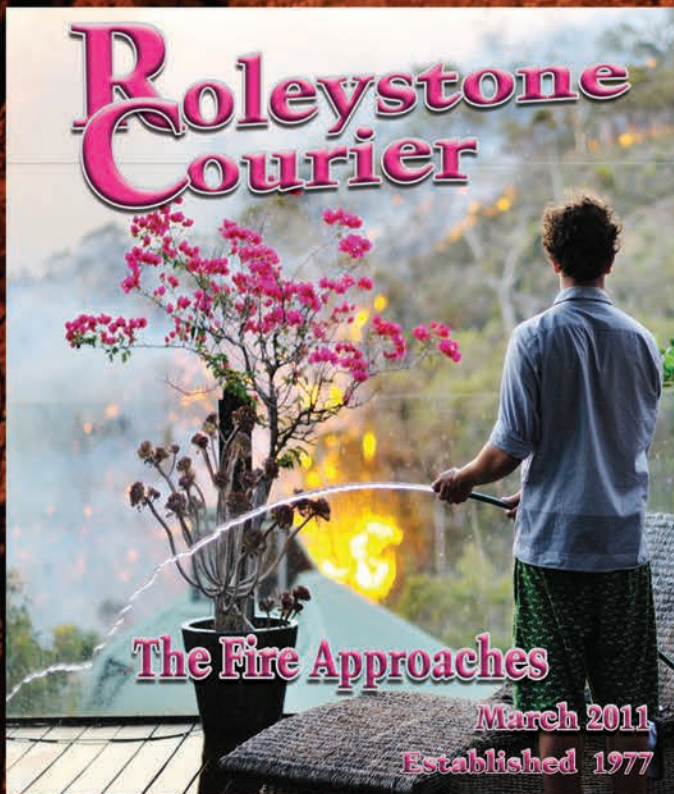


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Melissa and Josh



Jeremy & Sarah

On the 31st of January Joshua Stokes, lifelong resident and son of local accountant Thomas Stokes, married the love of his life Melissa Higgins in the gardens of Bridgeleigh Estate. This was followed by a reception in Banksia Hall lavishly decorated with personal touches. A beautiful family filled day, Joshua's mother Rev Lorraine Stokes conducted the service, which was complemented by an amazing mezzo soprano performance of 'Come What May' by sister Coralee Dilello backed by a lovely flute and harp. As Melissa & Joshua met in the scenic Whitsundays, the guest list reached out around the country, and the Perth weather definitely didn't let anyone down. With a spot of rain in the days leading up to the big day, the temperature was perfect, gardens were lush and green and everyone was 'in delight' for the entire evening. Melissa & Joshua would like to thank everyone for the kind words of encouragement and well wishes for their life together.

Jeremy Prus married Sarah Grove on 6th December 2014 at a ceremony and reception held in a marquee on the Matilda Bay foreshore. Family and friends celebrated the occasion by joining in. There was a wonderful party atmosphere as the sun set and the lights from moored yachts came on and were reflected on the river. All the best Jeremy and Sarah.

March Cover

Four years ago, parts of our region were destroyed by catastrophic fires. This time of the year brings back memories of that frightening time. While we cannot control soaring temperatures, strong winds or lightning or the vagaries of disasters, we can all do our bit to make our location safer.

It is timely to remember that we all have responsibility for the preservation of our area.

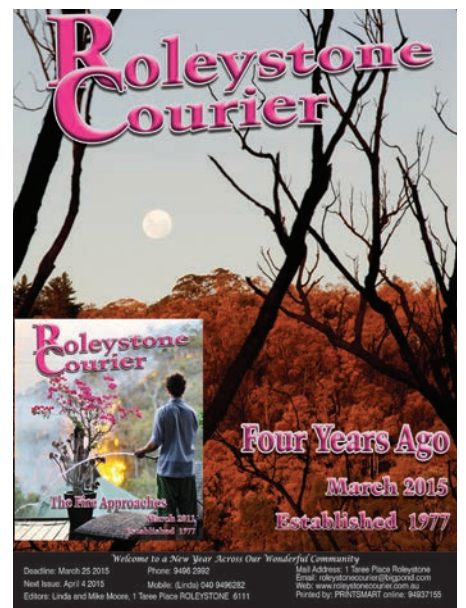


Alisa and Joel

Alisa Macfarlane and Joel Bain married November 15th 2014. The wedding was held at the beautiful "Indiana's" on Cottesloe Beach.

The sun was shining and the day was perfect. They celebrated with family and friends. Some travelled afar from Melbourne, Sydney and Albany. Alisa and Joel's honeymoon was a cruise in The Caribbean and the USA, personally arranged by local Travel Manager Michelle Edmead. We highly recommend Michelle and thank her for all of her professional assistance throughout the whole holiday. Alisa is Manager at Aura Hairdressing Roleystone and Joel a concreter.

They have made their "Happy Home" in beautiful Roleystone.

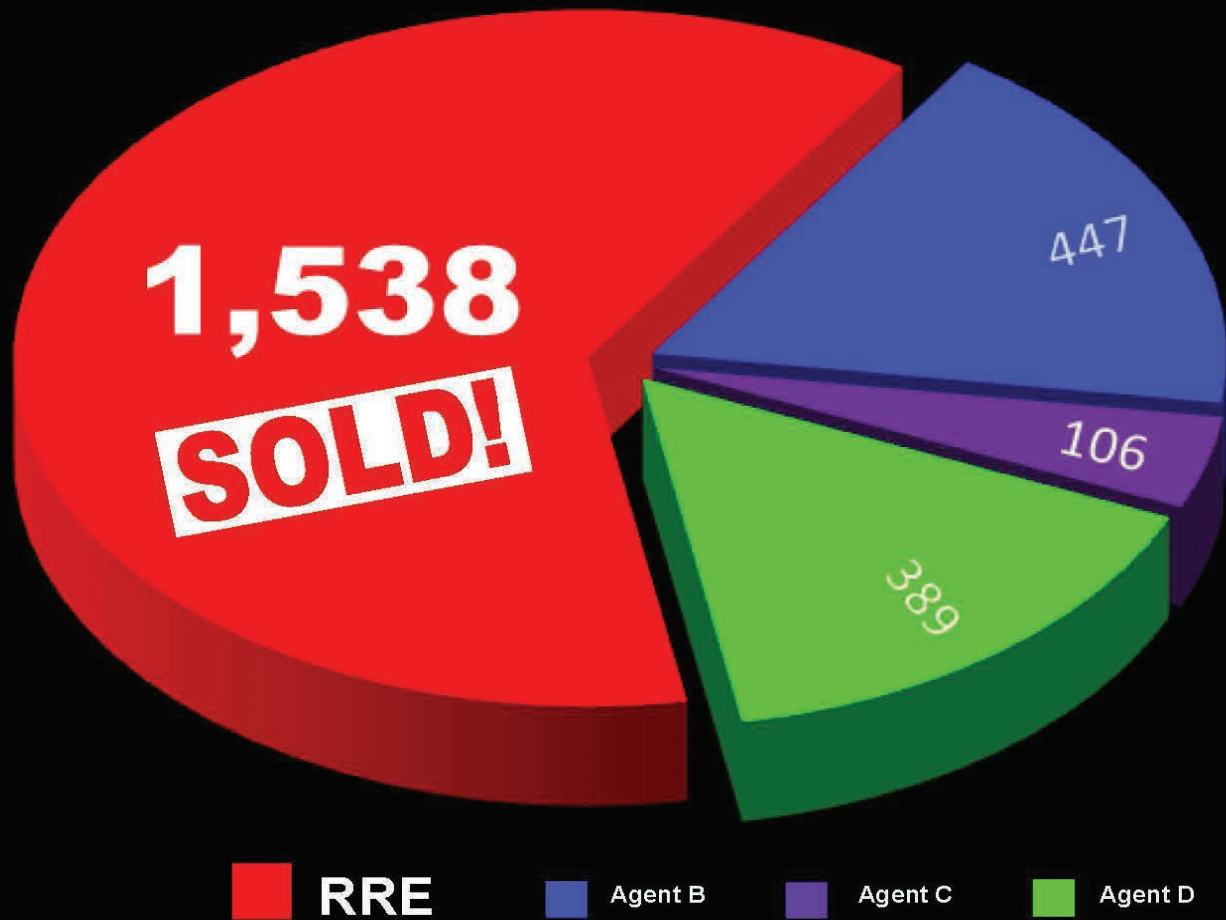


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Local Government Reform Process Ceases

The City of Armadale is now developing an exit strategy following the State Government's decision to put its local government reform process on hold. Premier Colin Barnett announced recently that boundary adjustments for 15 metropolitan local governments will only proceed if affected councils provided a resolution in support of it.

Local Government Minister Tony Simpson indicated that he will hold discussions with any Council wishing to proceed with reform before rescinding Governor's Orders issued for boundary adjustments.

CEO Ray Tame said the City of Armadale is well aware that the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale has already withdrawn from the reform process, making it unlikely the Government will proceed any further.

"The City is yet to consider its options," Mr Tame said.

He said while always seeking continuous improvement, the City did not initially seek any change to its organisation, boundaries or operations. In response to the reform proposal, the City compiled and put forward a submission that was most likely to provide positive outcomes for the district.

"We are disappointed about the amount of money, time and energy that now appears

to have been wasted on the reform process," Mr Tame said. "We have been working with the Shire of Murray and Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale in good faith and the proposed changes were confirmed in Governor's Orders issued on 24 December 2014. We did everything required to meet the Governor's objectives and were prepared for changeover on 1 July 2015."

Mr Tame said direct reform costs incurred by the City of Armadale this financial year totalled more than \$300,000 and would have amounted to about \$1.2 million by 30 June.

"Those figures do not include the hundreds of hours existing City of Armadale staff have spent working on the reform process so far," he said. "We would also estimate several hundred thousand dollars in associated costs over the past few years in the lead up to implementation."

Mr Tame said staff of all three Councils have always had a good relationship.

"I would like to think that everyone has learnt something about better governance from the process," he said.

"There is so much work involved in looking after growth areas and we now need to convert those lessons into better outcomes for our communities."



Twilight Markets A Success

The Jull Street Mall was alive with music, food and entertainment as the City of Armadale hosted its first Twilight Markets on Friday 6 February. The Mall was filled with people as everyone came along and enjoyed the festivities of the evening according to Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones.

"It was wonderful to see so many come out for the evening. Everyone made the most of the family friendly atmosphere, enjoyed the live entertainment and appreciated the fantastic wares of many local stallholders. "We look forward to seeing even more people at the next Twilight Markets in March," he said.

The Twilight Markets are part of the City's commitment to transforming the Jull Street Mall into a lively space for the community. The Markets will aim to give the area more vibrancy, making Armadale an attractive destination for residents, shoppers, visitors and businesses alike. The Twilight Markets will be on again on Friday 6 March from 5 to 8.30pm.

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Year 1s Get Into The Celtic Spirit

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The youngsters had a great time singing some Christmas songs and dancing to some jigs. If your child came home with a CD for you – then your child was in this group.

Thanks to Mrs Ancliffe and Miss Gory and the year one students.

Pictured: Miss Gory's class – Year 1, 2014 – Roleystone Community College



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Katie Turns 40

Katy Jiang celebrated her 40th birthday with a themed "Pink & Moustache" party on a boat cruise over the Swan River on the 31st of January. The boat 'Conchita' set off at East Street Jetty and went up as far as Blackwall Reach. Many of her friends came for the party and enjoyed the beautiful afternoon with Katy and her family. Many happy days Katy.

Pictured back row: Nicolas, Nicky, Jennifer, Katy, Lina, Julie, Phillip, Dean.

The names from left to right on the front row are Saki, Sarah and Penny.



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SURPRISES IN PARIS



My daughter Stacey and I were lucky to visit my son, Craig and his wife Bianca for Christmas and the New Year. A white Christmas was on my bucket list but alas it didn't happen. It was mighty cold and snowed when we visited Brugge in Belgium a couple of days after Christmas (see top picture).

Craig asked me to go buy seven silly Paris souvenirs to award to his students. So Stacey and I went along the Champs Elysees to look for these. We had to pass by the annual huge Christmas Markets which is on both side of the Boulevard.

I had been along this boulevard a couple of years before but I had never seen anything so beautiful as this. All the trees were lit up for Christmas. The markets are just so popular and everyone had a smile on their face. There were lots of different foods to eat and of course the mulled wine or more commonly known as chard vin. Yum.

I received two beautiful gifts from my children. Stacey gave me a cooking lesson for both of us at a cooking school in Paris and we were taught how to make macaroons. Craig and Bianca gave us a day tour of Champagne. This was so interesting and fun. I don't think that I've drunk quite so much champagne in my life. The day before we went to Fontainebleau to visit Napoleon's Chateaux.

While we were there we received a phone call from Bianca asking where we were because there had been an incident in the 11th district which is where their apartment is. She didn't know exactly what had happened as she was at work. Craig looked up on his phone and said that many people had been shot. We were warned that our station had been closed because of this.

The shootings at Charlie Hebdo took place about 300 metres from our apartment! There were so many police sirens going on night and day. A bit frightening to know that the route Stacey ran on a daily basis was exactly where that police officer was shot.

Things could have been a lot worse as he died about 10 metres from a road and on the other side of road is a large playground which covers the canal. It was very fortunate that it was so cold that children weren't playing there.

Before we left I bought a lovely bunch of flowers. Stacey and I each wrote a note and stuck it to the front. We had no idea how close the incident was until we took the flowers and placed them on the ever growing pile. When we watched the news we could see the back of our apartment block!

On the whole we had a wonderful time. It's not very often that I get to spend time with my children, even more so as Stacey has just begun working in Brisbane.

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I have just returned from Bali, a lovely magical place we love to visit: we love the people, the food, the weather and the relaxed laissez faire pace of this Buddhist island, so devoted to providing visitors with pleasure.

We sat viewing the sunset over Kuta Beach on Valentine's Day, watching the lovers on the sand and the convoy of planes ferrying in

tourists and taking the satiated home and Mike asked me if I would like to live here permanently. My denial was instantaneous - I didn't have to consider this. Bali is a lovely place for a holiday but I clearly know where my heart and home is.

Basically I like the value system of the country I call home. (Sadly a set of values that seem to be forgotten by some of the Aussies who visit and seem to leave their moral compass at the airport!)

Everyone who travels knows why Australia was termed: 'the lucky country'. Life here is 'relatively' easy - the things we think of as problems don't measure up with the adversity faced by most people across our globe.

I enjoy travelling but I never mind coming home. I love the place I live, even the bush in February with its harsh, hot skies. This small community, where folks care and smile and help each other out. Thanks Roley for doing it right.

Every time I finish a Courier I reflect on how much is happening and how this community shows its heart. I hope you all enjoy reading the March Courier.
Linda Moore



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Over the years some health professionals adopted pole walking as a form of rehabilitation for their patients but the real breakthrough came in the mid 1990s when Pole Walking was accepted as providing real health and fitness benefits to the fit and not so fit. It is now practiced by tens of thousands throughout Europe and now in Australia. Why Pole Walking is the best all-in-one workout in the world:

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We can be seen early in the morning pounding the pavements & discovering some bush tracks. Comments from walkers have been:

- 'my arms are feeling more toned',
- 'I can feel it firming my chest',
- 'I'm much more upright when walking'

So if you'd like to join us, in Roleystone we leave from the Gym carpark in Wygonda Rd, at 6:30am on Tuesday & Friday and from the Tourist Information Centre in Armadale on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8.30am.

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Roleystone Community Alert Facebook Page

Over the years Roleystone has been subjected to a number of events which have required a community response and emergency attention. These have ranged from a tornado which cut a destructive path across Garland Road and down along Croyden Road in June 2008 to the Roleystone/Kelmscott fires of 2011.

Communication with residents is difficult during these times and with the advent of "real-time" social media the opportunity now exists for residents to share information quickly and easily in forums such as Facebook.

Roleystone Mothers Rock has already demonstrated the popularity of Facebook in forming a local community group with a common interest. Seeing the need for an all inclusive group focussed on alerting local residents of events occurring in the community, the Roleystone Community Alert Facebook page has been initiated.

This page has published its reason for being as follows: "Roleystone Community Alert is intended to keep local residents informed and aware of issues of common interest e.g. planned community activities, incidents, crime, suspicious activity, fire risk etc. All Roleystone/Karragullen/Bedforddale residents are welcome and invited to share real-time knowledge of issues affecting the immediate area and surrounds. Community posts are welcome along with any local photos. Posts can be anything that builds a sense of belonging to our community". Whilst not limited to emergency issues, the Facebook page has already proven its worth uniting residents across the area during the recent bushfire along Brookton Highway beyond Karragullen.

The Facebook page to date (as of the 5 Feb 2015) has 240 members. It is a closed group which allows for candid posting and open discussion. Any resident of Roleystone/Karragullen/Bedforddale is welcome to join the group. The more members the merrier, as the more on board, the more information will be available to the group. To join the group visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/767288520018027/> and ask to join.

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What do we do?

The group has published several books, the first in 1986, and since 2010 has been producing a quarterly magazine called "Showcase".

At each meeting there is an opportunity to read work aloud on either a designated topic or of free choice. After this, there is also either a workshop or writing exercise to stretch the imagination followed by coffee and conversation.

What is the aim of the group?

The aim of the group is to promote and encourage the craft of writing in all its forms.

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The comfortable Cafe Lounge is getting good use as they are happy to cater for small functions, meetings and provide catering. Patrons can come in and try the wonderful Picco coffee, tortes and cakes and home cooked biscuits. Plus the Cafe provides both breakfast and lunch meals.

Jenn is very pleased to be back:

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Hills Cafe and Lunch Bar is open seven days a week. Patrons can come in from 8am to 4pm every day.

'So please drop in and see us soon and sample Jenn's wonderful menu and enjoy the relaxed and friendly surroundings of Hills Cafe and Lunch Bar.'

'Paper Planes' Screening

Roleystone Academy of Digital Media (RADM) is pleased to be part of a special screening of the award winning Paper Planes feature film.

The hugely popular family fun film Paper Planes, starring Sam Worthington and Ed Oxenbould, is now playing in cinemas around Australia.

To help celebrate the success of the film and provide friends of Roleystone Community College and the Roleystone community with this special opportunity, the Roleystone Academy of Digital Media will host the 'closed screening and Q&A' at Armadale Grand Cinemas on Monday 23rd March around 6pm.

If you are interested in booking one or more \$10.00 tickets, please contact Roleystone Community College on 9391 6222. Parts of Roleystone were used as the school location within the film, with 15 students from Roleystone Community College starring as extras in the fantastic film.

Daniel Holiday

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Rivka and Ita are back after a year of rest, with new energy and new ideas.

Our Art Exhibitions, which have been running since the opening of Genesis 7 years ago, have proven to be a huge success. And the diary is already full for 2015.

If you are a local artist and would like to have an exhibition - do not hesitate to contact us. Many artists who exhibited at Genesis will tell you it is a beautiful experience. We LOVE it as well as Our Jazz Saturday (1st Saturday of each month) - another 7 year tradition!

We would like to extend the community activities to a diverse scope of subjects. If you are local, and would like to share ideas, introduce a subject or even give a lecture- we are open to new ideas!

We are also planning some changes/ additions to our menu.

Our team has some old and new faces so please come and visit us soon.

Ita and Rivka

March Exhibition

Tammy Stowe a local artist with an exceptional talent is having another exhibition at Genesis in the Hills Vegetarian Restaurant: 'Feeling Good When I'm With You'. The opening celebration will be held at Genesis on March 8th from 4:30pm and the exhibition will run over the month of March.

In Tammy's words it will be: 'an interaction of animal friendships and how they make our world a better place. Without them the earth would be a less meaningful place.

She is inviting all her friends (and those who admire her art) to join her at the opening for a fun afternoon as she celebrates 'her connections to our beloved animal friends'.

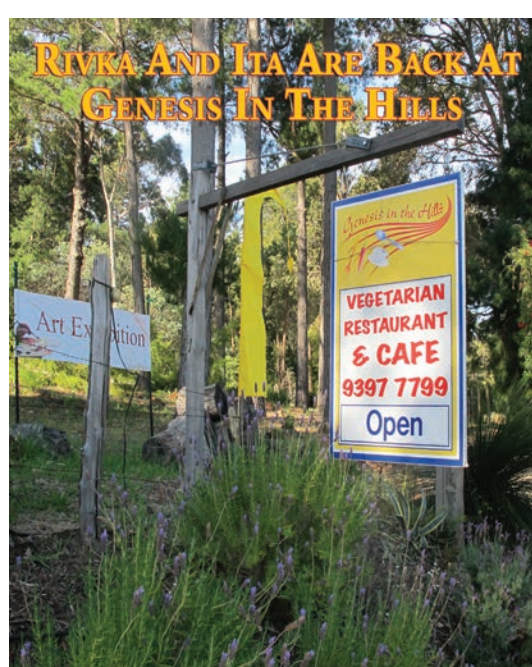
A percentage of the sales will go to the Darling Range Wildlife Centre. There will be raffles, prizes, food, wine and music!

All are welcome.

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If residents would like to have a post office box, they need to apply at the Roleystone Newsagency over the next two weeks. PO boxes will be limited so early applications are essential.





Come Along to The Hills Heartbeat Festival

The Hills Heartbeat Festival, is again planned to be held in the beautiful grounds of the Southern Hills Christian College on the 21st March. Building on the success of previous festivals, organisers are expecting several thousands of visitors to come along on the day. At the Heartbeat Festival the school provides free rides and giveaways which always prove popular with children. Younger children will be able to have pony rides, visit the petting zoo and play on the giant slide.

One of the major drawcards of the school is their amazing high ropes and abseil facilities. Older children will be able to try the big swing and attempt some abseiling. Local businesses and community service groups will also be at the school. This festival truly showcases the school's heart. So please join us, 86 Admiral Road Bedfordale from 10am - 4pm.



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Letters to the Editor

A Day of Celebration

My Thanks

Well here I sit at 2am, still buzzing from another hugely successful RMC Club Night. What better way to spend the wind-down time than to pen my letter of thanks to everyone for their congratulations and good wishes on my Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award nomination.

Although I did not win, I was indeed in good company, amongst other everyday people, leading busy lives yet volunteering in their community and using their unique skills.

My sincerest thanks go to Kayleen Bradford and Kim Bettenay who garnered Linda Moore's expertise to nominate me.

I'll also mention my SUPA (IGA) bosses Joe and Ross because they give me the time off to pursue these projects.

My undying gratitude to my husband Enno, who facilitates everything I do. We've always done everything together. He used to drag me down deep dusty caves and throw me over steep cliffs! Without him I wouldn't be able to volunteer my skills.

And lastly, it's an absolute pleasure to head such a unique Club and to bring the RMC Club Nights & annual Concerts to our beautiful enclave.

We have so many talented musicians in the hills and we always delight in seeing our members play. No matter what genre, we all try to appreciate the musicianship and effort that each performer puts in. They add an extra dimension to our community which is part of what makes Roleystone so unique.

I challenge my fellow Roleystonites to think about what skills you could use to help keep Roleystone's Vibe Alive! Join a group or start a new one. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a Roleystone nominee every year!

Deb de Boer

President

Roleystone Musicians Club

Too often we go through life without acknowledging significant dates. Another Hallmark moment we say and let it slip by unnoticed. Not since the year following our marriage many years ago have my husband and I celebrated Valentine's Day with anything more than a card to each other. Not that I have not valued these cards. However, this year we made an exception and celebrated with a lovely meal at Views 101 in Araluen.

We both took the time and effort to look our best for each other; as of course we did when we were courting. Now I am well aware that this does take a lot more time than when we were courting! However, it was well worth the effort. For in doing so we each acknowledged how important we were to each other, even after many years together. We drove the short distance to Views 101 and on arrival were greeted warmly by the staff at Araluen and provided with a glass of Champagne to start what was a lovely meal. Starters consisted of a seafood platter to share. This was followed by pork belly with pickled fennel, broccolini and pureed apple. Finally, to finish a cream tart topped with strawberries and drizzled with chocolate sauce. During the meal we also enjoyed more wine and finished the meal with a liqueur laced coffee.

In addition to the lovely views over the Araluen Golf Course, Victoria, whose soulful songs were reminiscent of the happy moments of many couples I am sure, provided live music.

Thank you to Views 101 for hosting the Valentine's Day event, the function centre and staff are one of the many reasons living here in Roleystone is so special.

Diana Gibbs

What Day Should We Celebrate Australia Day?

As we put all our flags and our red, white and blue face paint away for another year, it is time to consider a better date for Australia Day than 26 January.

That date commemorates an event in New South Wales that has no real historical resonance outside NSW. It is also a date that is offensive to our indigenous population.

The new date for Australia Day should be at a better time in the year, well after Xmas and when children are back at school. It should be a date that all Australians, old and new can celebrate. From Australian history suitable dates could be the opening of the first Commonwealth Parliament on 9 May 1901, the famous Tenterfield address of the father of Federation, Sir Henry Parkes on 24 October 1889. Another date is that on which, after approval referendums in each state, it was agreed that legislation will be

enacted by the UK Parliament to establish the Commonwealth of Australia. That was in the last quarter of 1989, I think in September 1989.

The ceremony in Sydney on 1 January 1901 to proclaim the Commonwealth is no use as an alternative; it clashes with New Year's Day and was just a final lick in a long process. Nor is ANZAC Day a good alternative to the current 26 January. ANZAC Day has another important purpose and that will suffer by the combination, as will Australia Day itself.

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Lay Off DAFWA

I don't usually speak up about local issues because there are usually two sides to every argument and ethical publications ensure both sides are aired.

I feel however someone should speak up in defence of DAFWA in response to the unrelenting campaigning from one of your contributors.

I write not so much about DAFWA, but the dedicated people who have worked there over the years - (including the hundreds who have been forced to retire).

I left after 30 years (voluntarily), in frustration over political interference, underfunding, industry indifference and contempt. I know of plenty who committed decades of effort (often in their own time), towards saving and improving agricultural relevance in this state, but can't think of any that "travelled the world for decades at taxpayer's expense".

If DAFWA is seen to be inactive or negligent in support of medfly control in horticulture, don't think you are special. Support for control of locusts, footrot, rabbits, wild dogs, foxes, pigs, starlings, lorikeets, camels, ovine Johnes, donkeys (need I go on?), has been wound down or terminated. R & D in general, is to be phased out of DAFWA's business model.

All programs require money, staff and facilities. Have you inspected the head office buildings in Kensington? Amnesty Int. would take us to the World Court if illegal immigrants were detained there! 90% of Ag. research stations have been sold, leased or maintained in caretaker mode.

DAFWA has been financially gutted by successive governments with hardly a whimper in protest from the public (who want the produce) or the industry (who want the profits).

I once organised a market initiative forum (after work hours) for the hills orchardists. Advertising, venue, 3 expert speakers, slide presentations etc....

The one grower who attended was given very personalised attention!

Without DAFWA there probably wouldn't be a horticultural industry in WA.

There certainly wouldn't be pink ladies, red globes, nadines

There would however, be codling moth, phyloxera, Q fly, fireblight, PCN, - you name it.

Medfly could have been eradicated in the mid 80's (on the back of Q fly), but the vocal orchardists opposed the proposal because medfly gave them a marketing advantage over backyard growers.

Don't blame the DAFWA people for their impotence. Blame the state government (especially conservative ones. You know, the ones who close down railways).

DAFWA staff can't defend themselves publicly, because they are bound to support agriculturists even when they're down and being kicked by them.

I have nothing to lose as long as I'm anonymous.

DAFWA is a soft target for funding cuts and a whipping boy for swaggering farmers. DAFWA didn't conspire to cause the current calamity, but they did notify growers 15 years ago that they would be banned from using Fenthion by the National Regulator, and alternative strategies for medfly control should be tested and implemented.

More cooperation from landowners & local authorities in removing neglected orchards, over the last 40 years, would have reduced the medfly risk.

DAFWA don't have the resources to develop an Area Wide Management system, monitor compliance or mount a sterile release program.

'Biosecurity is a shared responsibility'.

Growers and local government must cooperate, and contribute significant funds towards an agreed control strategy. If they won't put up, they should shut up!

Name withheld by request.

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Colin Barnett Comes to Roley

Local orchardists welcomed Premier Colin Barnett's commitment that part of the government's \$20 million biosecurity package will be available to help Perth growers control the Med Fly.

Mr Barnett made the commitment at a meeting with the Hills Orchard Improvement Group on January 30, when he inspected fruit fly crop damage at the DelSimone's orchard.

Accompanied by Member for Darling Range Tony Simpson, Mr Barnett honoured a commitment that he would look at the problems caused by fruit fly to Perth's orchard industry.

HOIG spokesman Brett DelSimone said the meeting produced positive results for the industry.

"Mr Barnett showed genuine interest and concern for the battle that local producers have in fighting fruit fly and he agreed that the state government's \$20 million fund would be shared with Hills growers," Mr DelSimone said.

"This is a great boost to us because the Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA) had ruled out spending any of the money here and planned to use it just in Carnarvon."

He said the Premier emphasised his support for local WA fruit and vegetables and his desire to see our fresh food production industry flourish and agreed that more action was required by



government on the ground to tackle fruit fly, which can cause devastating losses to fruit growers.

HOIG urged Mr Barnett to step up government measures to control fruit fly through Area Wide Management – a system of orchard hygiene, trapping, baiting and removal of abandoned fruit trees. Action was urgent because DAFWA reported last week it had found huge numbers of fruit fly in traps.

"Trap numbers have been reported to be over 100 flies in some traps," Mr DelSimone said. "DAFWA staff have told growers that any more than 10 flies within a single trap is cause for high concern."

Mr DelSimone said DAFWA had yet to implement Area Wide Management across the Perth Hills region.

"Growers can look after their orchards but they can't force their residential neighbours to do the same." "DAFWA has legislated custody of Med Fly control among the residential community and Mr Barnett agreed biosecurity was a DAFWA responsibility.

"Growers are holding up their end of the bargain but DAFWA is failing to undertake an education and enforcement role in the community."

He said Mr Barnett agreed that an ongoing systems-based approach, including a buffer zone for the Perth Hills producing region, made sense and that there was a need for greater action in the community.

"The Premier supported the notion that Government had a role to play in ensuring that businesses who retail fruit trees to the public also had a duty of care to provide educational material detailing Med Fly control to the customer," Mr DelSimone said.

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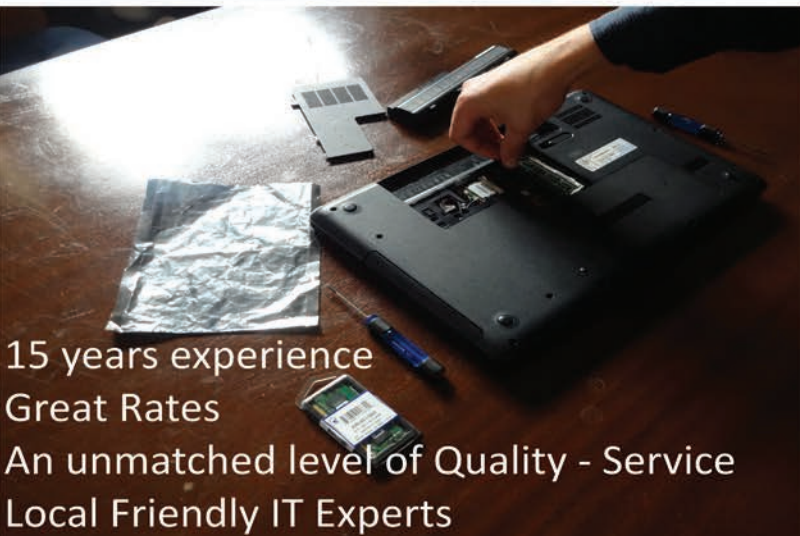
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Roleystone Friendship Quilters Move To The Foothills

It is the end of an era for the Roleystone Friendship Quilters – and the beginning of an exciting new one.

With some sadness the Roleystone Friendship Quilting group has had to make the difficult decision to move their venue for the start of 2015.

The idea for a sewing and friendship day in Roleystone was started in 1999 by Glenda Olesen, Lyn Place and Helen Stephens, all of whom were keen quilters and active members of the West Australian Quilters Association. The Roleystone Country Club was chosen as the meeting venue and has been the home of this group every month since.

Our move has been brought about by changes in insurance requirements to cover our quilters on the day, as well as, sadly, the increasing cost of hiring the Roleystone Country Club as a venue. And so in December we took the difficult decision to look for another venue.

On February 11th we settled in to the Frye Park Pavilion in Kelmscott, trading the sweeping views of the Canning Valley for the green grass of the Frye Park oval and the picturesque foothills. And so we have re-named our group Foothills Friendship Quilters.

Apart from this it is 'business as usual' with our sewing day meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10.00am till 2.30pm, with a variety of visiting home based businesses and local shops selling their quilting fabrics and products, demonstrations of clever quilting ideas, challenges to take part in, community quilts to make - and of course lots of friendship, sharing and laughter.

Visitors, beginning quilters and experienced ones, and new members are always welcome. So why not come and join us on 11 March?

Our contact details are Lyn Place 9397 5207. Shelagh Fitzpatrick 9397 6892 or 0432 982 938, shelaghfitz@iinet.net.au

Shelagh Fitzpatrick
Pictured above the quilters at lunch and at left Glenda Olesen with her quilt.



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From The Archives: 'Araluen'

by Allen Scott 22nd December 1932

Thousands of years ago a great spirit pervaded the world, roving and restless, seeking a spot, a symbol worthy of a "Palace of Dreams."

Brooding and calm, he one day called his disciples in before him, strong spirits and brave, and from them all he created a creature to perform his quest. Upright, brave, tall, and true, yet possessing human faults and loveliness, this spirit trod the world as "Perditas," the lost one.

Travelling always, never resting, he climbed the highest mountain, swam the deepest rivers, always on. Wherever he trod, and whomever he touched he brought goodness and sunshine, and this great spirit was spoken of by all the lowly and the high, until his name was known throughout the land.

One day, after many weary years, Perditas found a spot that gladdened his heart, a Valley of Dreams, a valley that caught the breath in your throat, as you gazed, and turned back a leaf of your heart to leave.

Perditas gazed on this and cried, "It shall be mine."

After spending days searching for hidden beauties, he hurried to the Master Spirit to tell the good news and the Master said: "My son, I am proud of you. Go forth and make of the dream a place worthy to house the great spirits. Touch not a blade of grass unwisely, cherish all Nature's handiwork, kill not an ant, bird or butterfly; let these little messengers carry the example of thrift, happiness and song to our people. Touch not the stately tree that breathes forth its message of love or the brook, in its search of service and let the whole sing a requiem of tolerance."

And so Perditas took back his message of love, service, and tolerance, to the human world, and, clothed in the garb of man, but anointed with the gifts of the spirit world, he started on his great work.

He gathered around him with his gifts of love and eloquence, an army of little human bodies. He preached to them of the happiness, to be given, and in giving, to receive, by dispensing service; and on this a little army of humans worked, and improved this "Palace of Dreams to enable other humans to enjoy and take away a glimpse of Paradise.

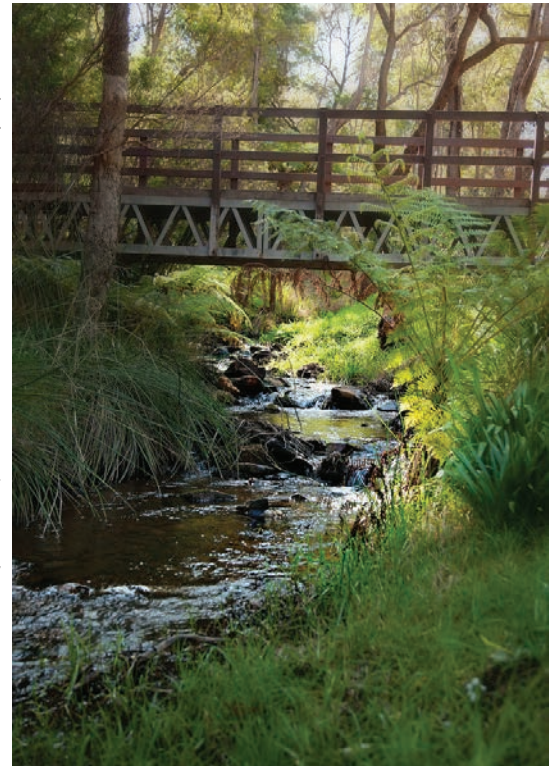
Through the stately entrance, and up the myriad paths, beauties lay before dream cabins, rough hewn and strong, symbolic of this great thought, fashioned and wrought by little human hands, with love and service, hammered in every plank; the Shrine of Remembrance, the most beautiful thought of all; the calm and stately pool, over which on drowsy summer days, the dragon flies hover, and touch with their beautiful wings the cool green surface; the running, singing, ceaseless brook, most beautiful epitome, sometimes sad, sometimes gay, always breathing tolerance.

And so, in the depth of winter, and the height of summer, possessing the spirit wings of our human bodies we fly away to this dream place. We see the Great Spirit with Perditas by his side, wandering at will in the dead of night, for their eyes know and love every twig and blade.

And in the murmuring and sighing of the leaves one hears the Master Spirit breathe, "Well done son, I am proud of you and my Temple of Dreams."

So we open our wings, those great purple clouds of darkness, that waft back from the spirit world to catch a glimpse of Paradise. But there is a benediction on our heads, and imparted to us a message of sweetness to deliver to the world the greatest message of all time. Love, Service and Tolerance.

This article celebrated the opening of Araluen, as printed in the Western Mail in 1932. Source: Trove.





The Van Uden Girls Celebrate

The Van Uden girls both celebrated significant birthdays on the 6th February with Kylie turning 21 and Sarah 18. Yes they have the same birthday. Kylie had her party at Springdale pavilion. Sarah's was at home.

Kylie became a qualified horticulturist in January and has been given a team leader position of her own crew at the City of Gosnells. Sarah starts university in February, going to Notre Dame in Fremantle, studying for a Bachelor of Education (Primary). Their cakes were made by Cher from Sugar n Spice. They tasted as good as they looked.



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Jarrah Celtic Band New Irish Rythms For Roley

2014 started well - playing madly with Ferrymen gigs around the state, finishing up with a trip to Ireland to spend time with the family over there. Then it all came crashing down. Dear Nan (Blanche Mateljan) was diagnosed with cancer (she has since passed away). At the same time, the lead in the Ferrymen Band pulled away and the band stalled. It could have been worse, but it felt like part of my world was coming to an end. So after a few sessions with friends, we put together a new band called the "Jarrah Celtic Band" to keep things rolling on.

The new band is a collection of Celtic players (currently 8 players), who come together as required for a gig. I'm delighted that old Pals, Ian walker and Grant Black, have recently joined me in this new venture. Also playing fiddle is Roleystone Community College's new teacher Jane Slater!

The line-up will change depending who is available on the day, so what we play one gig may be totally different to another - but all our gigs have a Celtic theme with instruments such as flutes, whistles, celtic drums, acoustic guitars and fiddle. Depending on players we could have an additional tenor banjo, mandolin, double bass and accordion.

We've made up a new Band Facebook page - so look out for the "Jarrah Celts" - we need your help to build our likes. We have had to start again from scratch from 520 likes - down to 1 - arrgh!

For non-Facebookers - our website is www.jarrahcelts.com.au

During the last week of school at Roleystone Community College, I dropped into my wee son's classes (Mrs Ancliffe and Miss Gory). The kids and I had a great time singing some Christmas songs and dancing to some jigs.

We are playing the Carlisle Hotel on Sat 14th March (the Irish Bar at the back) -



then flying up to Port Hedland on Sunday 15th March.

The 'Romancing the Stone' gig is a very special gig on Friday 6th March - set in a beautiful garden amphitheatre with \$25 tickets, proceeds to the Zonta foundation. At this gig you will see a big band of 6 - including Ferrymen Ian Walker and Grant Black.

On March 13th at lunchtime, David Hyams, Eleanor Firth and I will be playing in the Jull Street Mall as part of the City of Armadale Lunchtime Music series.

A big thankyou to friends and family for helping me get the new band together.

Chris Horgan

Chris is pictured above with RCC teacher Jane Slater in the background.



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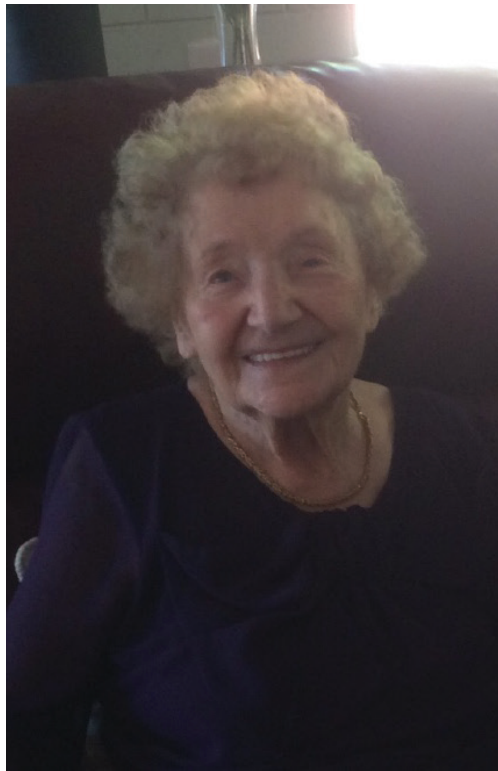
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Norma was born in Bristol, and lived in England until 1958 when she migrated to Australia with her husband and young family of four children: Andrew, Reg, Stephen and Mary. They moved to Roleystone in 1963, and contributed to local life in many ways. One of the most prominent contributions was within the Roleystone Congregational Church (now called the Roleystone Community Church), where both Norma and Walter played many parts.

Even when they were in their eighties, they would go down to the church and wash up after the popular children's holiday club.

Norma's life was characterised by generosity of spirit. It was not unusual for the Bullen household to have extra members: people who for one reason or another were in need of a helping hand. At one time, Norma and Walter built on extra rooms to accommodate a family of six children, who lived with them for many years.

Walter passed away just over four years ago, and since then Norma has lived life without her best friend, but has never been short of friends. Many lovely people visited and enjoyed her company, basking in her lovely smile. For the last two years, she lived at Seaforth Gardens in Gosnells, where the staff cared for her with much affection. Norma was a fearless lady, who approached the end of her life in the confidence that she would go to be with God, whom she had served throughout her life. A lovely service, punctuated by many memories of her cheerful smile and interest in others, was held in the church, as we said farewell to a dear little lady.



Lightning Strike

Last week, a lightning strike started a small fire in the bush along Brockway Road. The fire was spotted and reported and the Fire Brigade put it out. These pictures show the gash made in two trees by the bolt of lightning and the resulting fire at the base of one of them. Thank goodness the volleys were around. With a good strong easterly wind behind it, this fire could have easily got away and done some damage.

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Baby Boomers

I am a baby boomer. As a generation we have been under attack from younger generations for having comfortable life styles and in some cases retiring with attached superannuation or even for owning a second home. I find this somewhat irritating because you need to ask why are we such a 'lucky' group of Aussies?

In my case I watched my parents and grandparents practice thrift. Nothing that had a use was thrown away. They kept chooks, even in the city. They had veggie gardens: my mum, who loved flowers more than anything else, still had a small patch of tomatoes and corn as well as the ubiquitous mint, rosemary and parsley. They started small and in many cases, in war service homes...ie public housing built post war of fibre in a small box design which was blisteringly hot in an era of no air-conditioning.

We grew up in such homes where you shared your bedroom with your siblings, and often your bed; the demarcation line in mine was a line of teddy bears. There was only ever one bathroom so you learned patience and the art of queuing for using the basin the toothpaste and toilet. We often shared the bathwater which sometimes found its way onto the garden.

Nothing was instant. If you went to the pictures there was a newsreel, a cartoon, a B grade film, interval and then the main event. It took forever but that was the entertainment and it was cheap.

We made our clothes having been taught to sew garments at school. This in turn fed back into the community through the draper, the wool merchant and grower, ditto the cotton grower, the mills, the dyers and so on.

Clothes lasted a lot longer because they were hard earned and you saw the value in them. You couldn't just rock up to any one of a dozen stores and but a T shirt for a fraction of its real cost as you can today.

And the boys learned manual arts. Now I agree this is sexist and in fact it was our generation who argued against this. In fact my father manfully fronted my school in the seventies because I wanted to learn metalwork and was confined to needlework, which I disliked. He didn't succeed but two years after I graduated that school had desegregated the curriculum following pressure from students.

Holidays weren't overseas, they were taken in canvas tents beside a river or the sea. You got sand on your plates and in your camp beds, you fished with bamboo rods and hand reels. You lured up yabbies on 'dog' meat from the local butcher.

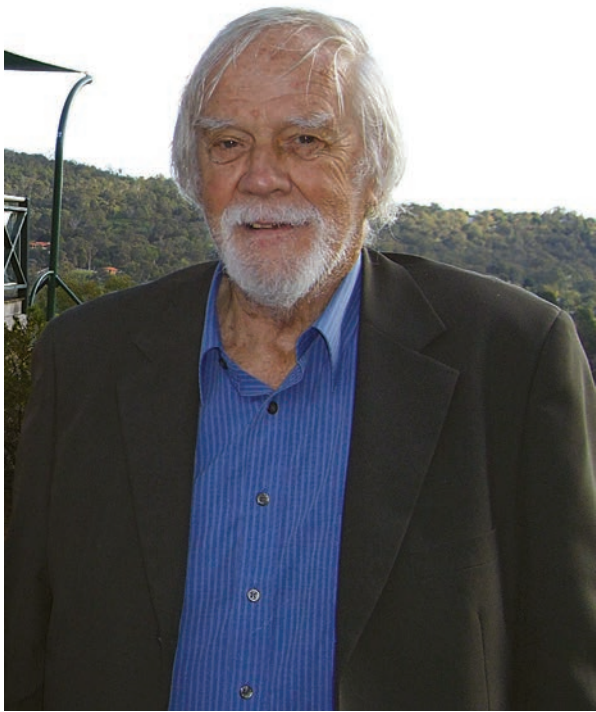
At Easter you got one largish egg which you had to wait till Sunday to consume. At Christmas again there was no plethora of gifts, you learned to be satisfied with less because there were other things out there to be enjoyed. And your holiday home was often a shack conjured out of flotsam and 'stuff', basic and fantastic, with a long drop.

When we started work we fought hard to improve the working conditions for us and for future generations. We were unionised and proud. We marched for equal pay and for women's rights to work after marriage, to wear trousers! to not have to resign if pregnant, for proper breaks and safe working places.

We argued against wars and destroying the heritage of our environment, built and natural. You can thank a Boomer for the lovely inner city landscapes and old growth forests. Many of the things which younger generations take for granted were hard won by we Boomers.

So I am unashamedly a Boomer. We practise thrift. We support our adult kids through increasing education fees and provide them with accommodation, rent assistance and child care. We pay our way because we saved and were not captive to the lure of advertising, selling us non-essentials.

Go the Boomers!
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Vale Merv Mundy

Merv Mundy was born in 1924 into a large & close knit family – his mother was Lillian Parker one of six of the amazing Parker family, early pioneers of Roleystone.

At the age of 3 an unfortunate burns accident on one of the family outings to relatives in the hills resulted in a three month stay in hospital. This traumatic experience stayed with him for life.

Other than this incident, his early years – growing up in Claremont & South Perth with his three sisters – Gwen, Verna & Phyllis were happy ones.

The family valued education – his mother in particular, coming from a teaching background – and Dad was a good student and all rounder. He played tennis, hockey & cricket and dabbled in athletics.

He also learnt the piano and violin. He attended Modern School from 1940 - 41 and retained lifelong friends from those days.

Family life was full and active. His writings describe: “a nebulous quantity of relatives from ‘the hills’ who usually came bearing fruit” and “visits to them that hills became perhaps the most memorable parts of my life for many years to come.....”

He went to University to study engineering although these years were marred by the war in many ways.

He met Audrey Longmore during these years through the family visits to Roleystone/Karragullen and they married in 1950. They lived in Como and later Geraldton where Merv took up a position as Engineer for the Northern Districts.

Not long after retirement the family unit – at this stage consisting of Vernon at Uni, Jodi at school, and his wife’s mother Rene - moved back to their roots at Roleystone.

Merv had a very long retirement. Necessary house extensions; the arrival of grandchildren and great grandchildren; the illness of his parents and mother-in-law and maintenance of a 10 acre hobby farm all took up time and energy. He maintained a small involvement in musical theatre for a time and played bowls for some years.

What he did attack with some vigour was writing – on many subjects.

Daughter Laurie summed up his mindset:

“My earliest recollections of awareness of any intellectual activities, are of a general distrust of conventional wisdom, an inclination towards socialism, a dislike of existing social conditions and a questioning of conventional religious beliefs.”

Most of the last decade was devoted to Audrey’s care following her somewhat sudden decline.

The role of carer was not one he would have chosen but refused to give up – choosing to soldier on with the help of family and Silver Chain.

Suffering greatly himself from osteoarthritis of the knees and also Congestive Heart Failure, this was not an easy road. (And yes, he has extolled a cure for arthritis).

His heart condition deteriorated rapidly about 2 years ago and there were many hospital stints during that time.

He swore to “resist to the end” going into care - and managed to do so until 7 months before the end. Last year he made his 90th year - an event which caused great celebration.

He was a complex, scholarly man with a great passion to leave his philosophical mark on his friends and family – thereby leaving the world a little better off. His all consuming need to do this made him, at times, a difficult person to live with.

However, his legacy to his family far transcends this.

Merv leaves his wife Audrey, children Janet, Laurie, Vernon and Jodi, their partners and a huge array of grandchildren, great grandchildren sisters, cousins and friends.

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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.



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Jane, Rodney, Rosalie and Gay - all Members of the Kalamunda Historical Society.

Local Author Talks at Kalamunda Historical Village

When local author Linda J Bettenay entered the Station House at the Kalamunda Historic Village the first thing that struck her was the authenticity of this amazing place. A beautifully preserved monument to times gone by and a perfect location for her to talk about her books which also celebrate this time in history.

For readers who have not visited this place it is magic. History is all around. It is just behind the Zig Zag Museum and should be on every hills dwellers 'must visit' list.

Bettenay began her talk referring to this 'sense of place' and gave due deference to the members of the Historical Society who crowded in, for their roles in maintaining this location. She was the guest speaker for the Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society meeting on February the 5th and her topic found great resonance with an informed and attentive audience, all of whom are passionate about their local history.

This was one of Bettenay's first public events of 2015 and she revealed some background behind her newly released novel: 'Wishes For Starlight' - a story which resonated strongly with the audience. Much of the story played out in Canning Mills - our own back yard.

In Bettenay's talk she explained how this story came from her father's and grandfather's memories and although it is historical fiction it's also grounded in factual events. The central character, Starlight, was a deaf mute Aboriginal, born in the 1890s in Canning Mills, Western Australia, a thriving timber town.

'Starlight was discovered living in a chook pen and fighting dogs for scraps by three remarkable children. Their actions result in the aboriginal boy being adopted by the community and over the next thirty years their friendship and loyalty enabled Starlight to survive in this time of prejudice and disadvantage,' explained Bettenay.

'Wishes For Starlight' is steeped in our pioneering history: when the orchards, the dams and the timber mills were being established, when typhoid epidemics threatened daily survival and fears of forest fires, destitution and starvation were very real. A time when the Zig Zag railway was built, the horse and cart reigned and barn dances provided entertainment,' Bettenay said.

Bettenay has tied in many themes and events of the time into her novel; the difficulties of migrants, the challenges faced by women and the marginalisation of anyone who was not 'normal'. She explained that in this period 'The War to End all Wars' accounted for the loss and mutilation of many soldiers while also seriously impacting those 'left at home' but it also allowed for the blossoming of mateship.

'I was impressed with the warm welcome. Special thanks to organiser Marcia and President Gay, for their organisation and support. Sharing the joy behind my books is a fulfilling experience,' Bettenay said.

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As expected, albeit mainly by Patrick Fisher, the RKCC are again T20 Division 1 Champions!

While the 3 Division 2 sides we had competing didn't quite make the final, it was a solid and fun effort all round by the boys. In the T20 Division 1 Final, the RKCC dismissed a desperate Lesmurdie-Mazenod side for a paltry 113. In reply a strong start meant that the result was put beyond doubt relatively quickly as the RKCC made the total with 7 wickets and 5 overs to spare. Confidence heading in to the final was sky high after a dominant performance over Ellenbrook who only managed 65 in reply to RKCC's 9/145, Mitch and Trent Stuart doing the damage in that match with figures of 3/16 and 2/13 respectively. In the other last round results of the Division 2 T20 competition, Jon Stockey's side demolished Maylands after dismissing them for just 75. The sub-par total was made in just 11 overs at the loss of just 2 wickets meaning Jon's side finished 3rd overall.

Michael Chmielewski's side was captained by Feidhilm Bennetts for the last match but the only highlight came from Sam Ierino who notched up 38 of the 109 runs scored by the RKCC. In reply the home team ensured a swift result, reaching the result with 4 overs and 6 wickets to spare. The 'grey' side as they were known finished a disappointing campaign with their worst defeat of the season.

A defeat in their 2nd last match of the season sees A grade fall out of the top 4 for the 2-day competition and will need to beat rivals Lesmurdie-Mazenod in the last round in order to be able to defend their crown in the finals. Recent results include defeating Forrestfield 153 (Trent Stuart 36) v 120 (Hickinbotham 3/24, T. Stuart 3/43) & 198 (Mobilia 3/43, Fisher 3/45) and losing out to a plucky Ellenbrook side 7/289 (Mobilia 3/47, T. Stuart 3/80) v 211 (Mobilia 75, T. Stuart 32). But in the mix was also the one-day grand final played on a Sunday between Helena Valley and the RKCC. Defeat was clutched from the jaws of victory, or more accurately victory was dropped from a few buttered fingers as we let Helena Valley sneak away with victory thanks to a 48 run last wicket stand which saw 3 dropped catches. Trent Stuart's 40 and Hickinbotham's 5/31 wasn't enough as Helena Valley took home their first A-grade silverware.

Greg James' B Grade side had similar results to A Grade with their 1 win from 2 games over the past month which included a good team effort in the match against Forrestfield where Brett Turner took 4/19 and made 32, Jo Jackson took a miserly 3/6, Norris made 47 and Leeder 35. I'm glad the guys have been reading the Courier. A Jon Stockey 30 in the first innings wasn't enough to help B Grade make a reputable total but managed to dismiss Ellenbrook for not much more with Turner again doing the damage with 3/31. Leeder and Allen's unbeaten 57 and 36 respectively garnered some respect from the match but there was no time to push for an outright. The result leaves B Grade still shy of the top 4 with it all to play in the last round against Lesmurdie-Mazenod.

C Grade also sit just out of the top 4 in 5th place but an unreachable gap to 4th means the last match against the undefeated top side will be a fun affair. Not a lot of highlights with the bat other than a Rigby 47 and an unbeaten Brad Stewart 54 against Ellenbrook but with some good team efforts with the ball.

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The last two matches have seen 17 wickets taken by 7 different bowlers, the pick of which is Mears with his 4/46 and 2/14.

Lars Olesen's D Grade side have managed a couple of wins from their last 4 matches from all the way down in second last spot. Some inspiring batting has lead the way thanks to Dickenson's 34*, Alex Stockey's 33, Moore's 30, Darren Wilkinson's blow the dust off 63, Hammond's 31, Wright's 34 and most notably Glenn Coppin's 118*. The bowling has been pretty spot on as well with Dickenson also taking 5/27 in the win over Helena Valley but Moore's 3/35 and Olesen's 3/24 weren't enough to top Darlington and Lesmurdie-Mazenod. Matt Thomason's 4/16 and Wright's 4/22 helped Swan View crumble to 98 with RKCC making 7/248 in reply. Not bad from the second bottom side.

The old boys in the E Grade side have continued their winning ways and evidently perhaps also read The Roleystone Courier as they jump from 5th to 2nd spot since last report. With just one loss from the last 4 matches, Steve Reeves will be hoping, nay demanding, the side continue their form in to finals. A few close matches have been at play here with RKCC defeating Bullsbrook 3/130 (Matt Faranda 38, Stapleton 34*) v 122 (Manning 3/19, Flanders 3/23), Maylands 166 (M. Faranda 45, Reeves 40*) v 4/144 and losing out narrowly to Glen Forrest 5/151 (Fuller 69*, M Faranda 40) v 4/156 but another sterling 50 from would-be retiree Graham Fuller saw an awe inspiring result over Helena Valley who were dismissed for just 90 in reply to 7/153. The two 50s are the 3rd and 4th 50s this season for 'Buzz' who is also averaging 45.43 so that bowling green may just have to collect dust for another year.

We also recently had our annual Australia Day 5-a-side tournament and all-round good fun day out. This is always a great day with both fresh faces and familiar ones around too! Stay tuned for news on finals fixtures or just come up to Cross Park on any given Tuesday or Thursday.

Todd Bendall

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Roleybushcare March

A new brochure is now available Canning River Interpretive Trail.

Roleybushcare acquired a grant from DPAW (DEC) to develop a brochure highlighting the well-used local track that runs through the Roley Pool Reserve. We used local business Tiger Graphics to design the brochure and Organic Webs to organise the printing.

This trail is located between Soldiers Road and winds alongside the Canning River ending at Thompson Road. It is a peaceful place in which you will be able to appreciate the tranquil bushland along this part of the river. We hope to encourage you to take time to appreciate the flora, fauna and landscape of this area and to observe

remnants of local history. The trail has numbered marker posts which when used with the brochure will prompt you to better observe points of interest. Please continue to expand your knowledge by going to our website where you will find extra information in our BUSH TRAILS section. Brochures can be found at the Roleystone Family Centre and the Roleystone Hardware store.

Next field day

Sunday 8th March starting at 9.00am and finishing around noon.

This will be a dieback treatment field day and we will be continuing to treat the trees around Hillandale Retirement Village. Meeting place is in Eskdale Street. Instruction in treating the trees is available with very knowledgeable people. Also, if you help out at the field day you will be allowed to take home our equipment to treat your own trees.

Important Note: Please check our website at 8.00am on the morning of the field day for any cancellation notice or ring Diane on 0408886474.

“MARRI TIME!”

What a beautiful show the Marri trees are putting on around our area right now! This is “Marri Time”. Mid-summer is generally when the Marri tree bursts into prominent cream floral clusters, held outside the canopy. This time of year, the Marri blossom is at its best, but this year it's quite *extraordinary!*

Providing joy to humans. Aborigines once used the sweet nectar of the blossom and bark for its health giving properties. Known as the “Mother of the Forest”, Marri also provides food to bees, native birds and possums. These magnificent trees are native to Western Australia, the nuts are large (referred to as “honky nuts”) and carry big seeds that provide an important food source for some species of parrots, including cockatoos.

Maggie Burke & Patrick Weir

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Frontline 2020 Policing Initiative

The East Metropolitan Region saw the introduction of the Trial of the Frontline 2020 model, the new policing initiative, in late 2013.

This model, bringing personal policing back to our streets, saw dramatic results in the South East region when it was trialled, and the benefits are going to be felt in the entire metropolitan area with the start of the initiative everywhere. It is not often in government that we can stand up and point to a policy direction that has had such an effect, so soon after its introduction, but with an almost 9% reduction in crime in the areas that the Frontline 2020 program has been operating. The results speak for themselves.

Liza Harvey MLA, the Minister for Police, and the incredible efforts of the team from WAPOL that have overseen the roll out, are to be commended.

The Local Policing Teams, consisting of a Sergeant and several constables, over time, get to know the streets and personalities of the suburb that they are responsible for. This allows better targeting of police resources, and local information gathering to allow them to respond to issues faster, and with more certainty.

The feedback from community members on having a single local group looking after them rather than any of hundreds of police officers has been positive, and the links developing between the Local teams and the residents is removing a lot of the institutional distance that once existed.



Each of the Police Districts will be upgraded to 550 officers, as part of the Government's commitment to ensuring our streets and communities are as safe as possible.

You can get more information at:
frontline2020.police.wa.gov.au

As always, if there is anything my office can do to assist you, please get in touch.

Helen Morton

Member for East Metropolitan
Minister for Mental health;
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Helen Morton

New Library Website Is A One-Stop-Shop

The City of Armadale's new library website is a one-stop-shop for all your research needs. The website covers all information about the Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove Libraries as well as the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and History House Museum. It provides information about all the events and programs run at the libraries as well as providing member access to a range of free online services including:

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The new website provides library users with access to numerous library resources at their fingertips, any time of day.

For more information visit library.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9399 0125.

Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup News

Hello to all members, old and new! Term one has started at the Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup, and we are looking forward to a great year having fun & meeting new friends.

We wish to sincerely thank our outgoing committee members: Marie Hofmann, Bianca Edwards and Breanna Greville. Your contribution to our Playgroup is greatly appreciated.

A warm welcome is extended to our new committee members: Jane Maddern, Saskia Van den Burg and Katie MacWilliams - thank you for contributing your time and efforts to help run our lovely Playgroup.

The Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup Inc. is

having their AGM on 7:30pm on Monday, 30th March at the Roleystone Family Centre, Wygonda Road, Roleystone. All members are encouraged to attend.

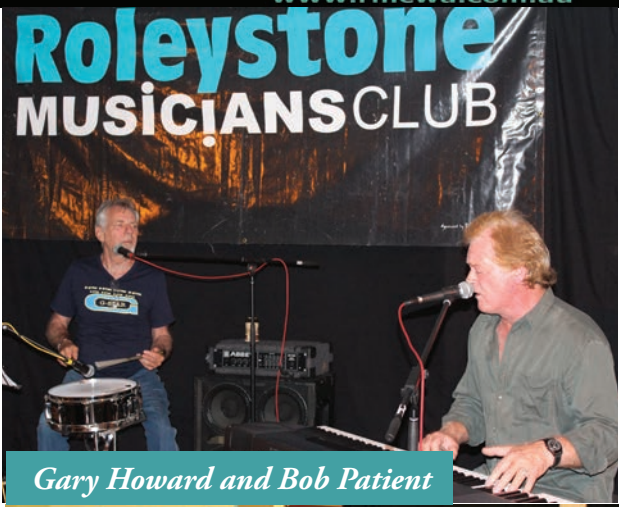
Our Playgroup is open to children aged 0-5 years, and is a fun and safe environment for everyone to enjoy. We are a lovely group of mums and carers who welcome all new members, so if you have ever thought about joining Playgroup, now 's the time!

Enquiries can be made by contacting Kerry Davis at kerry.s.davis@gmail.com or 0439914011.

Happy playing!
Kerry Davis

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February Club Night Report
Before I start my first report of the year, I'd like to extend my gratitude to the residents within the surrounds of Cross Park who so generously tolerate the spill of music received each month on our Saturday Club Nights.

I wish to thank you for your generosity of spirit and to acknowledge how extremely fortunate we are to live here in Roleystone where we get to know each other and live together in harmony.

The RMC members really appreciate being able to hold our monthly meetings in the senior football clubhouse in the central location of Cross Park.

OUR FIRST CLUB NIGHT for 2015 kicked off with Special Guest, keyboard virtuoso, Bob Patient along with his percussionist Gary Howard. Bob has played with world renowned musicians the likes of Tom Jones, John Mayall and Taj Mahal. They wowed us for half an hour and stayed afterwards to mingle and talk with our members.

This is our third year at the Clubhouse and we had a record crowd of 80 people! Thankfully it was a warm evening and half the crowd were content to listen from the verandah.

Our 2014 resident young band PLACID were joined by two new young bands THE BELTS and ROGUE STATE. It was great to hear these younger guys playing originals and we hope they all make it to more Club Nights this year. During the January break, PLACID did some videos for YouTube and we look forward to their launch.

Performances by Mascotia, The Passing Strays, Fired Up and Dave & Evie added up to a great night of music, all for \$5!

Our AGM will be held before the next Club Night on Saturday 14 March at 7pm. This will be voting only and a full meeting will be scheduled with the new committee.

We invite you to come along and see how our fantastic club works. Get involved, you don't have to be musical, just share a love of live music!

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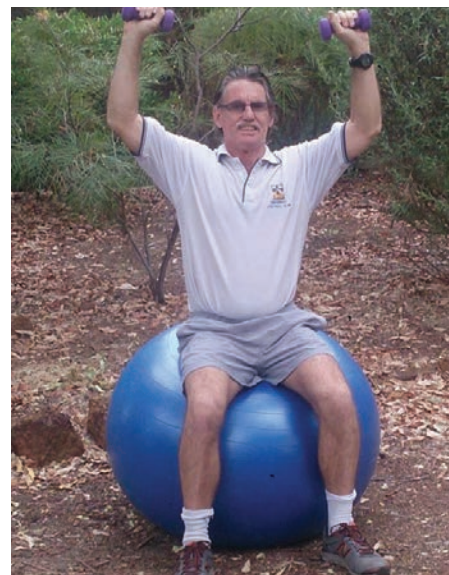
Rob's Keen To Fix Your Fitness

Rob Turner a long term resident of Roleystone has recently found out what many other '50 somethings' already knew. If you are out of work and over 50 then most employers don't want to know you.

For 28 years, Rob was a school teacher, mainly teaching Health and Physical Education. His schools included 19 years down the hill at Cecil Andrews SHS, as well as schools in the Kimberley, Mandurah and Wheatbelt areas. In 2012, he decided it was time to change the focus of his career.

After only getting a couple of part time jobs, his wife Julie, knowing that Rob's passion was still fitness and health suggested he become a personal trainer. Despite enjoying the whole learning process of qualifying as a personal trainer, he again found himself being discriminated against in terms of employment due to his age.

Rob then decided to set up his own business aimed at helping the older adult. As a person who is over 50 he is familiar with the kinds of situations encountered by mature adults, the morning aches, creeping weight gain, slow metabolism and other age related health issues. Most of his clients have reached a point in their lives where they would like to regain some fitness and improve their health. They appreciate the fact that Rob is of a similar age and can tailor programs to cater for their individual needs.



As a keen sportsman, Rob is the games record holder at his footy club, still tries to play cricket when not working and loves playing Masters football. Last football season he was the fitness coach for two football teams who both won premierships. This season he was the pre-season fitness coach for his cricket club.

Rob lives with his wife Julie, daughter Jessie, 2 dogs, 2 chickens, 1 fish and a new addition a kitten named Mia. Luckily his pets have a higher survival rate than any plants he tries to grow.

Local Junk Collections Begin

The City of Armadale junk collections commenced in February and will run for 11 weeks. Local dates will be provided to residences two weeks prior to collection and residents are urged to follow the directions noted in the junk collection flyer.

Residents are to only place junk on the verge in front of their property during the weekend immediately prior to their junk collection date.

Televisions and computers may be disposed of for free at the Armadale Landfill Facility on Hopkinson Road in Hilbert. Fines will be issued if these items are left on the verge.

Unsorted or unsuitable junk left on the verge will not be collected. There are some things the City will not collect, so it is important that people follow the guidelines set out in the junk collection flyer.

Residents without a verge should contact Waste Services to register an alternative collection point. For further information call the City's Waste Services team on 9399 0111. *Our junk collection is scheduled for the beginning of April, Ed.*

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Gardening Notes with Jean

My garden is very untidy, partially because I leave the weeds to shelter the roots of other plants. Then when the cooler weather comes along I can then rake it all off and we have some semblance of tidiness. Secondly, I do not want to go out into the heat to do any work. My other excuse is I have a sore foot. All I am doing is keeping the water up to the more fragile plants. Mind you what we think are fragile are often very drought hardy. The begonias are thriving with only the occasional light watering.

I have a crack in the pavement that produces Lippia and every now and then I cut it back and distribute it to other sections of the yard to make a ground cover. It is a great plant and does not require mowing but be aware that the bees are really fond of the little pink blooms. People with bare feet ought to avoid walking on it when it blossoms. Some of my favourite summer plants are the vincas and portulaccas, once they get their roots established they generally do not need watering and go ahead and reward with numerous showy flowers.

I notice the delightful Crepe Myrtles are becoming abundant in the nurseries and these make a spectacular statement - blooms in late summer and wonderful autumn foliage. Sadly the prices have rocketed up with many above \$100 dollars a plant. (So if you see them on special make a place for them in your garden).

It is impossible not to notice the heavy blossoming on the marri trees at present. Also the red flowering gums, the ficifolia are at their best. These members of the myrtacea family bring a lot of joy throughout the summer months. Be careful when planting them as eucalypts near houses are a very flammable and combustible danger in the case of fires. I have been told that when the marris flower densely we will get a wet winter. I certainly hope so.

Soon we will get rains then it is time to think about planting our native plants especially get the everlasting seeds scattered so we can all enjoy these wonderful West Australian annuals. Try to put in eremophilas and correas so that the native areas bloom in May, a time when we have very few flowers out. These grow low to the ground allowing a good habitat for the bandicoots. To my mind, although they are meant to be nocturnal there really isn't a specific time of the day that I see them when I am working in the garden.

I hope you have taken the opportunity to check out bulb catalogues, so the bulbs can be ordered in and planted when the season is right. Well enough for now enjoy your garden and the respite time.

Good Gardening

Jean

Getting Ready for Winter Veggies and Herbs

Roleystone Organic Growers is getting started again in March and the meeting will be a hands on one-sowing vegetable and herbs seeds that love the winter!

For success in growing vegetables and herbs, it is important to time the planting of seeds and seedlings to take advantage of seasonal conditions most favourable for their growth. The marvellous thing about autumn is that it is a good time that you can put in those seeds that thrive in the winter.

At the meeting, we will talk about how deep to sow seeds, how to water, fertilise and transplant.

Please bring all you need to get your seeds into soil: Seed raising mix, seeds, trowel, gloves, punnets, trays, plant tags/labels, permanent marking pen, and a bucket.

When you sow vegetables from seed in punnets/trays, it gives you an enormous choice of different varieties-you may like to bring some of the following seeds to be sure you sow what you want to grow: Beetroot, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflowers, Brussel sprouts, Kohlrabi, Kale, Silverbeet, Spinach, Leeks, Lettuce, Parsley, Florence fennel, Early White onions., Chives, Chinese Cabbage, Radish, Swedes, Mustard, Turnips, Coriander, Rocket, Mizuna, Pak Choy. Many of these seeds will be available on the night from our organic seed bank for a small cost.

We suggest planting organic non-hybrid or heirloom seeds, as you can then save the seeds for the future. These can be either purchased at local retailers, online or from our seed bank.

The meeting is on Wednesday March 11th at 7.30pm in the Roleystone Family Centre, 19 Wygonda Rd, Roleystone. Entry \$3. Enquiries to Lisa 9399 2312.

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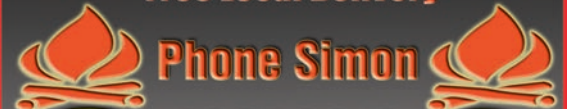
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It's hard to believe after all the hot weather the night got really cool with everyone reaching for jumpers and blankets. I even noticed a couple of beanies.

Araluen's Amphitheatre is such a great venue and the Poolside Pergola makes an amazingly beautiful backdrop.

We are pleased to announce the Blue's will once again be an annual event.

Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival

The Chilli Festival will have its own giants with Mr Big and the Aqua Sapiens from Spare Parts Puppet Theatre wandering around the festival.

If you missed Mike De Velta or Kim at the Blues Concert you can catch them at the Chilli Festival, as they will be there both days.

If you would like to find out more about raw food

then be at the festival on Saturday morning to see Laila Gampfer from Rawsome demonstrate how easy it is to make chilli chocolate plus other yummy treats. Also on stage at various times over the weekend is Brad from Ole Paella to show you how to make the best paella you will ever taste!

New to the festival this year will be the 'Cocktail Gastronomy Great Cocktail Challenge' happening on the centre stage on Sunday. Nine of Perth's best cocktail makers will race against the clock to produce the best chilli cocktail. There will be 3 heats and the winner of each heat will go through to the grand final. This will be a great event plus you may even get to sample a few cocktails.

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The story involves the claims of town versus country as Cheeky tries to lure Wal away from the farm. The familiar characters of Dog, Jesse, Pongo, Aunt Dolly, Horse, Cooch, Prince Charles, Dolores and others chime in, each with their own preferences to where they should live.

With Paul Treasure returning to our stage as Wal and many other old and new members joining him, this show is shaping up to be an entertaining production.

To book tickets please head to our website www.roleystonetheatre.com.au or call Bobbie and Gerry Chapman on 9397 5730.

The season runs from the 4th to the 21st of March for 9 performances only! Our next production for this year, is the play, 'Salonika'. Written by Louise Page and directed by Phil Mackenzie, Salonika is running its

season in June this year and we are looking for people to work both onstage and backstage in this production.

Salonika is the story of the sprightly 80-something Enid and her beige 60-something spinster daughter Charlotte who make a pilgrimage to the beach at Salonika, where Ben their husband and father, died in the Great War. They encounter 20-something drifter Peter with his whole-body suntan. To Charlotte's disgust, Enid welcomes the attentions of bumbling Leonard, who has followed them from England.

Ben materialises from the sand hills of Salonika and, in separate conversations with each, we learn how Ben died. Charlotte awkwardly and unsuccessfully propositions Peter and improvises a dance for the father she never knew.

To audition or become involved in this fascinating mystical-realist-romantic-dramatic play, please call Phil Mackenzie on 0407 905 970. Please note if you are wishing to play a character onstage that regional British accents are required.

On Tuesday the 17th of February, the theatre held its Annual General Meeting to discuss our past and upcoming year and elect our Committee for 2015.

Bree Hartley has chosen to step down from her role as President and committee member of the theatre after 10 years for a well earned break. We thank Bree greatly for everything she has done for the theatre throughout the years.

Life Member Paul Treasure was elected unopposed as our new President for 2015.

Lys Tickner was voted in unopposed as Vice President. Kathryn Ramsell and Brad Towton were again voted in unopposed to continue in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Making up the remainder of the committee is Montanna Tickner, Andre Victor, Keith Thomas-Wurth, Linda Bickley, Simon Walters, and Daniel Ramsell. As always, we welcome any and all new members!
Kat Ramsell

All the Footrot Flats favourites are being brought to life in the Footrot Musical. The actors below include:

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TENNIS NEWS: WENDY TUCKER



Roley Open

Our Annual Roley Open was held on Sunday 8th February. Thank you to everyone who participated. The winning team was Matt, Virginia, Fran, Rod, Lynne and Tom. Thanks very much to Taryn and Catherine for running the Open and thank you to everyone who helped out with the busy bee to clean up the courts and those who helped out on the day.

Annual Augusta Trek

Our Trek to Augusta will be on the long weekend: 28th Feb, 1st, 2nd & 3rd March. We will have a hotel meal on Friday night and then enjoy sets of tennis with the Augusta Club Members on the Saturday afternoon.

For members who would like to attend they will need to organize their own accommodation as there is a River Festival on in Augusta that weekend and vacancies are limited.

Coaching:

For all coaching information please contact Darren on 0412 497 778 or email him at topshottennis@gmail.com

Paul Peacock Performs at the Roleystone Seniors Club in March

The Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club are pleased to announce that they will be presenting an afternoon with local celebrity Paul Peacock. Everybody is welcome- not just seniors, so come along and make merry.

Paul's credits include: Oliver, Romeo & Juliet, White Horse Inn, How to Succeed in Business at Roleystone Theatre, Evita and many productions for WAAPA, an international world tour with 'Les Miserables' plus numerous shows in the West End of London.

On Saturday March 7th at 2-00 pm. Admission by ticket and the doors are open at 1.30pm. Devonshire tea will be served in the interval. Tickets are \$15 each and are available by phoning Jean 94962621, Pauline 93975498 or Jean 93906114



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Seniors Club Calendar

MONTHLY MARKETS SUSPENDED

Tuesday	Mahjong and games	12.30 pm	\$1.00
Wednesday	Indoor Bowls	9.45 am	\$3.00
Friday	Bowls	1.00pm	
4th Friday	Social	Bring a plate and BYO	
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Roleystone Country Club News

The year seems to be going faster than ever with the Club quickly heading into the March period.

So far this year members have enjoyed a well attended Valentine's Night, a Day on The Green with Beatz Working Band, some lively Friday and Saturday nights and many social functions being held in the Club's function rooms.

During March we will be holding a Rock n Roll Night on Saturday the 28th of March commencing at 7.30 PM with a great band called Vendetta. This will include a dinner type supper including hamburgers and chips. The tickets are \$55.00 per head or \$100.00 a couple and are available from the Club. The night will also include prizes for the best outfit. So come dressed in your best Rock a Billy outfits and enjoy a great night of fun.

Chase the joker on Mondays and Wednesday nights has restarted again after Alan Mazzucchelli picked the winning card and won \$1400 in the last competition! Congratulations to Pam and Alan on this great win. So make sure you come along on Wednesday and Monday nights and enjoy the fun and frivolity.

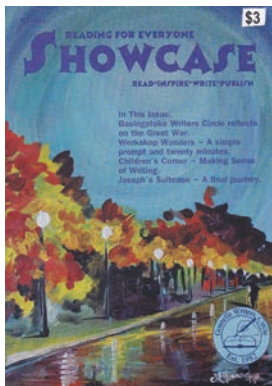
Just a reminder that the Restaurant Windows on Wygonda continues to be popular with our members and their guests, so make sure you don't miss out by ringing the Club and making a reservation on your preferred night. The bar now has a new beer on tap "Hop Thief" which from all accounts is very popular with the younger crowd, so come on down for a cool drink and try our full range of beers and wines and also try one of Michelle's famous cocktails.

See you at the Club,
Michael Hansen
President



Above: The latest winners of the 'Chase The Joker' competition: Pam and Alan Mazzucchelli pictured with President Michael Hansen.

Gosnells Writers Circle Interactive Community Writing Challenge and 'Exposure' Anthology Launch



As part of the City of Gosnells Homegrown calendar of events, the Gosnells Writers Circle will be conducting the Interactive Community Writing Challenge and launch of their latest Anthology 'Exposure'. The anthology will include work inspired by images supplied by the Gosnells Community Men's Shed Photography Group.

Expose Yourself to Writing!
Saturday 14 March 2015, 10.30-2.30pm
Launch at 11.00
Amberst Village Community Centre
Cnr Warton Road and Holmes Street
Southern River WA 6110

Come along for writing kick-starters, lucky dip story launchers and prizes galore. Don't miss this great opportunity to get involved, have some fun and expose your inner writer (in the nicest possible way).

GWC publications and literary gifts will be on sale and if you can't decide, then pick a mystery GWC 'Snapshot'.

To register for the event or for more information please contact:
Valerie Goodreid email gosnellswriterscircle@gmail.com 0428 915 508
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Senior Football @ The Tigers Den

Pictured at right: Matt Walkley, President of the Roleystone Tigers, welcomes Glen Weaver - new coach of the Tigers for 2015. Congratulations Glen.



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Hoping to see all returning players and parents, but also very keen to see as many new faces at the club as possible so that we can remain a strong force in the District in Season 2015.


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COUNCILLORS' COMMENT MARCH

One of the bad things about my new job is the lack of time I get to walk in the Park. On the other hand, the great thing about the new job is the time I now have to walk around Roleystone early in the morning.

It is a beautiful time of the day to enjoy walking around a beautiful community. I am always surprised by the number of other early risers that get up to run, walk their dogs or just stroll around enjoying the cool of the morning.

There is a great camaraderie between these early birds and it is surprising how much you learn about people in those quick chats on the footpath.

The 50mm of rain that fell at the end of January/early February has kept the bush looking great with the Marri blossom - one of the best I can recall in recent years. Not so good for trying to keep the gutters clear and the undergrowth from creeping up on buildings.

We have lots of places around Roleystone where homeowners have worked hard to create the buffer between bush and building or to separate the understorey from the trees, but we still have many houses that look as if people just think, "it won't happen to me".

As shown in many communities in metropolitan Perth and the southwest this year, it can and does happen!

I was staggered after speaking with some of the people that ended up around Northcliffe, either fighting the fires or working to support the frontline crews, just how huge the management effort is.

I guess it should have been obvious but once they started telling me about accommodation, transport, the amount of people needed to feed the crews, the air support and the time put in by professional staff in supporting the people living in these areas, we really need to do whatever we can to ensure these fires do not happen in our community. If you see anything suspicious call the Police on 131444.

Metropolitan Local Government Reform has taken up a lot of time in discussing the planning for the future of City of Armadale, Serpentine Jarrahdale and Shire of Murray over the last few years. The State Government has put the reform process on hold and we are still awaiting further clarification.

In the meantime, why not get up a little earlier for a walk around your community?

Disclaimer: Compiled carefully by the Jarrah Ward Councillors but may not represent the views of the City of Armadale.



Cr Grant Nixon
0418449611



Cr Caroline Wielinga
0488 900 307

Compulsory Microchipping of Dogs

As of 1 November 2015 all dogs in the City of Armadale must be microchipped and registered.

The legislation has been introduced to promote responsible dog ownership and reduce the number of dogs abandoned or lost in the City. The microchipping and registration of dogs will allow the City to better manage dogs in the community and return these pets to their homes as soon as possible.

The City also strongly recommends that a tag with the owners contact details is attached to the collar to ensure family pets are easily identified.

Dog owners must also register all dogs over the age of three months, or owners could face a fine.

Registration costs are as follows:

Sterilised dogs: \$20 per year or \$42.50 for three years or \$100 for a lifetime. (proof of sterilisation must be provided)

Unsterilised dogs: \$50 per year or \$120 for three years or \$250 for a lifetime.

Pensioner discount rates also apply upon producing an appropriate pension card.

Should your dog go missing, check the City's website for images of impounded dogs.

For more information visit www.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9399 0111.



Members of our local Fire brigades joined others across the state to assist in fighting the fires over summer. Chris Cairns provided this photo of the Northcliffe blaze.

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The AGM will be held before the next Club Night on Saturday 14 March at 7pm. Voting only, no committee meeting. Come along and see how our fantastic club works. Get involved, you don't have to be musical, just share a love of live music! Call Deb de Boer on 9397 7007, text 0468 62 68 68 or email president@rmcwa.com.au

The Roleystone Gardeners Group

The Roleystone Garden Group's first meeting for the year will be on Thursday 19th March at a venue as yet to be decided. We will car pool at 24 Orana Way at 10am. Looking forward to catching up with everyone then. Lynn Matthews 0419 927 807 or 9397 5784



Bushfire Action Plans

Bushfires occur every summer and often start without warning. If you live in, or near, bushland developing and using a Bushfire Survival Plan is critical.

A Bushfire Survival Plan helps local residents take action and avoid making last-minute decisions that could prove deadly during a bushfire. "By now all residents should be aware that there have been dozens of fires in bushland around the Perth metropolitan area," said Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones.

"When developing your plan, decide if you will leave for a safer place, which may be the home of family or friends, or stay to actively defend your home. The plan also needs to take into account different circumstances and be based on the Fire Danger Rating.

"Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires started in catastrophic fire weather conditions. You must decide in what conditions you will stay - if any - and when it would be best to leave. On these days you should put your survival first and leave early.

A Bushfire Survival Plan must be written down and practiced with every household member.

"Give everybody their own tasks and if you are on your own, you may like to develop your plan with a neighbour. Do not forget to think about what you will do with pets and livestock," said Mayor Zelones.

While everyone's Bushfire Survival Plan will be different, it needs to be flexible and cover a range of situations, including what to do if things go wrong. Conditions can change very quickly in a bushfire and often without warning, so a back-up plan is vital.

Practice your plan regularly and review it every year, keep it in an easy-to-find place and make sure everyone knows where it is.

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Climbing Mountains David Bardsley

We have just climbed Bluff Knoll...again!

I must say that in a State which has little to offer in the way of mountains, Bluff Knoll stands out as an absolute gem.

To my way of thinking it's everything a mountain should be with towering sheer cliffs, a rocky exposed summit and no easy way to the top.

A great mountain doesn't have to be huge and at a tad over 1000 metres Bluff Knoll is hardly more than a pimple on the world scale. But its shape and disposition make up for its relatively diminutive size. We love it.

Each time we have exhausted ourselves on the steep climb, we have been rewarded with the sight of eagles soaring around, sometimes below us, always seeming at play on the thermals.

So far it has always given us a breath taking mountain top experience – and that has nothing to do with our panting lungs.

We don't have to go up mountains. It's something we choose to do, just as we choose to do lots of other things in life. I know that there are many folk who think us quite bonkers to put ourselves out in this way. I agree that doing this stuff is not a soft option. But then how else are you going to reap the rewards of an outstanding mountain experience?

In Switzerland we once took a cable car ride to the top of a genuinely huge mountain and although the views were magnificent, the overall experience wasn't a patch on today's expedition.

There was a lot of effort and more than a spoonful of discomfort involved today!

Whilst trying to avoid the cliché that “there's no gain without pain”, it does seem to me that nothing really worthwhile is achieved without a modicum of effort and discomfort. Climbing mountains is essentially a personal experience and the rewards are very personal too. But the same principle applies to putting yourself out for other people – enduring some discomfort and putting in some effort so somebody else will be better off. That's definitely not a personal thing with purely personal benefits. And it's not a soft option in the grand scheme of things either. Sometimes the tangible rewards are less than magnificent but the intangible rewards are out of this world!

Life is full of choices and so often the attraction of the soft option is overwhelming, particularly when faced with the opportunity of doing something for somebody else's sake. *Why should I put myself out and when I can sit back and enjoy “the good life” from the comfort and security of my favourite armchair? Will they appreciate what its cost me? Let them stand on their own two feet or let some other nut put themselves out.*

There's more than a touch of a common sub-culture in this way of thinking and it's one which robs folk of many rewarding experiences. Reaping the rewards of “loving your neighbour” doesn't come from sitting back and letting somebody else do the business.

Jesus illustrated the sacrificial element of helping others when he told the story of a foreign alien who put himself out to help somebody in trouble by the roadside, after a couple of so-called nice people had taken the soft option and avoided the guy in the gutter.

The foreigner has gone down in history and everybody knows him as the Good Samaritan. The people I remember with affection are folk like that. And so does the God that I know and call Father. I believe he smiles on us every time we shun the soft option to help somebody else. And a smile from God is worth infinitely more than any mountain top experience I can think of!

Yours in Christ
David

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The Araluen Golf Club Report

January and February has seen unseasonal rains in the Roleystone area which has resulted in the golf course looking and playing better than ever. Congratulations to the hard working green keepers who have done a splendid job.

The 'Tiger Snake Challenge' played in February off the back tee markers was won by Stephen Glover; not one of the longest hitters however he was very straight. Congratulations to Stephen. Valentine's Day was special for Christine Spanjers as not only was she spoilt by Tony but she also won the Scott Kirkbride trophy. This is played annually to honour Scott who tragically lost his life to skin cancer. Our thanks to all of the members who donated to Scott's foundation.

Coming up in March will see the opening of the season with a champagne breakfast followed by eighteen holes of stableford golf. The final of the Captains Prize Match Play competition will be played on Sunday the 8th March at 1pm. All are welcome to come out and see nerve tingling golf being played.

And don't forget to get your names down for the Club Championships Match Play to be played at the end of March.

Good golfing
Ian Pettersson



Above: Bill Biffin awards Christine Spanjers the Scott Kirkbride trophy played on Valentine's Day.

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Pam Bailey, local Wellness & Nutritional Therapist is offering two workshops in early March

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Pam Bailey



Wild Gossip

I have had a very interesting month keeping busy with our precious wildlife. My most recent admission is a beautiful Boobook Owl that was found caught in a barbed wire fence, freed, taken to a vet and then passed to me. Over the past few days the little darling has taloned me on numerous occasions whilst I have been cleaning his box and trying to feed and give him water and medication. Gloves don't work as it is virtually impossible to have the control required for his care. I have been wrapping him in a towel with just his head out but somehow he manages to wriggle and free at least one foot to talon me and whilst I am trying to detach the talons from my hand the other foot usually manages to get free so that I

get double taloned!

Other admissions include a bandicoot brought into the person's house by the cat. Sadly, despite treatment and medication the poor thing died within two days. Cat bites and saliva are killers to wildlife and usually end badly.

I have also admitted a variety of birds some of which were cat or dog attacks. Some were poisoned by snail bait, some were roads hits and others seemed not to have developed their flying skills sufficiently before embarking on adventures. Please contact me for help for or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.

Syl Cooper

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The Armadale Wildflower Society March is our 54th Birthday

“At a public meeting held in the Armadale Hall on Tuesday 12th of March 1961 at 8pm, Mr E Watts moved a motion that a Wildflower Society be formed and be named “The Armadale-Kelmscott Wildflower Society”. The motion was carried.”

So the Armadale branch of the Western Australian Wildflower Society was born – only 3 years after the main branch was established in 1958 but its roots can be traced back to 1924 when the WA Naturalists Club was founded.

While members of the WA Naturalists Club by definition had general interest in all things to do with nature, individual members had specific enthusiasms. This ensured that within the Naturalists Club there was an identifiable group dedicated to the interests of the state’s plants. It was these enthusiasts who were responsible for the displays of wildflowers at the annual Royal Show.

They grew concerned at the scale and rapidity of the clearing of land for agricultural purposes evident after the Second World War. The development of the bulldozer, enabled post-war land clearing to burgeon. This resulted in the formation of the Wildflower Society of Western Australia in 1958.

Successive WA governments have endeavoured to balance development and conservation; an almost impossible task. The Wildflower Society has played an important part in an appreciation of the natural environment. The faint murmurs of dissent of forty years ago are now mighty roars when local or state authorities misread public opinion and upset this balance.

In the Armadale district a branch of the Tree Society of Western Australia was established and extended to the formation of the Armadale/Kelmscott Wildflower Society. Many prominent citizens were present at the formation meeting on 12th March 1961. The initiative for the formation of the Society came from the conservationists of the district. These included: Rev Ewan Watts of the Uniting Church; Mrs Rogerson, a local lover of wildflowers; and Michael Morcombe, then a young but talented nature photographer, and of course, many others.

The establishment of a local flora sanctuary was an early focus for members. With the support of the Road Board, the Society commenced work developing an area of about half an acre (0.2 hectares) on the corner of Orchard Avenue and Jull Street. The sanctuary was named “Minnawarra” and received much attention during the first year or two of the Society.

Paths were laid, beds were graded, and native flora planted. Kangaroo paws and other understorey plants collected from

the district were a feature.

The sanctuary was opened on the 10th June 1961; a great effort for a group that was only formed ten weeks earlier. The new Armadale Council building is located on the original site, but some of the trees planted in 1961 are still there.

At a committee meeting held on 7th April 1963 members decided to approach the Shire of Armadale for the use of some Government land in Bedforddale. So began the Society’s association with what became known as Reserve No. 4561, and (now known as Bungendore Park). After many letters back and forth and much unofficial lobbying the 450.8378 hectares was finally vested in the local authority. The Shire set up a committee to manage the Reserve on its behalf. The Wildflower Society had a significant membership on the initial Management Committee of the Reserve.

During a ceremony on 10th June 1972 (nine years after negotiations had commenced to obtain the Reserve), Mr Cyril Rushton, MLA for Dale, stated that the park would become as significant to the Armadale district as Kings Park had become to Perth. The question of a suitable name for the Reserve was also raised at the planting ceremony. Later that same month, in a letter to the Shire the Society suggested that the Reserve be called Bungendore Park; ‘bungendore’ being an aboriginal word meaning ‘place of gum blossom’. In the Government Gazette of 7th September 1973 the Reserve became officially Bungendore Park.

Minnawarra and Bungendore are just 2 of many parks and reserves the Society has been involved in and still is.

Some of the names of the founding people may be familiar – they are still members of the Society as are many of the original Bungendore Committee members.

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 WA bush and its beauty.

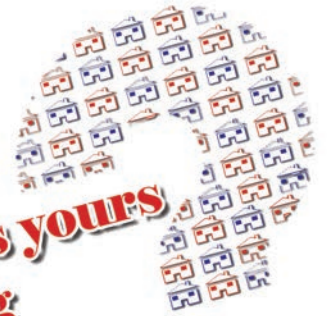
Feel free to attend one of our meetings. The Armadale Branch has monthly meetings and talks- the next event is on Thursday 12th March at 7:30pm. We meet at the Field Study Centre, Settlers’ Common, cnr of Albany Highway and Triton Crescent.

We also have Dan Walker from City of Armadale and Shane Hunter from AGLG to talk about the local situation. Lesleigh Curnow from Murdoch branch is also coming with books for sale.

For more information on the Society visit www.WildflowersArmadale.org.au or phone 0438 134 278 or 9399 2388.

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Team Boo Bees Sausage Sizzle Action

In the April 2014 edition of the Roleystone Courier there was an article about three sisters and the Team Boo Bees who were planning to enter the 24 hour Relay for Life. Last May Team Boo Bees not only completed the relay but also contributed to the grand total raised by the Event of over \$70,000 which all went to Cancer Research.

This year team leader Maggie Munkley and her sisters Isabel Colenutt and Pam Edwards have joined together with Roleystone locals Kerry Fidock and Maria Ford (plus their husbands, friends, family and children) to do it all again. Everyone in this team has been touched by cancer and their dedication to raise funds for cancer research, is truly inspirational..

You will see this group 'everywhere'. A steady source of funds has been from selling candles and candyfloss at local markets (yes they will be there at Roley on Sunday 1st March with the candyfloss for the kids big and small).

Recently they joined with sponsors Fidock and Co, along with Olsens Butchers in a super sausage sizzle which raised a fantastic \$435. Their next public event will be BOGAN BINGO to be held on the 14th March. So hopefully all Roley Courier readers will get behind them in their quest. Good luck to you all.



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