In the 1977 September edition of the Roleystone Courier (the second ever)....

- The front page was advertising the 75th anniversary of the Roleystone Primary School with the burying of a Time Capsule on the 17th August.
- The Karragullen Liquor Store (with the licensee, Lionel Portwine) advertised a special with Remy Brandy at \$6.99.
- In Roleystone, the Anile's liquor store was happy to offer free delivery! (That would have been your job Ross).
- There was to be a 10c increase in adult entry to the Kelmscott swimming pool to 30c per time or \$5 family season ticket for the summer season.
- The Daleline Drive-In was showing 'Benjo' and 'Professor Doolittle and the Magic Formula'.
- 'The Boyfriend' was appearing at the Roleystone Theatre and a picture of 'stars' Tim and Tracy Hetherington featured.
- Jim Hay was carting hay, Steven Ghilarducci was doing refrigeration repairs, Gordon Freegard was lawnmowing and Pippa Savill was making 'macrame to order'.
- There was a proposal to build a



Caravan Park on the corner of Irymple Road and Brookton Highway. (Was this on your block Darren and Emma Weaver?)

- A 16 year old girl offering babysitting was charging \$1.50/hr until midnight and \$2/hr thereafter.
- The Nicholls family from Palm Road had reported a fox which had been terrorising their chickens, had drowned in their pool.
- Our Councillor Ray Pound was concerned about the future subdivision of orchards in Karragullen.
- Residents from Westbourne and Northward Roads had submitted a petition to stop the bus route moving to their roads from Brookton Highway.

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Enjoy your well earned retirement Henk and Mary



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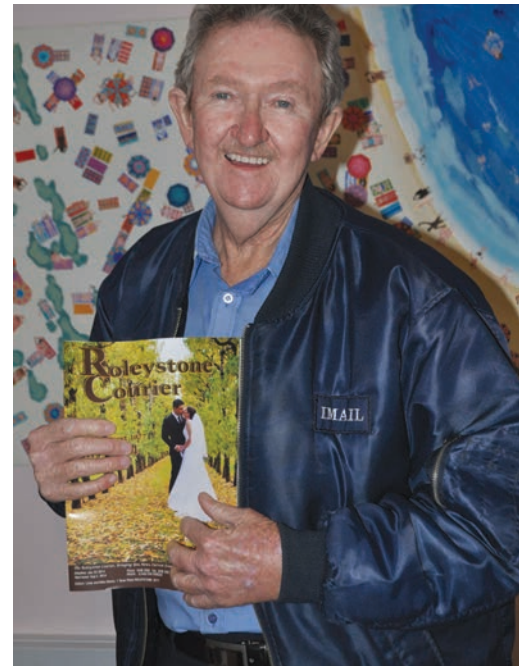
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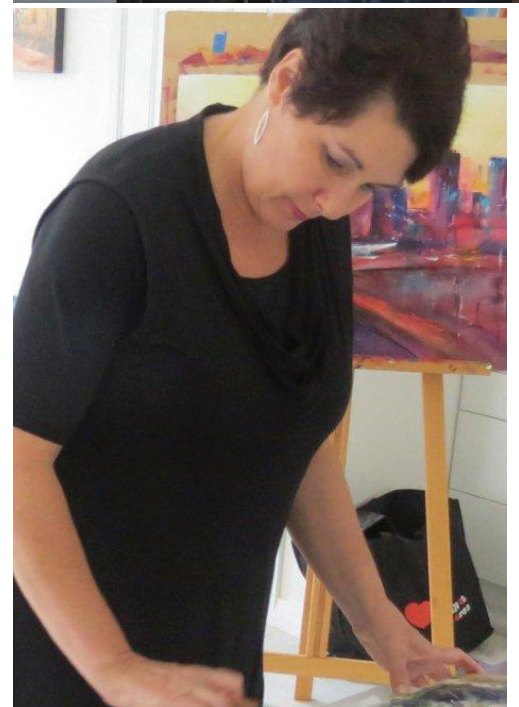
THE TULIPS SHOULD START FLOWERING SOON



The first tulips will be out this month. The photo at left with Blanche Mateljan marked the first tulip to flower in Araluen Park in 2010; it opened on the 18th August. Depending on the weather tulips should start to bloom this month - so get ready to visit.

STEPHANIE'S ART IS ON DISPLAY

Stephanie Boyle (seen at right, working on her art) will be exhibiting at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant from late August into September. The opening night will be the 24th August at 4.30pm. All are very welcome to attend.



MONKEY PUZZLE PRODUCTION AT JWAC

John Wollaston Anglican Community School will soon be putting on their theatrical production of Monkey Puzzle by Simon Brook. The school will host three performances from 6 to 8 August.

The performance on 8th August will be Auslan interpreted (Australian Sign Language) in order to allow deaf patrons to access the performance, strengthen the school's ties with the wider community, and increase awareness in both the school and local community of deafness and Auslan.

The show will be interpreted using a technique known as 'shadow interpreting'. This method requires the interpreters to 'shadow' the actors on stage as they perform, allowing a deaf audience member's comprehension of the plot, characterisation and themes. Shadow interpreting requires more interpreters for each performance, a substantial amount of rehearsal time, an alternatively blocked performance from the director and actors, and significant communication between interpreters and actors.

Monkey Puzzle is recommended for children over 13 years of age as it deals with some serious adult themes and is dialogue driven. The characters are monkeys, which are appealing and quite amusing, but they discuss issues such as existentialism, the nature of performance and the reality of death.

The school will host three performances from Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th August, commencing at 7.30pm at the David Williamson Theatre, Victoria Morgan Arts Centre, Centre Road, Camillo. For further information and to purchase tickets (\$10) please contact John Wollaston Anglican Community School Arts Office on 9495 8100.



CELEBRATE ERHARD'S BIRTHDAY WITH JAZZ

Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy some Live Jazz for Erhard's birthday on Sunday 24th August at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant. Erhard is, and always has been, a huge supporter of the Jazz at Genesis. The only time he misses a session is if he is playing somewhere himself.

Erhard is a favourite amongst the musicians, staff and the customers, he is always happy to share his broad musical knowledge and experiences. We are thrilled that Erhard has chosen to celebrate his birthday at Genesis in the Hills, everyone is invited to come down and listen to some fantastic live Jazz while enjoying the surroundings and some cafe fare. Bookings recommended.

Kathleen Stokes



FOLLOW YOUR BLISS

Roleystone artist, Tammy Stowe will have her art on display at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant throughout August. The Exhibition is called "Follow your Bliss"; the name gives a hint of the quirky nature of Tammy's art. Tammy is a self taught artist who has been painting since 2002. Pictured is one of Tammy's 'Mermaid' creations.

So be sure to visit Genesis in the Hills over the month to view Tammy's wonderful creations.

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The monies raised are going to our fund to help build our new Shed so if you wish to purchase one before the next Market, they cost \$40 each.

Trailer

Over the past three months, the Roleystone Men's Community Shed has been renovating a donated 750kg single axle trailer. The trailer has had the bodywork completely replaced and repainted, the wheel bearings serviced and the tyres replaced. Additional features fitted are a spare wheel, jockey wheel and a cage.

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The intention is to provide internet access for people as they visit local businesses and travel through the Mall to the train station.

No password is needed to access the network, just open your Wi-Fi settings and then select *WiFi4Armadale* and click connect – it's that easy. The free Wi-Fi coverage is now available throughout the Jull Street Mall.

The City is planning to extend the free Wi-Fi coverage to Memorial Park and will investigate other locations throughout the City Centre, later this year.



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Local Mt Nasura Mum Nominated For National Award

Amberlea Henriques, owner of online children's store Spoil'em, has been nominated into the 2014 AusMumpreneur Awards. Amberlea, her husband Richard and two daughters Luisa and Monique are very excited.

The AusMumpreneur Awards celebrate mums achieving success in business and recognise the growing number of women who successfully balance motherhood and business in a way that suits their life and family.

Within weeks of the birth of her daughter, Amberlea returned to full time work for the financial progression of her growing family.

While the resulting income spared her family from economic hardship, the internal turmoil she faced was immeasurable. The family holidays and their new home needed to be balanced against the time she was away from her young daughter.

Amberlea's daughter Luisa suffered with undetected food allergies for the first 18 months of her life. With a very ill child to care for, Amberlea was required to take frequent carers' leave from her workplace, leading to a growing sense of anxiety.

Amberlea believed she was failing as a mother and as the employee she had been before the birth of her daughter. Amberlea knew change was needed and self-employment was the answer.

In September 2013, Amberlea launched Spoil'em on the Australian market.

Within the first week of trading, sales exceeded \$40,000. It was only then that Amberlea was confident in her product. Almost one year later, Amberlea is a proud business woman and mother.

Amberlea believes there are many benefits to balancing business and motherhood:

'Establishing the means to provide an income for your family relieves your household from undue financial woes - but being able to generate that income, while being present for all your child's important milestones gives you an even greater sense of happiness.'

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Finalists will be selected by a public vote at www.ausmumpreneur.com with voting closing at midnight on Monday, 6 October 2014. The winners of the 2014 AusMumpreneur Awards will be announced in Melbourne in October.

For more information on the AusMumpreneur Awards visit: www.ausmumpreneur.com or contact Peace Mitchell on 0431 615 107 or info@ausmumpreneur.com.

We are currently running a competition for two Perth families to win a VIP experience with Dora when she comes to Perth in September. The winners will receive a family pass and meet and greet with Dora post her show. <http://www.spoilem.com.au/gleam-competitions/>

The photos above: The Henriques Family Amberlea, Richard, Monique and Luisa.

The picture with Dora was taken at Kids Wonderland in Perth.

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July 2014 Holiday Club Roleystone Community Church

In the first week of the school holidays, up to 28 children aged 5-12 years met to engage in games, craft activities and presentations on Creation by Rob Adams and Christine Martin.

It was great to see well-behaved, funny, supportive, creative kids participating in all events.

They painted terracotta pots and planted a flower or herb in them, then made hanging pot baskets in their woodwork session. The design and decoration of a tile using a variety of materials was very colourful and artistic. These incorporated string and beads in an unusual way so that the tiles could be hung on a wall.

Sarah Nickels and Coralie Milroy led the games, which were active and noisy with a lot of laughs. Devonshire tea was available in a quiet corner for parents who just wanted some time out over a rather wet week.

Bronwyn Parkin ran the bookstall and book prizes were awarded for artwork over the week. The children were provided with a tasty afternoon tea each day, courtesy of the Church's very willing women volunteers. Thanks to all who made this possible!

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Western Mail

25th August 1938

BEAUTIFUL ROLEYSTONE

SELDOM can it be said that the absence of a railway service is an asset to any town or district, but there are many West Australians who would not be overjoyed to see a railway station erected at Roleystone, a rambling, picturesque district through which roads meander around the hills and gullies of the majestic Roleystone Valley.

Lovers of the peace and charm of natural country find all they desire in the old-world charms and in the peaceful aspect of the little village of Roleystone, and they attribute much of the magnet of its attraction to the absence of some of the modern facilities upon which perhaps too much reliance is placed these days. But it must not be imagined that because of the absence of a rail service Roleystone exists in selfish isolation.

True, Kelmscott, five miles away, is the nearest railway station, but a frequent service of buses leaves the main Bunbury-road to

make the brief journey through the foothills to the village of Roleystone.

Views which cannot adequately be described with a pen greet the eye of the visitor to Roleystone from almost every angle. Visits to Stoney Gully, Churchman's Gully and to the Canning Dam our most ambitious water supply undertaking should not be missed, and for the athletic holiday-maker bracing dips may be had in the cool pools of the Canning River. Then, too, invigorating exercise may be obtained if one is energetic enough to tackle climbing.

Not far from Roleystone (perhaps a mile or two) we find Araluen, the hills home of the Young Australia League. The league's impressive and natural memorial to members who lost their lives in the Great War, "The Grove of the Unforgotten," is at Araluen, amidst the babbling streams and ferns of a valley whose beauty it would be hard to surpass.

Although Roleystone is a quiet and peaceful spot, the essential services of today are well maintained in the little town so full of charm.

ORCHARD RENEWAL

Winter means a lot of things in the Perth Hills and locals may have noticed a lot of orchardists removing trees. Large fires over the last two months are signs of their removal.

In many cases this is because orchardists have found certain varieties uneconomic. Some have opted not to replace at all as competition in this industry with imports is just too tough, others are just altering varieties.

The very low prices seen in apples and pears and the looming threat of dealing with fruit fly and other insect diseases without chemicals, have forced many growers to think of alternatives.

Quite a few apples & pears are coming out, as well as stone fruit varieties that have been replaced by newer, superior varieties or where the trees have passed peak levels of production and are now in decline.

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Marit of Pink Umbrella Photography

This month's Courier front cover of the Harris Family is a photo taken by local photographer Marit Dew. Marit is an outstanding photographer and a warm and lovely individual too. She runs Pink Umbrella Photography and would like to focus on taking family photos - especially in the wonderful surrounds of our local area.

Marit has two children and a supportive husband who knows what it takes to be a good photographer - he puts up with the hours, is really supportive and very patient.

Marit was given her first camera by her Dad when she was 14 years old. Ever since then she has loved to take pictures. Her children love to pose and she started to capture them unawares and discovered that those images, taken in between posing, are the most powerful photographs. So she waits for those moments. It might take a while to get the right shot but she believes it is well worth it.

'I love being behind the camera but not in front. I know what to do to make people feel comfortable as I know it can be scary for some people to be photographed. I feel the same myself,' said Marit.

Marit wants people to consider the following: 'I know there are many people, who think they are not worth the trouble being photographed. They tell me everything they don't like about themselves. But I don't see that. An old mentor of mine always said there is something special about everyone. Go out and find it! I am sure he is right.'

Marit's goal is for clients to review the session and the results and say: 'I enjoyed the session and felt comfortable.'

However taking pictures of shy and less confident people I believe takes patience and trust. It is then the biggest reward for me when those people tell me after their session and



seeing their images, that they actually like themselves. Winning this trust is the biggest compliment I can earn in my job. Everyone is worth being photographed and sometimes we only have one photograph of a person we loved. Wouldn't this be wonderful if this photograph shows the person just the way we remember them?

'I believe eyes are windows to our souls. Making people feel special, feeling good, spending time with me and my camera is important to me. I do not rush a session. I take time for my clients and let them be themselves.'


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Register as an individual runner, family or team. There are also prizes in a number of categories for the first male, female or team to cross the finish line, most creative outfit, youngest and oldest competitor, and even a family prize.

Following the Kilt Run, continue celebrating the day with all things Scottish at WA's largest Scots-themed event, the Highland Gathering - held every year right here in Armadale at Minnowarra Park.

It will feature Scottish and Irish dancing, a medieval Fair, Strong Men Competition, Celtic food, arts and craft, children's activities and much more.

Please note the Perth Kilt Run is a wheelchair accessible event. Registrations will be opening soon! For more information on how to register for the run and organise your kilt, visit <https://regonline.activeglobal.com/perthkiltrun2014>.





THE IRISH NIGHT@THE CLUB

The 'Irish Night' held at the Roleystone Country Club on July 5th was a great success with over 90 people coming along. By all reports they had a fantastic night.

With a wide variety of tasty Irish treats including Guinness Pie and Bread and Butter pudding the food was substantial and delicious.

Those who attended enjoyed music from an Irish Band and were entertained by a group of talented Irish Dancers. It was organised by Enya and Terry and the catering was supplied by Shireen and Gavin. For more information see the Roleystone Country Club News on page 33.

Pictured above left: Shireen, Enya and Dawn. Above: Doug Forward got into the Irish spirit.

VALE PAT PEARCE MAY 6TH 1925 - JULY 1ST 2014

Patricia Margaret Pearce was born on May 6th 1925 and died on the 1st of July aged 89 years. Along with her husband William Pearce (Bill) whom she married in 1948, they spent most of their lives in Roleystone.

They were founders and life members of the Roleystone Country Club.

In 1950, Bill's brother in law, Vic Every, told him that he had found land in Roleystone which was being sold for £100 per acre, they were nice blocks and so he told Bill to come and have a look. Vic had married Bill's sister Gwen in 1948, and they purchased their block on the corner of Raeburn and Holden Roads, while Bill and Pat purchased a block in Holden Road.

The Pearce family lived in the shed for about 3 and a-half years before building their home: a war service home with a timber frame, asbestos sheeting and wooden floors built upon stumps. As a young woman in Roleystone, Pat played tennis on a regular basis & would walk the couple of kilometres to the courts. The family was heavily involved in the Roleystone



Community up until they sold their property in 1998.

Pat had to go into hospital on Friday June 20th 2014 and died two weeks later.

The children Robert, Cheryl and Jan and their many grandchildren remember this fine lady with great kindness.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Roleystone Country Club who graciously made the Club available to them.

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Virginia's Quilt Has A Message

Local quilter and teacher Virginia O'Keeffe, with her contemporary textile piece "Sovereign Borders", which is on display at the Heathcote Gallery as part of the Western Australian Quilters' Association exhibition: "Stitched and bound, back to the razor's edge".

This is a biennial exhibition of juried contemporary textile works and it is Virginia's second exhibited work. She said it is quite exciting to be selected. "My piece is made of safety tapes and depicts a reflection of the status of asylum seekers in the current political climate." The exhibition runs until August 10th.

Well said Virginia. Ed



A VERY SPECIAL WETLAND SAVED THROUGH COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

In early July the Chairman of the EPA Dr Paul Vogel announced that the City of Armadale's application to build a road through the Anstey Keane wetland had not been allowed based on strong scientific evidence. There was however a two week appeal available which fortunately the City of Armadale Councillors voted not to take up, something that we who value this wetland very much appreciate. I am sure generations in the future will be thankful for this. Whether anyone else appealed is not known as it is the Minister for Environment that has the final say in this application. As the City of Armadale was the proponent of the application there is real confidence that the EPA's decision will be respected by the Minister.

Congratulations must go to the Friends of Forrestdale Lake and their supporters who for the past six years have spent thousands of hours highlighting the beauty and the

amazing biodiversity of this magnificent wetland. They showed what the risks would be if this road was built. With over 380 flora species, Anstey Keane is the second most floristically rich Bush Forever site on the Swan Coastal Plain. I have nothing but admiration for the amazing commitment by this group. It takes real tenacity, courage and dedication to protect our natural environment, to face these challenges and last this distance.

If you have the chance in spring to visit Anstey Keane wetland, I encourage you to do so. Look up Friends of Forrestdale Lake website and go into their newsletters section-you will absolutely amazed by the beautiful photographs and information.

I will endeavour to get some pamphlets on this wetland and make them available from the Roleystone Family Centre.

Pat Hart



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On Our Travels....,

This month we have come across more folk with Roleystone connections:



At Katanning we met up with Joan and Terry Barritt who are pictured with the President of the Katanning Rotary-Arthur. The Barritts spend half of their time in Roleystone and half on their farm in Katanning. They are very highly regarded in Rotary across WA.



In Wagin - Janice Dawson was in the audience. Janice and Terry Dawson have family in Wagin and Jan is pictured with matriarch Thelma Douglas centre, Fiona Dawson and Chesney Dawson.



Mike met up with Brian Anderson whose father, Dr Anderson of Dalwallinu, saved his mother's life! 86 years ago he operated on her as a baby after the brutal attack. We thank him sincerely. If you want to know the full story you'll need to read: 'Secrets Mothers Keep'!

Below left: Linda was the invited author at the Friends of the SJ Library in July. What an awesome group!!! Linda is with photographer Rob Riching.

Below right: Mike Moore of Roleystone met up with Mike Moore of Gnowangerup - wow they could be twins!!!!



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Last time I wrote in the Courier it was about my family dealing with my cancer.

Well, it seems that God has some unfinished business for me on earth for now, and I am extremely grateful for the prayers and encouragement of people around me. When I was struggling with cancer, the Philippines were struggling with something much worse, entire families were being wiped out in one of the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded, Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda).

A young lady in our church, Irene, felt that God had asked her to take a team of people to help in the severely hit community of Tacloban. When Irene asked me if I could come on the trip and baptise her in the Philippines I thought it would require a medical miracle. It's important for you to know right now that Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." (Luke 18:27)

After a series of tests my doctor gave the ok for my family to go with a team totalling 23.

The team commenced a series of fundraisers towards the outreach. When we finally arrived in Tacloban, the effects could still be seen of what happened last year. A number of large steel ships still lay up to 200 metres from the shore, where the water remains littered with jumpers, shirts, shoes and many household items.

The local children helped put life in perspective for us on occasions like these. They splashed around in these waters despite the devastation with a joy and hope still in their eyes. The team didn't know whether to take photos, to laugh, or to cry, it was a bundle of mixed emotions. We visited a mass grave site and again we



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Thank you Brad and Mel who kindly donated their beautiful restaurant to us for the night, to all who attended the function, the local businesses who donated to our raffles, and the wonderful staff, from both Roley's and View 101 in Araluen, who kindly donated their waitressing skills on the night.

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were overwhelmed, but we knew we were there for a reason. "...to visit orphans and widows in their affliction..." (James 1:27)

The team spirit was emotional but ever so powerful. We alternated between feeding programmes (distributing food and vitamins in poorer districts), and construction work (moving mud, rocks, and laying the concrete foundation for outreach purposes in the new lighthouse ministry centre in Tacloban).

This kept us focussed and united, including my children, who weren't afraid to get their hands dirty and adopt the local kids as brothers and sisters. Thank you Irene, Eva, Jamie for leading the team. This is an experience none of us will ever forget.

Why would we do this? "...that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Corinthians 1:4).

I encourage everyone to get involved in outreach mission. It's why we exist. If you are feeling useless please know that you are actually extremely important. Thankyou Roley Community Church, Roley Anglican Church, Roley IGA and Roley Meat for your wonderful help in this too.

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We are looking to field teams in the age groups of U10's through to U16's. The In2CRICKET and T20 Blast programs will also be running for all 5 to 8 year olds. Enquiries can be directed to: Junior Coordinator - Tim Clarke on 0417984160. Email enquiries to clarke.tim@bigpond.com Roleystone Karragullen Junior Cricket Club has a SUNSMART policy. All players must wear a hat and apply sunscreen. New players will have to provide a copy of their birth certificate to confirm their age. See you soon.

Tim Clarke

ROLEYSTONE GUMNUT PLAYGROUP NEWS

Our mid-year break has just finished, and we are looking forward to enjoying an exciting term at Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup. We have a very industrious committee this year, and we have been discussing new strategies and activities to improve our wonderful group. This includes gathering expressions of interest in running a pre-kindy program for those children about to enter the school system next year. This special session would involve activities designed to introduce numeracy and literacy to pre-kindy children, as well as developing fine motor skills through craft and play. We also run our regular sessions (for children aged 0-5) every weekday at the Roleystone Family Centre from 9-11am. We pride ourselves in being a group that is welcoming and friendly, providing a supportive and fun environment for learning through play. If you would like to become a member, or would like more information about our group, please feel free to contact Marie on 0404996670 or by email at rpgregistrar@gmail.com. "Necessity may be the mother of invention, but play is certainly the father" - Roger von Oech. Kerry Davis 0439914011





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An outdoor café will be set up outside the Roundhouse Gift Shop giving people the opportunity to enjoy a coffee in a garden setting. These food stalls will operate from Saturday 23 August to Sunday 21 September.

The train has been washed and polished and is ready to start operating from Saturday 16 August - all made possible by our great team of volunteers.

Our staffing levels also increase over Springtime and we have just added 15 local people to our payroll to make sure we can offer a high level of service.

Our garden team are very busy making sure that the Park will be looking its best in time for the official opening on Friday 22 August.

The Chalet Healy Tearooms has also made some changes with a slow combustion wood fire set into the old fireplace.

This not only looks great but also heats the Chalet beautifully. There is also a new front of house staff led by long time employee Tinna O'Neill.

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A four part series starts on Tuesday 19th August & continues on 26th August and 2nd & 9th September 2014. This will focus on breath meditation and build up skills from one week to the next. The teacher is a special guest: Sister Hue Can, a Buddhist nun from the Vietnamese Zen Buddhist tradition.

Coordinator of the group, Roley resident Rachel Green, says, "Sister is back by popular demand after a very successful visit last year when the room was full". As this is a 4-part series please come on the first night.

Following this, they will be having another 4-part series teaching metta or loving-kindness meditation. This type of meditation has recently been the subject of considerable research by USA Professor Barbara Fredrickson who has found it can help improve heart health and life

satisfaction and reduce depression and anxiety. It is also an antidote for anger.

It will start on Tuesday 16th September and continue on 23rd & 30th September and 7th October 2014.

It is ideal for beginners and more advanced meditators. The teacher is Rachel Green who has practised loving-kindness meditation for years.

All sessions are completely free, there is no need to book. Turn up at 6:50 for a 7pm start finishing by 8.40pm. Community health is the first building on the right as you enter the hospital gates. There will be someone on the door to welcome you. Lots of people come from Roleystone and the group has now been running for over 27 years!

No need to bring anything and chairs are provided. People from any background, age or gender are welcome. Please be on time as the main door is locked as soon as the room is full or once the teaching has begun. If you need more details please email Rachel on armadale@bswa.org



**At the Roley bushcare Veggies Lunch
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SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER MANAGERS

Armadale Volunteer Services in partnership with the City of Gosnells e-Volunteer Hub is hosting a free workshop on the 'Social Media Revolution' for Volunteer Managers and local community organisations.

The workshop will be held at the City of Gosnells Civic Centre, Function Room, 2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells, on Monday 25 August from 9am to 4pm.

The workshop facilitated by Rob Jackson will explore what social media is, and how it can be used to recruit new volunteers, communicate with current teams and enhance working with volunteers.

This is a fantastic opportunity to network, share ideas and develop your volunteer management skills further. Rob Jackson is an active volunteer in the UK, considered a leader in his field with years of extensive, hands on experience managing volunteer and fundraising programs.

During the first half of the workshop Rob will offer advice on how Volunteer Managers can keep up with endless change and get ahead of the pack in terms of social media use.

Participants will also be able to explore the future of volunteering during the interactive café conversation session in the second half of the workshop. This exciting free workshop will build on the previous training for Volunteer Managers. This workshop is a joint initiative of the Armadale Volunteer Services and City of Gosnells e-Volunteer Hub.

This session is free, but bookings are essential. Lunch is provided.

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The most recent 'Coffee with a Cop' was held on Tuesday the 29th of July, 2014 at the Roleystone Shopping Centre. Thanks to everyone who attended.

The Armadale Local Policing Teams are proactive in engaging our local community and therefore in the near future we will be organising a 'Coffee with a Cop' event on the weekends to accommodate those people who cannot attend the Monday-Friday functions.

TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER



XMAS IN JULY

Our Annual Xmas in July Dinner was held on Saturday 5th July. We had 16 tennis players for the afternoon and we were extremely lucky with the weather. We had booked Coast to Coast Golden Roast caterers and their very capable representative came up about 3pm and cooked all the dinner on site. We all enjoyed a lovely roast dinner with all the trimmings and then had desserts. We had a quiz throughout the evening and watched the Ladies

Wimbledon Final and also played the Coin Slide Game.

We welcomed 7 people from Augusta who drove up to share the day with us, and they all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Thanks to everyone who attended and thank you to everyone who helped up with the setting up and cleaning up after the event.

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Gary gave us a few original songs on acoustic guitar before joining Dave Willis and his daughters, Claire and Amy. We celebrated Claire's first time singing at the Club; now that you've broken the ice Claire, please come back again soon. Her sister Amy also sang a set for boyfriend, Joe, in the audience. Dave is mentoring Daniel (13) who played guitar and sang Santana's Black Magic Woman. We'd love to hear you play it for Hawkstone next time; it's on their setlist and I'm sure they'd be impressed with your performance. Daniel also joined Dave and Amy during their set.

Hawkstone played at a private party on the night so a big thanks to Chris, Dave and Tim for taking care of the sound. Jake came along with his accordion, harmonica and great voice to perform a set of covers including Billy Joel's Piano Man, Neil Young's Heart Of Gold and Meatloaf's Bat Out Of Hell! He performed a very confident set and I'm sure he had lots more in his repertoire and could have played all night! Rounding off the evening, DASH, Natasha and husband Dave, played to an audience for the very first time, a set of original songs. Natasha has a great voice and her songs were an instant success.

A lot of our regular members were away this month and will be disappointed to find they missed some great new performances. We hope to see Claire, Daniel, Jake and DASH again soon.



Pictured Top:
1. Claire with Dave accompanying her.
2. Gary, Daniel and Chris
3. Natasha sings at the July Club Night
4. First timer Jake.

Next Club Night Saturday 16 August. We meet at the Roleystone Senior Football Club at Cross Park on Jarrah Road. Doors and Bar Open 6pm. Music Starts 7.30pm. For more info call Deb de Boer on 9397 7007 or text 0468 62 68 68.

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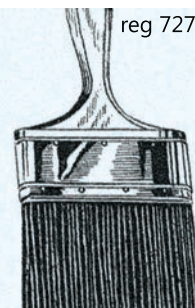
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At this practical session for parents of children aged from three to five years, Heather will show parents how to relax and connect with your child through stories, sound and movement.

Parents will learn some simple relaxation

techniques to help calm their toddler and enhance the special bond between parent and child. This is a free session.

Better Beginnings Parent Workshops are held once per term, and cover a range of topics of interest for parents and carers of children aged zero to five years.

Bookings are essential, so contact the Armadale Library on 9399 0125 to secure a place. As space is limited, please leave prams at home.

Gardening Notes

This is a photo of a brand new camellia variety from Jean Evans. It is a now a registered variety but Jean has produced a white sport from the pink variety. Other locals have also had some luck growing different flowers arising from sports (Diane Johnson from Karragullen has one from a bush of Chows Han Ling).

I would love to know how many people around here have discovered the ease and simplicity of growing beautiful camellias. They do not have to be left to grow up to their maximum height, but if people choose to all they have to do is rake the leaves and petals under the bush, give them a handful of slow release fertiliser once a year in spring and just enjoy the bush for its beauty and the ability to cheer us up in the dullest of winter days. I would guess that there are at least 1,000 different varieties growing in Western Australia. The oldest arrived here in the 1830s. Many of these old bushes are still thriving.

Recently I went to the Spencer Garden at 2 Holden Road where Wendy is now selling off plants and gardening books. Most of the camellias were easy to identify but there were two that completely stumped me. These were probably the first to be grown on the property. To compound the identification problem in early days they were just sold as a red or a pink or white and the flower type. Then the trees also drop seedlings.

Some of these seedlings get names but most just become an unknown seedling. If you have seedlings under your plants you can dig them out, pot them up, cut off a little bit of the tap-root, so the plant doesn't circle in the pot but forms a matted root system which gives a good solid plant. Once the seed pod drops off or is used up then you can start to lightly fertilise the plant. These seedlings can then establish and flower. Once you know the quality of the plant, you can

decide whether it is worth keeping for registration or to use it as understock for grafting. The new seedlings can be very exciting.'

Garry from Pioneer Gardens took the photo.



The fourth Sunday afternoon of the month is the Camellia Society meeting in the Rotary Hall in Sandgate Street in South Perth.

Last month I walked into the meeting and there were several faces I recognised and many welcoming new faces. There was an array of different blooms, ranging from almost black to red and white and yellow on show. There were even a couple of purple flowers. You are very welcome to attend.

The Roleystone Garden Group had a wonderful day at the Home and Art Gallery of Jill Phillips. I couldn't resist buying a Blue "Green Man" - The Protector of the Forest. I have him on the same tree I already have an orange face. I hope they work in harmony.

Good Gardening Jean

The Roleystone Garden Group

We have scheduled a 'busy bee' in Sue Radford's garden for our August meeting on Thursday 21st followed by a ramble through the bushland at the top of her property.

Bring your gardening gloves and trowel or weeder if you are going to get down and dirty. However, you are more than welcome to take an overall view of the project and offer words of encouragement

from the decking between cups of tea. Sue's address is 535 Brookton Highway, on the northern side of the highway between Peet Road and the Roleystone Theatre (the old pump house is at the bottom of her block).

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**The Great Trailer
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On July 18th, the lights went up on our latest musical (and our first for 2014) 'The Great American Trailer Park Musical'. Directed by Lorna Mackie (who brought us the highly entertaining 'Avenue Q' in 2012), this show is a hilarious look at life in the American Trailer Park. The story surrounds the people of lovely Armadillo Acres. "There is a new tenant in town and she's wreaking havoc all over Florida's most exclusive trailer park. When Pippi, the stripper on the run, comes between the Dr. Phil-loving, agoraphobic Jeannie and her tollbooth collector husband—the storms begin to brew."

The production is on from now, until the 9th of August. Please see our website - www.roleystonetheatre.com.au - or call 9397 5730 to book your tickets now.

In August, we are running a series of Workshops for both young and older actor and dancers.

Facilitated by Hayley Parker, who ran our highly successful youth acting for screen workshop last year, we are conducting three workshops - Adult Acting for Screen, Youth Acting for Screen and a Dance Workshop. All workshops are aimed at being fun, challenging and educational for the participant. You will receive a certificate at the end of each workshop if you have attended all the days. At the end of the Screen Acting course you are invited to provide Hayley with an appropriate size USB stick and she will load and save for you a head shot and all your items that were filmed on camera at the workshop to be posted out to you.

The cost per workshop series is \$45 per candidate. Please see our website for further information regarding these programs.

On Friday the 18th of July, Armadale Health Service Children's received a special visit from Captain Hook and Peter Pan. Brad Towton and Celeste Underwood reprised their respective roles from last year's production of 'Peter Pan', to present the hospital with some DVD players for patient use, purchased by money donated to the Children's Ward by Roleystone Theatre. For those who are unaware, there are no production rights or royalties for Peter Pan outside the UK. Inside the UK, they are required to donate the equivalent funds to the Great Ormond Street Hospital. In line with the concept, Roleystone Theatre chose to donate funds to the Children's Ward of a local hospital. The hospital greatly appreciated the donation and our lovely cast were happy to reprise their roles. Interestingly, the staff of the ward appeared to enjoy the visit the most.

Lastly, on the 6th of September the Theatre will be hosting a Fundraising Gala Event. The theme of the night is Oscar Winning Songs and the show will be performed by many current and returning theatre members. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children and will include nibbles and a glass of wine or soft drink. Please see our website soon for more details and to book your tickets. As always, any new members are always welcome.

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Happiness & Education

In the face of assorted disasters we must all, at times, ponder the purpose of life. Aristotle did so more than two thousand years ago and concluded that we all want to be happy. He used the Greek word *eudaimonia*, and that means a bit more than just happiness. He also used the word *arête*, which adds the dimension of virtue or right thinking.

Some may think that having a lot of money will make them happy and this can be true, if the money is won by fair means. However, dealing in drugs, cheating or robbing the bank will not make you happy.

In the last photo I saw of the train robber Ronald Biggs, he looked quite miserable, despite a long holiday in Brazil. When drug dealers are caught, they often look sulky, snarl and make rude gestures at the camera. So perhaps we should try to get Aristotle's meaning a bit clearer.

Does real happiness come only when we do things that are of benefit to us and do not harm others?

Aristotle thought that learning is such an activity and I think he was right.

To help myself learn about such philosophical matters I find painting useful.

I am no Leonardo da Vinci, but I do enjoy making child-like pictures which encapsulate an idea and can

provoke curiosity. The picture above is my notion of Aristotle's idea of eudaimonia, done using a computer paint program, hence the wobbly Greek writing.

Can this picture-thinking approach be used in education? Hans-Georg Gadamer might have thought so. It might also tie in with Plato's idea that education should be like lighting a fire in the mind, not simply tipping a bucket of facts on the student's head. Making simple pictures is fun, and might stimulate some young or old minds. Learning the Greek alphabet is useful in higher mathematics. My next picture will be about Pandora and hope (elpis).

Anyone else is welcome to join in and I will be glad to see your efforts.

Harmless fun is common property. David Ward



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Roleystone Country Club News



Congratulations to Life Member Alan Mazzucchelli

Over July the Club continued to be well patronised, even with the welcome rains. During the month we held our AGM which was well attended with over 70 members receiving up to date information on the Club's operations over the last 12 months. This included a comprehensive financial report and a presentation by the President on the future business plan for the Club over the next year.

All information was positive and members enjoyed a delightful spread after the meeting prepared by Gavin our new Head Chef from Chatford Creations who (along with his wife Shareen) manages our very popular restaurant 'Windows on Wygonda'. Included in the AGM was a Life Membership awarded to a long serving member of the Club Alan Mazzucchelli. Alan has a long history of serving on many of the Club Committees and has tirelessly given of his time over many years and thoroughly deserved his life membership presentation.

The month also saw us hold the 'Irish Night' with over 90 members and guests attending. By all reports they had a fantastic night. Apparently the Guinness Pie and Bread and Butter pudding was delightful with many people commenting on how delicious it was. The Band had everyone up and dancing into the wee small hours and the Irish Dancers were brilliant getting many to get up and try this style of dancing.

Our thanks go to Enya and Terry and all the people who helped to make this such an enjoyable evening.

We have a full book of social functions for the next 12 months so keep your eyes on the notice board for our next popular event.

Our new caterers Gavin and Shireen continue to receive excellent feedback from our members and their guests with most Friday nights fully booked and also Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights now attracting large numbers to Windows on Wygonda Family Restaurant.

The Sunday Roast is well supported with large groups booking on Sundays to sit by the fire and have a delicious roast meal, which includes a selection of magnificent sweets served up by Gavin.

The Chase the Joker competition continues on its merry way with the jackpot now up to \$1300 and many of our members are coming to the Club on Mondays and Wednesday Nights to be in the draw. This takes place between 6.30pm and 7.00pm.

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AUGUST SPECIALS

Minh Wants to Check Your Diabetes Risk

Readers visiting our local Roleystone Chemist may have already met Minh, an intern pharmacist who will be in Roleystone for the next 4 months. Part of his course work requires him to complete a health project important to his local community.

Minh has elected to cover Type 2 Diabetes. The number of people with Type 2 Diabetes in Australia has doubled over the last thirty years. It is a leading cause of death and yet it is totally avoidable by changing your lifestyle.

Minh is asking volunteers to come into the Pharmacy and be part of his focus group. The process is simple: complete a simple questionnaire and after the results are tallied have a brief chat with Minh about your risk levels and what you can do about any elevated risk.

Eligible people should be over 35 years of age and can be in any state of health. 'It would be especially good if people who have a family history of Type 2 Diabetes are tested.

Also those who have other risk factors such as: a poor diet, high blood pressure, overweight (especially in the waist area), lacking in regular exercise or smoking. Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders



are particularly encouraged to come and be tested. This will be limited to the first thirty people who come in,' said Minh.

So if you want to help Minh with his research and have a very useful Diabetes check, come into the Roleystone Community Chemist any time between Wednesday 13th August and Wednesday 20th August. The whole process will only take 10 - 15 minutes; it can be conducted within the store and is not invasive.

Your long term health may well benefit.

August is Pet Dental Month

Roleystone Animal Hospital will be running a pet dental month promotion throughout August to raise awareness of pet dental problems, prevention and treatment.

An initiative of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA), the aim of the campaign is to educate pet owners about the benefits of annual dental health checks and regular tooth brushing.

Roleystone Animal Hospital Manager Dr Yoko Clinch said that four out of five dogs and cats over the age of three years have some sort of dental disease. This may go unnoticed by their owners.

'Pets often won't show pain. Even pets with sore gums, infected mouths and broken teeth will continue to eat so owners may not see any problems,' she said.

So how can you tell if your dog or cat has a toothache?

'Your pet's breath may smell bad. Bad breath is a sign of infection. Gums may be red and inflamed and the teeth stained with tartar or they

may start dropping food.

'Annual dental health checks are an ideal opportunity for owners to find out if their pet has problems which have gone unnoticed. Dental health checks also help ensure bacteria and poisons from dental infections do not spread to the heart, liver and kidneys through the blood stream.'

'We also recommend regular tooth brushing and many cats and dogs can be trained to enjoy having their teeth brushed.'

'About 80 per cent of adult animals have some degree of dental disease, which becomes worse with age.'

During August, Roleystone Animal Hospital will be providing free AVA resource packs to pet owners containing information brochures on animal dental health.

Roleystone Animal Hospital will also be conducting free Dental checks to assess the oral health of pet's mouths.

Information is also available on the AVA website at www.ava.com.au/dental-month

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Since becoming Western Australia's 29th Premier on September 6, 2008, Colin Barnett has built a reputation as a strong advocate for Western Australia, for decisive leadership and promoting the economic and social development of the State.

As State Development Minister, Mr Barnett is committed to attracting investment and assisting the development of major projects based around Western Australia's natural advantages in mining, petroleum and agriculture. Large-scale infrastructure projects in the City of Perth have also been progressed under his leadership, including sinking the railway line that divides the CBD, a city waterfront development on the banks of the Swan River

(Elizabeth Quay), and a new world-class sports stadium at Burswood.

Since 2013, he has also been Minister for Science, in recognition of the central role that scientific innovation will take in the future of the State's development, particularly in mining, agriculture, astronomy and the environment.

Mr Barnett has been the Liberal Member for Cottesloe since 1990 and was Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and a senior minister in the Court Government (1993-2001) holding the portfolios of Resources Development, Energy, Education and Tourism. From 2001 to 2005, he was Leader of the State Opposition. Mr Barnett has been Deputy Leader or Leader of the Liberal Party in every State election since 1993.

9.45-11am, Friday 1st August
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Alert: About Door to Door Tree Loppers

Some reports in from up in the hills area, particularly Roleystone and surrounds, regarding the presence of people (ranging in age from young teenagers to adults and male and female) attending at the front door of houses inquiring about whether you want trees lopped. They are handing out business cards with a mobile number on them but we have now had several reports from people who are concerned that the people are not above board and are using the tree lopping inquiry to explain their presence when they find people at home. No one has sighted any tree lopping equipment in the inquiries we have made to date.

We have not had a spike in reported crime in the area so it may be that they are legitimately looking for work – we have not been able to engage the people on the phone but we do have the number and inquiries are being made.

Please be aware that these people are getting around; if you intend to

get your trees lopped I expect there would be a need to make sure that insurance (liability and property) is in place and that the people doing the work are not some fly by night arrangement like the much publicised 'Bitumen Bandits' of the last couple of years. Hard to explain to your own insurance company how you paid someone to put that 40 metre White Gum as an unapproved second storey extension on your house

The business name being used on the card is not listed in the book but is very close to some that are. Our advice to all our Facebook followers is to be careful who you pay money to, particularly when they come knocking at the door unannounced.

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Planting in Bungendore Wildflower Society

Settlers' Common is another reserve in the Armadale area in which members of the Armadale branch of the Wildflower Society have been actively involved in managing and maintaining.

Armadale Settlers Common in Bedfordale is a 383 ha bushland reserve on the Darling Scarp. The area is highly important for flora conservation, with a total of 318 plant species found in the Common, along with two 'Declared Rare and Priority Flora Species'. A diverse array of fauna and flora can be observed year-round.

Much of the bushland is in good condition and its network of walk trails invites recreational activities such as walking and hiking, orienteering, nature appreciation, picnicking, exercising and nature photography. The Common offers expansive views of the City, large areas of intact vegetation and public use facilities.

The Armadale branch of the Wildflower Society of Western Australian is always looking for new members and volunteers. Members come from all sections of the community – from professionals to backyard gardeners to bushwalkers – all share one thing in common – a passion for the Western Australian bush and its beauty.

Feel free to attend one of our meetings. The Armadale Branch has monthly meetings and talks at 7:30pm 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)

The following talks are scheduled:
 August 14th - Prof. Hans Lambers will be talking on the Swan coastal plain, soil and associated native plants.

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COUNCILLORS' COMMENT AUGUST

Autumn in the hills this year has been fantastic. The blend of cold nights, little rain and no wind meant the tree colour in the orchards, backyards and along the roadsides lasted for weeks rather than days.

This started me thinking about a workshop recently presented by Dr Richard Benfield from the Central Connecticut State University.

According to Richard, approximately 78 million people visit public gardens in the US, which is more visitors than Las Vegas or Disneyland and Disneyworld combined. And in a survey just released by VisitBritain, garden visits by overseas visitors is the third most popular activity ahead of visiting a museum, castle, historic house or art gallery, although perhaps not surprisingly Shopping and "Going to a Pub" are more popular than any other activity.

Garden tourism is one of the fastest growing tourism activities, although it is often not understood and poorly promoted.

Research indicates that a garden tourist is also a tourist interested in food, heritage and the culture of an area.

Roleystone and the hills area (and other

areas in the City of Armadale) has an ideal opportunity to maximise the tourism opportunities around gardens and our unique flora.

When Richard talked about gardens he was not only talking about gardens like Araluen, but the golf course, the orchards, the nurseries, the bush, parks and reserves.

Some interesting statistics in relation to garden visits are:

- Visits to the individual gardens are part of a regional visit
- An average visit to a garden lasts about 2.5 hours
- Interest in gardens starts at 24 years of age and never diminishes
- There is a strong cross over between garden and historic visitation
- There is strong repeat visitation
- Garden visitors spend between \$390 to \$400 per annum
- 43% of all tour operators have a garden visit included in their tours

We need to work collaboratively on how garden tourism can help our local economy in areas such as:

- What the visitor is looking for.
- How to build garden tourism in the community.
- What lessons can be learnt from overseas.
- How we can improve the sector in WA.

One of the upsetting points to Richard's visit to Western Australia was that when he visited Tourism WA to find out what he could about gardens in WA, there was no information available on garden tourism in WA.

There was some great information on wild flowers, but under gardens they didn't even mention Kings Park, let alone anything in the Perth hills area.

I have had a meeting with the City of Armadale officers tasked with promoting tourism and economic development for the City, who already strongly promote local gardens to visitors.

There is a great opportunity for



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*Pictured at right: often the good rains
over July came with destructive winds
and some folks sustained damage to their
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*Peta Walsh found she had a tree in her
pool. Thanks for the photo Peta and
hopefully the clean-up went OK.*

July Weather

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once per month.*

*Finally all good things come to an end
and we will be welcoming a new weather
person from next month.*

Yearly Rainfall Average

July Av 198.0 on 18 days
Av to July 31st 642.0 on 65 days
Total Jan 1 to July 27 2012 = 611.2
on 85 days

July Rainfall

Year	mm	# days
2005	94.8	16
2006	114.8	14
2007	274.2	19
2008	186	17
2009	221.6	22
2010	127.6	16
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2014	203	18

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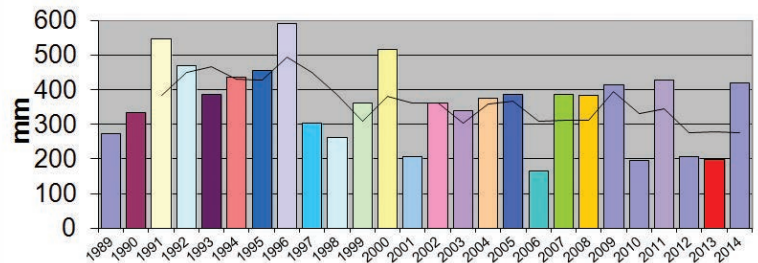
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Pro Bono de Exilio Expectations David Bardseley



Our exilic travels recently took us to Romania to our friends managing a charity project in the SW of the country.

Driving back to the UK we passed near Bolzano in Italy, the scene of one of my more memorable experiences.

It was almost fifty years ago whilst touring Europe with a friend, Bob, in a Ford Popular car. Hardly the ideal touring vehicle but as students, we thought it would be a great adventure.

We drove from Amsterdam through to Austria, crawled over the Grossglockner Pass at the third attempt and Bolzano was our first experience of Italy.

Whilst excited at the prospect of exploring this new country generally, I was somewhat dreading the local sanitary arrangements.

Back then, the Italians had a reputation amongst the Brits for making do with little more than a hole in the ground...for squatters only, something I had never encountered in the flesh, so to speak.

We set up camp, consumed a beer or two and relaxed by the pool. Inevitably I had to "go". There was a row of identical cubicles by the pool and I chose one at random. My heart sank. There it was. The anticipated hole in the floor glared up at me.

Still, the requirements of the moment did not require bent knees so all was well so far. But I was dreading the morning visit. I left the cubicle feeling somewhat subdued. But then I became aware of critical eyes following me and I became very self-conscious to boot.

This turned to outright anger when I met Bob who was rolled up in hysterics.

"What's so funny?" I demanded. That's not exactly what I said but it's close enough for this refined publication which would not permit verbatim student vocabulary.

"Didn't you look up?" he finally gasped. "No... why?"

"You've just used the shower!"

It's a bit of a truism but we do see what we expect to see - illusionists and magicians depend on it. And of course all I expected to see was a hole in the floor and there it was!

I still blush at the possible consequences if my visit had been for more serious business. But seeing only what we expect to see can confound us in other really serious circumstances. And of course I'm thinking in spiritual terms.

Our education and the way we live for the most part excludes any real impact of the spiritual realm on our everyday life. We don't *expect* it to impact on us and that perception can be self-fulfilling.

I find it rather odd because very few of us are comfortable with the thought that the material world is all that there is to life. Indeed life's pretty pointless if that's absolutely true.

It's my view - and the view of millions of rational folk like me - that we are made with purpose in mind by a loving creator God who does have an impact on our lives.

We are not just a biological happenstance. And I am absolutely convinced that this God does reveal himself...if we only "look up". May I invite you to look up spiritually and see a bit more than a hole in the ground? After all, it might save you more than just embarrassment later on.

*Yours in Christ,
David Bardseley*


PS To avoid alienation by the substantial sector of the population with Italian ancestry, I have to say that my expectations were way off track even 50 years ago and all my visits to the small room were "comfortable".

Indeed Italian design in this area has progressed to such sophisticated levels that I hardly know how to use some of the devices available there today.

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Roleystone Community Garden Report



After the successful winter markets I advised that the Community Garden will be looking to strengthen ties with Roleybushcare. The synergies that each group brings to the association were discussed in late July.

There is no doubt that the community garden lacks a few tools and relies on members to bring along their own tools from time to time to make maintenance a little easier. Member Wayne brought along his spintiller and kindly demonstrated its use for other members present. Wayne purchased his spintiller some 30 years ago at a leading garden centre at the time.

I can certainly recall them as a child but have not seen one in recent times. If anyone has seen them for sale, please let me know on our Facebook page or if there is one sitting unused in a garden shed.

Sunday 29 June the Community Garden hosted the Armadale branch of Neighbourhood Watch. A number of packs were distributed to residents containing information about making their house safe from intruders which included the issue of marking devices for household valuables. As number plate theft is on the increase, a number of vehicles were fitted with anti-tamper screws. Both the marking devices and the anti-tamper screws are available by contacting Armadale Neighbourhood watch on 0497 675 920, armwatch@iinet.net.au or visit them in the Armadale Town Hall on Mondays or Fridays between 10am and noon.

Garden members attend each Sunday from 3.00pm to harvest any available produce. If this has been a barrier for residents in becoming a member, the committee will look at open times during the week if it suits potential members. Membership forms are available from the Bendigo Bank.

Happy gardening
Laurie Scidone, Chairman



Wayne with his Spintiller



BOWLING ALONG GERRY CHAPMAN

Our recent meeting finished on a positive note as we were able to fill the necessary positions and have enough interested people to play on this year.

We invite you all to be part of this wonderful game.

When we hold our Community Bowls events, in excess of 100 people played on each of the 6 days of competition.

This is held every Wednesday evening in late January and through February.

We hope that some of these people will join the club and help us to expand

our activities.

It may be winter but, weather permitting, we are playing social bowls on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start.

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With Jupiter out of sight behind the sun, we don't have any very bright, obvious planets in the evenings now. Nonetheless, there are two planets that you should be able to locate - Mars and Saturn - they're not mighty bright, but they're certainly not faint. Over the next three weeks or so, they'll be getting nearer to each other. In late August, they'll be within a few degrees of one another for a period of a week or so. It's actually Mars that's doing the moving; it's not far from us and its orbital motion is quite apparent. Saturn's much further away and its movement is slow.

Early in the month, look for Mars high up in the NW sky at nightfall. It's medium bright and has a slightly orange colour. To the east (right) of Mars and somewhat higher at dusk in early to mid August is Saturn. When they seem quite close to each other, later in the month, their distances from Earth will actually be about 200 million km for Mars and 1,520 million km for Saturn. It's deceptive: they'll be in the same line of sight, but really nowhere near each other.

An aid to the identification of Mars and Saturn (if you need a bit of help) is the waxing moon which will be near Mars on August 3rd and near Saturn on the 4th. Well, not really near, but in the same direction. The moon's only 380,000 km from us. On the 4th at dusk, Saturn will be occulted or hidden by the moon - a good event to observe with small scopes or even binoculars. Saturn will disappear behind the dark right-hand edge of the

first quarter moon at about 6:15pm, and it'll reappear at the bright left-hand edge about an hour later. This shows (among other things) that the moon moves its own width, half a degree, in approximately one hour.

Another lunar event in August is the so-called "super moon" on the night of the 10th-11th. The moon will be at its fullest at 2:09am on the 11th, and at perigee - its nearest point to the Earth. When perigee coincides with full moon, the apparent width of the moon is about 12% bigger than at apogee (the furthest point). It's nice, but not life-changing. This effect is not to be confused with the more exciting "lunar paradox", the way that the moon (especially when full) looks huge when it's close to the horizon. That's an optical illusion, which can be illustrated by taking a series of photos of the moon - low down at first, then higher and higher and higher. All the images are the same size!

The major moon phases for the month are first quarter on the 4th (occultation night), full moon on the night of the 10th, last quarter on the 17th, and new moon on the 25th; with the next first quarter phase being on September 2nd.

Venus is still visible at dawn, but not against a dark sky - it's rising about an hour ahead of the sun in early August, and by the end of the month it's only some 35 minutes ahead of the sun. We won't get good views of Venus again until December, when it'll do its "Christmas Star" impression.

Wild Gossip



The recent weather patterns have resulted in quite a variety of wildlife being brought to me. The one thing I need to stress is most of them arrived cold - you can wrap a cold animal / bird etc in 10 blankets and it won't work as all you are doing is wrapping in the cold so the creature can't get warm.

It is absolutely vital to use a heat source for warmth - it can be a warm hot water bottle, a normal bottle filled with warm water and secured so it doesn't roll, a warm wheat pack or very simply put it up your shirt and use body heat for warming - ladies have a slight advantage here as they can tuck the baby in their bra but being sure to tuck in your shirt as this works as well.

Our wildlife has a serious battle to survive but we can all help by ensuring that fresh water is always available in a shallow container to prevent drowning, cats need a collar with a bell to alert our wildlife, dogs need to be discouraged from chasing and mauling wildlife and feeding can be done to help out our precious wildlife in hard times.

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

Syl Cooper 9397 6184 or 0417972930.

House Destroyed

On July 18th a formerly well loved home was destroyed in Roleystone. The house was on Wymond Rd and was located close to the Araluen Golf Course. This Hacienda style house had been empty for some time and had been previously attacked by vandals. A party of youths on July 18th finished the job, vandals had commenced some time before. They either deliberately lit a fire or tried to light a fire in the fireplace which got out of control gutting the place. Sadly this home is no more and Roleystone must reflect on why young people were out late on a Saturday night doing damage to a derelict building.

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