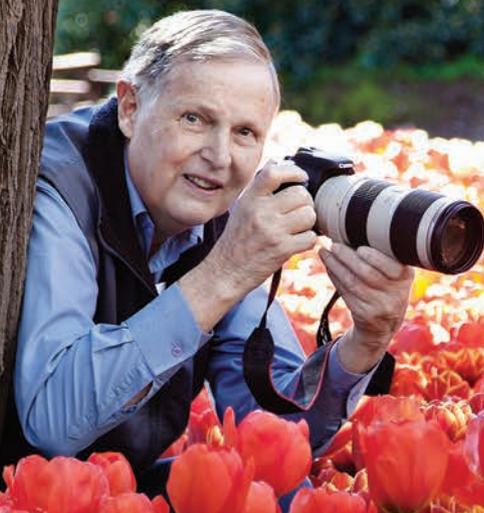


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*Yvonne Bradfield and Barb Hugill of the City of Armadale Tourism Department with their new promotional booklet*



*Liz Dunn of Araluen with former President of Business Armadale, Pieter Mulder*



*Heather and Les Baskerville at the Opening*



*Wednesday Wonders: Jacquie Ashford, Jan Mayes and Riley who is 4+ yrs old*



## Our September Cover Celebrating Those Lovely Tulips

Araluen at this time of the year is the place to spend your day. The official opening of the spring season was last weekend. I went recently and found the park a breathtaking display of colours. The park was full of people coming from different areas around Perth to enjoy the spring at Araluen. Most of them brought their camera along to capture the beauty of those tulips and other spring flowers.

People were lying with their cameras on the ground to get the perfect shot. But as I walked around there was one person who caught my eye in particular. A man in his seventies with his camera. It seemed he wanted to have more than just the perfect image. He went down low to inhale the smell of those beautiful tulips. He certainly wanted to experience this spectacular display to the fullest. I went over to say hello. John and his wife Carole are a lovely couple from Walliston. They are out and about all the time enjoying the nature and often come to Araluen for a walk and certainly

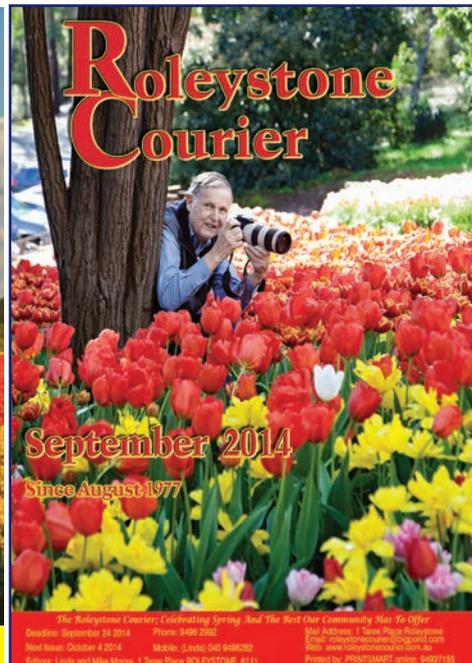
they did not want to miss spring season at Araluen. John is very active. He told me he loves going for long walks on his own and sometimes disappears for hours to discover new untouched places. Uneven bushland, rocks or creeks don't stop him. 'In those places you find nature's beauty,' he said, 'I just need the right clothing and my camera.'

John told me that when he goes for his walks he does not have any expectations of what he will find. He keeps his eyes and mind wide open and it will come to him. To capture what his eyes see, he concentrates on the detail in a bigger frame. What a wonderful experience to meet people like John with a passion for photography and a great love for nature's beauty.

*By photographer Marit Dew  
Pink Umbrella Photography*



*City of Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones*



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# Business Armadale's 'Night On The Couch' at The Elizabethan Pub

On Wednesday 20th August the Armadale Business community joined hosts Warren and Mayga Clarke from the Elizabethan Village, for an entertaining 'Night On The Couch'.

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This was hosted by the amusing and very professional Ryan and Neil from 107.3 Heritage FM.

Their special guests on the couch were: Craig Alford who has recently ridden his mower across Australia, MLA for Armadale Tony Buti and Sharon Knapp major fundraiser for the Intensive Care Foundation in WA.

Their discussions showed how many local businesses are also heavily involved in raising money for charity.

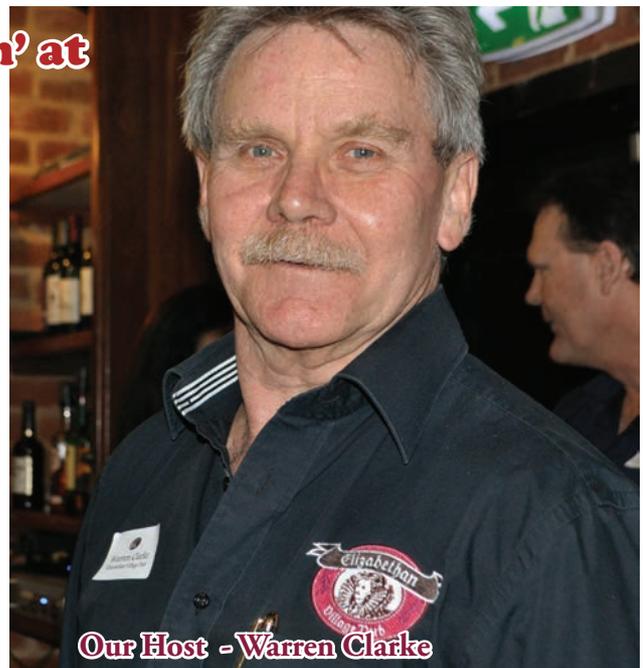
Craig from Armadale Mower World discussed his commitment to the 'Ride to the Other Side' project, Rotary's epic mower ride around Australia. In 2014, the Ride benefits Australian Rotary Health's Mental Illness Research Program, Rotary Foundation's End Polio Now Program and the EJ Whitten Foundation for prostate cancer awareness and research. Guests heard humorous stories from the journey across Australia.

Tony Buti, Member for Armadale discussed 'Rachael's Run' which raises funds for the Rachael Doherty Foundation. The foundation aims to ensure all West Australian cancer patients have access to the very best treatment, resources, and facilities as they go through what is inevitably one of the most important battles in their life.

Sharon Knapp has worked with family and friends to raise significant funds for the Intensive Care Foundation through a range of successful fun runs, donut drives, high teas and other fundraising activities. Inspired by the remarkable recovery and brave spirit of her son Dwayne, who survived life-threatening injuries in 2009, Sharon has been a tireless advocate and fundraiser for the Foundation.

This Business Armadale event also showcased The Elizabethan Function Centre, named The Leo Fowler Room after the original owner of the Elizabethan Village whose vision first led to the development of this amazing tourism icon when it first opened on September 14th 1977.

Leo Fowler built the Elizabethan Village to the exact measurements of the original buildings in Shakespeare's village



Our Host - Warren Clarke



Sue Radford and Lari Macdonald



BA President Paul Harrison and Daniel Coupland

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in England. Warren spoke about his involvement with The Elizabethan Village Pub since he and his wife Mayga took it over in December 2008.

This amazing place along with a Brewery, The Pub, Anne Hathaway's cottage and Cobwebs Restaurant has provided a vast number of happy experiences for locals. Well done to the Clarkes and to Business Armadale for their enthusiastic support of local business and ventures.



**Kerry, Ben and Poppy**

## Thanks Kerry Davis

The Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre would like to recognise Kerry Davis the current president of Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup. Kerry is putting in an enormous amount of effort



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### Apology

Kim Valley Chinese Restaurant is closed over the first week of September. They will re-open for Fathers' Day 7th September! Any inconvenience to patrons is regretted. Kim's niece, Li Yin has graduated - congratulations Li.



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(in her own time) and is proactive in getting the word out to the community about playgroup and what it can offer families in Roleystone. A lot of hardworking people have come and gone in these groups and Kerry's dedication has been outstanding. To see such commitment to a group's success for Roleystone children is heart warming. Of course Kerry is one of many valued contributors. So many mums and some dads put in so much of their valuable time to provide nourishment for their kids in these groups.....you're awesome. Please help us to encourage and thank Kerry, her committee and all of the hard working mums who make the Playgroup so awesome! Your hard work has been noticed. Roleystone Gumnut playgroup hires the rooms from the [Roleystone Family Centre](#) and although we have no input into the daily running of this group we love to see the kids and families each week.

The Staff of the Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre

### CONCERNS

### ADDRESSED BY THE PREMIER

The Grand Marquee at Araluen Botanic Park was packed at Business Armadale's morning tea event on Friday 1st August.

Business Armadale members joined the City of Armadale Mayor, Councillors and the local business community in welcoming Premier Colin Barnett to this prestigious event. Mr Barnett responded to questions regarding a range of issues affecting the Armadale business community including:

- Inadequacy of the current policing and courthouse facilities
- Education and training opportunities in the region
- Redevelopment of the Armadale CBD
- Investment in infrastructure in the region
- Uncertainty around the management of Araluen Botanic Park



Thanks Gary Smith from The Manse Restaurant. Gary provides the catering for functions across the district and he does it with professionalism and excellence. Above: Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones is tempted by one of Gary's delicacies at the opening of the Yates Springtime In Araluen Tulip Festival.



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*The September Courier always marks the beginning of spring for me. It seems that everyone wakes up from 'sleepy winter' and starts to plan for the warm spring days ahead. And with all of these plans - the Courier expands. September is a bumper edition!*

Welcome on board to all of our new contributors and advertisers, and we hope your plans come to fruition.

The first event is our Tulip Festival and this year it's the biggest and best we have seen. All those wonderful blooms are out and most agree the park has never looked so beautiful. The tourists have flooded in and our location has really been on show.

Our compliments to the gardeners and park staff and our thanks to everyone with the foresight and dedication to save Araluen.

As the warmer weather arrives we are also gearing up for some more major events:

- The Karragullen Expo, incorporating the inaugural West Australian Avocado Festival is on the 11th October
- The Kelmscott Show will be on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th October
- and of course our own Spring Markets are on the 21st of September.

Spring time is 'event time' and I hope everyone marks these dates in their diaries and makes certain to come along.

One thing that really struck me when I was putting this Courier together is the astounding level of synergy existing between organisations across our community.

In a lot of locations, organisations exist as silos; where one group plans and carries on their business in isolation. This doesn't seem to happen around here. In 'our patch' it seems most clubs and groups actually support each other.

Some examples: The Musicians Club play at the Araluen Tulip Festival and of course are heavily involved in the Roleystone Spring Markets. In turn they are welcomed to the Football clubrooms to run their monthly Club Nights.

The members of the Roleystone Theatre seem

to pop up everywhere; the Men's Shed and Community Garden folk seem very close and 'cross-fertilize' frequently with the Roleystone Market Committee! And the Bendigo Bank seems to be everywhere, helping everyone!

There is even a spirit of co-operation that exists between our major event organisers. This year, The Avocado Festival is a sponsor of the Araluen Tulip Festival. The Kelmscott Show committee is planning to have a stall at the Karragullen Expo. And they all seem to be members of Business Armadale!

This is not restricted to individuals; some of our major businesses are continuously supporting and sponsoring our groups and their role can never be underestimated.

This cooperation seems to extend into our sporting clubs. In this month's RKCC writeup, the cricket boys are wishing our wonderful Roley Tigers footy lads success in their Finals Series! As we all do - well done to the boys on their stellar year.

Often I see the same people at functions; busy, community conscious and involved people, wearing many hats. This more than anything else shows that our community still has a real 'country town' feel. These are the folk who keep our community surging ahead.

Perhaps this has a converse side - where are all of the other people who live here? The many folk who reside in Roleystone but who choose not to be involved.

There are many reasons for isolation. Some live here for the serenity. Some just like to be by themselves and some are involved in other communities.

While it is their right, I just fear they might be missing out on something very special. Being a Roleystoner is about more than just living here! So if you can - join in. Spring is definitely the time to do it.

So happy reading.  
**Linda Moore**





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## Happy 60th Birthday June

*On August 28th 2014, June Slender reached the amazing milestone of 60 years old. June is a favourite across this community, well known for her hard work and dedication over a number of organisations.*

*I am lucky enough to have her as my cousin but I also value her highly as a loyal and amazing friend.*

*Well done Junie and have a very happy day.*

*June is pictured with Suzzie Kemp.*



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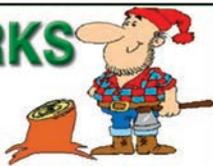


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## Now there are two dogs!

*On July 4th 2014, my wonderful guide dog Shadow retired. She had turned 10 years on June 27th and at this age, working dogs are normally retired to live the rest of their lives relaxing and enjoying life.*

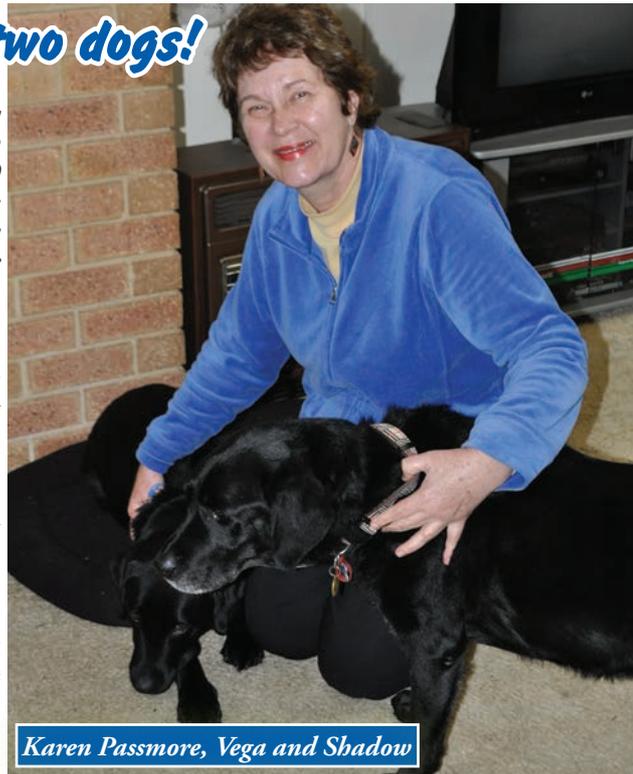
Many people will have seen me around Roleystone and beyond, with my black Labrador Retriever cross as she carefully took me around obstacles and to my destinations. We have worked for more than eight and a half years and we have a very special bond together as you can imagine.

Shadow was a favourite with many at the local shopping centre, with the girls at the Chemist's being her "fan club". Shadow also was privileged to keep the Butcher's shoes clean when they came out to put my meat into my backpack. She's a real foodie, which is not uncommon with her breed. I've no idea how many kilometres we have walked together, but I travel to the City at least twice a week and we spent a year going out to Wembley for my studies. We have been to many restaurants too, but Shadow never enjoyed clothes shopping. She also never liked walking up hills which was amusing as we live in Roleystone.

She has been to Townsville in Queensland flying in with me in the cabin, and flew like a real "trouser". She has been on a river cruise too. As well, she has been to a number of funerals, but on one occasion, snored so loudly it was quite embarrassing. Unfortunately Shadow endured four dog attacks, all were on leashes, with one dog actually landing on top of her harness and biting her a couple of times at the Roleystone Shopping Centre. That dog had chewed through its leash. That was very hard for me and I thought my dog would no longer be able to work, but amazingly, she continued on, but it did leave her very dog distracted from then onwards, hence she barked and reacted with other dogs in her vicinity.

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*Karen Passmore, Vega and Shadow*

Vega, who is named after a star in the constellation, is just two years old, but resembles Shadow so that many people still think this is my older dog. Vega is a black Labrador and the same size as Shadow, so I often need to feel their tails to work out which dog I am with around the house.

It's quite hard having a new dog, as we don't know each other and I have to verbalise all sections of our trips out together. This reinforcement keeps her focused and learning the routes. Food rewards are given to target parts of our outings to show her important stages, such as pram ramps, doorways, crossings and left or right turns. We have a few hiccups, but on the whole our work together is going well. It is a fact that we need to work together for about two years to really be a spot-on team.

So far, Vega is neither food obsessed, nor dog distracted like her predecessor, and I'd like this to always be the case. Our dogs are on very special diets and scavenging is not encouraged, nor accepting food from anyone else apart from me. Even patting my dog is only permitted if the person asks me first. If I'm not working, I am happy to answer questions and allow pats.

I have had a number of men speak or make noises to my dog as we walk along, particularly in the City, and this can be very distracting and she loses concentration on the job and puts me at risk. Children running up to her are a similar distraction if she's walking with me. I've been asked many times if she is a "blind dog" and I cannot answer "yes" to this question. I smile and usually respond with "I hope not, I cannot see and I am relying on her to keep me safe." I am also encouraged by the number of young children who know a lot about our dogs and the wonderful work they do.

Our dogs cost around \$35,000 these days to train and come to me free, so I am extremely grateful to the public for their donations to the local WA schools – Seeing Eye Dogs Australia and Guide Dogs WA. Having a dog has given me confidence and independence that I so enjoy today, and they make a wonderful companion too.

*Karen Passmore*

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# Letters to the Editor

## Apology to Angry Tirade

*Making anyone angry is not in my nature. If I have upset any of my new neighbours from the smoke at our new Tyers Rd property, then I sincerely apologise & will make every effort to minimise any nuisance smoke in the future.*

I appreciate that having a permit to burn & having notified all the required neighbours does not include "everyone" in Roleystone. Whilst I am sorry that others also produce smoke from their wood fires & this can impact on some people's health, I can only but encourage them to burn dry material in a reasonable manner. Ownership of smoke once emitted into the air can be a little difficult to assign to an individual.

I can remember when smoking tobacco was permitted on public transport. Can you imagine if someone lit up a cigarette on the train today? Others would complain & the person committing the offence would be dealt with by the authorities who now patrol our network. In years to come, wood fires & burning in general may also become out of date. It will be a matter of public input to the local authority.

Speaking of which, did you know that the City of Armadale has banned cats in one location close by? Yes. There is an entire housing estate in the City where cats are not allowed to be kept. And it is not the only estate where this local by-law has been enforced.

I care, because like family, choosing your neighbours is beyond your control. And I for one enjoy seeing the people of Roleystone, in the streets, at the shops etc & greeting them warmly, not wanting to avoid eye contact or disappearing up a different aisle or behind a fence because of some indifference.

**Phillip Everett**  
Heath Road  
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## The Most Beautiful Place in the World

It often amazes me what I can recall from my childhood. I clearly remember as a little girl going on an excursion with the Jarrahdale Primary School to a place far away from my home town. This place we visited was so beautiful and magical, it took my breath away.



**Roma & Sarina**

## Snake Tales

My late mother was lethal on snakes. This story was born about by being a mum on an orchard down by a creek where there were frogs and mice and the place was full of dugites.

There were snake sticks propped up all over the place. "SNAAAAYKE" was a clarion call to bring people running.

The kookaburras learned to sit in a lone dead wandoo across the road for the time she or my father would hang a dead one across the water pipe.

Then, when she was about 75, she was convinced to handle one by a snake wrangler up at the Church fete. Mother Hart was never one to be made to look chicken-hearted by anybody.

Up until then, the only good snake was a dead one and she had related the family history on them. Her attitude completely changed. The snake was fresh-skinned after its spring moult but long enough past that it was no longer niggley.

"So beautiful - so smooth" she cooed as this thing weaved and slithered over her hands and wrists. She never killed or sought to kill another one.

**Bob Hart**

I remember excitedly telling my parents that evening I had been to 'the most beautiful place in the world'.

That place was Araluen Botanic Park.

Fast forward almost 40 years, and those feelings of being overwhelmed by Araluen's majestic beauty returned to me when I was kindly invited to the opening of the Yates Springtime at Araluen Tulip Festival on the 22nd of August. Even though I had visited the park many times over the 28 years I have been living in the Hills, I am ashamed to say it was the first time I had ever experienced and supported the Tulip Festival. The mass of vibrant colour transforms the park into something that has to be seen to be believed. Absolutely stunning.

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On Saturday 20 July 2014 our beautiful boy, Dylan Christopher Harris, passed away. At the young age of 25, his life was taken far too soon. He was on a trip of a lifetime, watching Australia play at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil with two of his best mates, Harry and Michael. They continued to travel through South America once the soccer had finished. Nearing the end of their trip they decided to take part in a 4-day trek through Bolivia to mountains as high as 4800m above sea level.

On day two of the trek both Dylan and Michael had severe altitude sickness and the trek was cancelled as they made their way down the mountain to medical assistance. The severity of Dylan's altitude sickness led to the development of High Altitude Pulmonary Oedema (fluid on the lungs) and unfortunately he stopped responding to medical treatment. He passed away at 6am on 20 July 2014 with two of his best friends by his side. The funeral was held on Friday 1 August 2014 at Springdale Oval. The attendance at Dylan's funeral was overwhelming and we are speechless as to how many people showed their love and support.

We would like to say thank you to the whole community for your kind words and support during this devastating time. A big thank you to the Roleystone Football Club for allowing us to use the grounds and clubrooms for Dylan's funeral. Thank you to our friends and family, you have all been our rocks.

A special thank you to Harry and Michael, you brought our boy home and we will forever be grateful that he had you by his side. You and the rest of the boys will always be a part of our family. We had no idea that altitude sickness could be fatal. Please do your research and be aware of the dangers of the places you are travelling to. But travel, go to all the places and take in



all the experiences that this world has to offer. Make sure you always get travel insurance, you don't know what could happen while away. Above all else, tell your family and friends that you love them every day. With love and thanks,

*The Harris Family*

*Thank you Paul, Sonia, Teagan, William and Bianca Harris for allowing us to share some very special and heartfelt memories of your beloved Dylan. Another beautiful Roleystone boy has left us way too early. Roleystone feels for you over this tragic time.*

**RRE Team Are Now Trained in First Aid**

The members of the RRE team recently completed a first aid course at Sam and Kirsten Saffioti's place in early August and all declared the course to be worthwhile and fun and yet very professional.

Jennifer Durtanovich has recently moved back to Roleystone and is conducting first aid courses for businesses and families.

Jennifer has been in the First Aid Industry for over 13 years and has been operating her first aid training business for 5 years.

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knowledge of how and when to operate defibrillators. Her motto is: First aid is essential education for everyone! You can make contact on 040 771 7709 or [www.bandaidz.com.au](http://www.bandaidz.com.au)

Jennifer has recently returned to Roleystone, and has chosen to settle back here, she loves the Roleystone people and the natural environment. She is married with two adult sons, Kayne and Rhys, who were raised in Roleystone and still enjoy visiting their familiar grounds.



**Sarai, Kirsten and Ashleigh**



## Coastline Sheds Are Very Local

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## The Muttons' Tanzania Challenge

The African country of Tanzania is a long way from Roleystone but one connection is the support being provided to a new high school by Roleystone families. The Njelela Secondary School has been built by Australian donations with the vision of it being self supporting from school fees and millions of pines that have already been planted over the last 7 years. Several Roleystone families are

supporting the school and Paul Mutton has visited the school twice over the last 3 years. In September he will be returning to assist the teachers and administrative staff as they battle away on construction projects, budgeting, electricity and water supply, and computer classes. In the school holidays Dimity will bring their children and Roleystone Community College students Amelia, Sally and Charlie over to spend two weeks at the school on their first trip to Africa.

It is a grass roots project that is being run by local villages to help themselves. There is no government money, no scheme electricity or water, and the school even has to maintain the village road! The school must provide all of its needs for the 130 students boarders from the villages small farms. The ground is amazingly rich and fertile with many springs and rivers flowing all year.

This year a special visitor's house has been built at the school and the school is seeking assistance from keen Australians interested in volunteering their time to help this struggling new school. People who are interested in a challenge and keen on an adventure should have a chat to Paul and visit the school's website at [www.njelelaschool.com.au](http://www.njelelaschool.com.au)

**Paul Mutton**



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## KAYLA IS A WORLD CHAMPION

17 year old Kayla Rainoldi of Roleystone is now a world champion.

Kayla moved to the States to learn more about training and ended up staying to compete in a range of shows across the US. She has been competing with her mare 'A Sudden Echo' in Western Pleasure events and her results have been nothing short of spectacular.

In November Kayla and Sudden Echo won the title of Circuit Champion in a youth event at Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Not only was she the circuit champ she also had a clean sweep with 6 firsts!

Her portfolio is packed with excellent results over a range of competitions where she has been ranked 1st or 2nd.

Her next challenge is to ride in 'The Congress 2014' where Kayla will be riding A Sudden Echo and her hunter horse - The Best Sleep. The congress is the biggest one breed show/event in the world. This particular event shows over 4 weeks and involves more than 20,000



horses. It is held in Columbus Ohio and she has also shown in Nth Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma City and Tulsa - so she has seen a fair bit of the USA.

Her mother Sally is extraordinarily proud of her daughter's achievements but sadly for her she will not be coming home this way soon. She has a few more competitions and following this Kayla has been offered work with a leading Australian trainer in the Eastern States when she returns from the U.S.A.

*Well done Kayla*

## Young Roleystone Locals Enjoy Getting Very Dirty

A number of Roleystone locals joined in with this years Western Mudd Race and Mudd Rush on August 17th and 18th. The rush is fun and not so competitive and of course young people can join in too.

By all accounts they enjoyed the experience. Mud Bash children pictured below include: Jacob, Mason, Kayne, Tobias, Ben, Blake, Josh, Rorke, Jack, Mia, Courtney, Faith, Neave, Lincoln, Jaxon, Ashton, Jordan and Kai.

At right: Kai shows off his medal.

Thanks Lainey Holroyd for the photos.



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*Above: Very proud parents Mark and Joneen Darbyshire welcome baby Jethro who was born on the 4th July! A first grandchild for the Graham family and the fifth grandchild for the Darbyshires!*

*Below: Congratulations to Pickering Brook orchardist Michael Della Pollina and his wife Tanya on the birth of their gorgeous daughter Mikayla.*



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## Roley Men's Shed Purchase a Defibrillator

In view of the fact that the average age of the Roleystone Men's Community Shed members is in the "over 60" category, the Committee recently decided to make the acquisition of a defibrillator a prime objective.

With our limited funds unable to meet the expense, we approached various businesses in the Roleystone local community to raise the money required for the purchase of a St John Ambulance Australia HeartStart HS1 defibrillator. Our thanks go to the Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Bank, Fidock & Co Real Estate, Jarrah Settlements, the Roleystone Community Chemist and the Roleystone Family Medical Centre for their generosity in making the purchase of this equipment possible.

The Shed will be running First Aid refresher training in the next few weeks, which will include comprehensive training to all members on our new equipment, along with a refresher on general first aid. Although, of course, we all hope that the defibrillator will never be used in earnest, it is reassuring to know that this life saving piece of equipment is only a short distance away, should it be required.

Once again, I would like to thank the community and in particular the above named businesses for their continued and visible support for the Roleystone Men's Community Shed.

*Phil Aked*  
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Above: Steve White Roleystone Community Chemist, Phil Aked Roleystone Men's Shed, Shelley Clutton Bendigo Bank and Adam Haigh Jarrah Settlements



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For our third market of the year we have a full house! Our reputation is growing and we are delighted that we are able to present the most number of stalls to date, great stalls with the quality, handmade and handcrafted delights you have come to expect.

Once again we have a great range of food vendors with some new ones to tempt you and some old favourites. For the younger ones the Community garden are holding a scarecrow competition which will be judged on the day, we have animals, face painting and every child's favourite - the bouncy castle. We received fantastic feedback about the busking tent we

introduced for the first time at our last markets and we are delighted that this will now be a permanent feature with the wonderful Deb DeBoer from the Roleystone Musicians Club introducing Roleystone to the fabulous musical talent within our community. Great food, great products, great music and hopefully great weather. Come and visit us at the Roleystone Spring Market - your market. *Pam Edwards*



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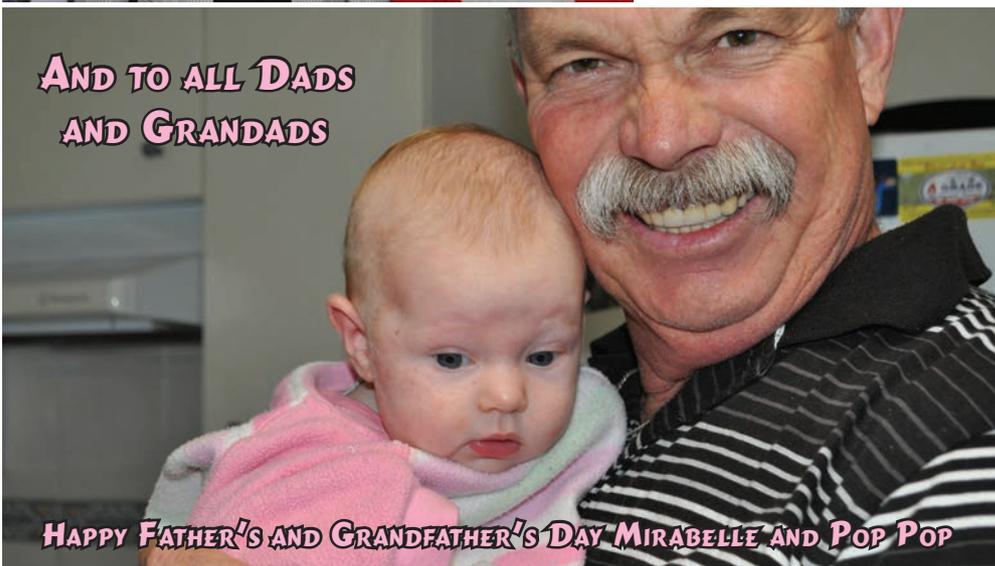
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## SPIKE VERSUS THE AVON

*Roleystone's Spike (aka Rob) Whitehurst and his friend Greg Lee Steere had a hard run down the Avon Descent this year. You may have seen their bright green boat as they featured extensively in many Channel 10 action shots. They left Northam on a very cold morning (it was only 2 degrees) starting on grid 4. Here is Rob's account of this year's race:*

'We had a good run until we entered the 12kms of ti-trees where we made one mistake ending up hitting a big tree at full speed (we were doing around 60kph). The result of this was a damaged gearbox.

We got going again and managed to get to Cobblers Pool, the half way point and an overnight stay in 4th place. We had to rebuild the gear box in the pits and against the clock we dropped down to 6th.

We had a great start on Day 2 until we hit the big rocks of the 'Super Shute'. This caused us to barrel roll the boat - breaking the tiller arm. With a bit of 'go faster' tape and wire we were off again. We raced hard through the big rapids of Sids, Emus and Bells and we managed to pull back a lot of boats finishing at Garrett Road in 7th place.

***Our final decision was: 'Let's do it again!'***

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- 2009 – 2nd Place State Champion
- 2010 – 2nd Place State Champion
- 2011 – 1st Place State Champion
- 2012 – 2nd Place State Champion
- 2013 – 1st Place Australia Day Race  
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**Rob Whitehurst**





*WA in Bloom. Pictured above: Sean and William Kenworthy at Danielle's family farm near Kellerberrin. Thanks Danielle for the photo.*

## **VALE ALLAN MOORE 28/8/44 - 7/8/14**

Allan Moore was born in Manjimup to George and Joy Moore on 28th August 1944. He was the second of five children. The family moved around the wheatbelt and southwest following his father's position in the bank. He completed his education at Muresk Agricultural College before travelling to Lincoln College in New Zealand. He graduated with the qualifications that allowed him to pursue a career as a land valuer.

Over the years, he worked in a number of firms, building himself a reputation as a valuer of integrity and sound judgement with expertise in rural valuations. He was generous with his time, mentoring younger valuers and maintaining contact with them long after moving on. His professional life concluded working from home in Roleystone as an independent valuer.

Allan and his young family moved to Roleystone in 1982. They loved the area and the community they lived in. They were to stay for 32 years. In the early years, he was heavily involved with Roleystone Primary School and the Girl Guides. Many weekends were spent fundraising cooking doughnuts and many hours spent working on the P&C. In more recent years, he was a familiar sight helping at the Kelmscott Show and the District display at the Royal Show.

The Moore's made the recent decision to retire to the south west with regular holidays to travel in Australia. They moved to Busselton six weeks ago. Sadly, Allan passed away quietly at home on 7th August, surrounded by his loving family. His family have been overwhelmed by cards and messages. The recurrent themes have been that he was a true gentleman, he had a lovely smile to go with a cheeky sense of humour and he was a loyal friend.

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## Katy's Dad Needs Our Help

Many readers may have met or read about Katy Jiang's father Lin Zhong Jiang. While on his visit to Australia from China a year ago he was a frequent visitor to the Musicians Club and he played er-hu (a Chinese violin) a couple of times while he was here. Katy is a widely known and much loved member of our community. Please dig deeply to help her out in her time of need. Here is her emotional story:

'Just 3 weeks ago, my dad was diagnosed with bowel cancer. He had surgery immediately. After the surgery, the doctor found his cancer had already spread to his lymph nodes.

There is a 49% survival rates for 5 years or more if he can access chemotherapy. He is 70 this year and lives in China. I am his only child. People at his age in China have very low incomes from a small pension and his retirement savings. He lives off \$350 per month. The public medical system is in chaos and little support is provided for ongoing treatment. If you have cancer, and you can't afford treatment, you are pretty much waiting for death.

My dad is like many of those kind but poor Chinese. If they need to continue their treatment, they have to seek for money. The cost for chemo is \$2000 per time and he will need it 6 to 8 times.

My mother has been borrowing money from friends and relatives. If the cost continues, they will have to sell their home which means they will have no shelter. My family is trying our best to support him.

I love my dad and will not let go of him. I hope people or friends who know me or him will help.

I hope local Roleystone Courier readers will help us to raise the much needed funds to help him continue his life.

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**Katy Jiang**



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## Roleystone's Destructive Flooding Rains

Following Phillip Everett's timely reminder, I looked back in the archives. This was reported in the Roleystone Courier twenty-two years ago ..... A timely warning! The weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February in 1992 brought some of the heaviest rainfall ever recorded in the area. Peter Thompson, the editor of the Roleystone Courier at the time reported on pages 1 – 3 of the March 1992 edition that: *'the event was thought to be in the order of a 1 in one hundred year storm. In Roleystone itself 135 mm was recorded in Simons Drive, 159 mm in Hawkstone Road and 195 mm at Churchmans Brook. Some of the heaviest falls ever recorded in the area.'* (This was according to weather man David Elliott who provided great weather stats for Roleystone Courier readers for a very long time....)

### Rain in Roley

Recent good rains in the Roleystone hills brought back memories of the roar that could be heard from the local water ways as the run-off water crashed over the rocky terrain. Each winter we could clearly hear from our home, the passage of the head waters to Stinton Creek, as it flowed through Araluen passed our original property.

In early February 1992, these creeks far exceeded their capacity when more than 120mm of rain fell in a 24 hour period with additional rain before & after that peak fall.

Being a summer rainfall event, the ground was initially hard & dry which made for spectacular run off, resulting in Stony Brook destroying the road at its crossing on Chevin & Urch Roads.

There was also widespread damage on a number of other creek crossings such as Slab Gully at Holden Road and a few close calls where Stony Brook crosses Peet Road. With no bridge, the resulting flood which flowed over the road was strong enough to wash away a number of vehicles.

*Phillip Everett*

*'Damage to property both private and public (bridges) adjacent to Stony Brook, was extensive. In the later case the culverts beneath Chevin Road, Urch Road and Brookton Highway all failed to take the flow of water and caused extensive water damage on the downstream side where a waterfall resulted. The culverts on Urch Road were partially blocked by trees, branches and other vegetation causing a rapid rise in water. This resulted in water flowing over the road and sweeping a stalled car 300 metres downstream along with the bridge balustrade.'*

*For others who walked along Stony Brook on the Sunday morning it seemed impossible for the usually dry summer creek to have caused so much devastation. Yet our eyes did not lie. Large concrete pipes had been tossed up on the banks and the force of the water had cut a new course for the Brook resulting in one householder whose private bridge gave access to their property, facing the enormous cost of replacing, with a much larger bridge, the one that had been swept away.'*

*Areas that were flooded included Parkin Road, Holden Road, Taree Place, Robin Road and Heather Road where flood water flowed through houses to a depth of 5 cm or more.....'*

NB: the above article has been re-printed in part only.

The drainage in the area was shown to be woefully inadequate and extensive drainage works have been undertaken since then.

The stormwater that had collected had no outlet; often the drainage gates were blocked with gumnuts and residual vegetation and when heavy rain occurred the drainage could not cope.

A negative result of this storm was that many residents whose homes had been damaged by the flood were not covered for flood/storm water damage. Perhaps this is a timely reminder that this could happen again.

*The photo above left was provided by Phillip Everett - photographer unknown.*



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# The Karragullen Expo

*This year's Karragullen Expo to be held on Saturday 11 October is on the verge of being something very special. This event showcases the first ever 'West Australian Avocado Festival' which will provide avocado lovers with information about the benefits of avocados, tastings and much more. So many of our locals grow these popular fruit exceptionally well and the avocado market is rapidly expanding.*

It is the 31st Karragullen Expo and of course the Hills Orchard Improvement Group clearly

know what they are doing when it comes to providing an interesting, enjoyable and different day.

'Things are going amazingly well. The avocado focus has generated lots of interest. Many new exhibitors have booked a site and some of these don't even know where Karragullen is!' said organiser, Bruno Delsimone.



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Highlights of the Expo include:

- Free children's rides
- Avocado inspired cooking demonstrations with celebrity chef Vince Garreffa
- Avocado stalls and products
- Gardening education sessions (learn how to grow your own avocados)
- Avocado orchard visits
- Avocado trees for sale at wholesale prices
- Expert advice and information from nutritionists, horticulturists and professional growers
- Children's activities and lots of giveaways
- Entertainment
- Wine tasting and sales.

Sponsors Sam Saffioti from Roleystone Real Estate and Tony Jacobs from the Roleystone-Karragullen Bendigo Bank will be helping out at the cooking demonstrations! Local Emily Primrose will be back with children's avocado cooking sessions.

Many new stall holders will be here this year with an amazing variety of products. And why not stay afterwards and enjoy a spit roast pork and beef from 5pm (our special guest Vince Garreffa will be staying on too).

The bar has been re-named Jimmy's Bar, after Jim Delsimone who has been head barman for



Bruno & Jim Delsimone

several years. Join him in this relaxing area. The day starts at 9.00am and finishes at 4.30pm. Tickets will be available on sale on the day. Entry costs are: Adults tickets are \$10 each, Pensioners and children over 12 years tickets are \$5 each, and for children under 12 years entry is free.

For more information visit their website at: <http://karragullenexpo.org.au/expo-highlights-2014.aspx>  
Locals - put the date in your diaries!

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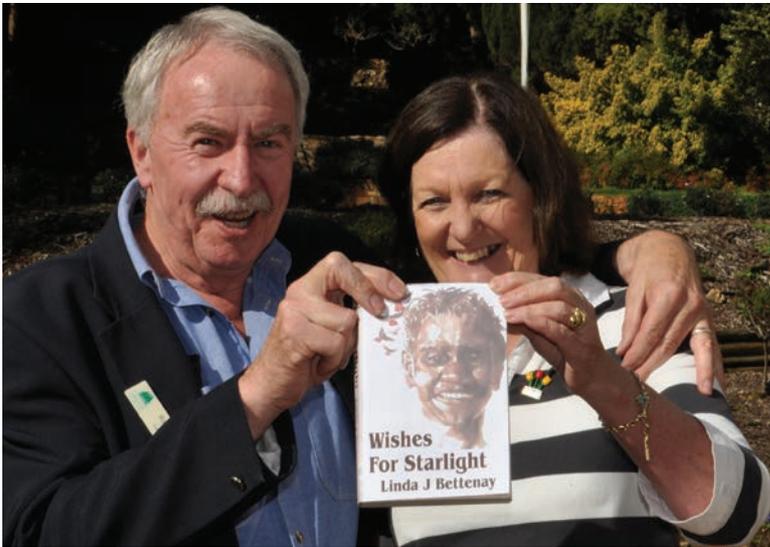
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**On Our Travels....,**

This month we have travelled far and wide - mainly through the spectacular wheatbelt. Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Bruce Rock, Narembeen, Kondinin.... At Beverley Lyn Wilkinson was in our audience and a lovely surprise - pictured at right, Isobel Weir (Patrick's sister) with fellow author Keith Howes from Sydney.

**'Wishes For Starlight' is coming soon....,**

Book number 2 from Linda J Bettenay will be available from November 1st. This book is centred right here! In the words of Robyn Molloy, Editor of The Examiner Newspaper: *'It will entertain you, affront you and compel you to talk about what life was like 100 years ago in suburbs we all know. Bettenay's fans can be rest assured 'Wishes For Starlight' has as many shocks and even better storytelling than her first novel.'* Thanks to my many friends who volunteered to have a pre-read and iron out some of the bugs. (Especially you Jean!) **Pictured below: Robyn Molloy (right) and Rob and Kerry Fidock at The Grove of Remembrance in Araluen!**



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## Roley Tigers Celebrate Their Best Year In A Decade



After 18 home and away games, it is safe to say that this year has been the most exciting for the Roleystone Football Club in the last decade.

It seems only yesterday that we were running around Cross Park on those summer afternoons with Neil Bennett putting our bodies through their paces in

preparation for the upcoming season. I now agree with Neil, that it's 'all been worth it' with the boys finishing the 2014 season on top of the ladder with 17 wins and a percentage of 248.

We've enjoyed many club events and functions throughout the year including multiple pre-game and half time little league matches with the Roleystone Junior Football Club, Thursday night player themed meals, dress up parties and our recently held 2014 Sponsors' Day. This was a big success with over 100 people watching the game from the pavilion and enjoying good quality football against Safety Bay.

On behalf of the players I would like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors for 2014. Without your ongoing support for our club we wouldn't be in the position we are in today. Also a special thanks to Lisa McConachy and the committee for organizing the day.

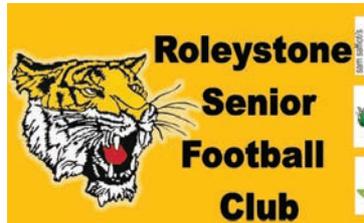
*September is here and as you all know that means finals footy!!!*

Finishing on top of the ladder gave Roleystone the first week off which was a much deserved break and a good chance for our bodies to mend after a long year.

As a group, we are very excited to be playing finals and the feeling around the club is one of optimism and excitement. We would also like to extend our invitation to the community for the upcoming trophy presentation night to be held at Avocados on the 4th of October. The cost is \$60 which includes a three course meal with drinks purchased separately. For more information contact Adam Casotti on 0400533331 or join our facebook group "Roleystone Tigers" for all match day and social club information.

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*Rachel John, Entertainment Coordinator*  
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**2. ‘The Baby from Hell’ aka Linda Bickley at Kelmscott Show 2013**  
**3. Roleystone’s Cathy Chimelewski with her prize winning chooks.**

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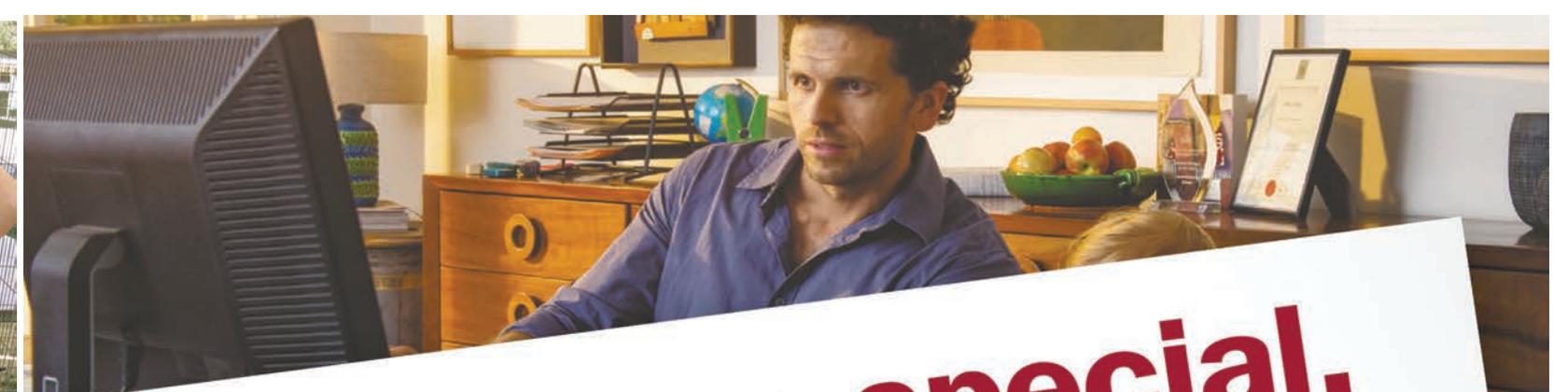
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*It's been an exciting term for us at Gumnut Playgroup.*

We've welcomed some new members to our sessions and we now have a new Craft Coordinator. The children (and adults!) have enjoyed undertaking Jennifer's craft activities every week.

Local musician Nicole Lloyd has also visited our sessions this term, sharing her concept of 'Sound Play' with us. We all had a fantastic time exploring Nicole's collection of percussion instruments (and making lots of noise too!), in addition to learning relaxation techniques through music and singing.

We always welcome new members, so if you have children under the age of 5, and would like them to have fun in a safe and friendly environment, contact our Registrar Marie Hofmann on 0404 996 670 or email: [rpgregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:rpgregistrar@gmail.com).

*Kerry Davis*



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*Well done Hayley.*



**Hayley Jackson**

**It's Yates Springtime at Araluen**

**ARALUEN NOTES**

The spring festival is well under way with big crowds enjoying the beautiful weather and tulips. The official opening was held on Friday 22 August in the Grand Marquee with the Hon Tony Simpson MLA declaring the festival open. Around 100 invited guests enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in the sunshine and tulips.

Each Saturday of the festival we will have the Turkish Folk Dancers and the Mystique Belly Dancers performing in the concourse. The Folk Dancers are very colourful and great to watch and they also encourage the crowd to join in. Members of the Roleystone Musicians Club perform most days between 10am and 3pm.

You can enjoy a variety of food over the Spring Festival from the stallholders in the concourse. There is a range of mouth watering Dutch food such as: beef and chicken croquettes and beef bitterballen and chips with their special mayo. Of course there are many more choices as well. Plus we have some great Turkish food too: Gozleme, Baklava and of course the famous Turkish Delight and if you would like something a little simpler then we can offer soup with a bread roll. The outdoor café near the Roundhouse Gift shop is a great place to relax and enjoy a coffee. The Chalet Healy Tearooms can cater for a more formal dining experience for those who want to enjoy a café style lunch.

The tulip display is absolutely stunning and right on your backdoor so please make the time to come and see the park at its best.



**Liz Dunn & the Tulips**



*Pictured above: Kay Hallaban was recognised at the Opening of the Araluen Tulip Festival for her outstanding contribution to saving the park in the early 1990s.*

*When Araluen Park was at risk of being sold for development, a band of extraordinary people stepped in to fight to save this icon. Without Kay's intervention at a Ministerial level the battle would have been lost. Her efforts are surely appreciated when anyone visits the park and sees it today.*

*Above right: this photo of a waterfall on Stinton Creek was sent in by Juline Pennels. This creek flows through her property before entering Araluen Park.*



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Many of the best darts players in the world recently visited our city when Perth hosted the World Series Darts Masters on the 22 - 24 August at Challenge Stadium. On a magic day in August, some of these players came to Araluen Golf Resort for a round of golf before the competition began.

*Pictured: Matt Porter - CEO of Professional Darts Corporation, Raymond van Barneveld - 5 time world champion, Dave Allen - Media Manager and Rod Harrington - expert analyst.*

## Show Your Big Heart In September

West Australians are being asked to listen to their heart and support the annual Heart Foundation Big Heart Appeal from 1-20 September to help stop the heartache that heart disease causes.

Every donation to the Heart Foundation Big Heart Appeal will help us in the fight against heart disease, the number one killer of Australian men and women. Heart disease is serious - in fact, it's the number one killer of Australians, taking a life every 26 minutes.

The fight against heart disease depends on vital research and with generous support we can help save lives by funding the best heart researchers. As a charity, the majority of our funding comes

from everyday Australians whose generous gifts are critical to helping us continue our lifesaving work.

This year around 200 Heart Foundation funded researchers are working towards a world free of heart disease.

With the help of 17,500 people doorknocking in their neighbourhoods, workplace fundraising and through individual giving, the Heart Foundation hopes to raise over \$750 000 in WA towards a national target of \$5 million to make world-class research possible.

All donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible and a receipt will be provided.

*Below: Helen Morton MLC, accepts the Ice Bucket Challenge. Helen is being doused by Ken Wyatt who also accepted the challenge. This helps promote awareness of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The Premier selected her! You're a good sport Helen.*





Run by our Year 10 students and supervised by Science Department teachers Ms Rajor and Mr Iqbal, our students were amazed by a wide range of 'hands on' activities and demonstrations. The day finished with the whole school enjoying some wonderful experiments in the assembly area. Even Mr Thatcher was roped in to try and punch his way through a bucket of slime – not as easy as it looked! Our Year 10 students were excellent role models and congratulations must go to them and Ms Rajor and Mr Iqbal who organized the Science Extravaganza Day. It created so much enthusiasm and engagement in the learning science across the year levels.

*Submitted by Vicki Sallur*

## Science Week

*Science Week 2014 at Roleystone Community College went off with a bang with the day's activities a 'flaming' success.*

Students from all years loved all the different experiments including one where balloons were blown up by heat and rockets were sent off over the Library roof!



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## TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER



### Coming Events

**OPEN DAY:**  
Our Annual Open Day will be held on Sunday 21st September. This will commence at 2pm and we will have sets of tennis and some giveaways, a raffle and afternoon tea will be served at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy an afternoon of tennis.

**SPRING TOURNAMENT**  
We are having our Spring Tournament on Sunday 26th October. Please put your name down at the Club. The cost will be \$10 per person with lunch and prizes included. This will commence at 10.00am.

**NEW TENNIS COACH**  
The Club is pleased to announce that we have a new coach starting at the club. Darren Draper is the Director and Manager of Top Shot Tennis. Darren is a Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach and Tennis Coaches Australia's Advanced Coach. With over 14 years of coaching experience, Darren spearheads a fantastic team of coaches who are all WWC checked and complete regular internal coaching courses to improve their coaching skills.

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during school terms for a period of 8 weeks. This will be held on Monday afternoons & Thursday afternoons with beginners from 5-6pm, intermediates from 6-7pm and advanced from 6-7pm.

We have included a pamphlet in this month's Courier and in the Examiner newspaper and if you enrol for a term of coaching and you need a 21", 23" or 25" racquet you will receive it for free. If your size/skill level means you need a full size racquet and you sign up for a term of coaching you will receive a 20% discount voucher off already discounted equipment prices.

**COME AND TRY DAY**  
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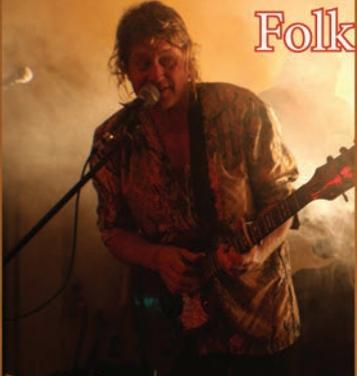


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## August Club Night at the RMC

Our August meeting achieved a record crowd at the Football Clubhouse with 72 people coming through our doors, 3 new bands turning up to play, a dignitary in our midst and a surprise performance from a member of the Club's Backline Crew.

Tim kicked off the night with a set under the guise of Eddie Cheddar. Later on he sang for Game of Tones. Dave and Gazz pulled this new line-up together just for the night with new members, drummer Wayne and guitarist Martin. They did a great rendition of Cream's White Room.

It was great to see Izzy again and she entertained us with her set on guitar and vocals. Hawkstone were back with their old drummer Mike and also did a couple of songs at the End of Night Jam with drummer Mark.

Steely Blues bass player Greg, brought along Bushy's Band and played 80's synth pop. We don't get many people with synths at the Club so it was a real treat for us!

Young Roleystone band Placid, performed a tight set with new rhythm guitarist Kieran. Our members are watching these young boys with great interest. It's wonderful to see their talents emerging along with their confidence playing in front of a real audience.

Jim's son Luke, performed for the first time at the Club with his band The Pinkos. Their all original set was impressive and we'd love to see them back again.

Kayleen our Bar Manager, surprised us all with her version of Beth Hart's Chocolate Jesus. She's smokin' hot and with a voice to match! Who'd-a-known? The cat's outta the bag now Kayleen! Can't wait to hear a whole set from you and Kim. Lastly, we were very fortunate to have a visit from Troy Greatz. Troy is principal percussionist with WASO and also teaches drumming here in Roleystone. RMC Kids band member Felix is one of his pupils. It's not often that Troy gets a Saturday night off and it was great to hear him and Kim B at the End of Night Jam.

It's looking like we have a very full agenda for the coming months as the weather warms up again.

Our members are performing at the Araluen Tulip Festival, daily from 10am to 3pm until 21 September.

Our next Club Night is Saturday 20 September. Doors and Bar Open at 6pm. Music starts at 7.30pm.

We'll also have a tent at the Roleystone Spring Markets on Sunday 21 Sept. Hope to see everyone there too!

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## ROLEYBUSHCARE

NEXT FIELD DAY IS THE COTTON BUSH BLITZ  
 Cotton Bush Blitz day will be on Sunday 7th September between 9.00am and noon. It's on Father's Day so "bring a Dad" and help us get rid of this weed.

We will be working alongside the walk track near the Canning River which goes between Heritage Drive to Thompson Road. You can access the site from either Heritage Drive or Thompson Road. Parking will be difficult particularly from Heritage Drive (room for 8 cars). If you park at Thompson Road then start walking the track and someone will pick you up. We will be ferrying people to the site. The City of Armadale's Bush Crew will organise us and provide pancakes for morning tea. Wear long pants and shirt, sturdy shoes and hat. Bring gloves and long handled secateurs if you can.

Important Note: Please check our website at 8.00am on the morning of the field day for any cancellation notice or ring Ian on 042 780 0732

*Pictured above: Janice Dawson and Mekaela Stevenson potting up Grevillea cuttings.*

### Araluen Walk Trail – Cotton Bush Blitz

*The City of Armadale, in conjunction with local environmental groups, is calling for the assistance of volunteers to help eradicate the invasive Cotton Bush that is trying to destroy the upper reaches of the Canning River.*

This weed seeds profusely and spreads quickly. The Araluen Walk Trail follows the Canning River and in recent years Cotton Bush has spread rapidly at this site.



There is growing local concern about the environmental impacts of the Narrow Leaf Cotton Bush. **Local volunteers are needed on Sunday 7 September, from 9am to noon, to assist in eradicating this weed.**

The 'Cotton Bush Blitz' will begin with hand weeding of cotton bush followed by a free pancake lunch, and the opportunity to network with like-minded people who have a great knowledge of local plant and animal species.

Volunteers are invited to stay all morning, or come for a shorter time as every minute weeding is of enormous help with this project. If you want to be involved, meet at the Araluen Walk Trail, off Heritage Drive, Roleystone just prior to 9am on Sunday 7 September.

Tools, gloves, training, refreshments and good company will all be provided.

Volunteers are asked to please bring personal water bottles, closed in shoes and wet weather gear if necessary.

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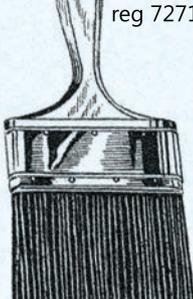
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## Gardening Notes

*Looking back to the sixties I remember thinking August was a favourite time of the year. The cold weather was going and the evening although brisk were pleasant and one only needed a cardigan to keep you warm.*

I do not know how many of you lived on farms and could get 'dags' from the sheepyard to mulch around the plants. The wool mixed with manure provided virtually all the food a plant needed and it was slow to breakdown, with the wool retaining moisture and warmth. Mostly now I use pine-fines to restore the acidity into the soil. It is time to lock the moisture into the garden and to apply a slow-release-9-month fertiliser to the ground, not close to the trunk but out to the shadow-line where the young feeder roots grow.

I must admit to being very remiss this year as a lot of my roses have not been pruned. Still by pruning now, as long as you are careful, you can see the way the rose intends to grow and also use your fingers to brush off any pieces that are growing in the wrong direction. When I cut my roses I try to do a mini-prune each time so that the rose gets a nice grow-on.

Another group of plants that are coming into foliage are the syringas or lilacs.

My daffodils from a few years back are flowering but not the ones from last year. I may have missed giving them potato E after they bloomed, I find it so much easier to remember when they are actually flowering, even if it is not really the best time.

The tall bearded iris are just getting a grow on with flower spikes starting to form. The Gardeners' Fair is coming up on Fathers' Day at the South Perth Civic Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity to get plants that are acclimatised to Western Australian conditions, advice from expert growers is readily available and there is no greater joy than to share your successes and failures with people that understand.

In Spring we have the Karragullen Expo and the Kelmscott Show to look forward to. If you are so minded get a catalogue and enter the classes of interest to yourself, otherwise go along and admire what others grow. Oh for the smell of Sweet Peas, Carnations, Roses, and some of the bulbous flowering plants, yes some orchids have a lovely scent.

I believe the open garden season is with us now, enjoy, but do not pick the flowers. Whatever you choose to do in your garden take time out to enjoy it and even get a good book, a cosy spot and a drop of whatever thirst-quencher you enjoy.

*Good Gardening  
Jean*

## The Roleystone Garden Group

Now that spring is in the air the Garden Group has decided on a visit to Kings Park to enjoy this year's Wildflower Festival.

We will go by train, but carpool at 24 Orana Way at 10am on Thursday 18th September for the trip to Kelmscott Station, as it can be quite difficult to find parking spaces on a week day.

Kings Park is at its best at this time of the year with masses of our iconic Western Australian wildflowers on display, so if you would like to join us you will be most welcome.

*Lynn Matthews  
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## Story Time In The Hills



*The Roleystone Theatre Inc. is again presenting a season of children's theatre during the October school holidays.*

The Roleystone Theatre is a not-for-profit community theatre that has been serving the local community for 81 years.

The show is called 'Storytime in the Hills' and consists of 2 short plays separated by an intermission.

This year's plays includes one presented by the children of the Roleystone Theatre Junior Workshop called: '12 Angry Pigs' - a courtroom comedy that explores the guilt, or otherwise, of the big bad wolf in the case of the Three Little Pigs!

This season is locally produced and designed for children of all ages, particularly primary school age and younger.

'Storytime in the Hills' performances:  
Monday 6th October 11am and 2pm  
Wednesday 8th October 11am and 2pm

Friday 10th October 11am and 2pm (doors open 30 minutes before a performance).

The ticket price is \$5 for adults and children. Any children under 3 years old will be FREE to admit but must sit on an adult's lap. Refreshments will be provided, included in the ticket price. The kiosk will also be open for additional refreshments.

Ticket bookings - online [www.roleystonetheatre.com.au](http://www.roleystonetheatre.com.au) or call Bree on 0466 382 240.

The theatre is located at 587 Brookton Highway, Roleystone and is an art deco heritage listed building.

Please contact Bree Hartley (Theatre President on 0466 382 240 for further information.

*Bree Hartley  
President  
Roleystone Theatre Inc.*

## THEATRE NEWS

*On August 9th we closed our latest production - The Great American Trailer Park Musical - to an almost full house.*

The show provided audiences with many laughs throughout its four week season, with several patrons returning two, even three times to see it again.

August proved to be a busy month with our Acting for Screen workshops commencing, continued rehearsals for our junior workshop production and Storytime in the Hills (to be held in the second week if the next school holidays - please see our website for further information, ticket prices and booking details) and lastly our rehearsals for our upcoming Oscars Gala Fundraising Concert.

## Roley Theatre Gala Night

*The bright lights and glamour of Hollywood are set to hit Roleystone Theatre in September when it presents a gala concert of Oscar-winning songs.*

This local community theatre group has gathered a glittering list of some of the best and the brightest singers and actors from around Perth to perform on the night.

The combined talent on show have had major roles in some of the biggest shows in recent years, including "The Phantom of the Opera", "Oliver!", "Fiddler on the Roof", "Annie", "Spamalot" and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang".

On Saturday the 6th of September we are holding a Gala fundraising event. We are presenting in one night, a selection of Oscar winning songs from the inception of the Academy Awards across the decades, to this year's winning song 'Let it Go'.

Performing for us are old and new theatre members including: Bree Hartley, Cassie Skinner, Paul Treasure, John Ramsell, Kathryn Ramsell, Lindsay MacNab, Alan O'Neil and David Wallace.

We look forward to your support and seeing you on the night!

Auditions for our end of year production - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, to be directed by Lys Tickner - were also held on the 16th of August. The show has now been cast, with rehearsals commencing late August / early September.

As always, we welcome any and all new members!

*Kat Ramsell*

The gala concert is on Saturday September 6th at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25 for Adults, \$15 for Children and include a glass of wine or soft drink and some nibbles. Tickets are available online at: [www.roleystonetheatre.com.au](http://www.roleystonetheatre.com.au) or by phone on 0466 382 240.

Audience members are encouraged to dress as glamorously as they can to match the nature of the occasion.

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# Pandora and Hope

In the last issue I wrote a bit about *eudaimonia*, a Greek word meaning roughly, *happiness*. Here's another Greek word – *elpis*. It means, roughly, *hope* and this is of course, essential to happiness. Those who are curious will find much on the matter in Wikipedia, in connection with *Pandora*, who opened a jar, and let out all the troubles of the world. Her husband was *Epimetheus* (meaning hindsight), and her brother-in-law was *Prometheus* (meaning foresight), who is well remembered as the one who gave humans a knowledge of fire, so showing foresight, but making *Zeus* very angry. Poor old Prometheus was chained to a rock.



In another culture altogether, there are similar beliefs about *balga* (the grasstree) and *boolkarla* (the fire keeper or Banksia). The little *mowan* (the twenty-eight parrots) got very angry when *balga* gave most of the fire to *karak* (the redtailed cockatoo), and that's why they attack *balga* sometimes and bite his whiskers off. Some boring scientists say this is due to global warming, but Nyoongars have longer memories and more reliable explanations for a lot of things. Their stories give me hope and so happiness.

Have fun researching *Pandora*. Some might wish she had not opened that jar but then we might not appreciate the value of hope. Philosophy can be tricky.  
*David Ward*

## Donate Your Material Scraps For Our Doll Making Project

Do you have fabric cut-offs & 'scraps' that we could use for a most wonderful cause? We would truly appreciate any materials that you might wish to donate to our Doll Making Project. Most dolls will be donated to the Uthando Project which distributes them to children-in-need in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa.

In particular, we need brown fabric, stuffing & wadding for the doll insides, brown wool for hair, colourful socks to make doll underwear, and other colourful fabrics for clothing. Please email [emily.primrose@whws.org.au](mailto:emily.primrose@whws.org.au) if you would like to donate to this project. THANK YOU ROLEY LADIES!

If you would like to participate in the workshop (it's going to be great!), it will be on the 23rd of September at GWHS - between 9:15 and 2:30 pm. Book in ASAP as spots will fill fast on this one. You can book & pay online at [www.whws.org.au](http://www.whws.org.au) click on the "what's on" tab.  
*Emily Primrose*

## Volunteer Management Committee Members

*Women's Health & Wellbeing Services are looking for volunteers to join our Management Committee. If you have a commitment to women's health and wellbeing and want to support WHWS in the important issues it is tackling on behalf of women (in the South East corridor of Perth) please consider a role on the Management Committee. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Management Committee, please contact Emma Basc, Manager, on 9490 2258.*

## New Seniors Club Committee for 2014/2015

President: Albert Chambers - 93906114  
Vice President: Jenny Corry - 94961719  
Treasurer: Alan Douglas - 94963621  
Secretary: Betsy Shackles - 94962962  
The Committee Members:  
Christine Kent - 93975047  
Rae Reynolds - 93975462  
Peter Rushen - 0452016073  
Syd Shackles - 94962962  
Could all members please note that membership fees were due on July 1st 2014  
*Albert Chambers*



**Seniors Club Calendar**  
Everyone is Welcome

SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH MARKET  
MORNING FROM 8.00AM TO 12.00 NOON

Every Tuesday	Mahjong	12.30 pm	\$1.00
Every Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Last Wednesday	Book Club	1pm	
Wednesday evening	Relaxation	6.30pm	\$8
Every Thursday	Yoga	9.30 am	\$10/\$12
Friday	Bowls	1.00pm	
4th Friday	Social	Bring a plate and BYO	

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## Political Support Required To Keep Primary School Site For Seniors' Housing

The Roleystone Primary School site in Robin Road has had very little interest shown by developers to create into seniors' housing. This is extremely disappointing given the very keen interest shown by numerous developers prior to the sites rezoning. We have been advised that this is due to the requested purchase price, demolishing costs, asbestos issues and various other constraints with developing the site.

Given the huge effort over many years by our community to have this site rezoned for seniors' housing and the many hurdles that had to be overcome we were disappointed that, without any advice to the Roleystone community, the Minister for Education has lodged an application to rezone the site to normal housing lots with the City of Armadale. NB: this application has yet to be processed by the City.

The Roleystone Seniors' Housing committee believe that this site is suited

for seniors' housing due to its level ground and its centrality to the heart of Roleystone. If it is rezoned for normal housing it will be a great loss for current and future seniors. It will mean those in our community who have contributed so much over many years will have to move to other areas to live out their lives without the support of the Roleystone community. The committee believe there are answers to the many constraints on the site and that the proposed rezoning should be placed on hold and investigations undertaken to work through the various issues.

We will be calling on our political representatives and the City of Armadale to support our ongoing attempts for seniors' housing on this site. If you can put your support for this to our political representatives it would be very much appreciated.

**Pat Hart, Chair**  
**Roleystone Seniors' Housing Committee**

### Confirmation received from Council:

*We have received an application to initiate an alternative amendment regarding the Roleystone Primary School site. The applicant has failed to submit the required fee so we have not activated the request as yet.*

*The proposal would allow the land to be developed for normal R5 density with a bonus to R12.5 in the event of aged persons' accommodation.*

## Roleystone Country Club News

*What a great month we have had at RCC. Even with the wet and cold weather our members have come out in droves to patronise the club.* We recently conducted our membership renewal draw for those who paid in July and the winners where: 1<sup>st</sup> prize Reginald (aka Chris) Leitch who took home a Samsung Galaxy tablet, 2nd to Mr and Mrs Newland and 3rd to Susan Towler. Please remember you have until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to renew your membership; after this date non-financial members will be charged the full price.

Spring must be in the air as we have 3 weddings functions and two birthday celebrations booked for September in our Orchard View room. This great facility which looks over the valley along with our fantastic caterers provides a perfect venue for your next event.

The Roleystone Women's Hockey Club held their quiz night recently with 160 people turning up for what was a great night.

Well done to Anna and her team.

Our caterers Gavin and Shireen continue to receive excellent feedback from our members and their guests with most Friday and Wednesday nights fully booked. Thursday nights are 'Parma and Pint' nights for just \$20.00 and Saturday nights are attracting large numbers to the Windows on Wygonda Family Restaurant.

We have introduced a new Sunday special: fish and chips for \$18.00 or wood oven pizzas from just \$10.00. So book early to avoid the rush and lookout for details of the new spring menu. I am confident this will be a great hit.

The Chase the Joker competition continues to grow with the jackpot now up to \$1800 and there is also the chance to win \$100 if you pick one of the allocated sponsor's cards, so you need to be there on Mondays and Wednesday Nights to win.

Have a great September and I will see you at the club.

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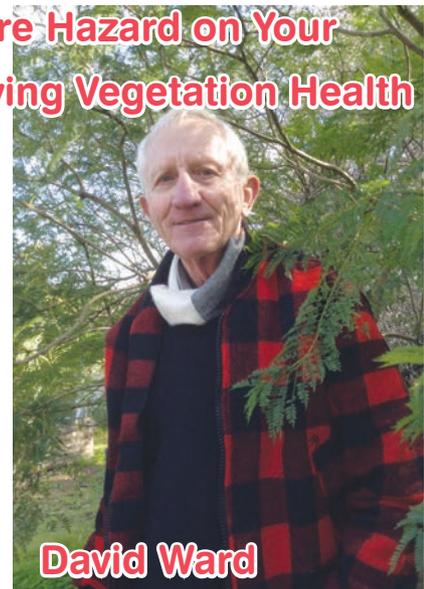
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At the September meeting of Roleystone Organic Growers Dr David Ward will be talking about mosaic burning and how it can be applied on your property as well as how our local Bushfire Brigades and Council are keeping our city as safe as possible.

Dr Ward has a PhD in Landscape Ecology and was formerly a Senior Research Scientist with the West Australian Department of Conservation and Land Management. He has been involved in research into bushfire behaviour, bushfire ecology, and bushfire history for over forty five years.



**David Ward**

The meeting is on Wednesday September 10th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry fee is \$3.

Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.

**Lisa Porter**



## TOY LIBRARY

Some of our Toy Library committee members have been busy toy shopping and have purchased some wonderful new toys for the benefit of our member families.

These include:

Wooden Crane - Recommended for 36 months and above. (Mikey is pictured below right playing with it).

Musical wooden marble run, appropriate for ages 3-10 (At right).

Blue Ribbon Wooden Fishing Game (Great toy for ages 3+ to help develop hand-eye coordination).

Musical orchestra (Ages 6 - 10).

Solar Mobile Airplane (Ages 4+) - Helps children play, build and learn with the sun. A perfect toy to learn about alternative energy sources.

Sorting numbers fruit bowl - A fun way to develop numeracy skills.

For more information about how to borrow the above toys or any other items at our Toy Library, please contact us on 0438 884 601, or by email at [roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au](mailto:roleystonetoylibrary@yahoo.com.au), or come and see us at the Family Centre on Wednesdays (11:30 am to 12:15 pm) or Saturdays (9:30 to 10:30 am). We are always happy to welcome new families and share our love for toys.

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**Lina Uribe Rivero**



**Mikey with the  
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# Roleystone Senior Football Club



**Roleystone Senior Football Club says THANK YOU**  
Roleystone Senior Football Club would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all of our sponsors, supporters, volunteers, members and players for a fantastic 2014 season.

The committee is so very grateful for all the help and support they have received. This has led to a very successful season on and off the field. Our club has been mentioned on many occasions as having the "best home ground advantage" due to the size of our oval and the massive crowds we have watching the game each week.

To our sponsors: without your generous support, the club would not be able to provide and maintain one of the best facilities in our league. This year we have seen sponsorship money go towards the purchase of first aid equipment, new footballs, new club T-shirts and training equipment. On the 30<sup>th</sup> August Cross Park will be the home of finals football with our club hosting an Elimination and a Qualifying final. I wish the players and coaching staff the best of luck for the final series and let's bring the flag back to the Roleystone Tigers Den.

Our end of year Trophy Presentation night will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October at Avocados. Tickets are on sale and there are only 100 tickets available. If you would like to attend please contact Lisa: [lisacasotti@hotmail.com](mailto:lisacasotti@hotmail.com)  
Roleystone Senior Football Club is always looking for enthusiastic people to be involved in the club as a volunteer, sponsor or committee member. If you would like to be a part of our club in any way in 2015 our AGM will be held in November. Please contact Lisa if you are interested in joining the committee. 'Many hands make light work'.

**Lisa – Secretary**  
**Roleystone Senior Football Club**

## Roleystone Redbacks Athletics Club Get Their Shed

We finally have a new extended shed at Roleystone Community College, which now has enough space to accommodate both the school's and our athletics equipment. This will make a safer, easier environment to train our athletes, and will help us update and maintain the equipment we already have.

We would like to thank the following companies/councils for their support in helping us complete this project:

Roleystone Community College, Grid Maintenance and Construction, The City of Armadale for aiding us with a community grant, The Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, SupaIGA Roleystone, Bendigo Bank Roleystone, Coles Kelmscott, Genesis, Bunnings in Armadale, K Mart Armadale, Big W Armadale.

**Julie Jackson**  
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The 311Ha of bush harbours over 380 plant species including the swamp fox banksia (*Banksia telmatiaea*), one-sided bottlebrush (*Calothamnus hirsutus*), swamp cypress (*Actinostrobus pyramidalis*), sand bottlebrush (*Beaufortia squarrosa*), and *Regelia ciliata*.

Because of its size, this area also supports a rich representation of birds, mammals and



reptiles including the western grey kangaroo (*Macropus fuliginosus*) and quenda (*Bandicoot*). Several species of bird are attracted to the flowering heathland shrubs such as the white-cheeked and tawny crowned honeyeaters, along with insectivorous birds such as the splendid blue wren, white-winged triller and black-faced wood swallow. Raptors include the little eagle, wedge-tailed eagle and nankeen kestrel.

Access to Anstey-Keane Dampland is via the stile at the corner of Anstey and Keane Roads. Sandy tracks fan out from here north and west. The best time to visit is early in the morning in September or October when many plants are flowering and birds are prolific.

This dampland is under threat from urban development. Members of the Armadale Wildflower Society together with other groups are winning a fight to protect this area from development. The fight is not over! For more information visit [www.forrestdalefriends.com.au](http://www.forrestdalefriends.com.au).

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. We meet at the Field Study Centre, Settlers' Common, cnr of Albany Highway and Triton Crescent Armadale.

The next talk is on September 11<sup>th</sup> when Eric McCrum will be talking on the flora of the Fitzgerald National Park.

For more information visit [www.WildflowersArmadale.org.au](http://www.WildflowersArmadale.org.au) or phone 0438 134 278 or 9399 2388.

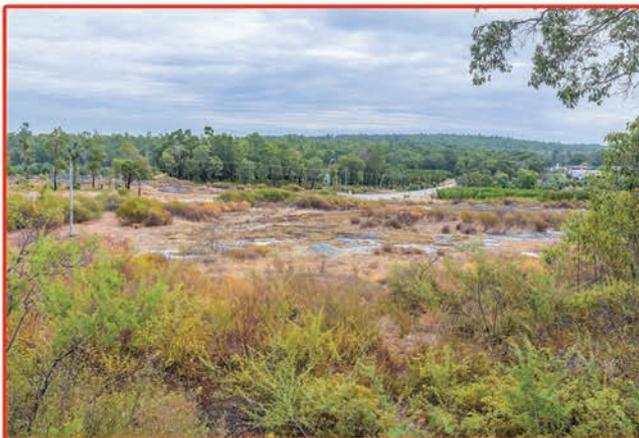
*Roger Harrington*

## Looking At Our Local Native Flowers

We frequently see advertisements on TV and in the papers about the magnificent wildflowers in the Midwest and Southwest but do they know about the magnificent wildflowers we have within the City of Armadale? The fabulous reserves we have in Roleystone and Karragullen that are managed so well by Roleybushcare and the Council, are a magnificent showcase of nature at its best.

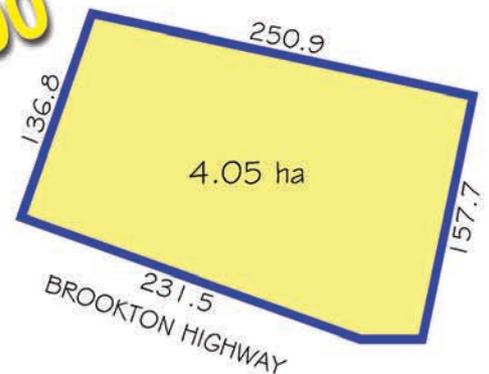
We also have: Settlers Common, Bungendore Park, Bob Blackburn Reserve, Forrestdale Lake, Anstey-Keane Wetland, Churchman's Bushland, Connell Avenue Bushland. As well there are many small reserves such as Creyk Park. All will be revealing their beauty over the next few months and it is a visual experience that should be taken up by all. These bushlands and wetlands belong to everyone. They are on our doorstep; you don't have to travel far. A beautiful experience awaits you.

*Pat Hart*



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# COUNCILLORS' COMMENT SEPTEMBER

*What a great time to be living in the hills with spring sneaking in nearly a month early. All across the hills the orchards are looking fantastic with their spring blossoms, although it would be great to get some more rain over the next few months.*

Following a bridge inspection carried out earlier this year assessing the state and condition of bridge # 6293 over Slab Gully Creek on Croyden Road, Main Roads Bridge Division decided to repair the bridge under the Federal Funded Bridge Renewal Program in the next applications for a grant funded support program.

The City of Armadale Technical Services has supported this decision and applied for a national and state supported renewal grant for 2015 - 2016, the earliest possible available time for assisted grants.

Based on the deterioration of the culvert/bridge, Main Roads was forced to rate the bridge to a GMV load of 13 tonnes for the next 18 months or so. Information signs are installed at Brookton Highway, Gardiner Road intersection with McNess Drive as well

as load limit signs near the bridge from both approaches.

A "pop-up" Visitor Information booth will be operating in the Grand Marquee at Araluen Botanic Park during the "It's Yates Springtime at Araluen" tulip festival. The booth will be open seven days a week during the month of September between 11am to 3 pm as well as the two weekends prior and proceeding the month of September during similar hours. Anticipated visitor numbers to the Festival over the six week period are in excess of 60,000 people. This will provide the Armadale Visitor Centre with an excellent opportunity to provide information on the City and to promote the Armadale region to the wider Perth community.

I was interested to see the results of the Armadale Volunteer Services review of the contribution to the City's groups and initiatives.

Some of the programs I know our local volunteers are involved in include:

- Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group 2365 Volunteers - 3283 Hours
- Armadale State Emergency Service 38 Volunteers - 9127 Hours
- Bedforddale Volunteer Bushfire Brigade 60 Volunteers - 6813 Hours
- Birtwistle Local Studies Library 17 Volunteers - 1582 Hours
- Civic Pride Action Group 12 Volunteers - 2600 Hours
- Environmental Groups 196 Volunteers - 5465 Hours
- Roleystone Fire Brigade 79 Volunteers - 9930 Hours

*All told there are 2806 volunteers contributing 42,658 hours which equates to \$1,387,665 to City of Armadale groups and initiatives. This is a fantastic effort by locals supporting their community.*

Some budget items for 2014 - 2015 that are continuing in our local area



**Cr Grant Nixon**  
0418449611



**Cr Caroline Wielinga**  
0488 900 307

from the Technical Services Directorates works program are:

- Landscaping on Jarrah Road
- Cross Park works to be completed
- Electrical upgrades to sports pavilions at Cross Park awaiting Western Power approval
- Upgrade of Springdale Park site main switchboard

The City supported an application for funding for the refurbishment of two courts at Cross Park including line marking, adjustable goals, drainage at the rear of the courts and upgrade of the cyclone fencing. This would provide a total of four courts being available for netball and basketball sports.

The Roleystone Netball Club currently has twenty teams and one hundred and seventy two registered junior and senior players. Roleystone Basketball Club, who also use the existing two courts, have sixteen teams and one hundred and twenty registered players. Roleystone Netball Club and Roleystone Basketball Club are currently the only community based clubs in the City of Armadale for their respective sports. Clubs are required to allocate up to four teams on one court for training, creating a level of overcrowding and both clubs have to limit training times to accommodate all teams. The refurbishment of the two additional courts would provide both clubs with the opportunity for further growth in membership and improved training facilities with potential for inter-club games.

I hope the application is successful as the clubs obviously need the extra room.

*Grant and Caroline*

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Having an emergency kit is an important step to prepare and protect your household for an emergency.

It is important that household members work together to complete a checklist to plan and prepare an emergency kit for the whole household.

Kits should be stored in a waterproof storage container, kept in an accessible place and clearly visible to everyone in the household.

Supplies should be regularly checked and stocked to ensure provisions are fresh and safe to use.

Copy or scan important documents onto a CD or memory stick to include in your kit (i.e. Passports, wills, marriage and birth certificates).

Consider how you can protect sentimental items, this may include making copies of valuable videos and photos and how to store them in a secure alternative location.

### What's in your emergency kit?

Items to consider:

General items could be a portable battery operated AM/FM radio, waterproof torch, new spare batteries, mobile phone charger, a first aid kit with manual and woollen blankets.

Consider having enough drinking water and food for four days. Canned or dried food is a good alternative. Remember to include, cooking gear and eating utensils, a portable gas stove or barbecue and a water container (for washing and cooking water).

For additional information and resources:

Visit the DFES website. [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

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*Submitted by Chris Cairns*

*Roleystone Volunteer Fire Brigade*



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*Last July we spent some time in France with our daughter Sarah and her young family. We were staying in a holiday cottage in the south west of the country.*

Each morning I would walk into town with Sarah's two older daughters, bringing back fresh croissants for breakfast. The path took us passed a car wash facility.

This prompted a story Sarah told us one evening about a friend of theirs, Andy, back in Scotland who had cycled to his local supermarket. On the way there was a cloudburst and he presented himself as a dripping mess at the check-out. The operator took one look and asked if it was raining outside. Quick as a flash, Andy replied, "No, I've just been through a car wash."

The following morning, the two girls and I passed the car wash as usual and it was in use. In France, the driver can't stay in the car and he activates the machine from a console beside the machine.

The machine had done one pass with its huge roller mops revolving down each side and over the top. We stopped to watch. The rollers reached the back and started to return. Just then I saw the car also begin to move forward.

The driver had obviously not applied the handbrake properly and the car was now being squirted out of the front of the machine by the rollers. Disaster loomed as the unpiloted car would end up in a concrete wall. The owner of the car saw the problem at the same time, dashed to the front of the car and tried to push it back over the

stops. He was making little progress and the rollers were coming towards him. He obviously needed help. Leaving the girls, I leapt to his assistance. Both of us were nearly horizontal pushing the car back into the machine as the rollers progressed forward. And we did it! The car slowly bumped back over the stops just before the rollers reached us and the situation was saved. Of course what we both knew and anticipated was that preceding the rollers was a curtain of water and soap at 150 psi, spraying the car in front of the rollers. This deluge hit us just before the car reached safety. We were drenched! The Frenchman's thanks were profuse and heartfelt although I couldn't understand much of what he said. His last sentence stuck with me though.

When we got back to the cottage, Sarah took one look at us – two dry girls and their dripping grandfather – and asked the inevitable. "You haven't been through the car wash too, have you?" There was only one way to reply.

*Those last words of my drenched co-pusher were, "You are my saviour!"*

Now, as a pastor I regularly introduced folk to their Saviour but I've never before been identified as that sort of man myself. It was a bit overwhelming and made me stop and think. I knew I was going to get a severe soaking but stayed on to help anyway. Saving somebody always seems to involve some self-sacrifice, usually with foreknowledge too.

On the biggest canvas of all, Jesus knew full well the sacrifice needed from him for spiritual salvation for the whole world. His death was anything but an unfortunate accident. Indeed it was premeditated and determined well in advance...as was his resurrection. It was the only way it could be done. Using a silly incident in France as a parallel to illustrate a massive truth might seem a bit trite but, hey, Jesus told stories about widows giving tiny offerings, virgins who forgot to stock up on oil and folk who planted mustard seeds. These are pretty good precedents. In fact, they're the best. Why not look them up sometime? You might be surprised at what else you will find there too.

Yours in Christ,  
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# Roleystone Community Garden Report



*With winter almost behind us now, attention has turned to the coming spring period. Garden beds are being rejuvenated following the harvest of a bountiful crop of purple potatoes. Purple mash makes an exciting side dish on the dinner plate.*

If you have been walking passed the garden of late there is a buzz of activity occurring with compost beds being installed. These beds will provide much needed organic material and provide an army of worms to aerate our growing beds. Thank you to Henry who is passionate about composting and is the driving force of this initiative.

On Sunday 21 September the Spring Markets will once again be held at Cross Park oval. Community members are invited participate in our scarecrow competition. Scarecrows can be dropped off at our tent from 9.30am. Further information is available below or on our Facebook page. Entry is free. Good luck to all.

Whilst dropping off scarecrows at the spring markets, don't forget to collect your sunflower seeds for our sunflower display at the December markets.

Happy gardening

*Laurie Scidone*

*RCG Chair*

## Scarecrow Competition

The Roleystone Community Garden will be holding a 'Build a Scarecrow Competition' at this month's Roleystone Markets.

We are all being encouraged to use our imagination! And even people who do not build a scarecrow can still become involved by voting. If you have a wonderful scarecrow please bring it to the Community Garden tent at the Spring Markets on 21st Sept at Cross Park.

## Coffee With A Cop

*Thanks to the many Roleystone Karragullen locals who have already jumped on board with the Coffee with a Cop initiative. Coffee with a Cop is a local police driven initiative where the Local Policing Teams get to interact with the community in a non-confronting way.*

Generally when the public has contact with police, it is due to an incident occurring. Rarely in these situations can local police provide time to discuss individuals and/or community concerns.

Coffee with a Cop allows the local police to get to know people on a more personal level. It is an opportunity for the community to pull up a chair, grab a coffee and get to know your local police service. We are happy if locals ask questions, tell us about their neighbourhood and share their concerns. Members of the local police are looking forward to having a chat and getting to know more about the Roleystone community.

The next Coffee with a Cop session in



There are categories for Under 7 years, 8 to 12 years, 12+ years and a section for a family group.

There are also prizes for the People's Choice in each group. The scarecrow must be able to stand up. Please deliver it between 9.30 and 10.00am on Market Day.

Roleystone is on Tuesday the 23rd of September from 9am – 11am at the Roleystone Shopping Centre.

A big thank you to the Roleystone Karragullen Branch of the Bendigo Bank and SupaIGA Roleystone for hosting this session and to the City of Armadale for their support.

*The Coffee with a Cop Team*



*The spring has sprung. Actually, it felt like spring had sprung weeks ago. Don't blame us astronomers. All we can do is to predict equinoxes, solstices, all that stuff. The relevant equinox this month is on the 23rd at 10am. That's when the Sun's in the plane of the Earth's equator, the days and nights have equal length, and the Sun passes exactly overhead at local noon if you happen to be on the equator. Bali would be near enough, at 8.6 degrees south.*

When I was a kid people used to talk about the Sun being overhead at noon - people such as writers, poets, teachers, parents and so on. People you'd trust. It took me years to work out that the Sun can only ever pass directly overhead, and only at certain times of year, if you're somewhere between the Tropic of Cancer in the north and the Tropic of Capricorn in the south.

Here, Down Under, it can never get to be right overhead. Pretty close, but not right overhead: at the summer solstice it's about 8.5 degrees north of the zenith. Near enough, you say? In Tassie the offset to the north would be more obvious; and more so in the South Island of New Zealand.

The major phases of the Moon in September are first quarter on the 2nd, full moon on the 9th, last quarter on the 16th, and new moon on the 24th. After that, the next first quarter phase is on the night of October 1st. The full moon on September 9th should look good, rising in the twilight about 25 minutes after sunset.

## Wild Gossip

*The recent mild weather has obviously confused our wildlife and resulted in some non-seasonal admissions.*

At my home I can hear young birds in nests in the trees and see the adult birds dashing around looking for food for them. I

have also seen young on the ground being taught by a parent bird how and where to find food.

It is important to protect these beautiful birds by ensuring that predators such as cats wear a bell to alert the birds of their presence.

I once had a lovely cat (Domino) who I taught by watching and scolding to leave our lovely wildlife alone. One day my neighbour knocked on the door and told me I should go outside and help Domino. My first thought was that there had been a road accident but when I got outside the cat was lying on his back in the driveway being attacked by magpies. Obviously he

Forget all that twaddle about "supermoons" last month - just enjoy the rising moon without the need for labels.

There aren't any bright planets in the evening skies in September (or October, or November).

Mercury, Saturn and Mars can be found in the western sky at dusk. Mercury's low down, near to the western horizon at nightfall early in the month. It gradually gains a bit of altitude, setting at about 8pm from mid to late September. Saturn's in Libra, high in the west at dusk in early September, and gradually loses height as the weeks pass. It sets in the WSW, with setting times that go from about 11:10pm at the start of the month to 10:15pm mid-month and 9:20pm by month's end. The waxing crescent moon will be close to Saturn on the 28th.

Mars begins the month in Libra as well, just above and to the left of Saturn. Unlike Saturn, though, Mars seems to hold its altitude while the stars slowly slip by with the passing of the weeks. It's in Scorpius by the end of the month.

It sets in the WSW, with setting times that go from about 11:30pm in early September to about 11:10pm by the end of the month. Not a lot of variation, compared with Saturn.

Jupiter is the brightest starlike object in the dawn sky. At first it's not far ahead of the Sun, being positioned low down in the ENE at daybreak. By mid-month it's somewhat higher. By late September Jupiter's well in view, rising around 3:45am and dominating the NE sky at dawn.

## September

had remembered not to hurt Mum's birds! But by the number of injured birds I take into care, not all cats are so well trained. Dogs also love to chase and attack birds but can easily be trained not to do this or if young birds are on the ground they can be restrained for a short time.

If you come across a young uninjured bird it should be gently picked up, placed in a nearby tree and observed from a distance to ensure that the adult birds are caring for it.

If you find an injured bird it will need to be gently picked up, placed in a box and taken to the nearest carer, shelter or vet. If the bird is young you may need to put a warmth source in the box such as a wheat pack or a warm water bottle (secured so it doesn't roll onto the bird).

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Cross Park is looking fantastic and with the success of the footy club this year and the success of the RKCC over the last few years, it's never been a better time to soak in the glorious sun in the heart of the Roleystone Karragullen district.

Training has commenced for many already with short Tuesday and Thursday net sessions kicking off in the last week of August before footy training starts and some boot-camp style fitness sessions being held every

Sunday from 10am to 12pm.

Of course once the Mighty Tigers have won their first premiership flag since 2001, cricket will be in full swing every Tuesday and Thursday night from 4:30pm 'til dark. Many have lost track of the number of flags now aloft in the hallowed pavilion but with two consecutive A Grade flags and two T20 flags last season it's shaping up to being as good a time as any to be around the club.

Registration is again a low, low fee of \$75 which includes a playing shirt valued at \$45, with \$15 being paid for each day of cricket you play.

This season we will again hope to have a team in every grade (A to E) with C grade likely to become a 65 over two-day grade, meaning if you work in the morning, are new to cricket or don't want to be in the heat during the peak of the UV rays, then C Grade is the perfect opportunity for you to be involved. Of course D and E grade remain one-day competitions and the 11-A/11-B rule is likely to continue on for those who can't play every week.

In September we are looking at having a series of pre-season scratch matches on Sundays so feel free to come down, watch on, and join good company down at Cross Park.

As is every year, we will be hosting our Community Day on Sunday 5th October to officially open the club up to the area

so feel free to come along, bring your kids and be part of the action.

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Deborah Cahill & Sean Weston

## Buyer

16 Contour Road, Roleystone

I am writing this letter to compliment one of your agents 'Tim Fidock' who recently provided me and my husband with outstanding service during the process of purchasing our new home.

Prior to meeting Tim and the team at Fidock and Co Real Estate we had almost given up on our dream of purchasing a home within the Roleystone area. Tim was a complete professional in his dealings with us as both, potential buyers and then purchasers of our new home.

Tim was courteous and efficient and went well above the call of duty, answering all of our questions, negotiating and communicating with the sellers on our behalf and even answering phone calls from us outside of business hours. Nothing ever seemed to be too much hassle for Tim and he always dealt with issues in a timely and transparent manner.

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**I highly recommend Tim as an agent to any person interested in buying or selling a property.**

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Kind Regards,  
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